



YOU CAN SAVE THE BEES!

Bees are a critical part of our eco-system, they are responsible for the pollination of most of the fresh fruit and vegetables we eat. But bees and other pollinating insects are under threat from pest controllers and household or garden pesticides.

Can you help me save the bees by providing new colonies of bees a safe, warm, happy place to set up home this Spring?



SPRING SWARMS IN MELBOURNE

A bee swarm is the natural way that honey bees reproduce. When the conditions are right, the Queen leaves the hive with 60% of the worker bees in tow and sets off to find a new home. The old hive quickly creates a new Queen and all of a sudden one hive becomes two!

Unfortunately each year we hear horror stories of bee swarms being killed by pest controllers when they set up home in someone's wall, compost bin or garden.

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS!

We can set up attractive empty homes for the bees in gardens, rooftops or parks and the naturally occurring Spring swarms will choose these homes over other spaces. Once the bees have moved in I will come and remove the box and re-house the swarm in a parkland where they can be safe and productive contributors to the local environment.

Swarm boxes also stop bees from taking up valuable tree nesting hollows or bird nesting boxes set up for native wildlife.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Will you let me install a bee box in a quiet corner of your garden? Or the shed roof? Or in a tree?

This year I will be making 40 bee boxes and installing them across Melbourne's northern suburbs for the wild swarms to settle in, safe from pesticides and pest controllers.

You don't have to pay for the bee box - I'll make it, install it and remove it free of charge.

I'll set the bee box up at your place in an out of the way location and I'll regularly check to see if any bees have moved in. You can also give me a call if you think the bees have settled in.

Then I'll take the bees (in the box) away and resettle them in a safe permanent home and we will have rescued a swarm of bees together!

LET'S GET STARTED...

Visit my website or give me a call to sign up for a bee box at your place!

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