

BEEKEEPING REFERENCES

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Beekeeping Requirements

The keeping of bees in Victoria is permitted if it is undertaken in accordance with the Victorian Apiary Code of Practice. The registration of beekeepers is compulsory.

Apiary Code of Practice

www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/231519/Apiary-Code-of-Practice.pdf

Beekeeper Registration

www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/livestock/honey-bees

Beekeeping Information

Victorian Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI)

www.depi.vic.gov.au/agriculture-and-food/livestock/honey-bees

DEPI Beekeeping Guides

Beekeeping Practices

AG1146 Hobby Beekeeping

AG1240 Safe Beekeeping Practices

AG1457 Feeding Honeybee Colonies to Prevent Starvation

Pollination Services

Honeybee Pollination of Fruit Crops

Raising Queen Honey Bees

Pesticides and Bees

Record Keeping Template for the Treatment of bees or beekeeping equipment with agricultural and veterinary chemicals

Animal Diseases (Bees)

AG1100 Beekeeping and the Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

AG0990 A Guide to the Field Diagnosis of Honey Bee Brood Diseases

AG0763 Which Diseases of Bees must be Notified

AG1448 Reducing the risk of American Foulbrood Disease in Honey Bee Hives

AG1426 Diagnosis of American Foulbrood Disease of Honey Bee Brood Diseases

AG1145 Honey culture tests to detect American foulbrood

AG1454 Control and Eradication of American Foulbrood Disease in Hives and Honey Bee Colonies

AG1249 Samples for Laboratory Diagnosis of Bee Diseases

AG0300 Nosema Disease of Honey Bees

Pest Insects and Mites

AG1183 Varroa - An Exotic Parasitic Mite of Honey Bees

AG1076 Field Diagnosis Exotic Honey Bee Parasites

AG1417 Sugar Shake Test Detection of Varroa Mite

AG1101 Wax Moth - A Pest of Combs and Honey Bee Products

AG1080 Small Hive Beetle: A Beekeeping Pest

AG1039 Keep Victoria Bumblebee Free

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Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (beekeeping guides)
at www.honeybee.org.au upon request

Plant Health Australia: honey bees (Biosecurity manual, resources, on-line training)
at www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/industries/honey-bees

“Bee Aware” website at www.beeaware.org.au

Rural Industries and Development Corporation (Research reports and resources)
at www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/animal-industries/honeybee
particularly the “Australian Beekeeping Guide”

NSW Department of Primary Industries Publications (printed and ebook)
at www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/publications for
“BEE AgSkills: A Practical Guide to Farm Skills” and for
“Healthy Bees: Managing Pests, diseases and other disorders of the honey bee”

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Beekeeping Associations and Clubs (in and around Melbourne)

Victorian Apiarists' Association (VAA)

www.vicbeekeepers.com.au vaa@vicbeekeepers.com.au

Victorian Apiarists' Association Melbourne Section

Meets from 7:30 to 10 pm on the last Thursday of each month (except December) at the Church of Christ Hall on the corner of Cherry Rd and Whitehorse Rd, Balwyn (Melway map 46 grid D8).

This is on tram route 109. Enter from Cherry Rd.

www.melbourne.vicbeekeepers.com.au vaamelbournesection@hotmail.com

Collingwood Children's Farm Apiary (for practical experience)

Open from 10:30 to 3:30 on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Go to the end of St. Heliers St, Abbotsford, turn right along the bike path and go approx. 300 metres (Melway map 2D grid D10)

collingwoodbees@gmail.com

CERES Beekeeping Group

Meets at 10:30 on the third Sunday of each month at the Market section (near the shop) of CERES, Community Environment Park, cnr Roberts and Stewart Streets, Brunswick East (Melway map 30 grid B7) Email to confirm at benedict@thepracticalbeekeeper.com.au or sign up to the email newsletter

The Beekeepers Club (Doncaster)

Meets at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday of each month "Senior Citizen Club", 895 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster East (Melway 47-K1) secretary@beekeepers.org.au www.beekeepers.org.au

"J" Beekeeping School

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7.30pm at 35 Duncans Lane, Diggers Rest, (Melway 352-G11) secretary@jbeekeeping.org.au www.jbeekeeping.org.au

Southside Beekeepers' Club

Meets on the Fourth Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:30pm, at the Elderly Citizens Club House 200 Beach Street Frankston Melway 102 H3.

www.southsidebeekeepers.org.au southsidebeekeepers@live.com.au

Perm-apiculture – the Natural Beekeeping Group

Meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm

info@naturalbeekeeping.org.au www.naturalbeekeeping.org.au

Yarra Valley Bee Group

Meets on the last Sunday of the month 1.30 pm-3.30 pm at Yarra Valley Ecos, 711 Old Warburton Rd, Wesburn VIC 3799 yvbeegroup@gmail.com

Gippsland Apiarists' Association (South Gippsland Branch)

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month starting at 7.30pm at St Peters Anglican Church Hall, corner of McCartin & Bruce Sts, Leongatha gippybees@gmail.com

Geelong Beekeepers' Club

Meets on the third Friday of the month. wendyreichler@yahoo.com.au