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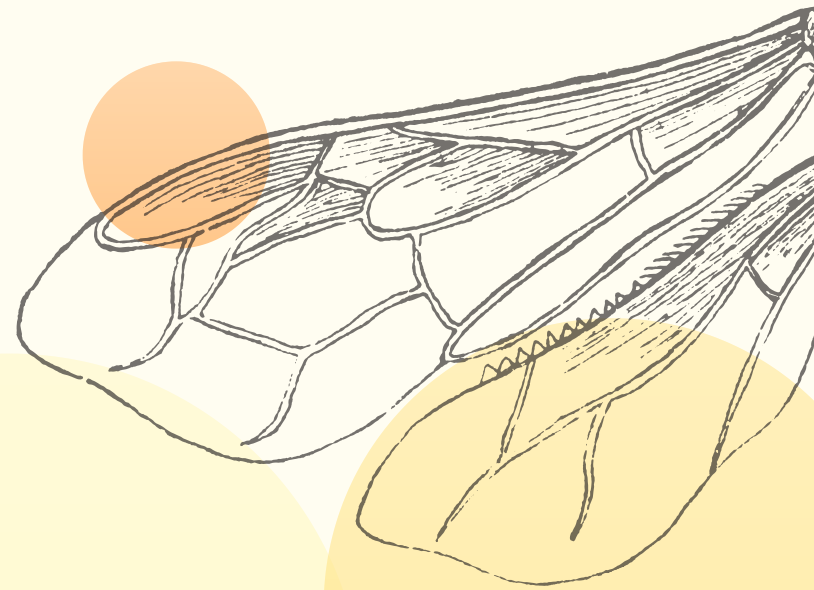
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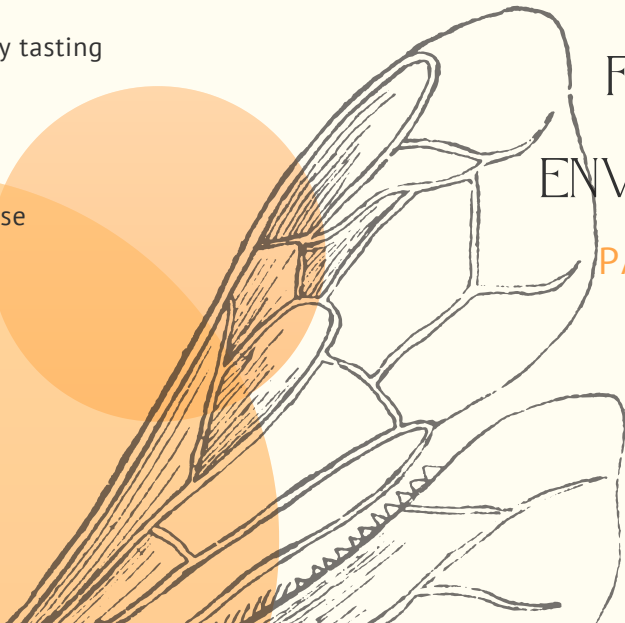
THE PROGRAM

Bee Queens is a 12 month program developing beekeeping skills and networks with women.

Bee Queens creates a positive environment for participants to learn the building blocks of beekeeping with other women - all while developing confidence, connections and networks.

The program includes:

- Introduction to beekeeping
- Beekeeping basics
- Bee identification
- Building hive boxes and hardware
- Inside the hive
- Managing hives
- Manipulating hives
- Seasons of bees
- Identifying disease
- Planting for pollinators
- Extracting honey and honey tasting
- Beeswax
- Growing your apiary
- FAQs
- Troubleshooting
- Guest speakers and expertise
- Linkage to industry



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PARTICIPANT

JOIN US!

Bee Queens connects women to beekeeping.

We do this through the 12 month Bee Queens learning model, all while building community.

Community forms the core of our programs' success, creating confident beekeepers, by connecting participants to local beekeeping associations, industry experts and through peer to peer support.

Bee Queens started in Tasmania and is now expanding Nationally.

Our programs can be tailored to suit your needs - contact us today to find out more.

BEE QUEENS FOUNDER - JENNI MCLEOD

Jenni started beekeeping 25 years ago in Tasmania's SW wilderness. A community builder, Jenni is passionate about unlocking capacity and has spent decades working with marginalised communities developing strategies and programs to make the invisible, visible.

Jenni owns the Bee Collective and in 2023 led out two Beekeeping World Records, reaching 27 countries.. She holds a Bachelor of Social Science, Graduate Diploma of Outdoor Education, is a 2022 Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is a Board Director with AusCycling.

Jenni is also an author and keeps over 40 hives, living her values through her work.

BEE QUEENS FAQ

WHEN CAN I JOIN THE PROGRAM?

The Bee Queens program has one intake per year - with each program starting in Winter. This year, the program will commence on Saturday August 1. We are based at Rookwood Estate in Ranelagh, but some sessions are run from other locations.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Bee Queens is now in its 5th year and follows the beekeeping season. Each year, we aim to improve your experience by incorporating feedback from previous program participants. We adapt what is being delivered to try and match your expectations to ensure you are building the necessary skills to be a confident beekeeper. The program is networked with a range of different beekeepers who will also deliver parts of this program. Subject material is outlined below.

WHAT ARE THE DATES?

Workshops run for 3-5 hours one Saturday a month and include a workbook, QandA, theory and (weather permitting) apiary visit. We also generate other opportunities during the year, such as Honey Sommelier Masterclasses, or extended hive related building projects. This year's proposed dates and topics:

August 1	Introduction and film 'Secrets of the Bees'	January 16	Visit to the Leatherwood Forest
September 5	Building frames and boxes	February 13	Extracting Honey
October 17	Visit to Government House	March 13	Bee Disease and management
November 14	Splitting Hives and managing swarms	April 17	Wintering Hives
December(tbc)	Raising Queen Bees	May 22	World Bee Day
January 13	International Day of Women in Beekeeping		

WHAT IF I CAN'T ATTEND EVERY WORKSHOP?

No problem. At the end of the 12 month program, you can make up any missed workshops from the program above at no additional cost the following year. We are currently exploring a membership model for our whole Bee Queens community.

HOW IS THIS BEEKEEPING PROGRAM DIFFERENT?

This program is designed specifically for women. Beekeeping is a male populated industry and Bee Queens re-centres women. This is an active decision. Your experience, your questions, and curiosity are the priority. As is the community you become a part of. When you join, you will receive a copy of 'The Little Book of Beekeeping', a monthly workbook, at least 11 beekeeping workshops, connection with industry leaders and other women beekeepers totalling at least 50-60 hours of training. The strength of this program is the positive community we build together each year.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

\$650.00. This includes access to bee suits and equipment during workshops, workbooks, access to all of the fabulous resources mentioned above, working out to be about \$60 per workshop.

CAN I PAY IN INSTALLMENTS?

Yes. you can pay in 3 installments before December 31.

