

Honey Court at Brisbane Ekka 2012

2012 was a year of major changes at the Brisbane Ekka (Show). The old Agricultural Pavilion, the home of the Honey Court for 30 years, had been demolished and the land sold. This year we were part of the new Agricultural Pavilion which is now the lower level of the old Sample Bag Pavilion. Construction of this building (a Convention Centre and Car Park) continues into next year, with the completion date as March 2013.

The structure and location of the Honey Court were new, but most of the much loved features remained. All those who found this new location were able to enjoy free honey tasting, live bee demonstrations and sales of honey, beeswax products & honey mead.



Lining up for free honey tasting

The Honey Court in the new Agricultural Pavilion



This year's Qld honey varieties for tasting and sale were **brush box** (from the mountain areas west of Gympie), **yellow box** (from areas west of the Dividing Range) and **macadamia** (from the Bundaberg area).

Also available was **leatherwood**, a Tasmanian honey.

Honey is made by bees from the nectar they collect from the flowers of trees and plants. Each nectar type produces a honey that has a unique flavour and colour and gives the name to the honey.

The macadamia honey was produced while the bees were purposely placed on a macadamia farm to pollinate these flowers. This will result in these trees producing nuts higher in oil content, quantity & quality.



Crowd watching the wonders of the beehive

Showing what's inside a live bee hive





Exploring the delight of Honey Mead - one of the oldest known alcoholic drinks



Beekeeping information and product sales by a willing band of beekeeping volunteers