

Moo Baa Munch ^{and} Honey Week

8 -12 May 2013 at Corinda High School

MOO BAA MUNCH - This event is organized by AgForce to which the Beekeeping industry was invited as a participant. During the five days, 27 industry groups presented displays, educational talks and activities.



Wednesday and Thursday was an opportunity for high school students (Grade 8) to learn a little about **career opportunities within agriculture**. Broad scope opportunities were presented, including working on a farm, agribusiness and research.

The Qld Beekeepers Association invited two researchers, Cheryl McCarthy and Di Leemon, to speak about their career paths and bees.

Cheryl does not keep bees herself and Di is a hobby beekeeper, yet both work with and for the beekeeping industry in areas of Biosecurity (protecting Australia's borders from bees arriving on vessels from other countries) and pest research (ways to reduce small hive beetle problems within hives). Cheryl is a mechatronics engineer and Di a scientific researcher. Their talks and interaction showed a broader side of working in agriculture and gave these students ideas to consider for their future career paths.



Friday was for Primary School students to hear and see **where their food, fibre and grain comes from**. Not only did our beekeepers talk about bees but explained their importance in the production of everyday food items, through pollination.

Ever wanted to visit a farm to show your children where their food and fibre comes from? Then this was a weekend not to be missed.

Saturday and Sunday were **open days to the public** and, despite two days of constant showers and rain, nearly 4000 people came. Many were families wishing to see and experience "things of the farm". The participating primary industry groups held talks, displays and activities throughout each day.

HONEY WEEK - The Qld Beekeepers Assoc also made this weekend part of Honey Week. Extra activities were included such as free honey tasting, displays of cooking using honey, frame making and interactive activities with the public.