

Valley Bees



VALLEY BEES MONTHLY SUNDAY MEETING

2nd Sunday of every month.
@ Honeybee Farm, Kandanga.*

1pm for a 1-30pm start.

\$2 entry. Please bring a plate to share. Afternoon tea and coffee supplied. Colourful displays. Bring along your Show + Tell. Lucky door prizes.

* Honeybee Farm (B+B),
20 Hasthorpe Road, Kandanga.
<http://www.honeybeefarm.com.au>
Beautiful rural setting. Gardens.
All facilities, air-con, on-site hives.

All welcome - for beginners and the experienced, and for people just generally interested in the well-being of our environment. Very social.

VALLEY BEES MEMBERSHIP

\$20
\$30 couple/twin/family
\$5 student

As a once-off payment. We choose not to renew the Memberships each year, but simply keep them on-going.

To register for Membership, please come along to one of the monthly meeting, or to one of our special events.

TWICE-A-MONTH HONEYBEE PRAC SESSION

1st Saturday of every month
@ Gympie Landcare Nursery.*

3rd Saturday of every month
@ Honeybee Farm.

9am Summer start.
10am Winter start (May Jun Jul Aug).
Generally 2 to 3 hours, flexible.

Free.

Morning tea supplied, but please bring a plate to share.

* Gympie Landcare Nursery,
Cnr Old Maryborough Road and
Groves Road Gympie.

All welcome - for beginners and the experienced, gear supplied, but please bring a veil if you have one.

No bookings needed.

BIMONTHLY NATIVE BEE PRAC SESSION

Held every 2 months, on the morning before our VB Monthly Meeting.

Site : Alternatively @ Honeybee Farm and Gympie Landcare Nursery.

10am - 12noon.

Free.

No bookings needed.

Check calendar for venues, we will hold the event alternatively here at the Honeybee Farm, and at the Gympie Landcare Nursery. People will make their own way from Landcare venue in time for our afternoon meeting at Honeybee Farm.

Morning tea supplied, BYO lunch.

VALLEY BEES ANNUAL BEE OPEN DAY

@ Mary Valley College (Imbil School).

Saturday 10 September 2016

Most likely date, this will be confirmed late January.

All-day event, guest speakers and experts, displays, food, hive and equipment demonstrations, stalls and equipment sales, workshops, general interest events (music, face-painting etc), bee plants for sale, on-site coffee van, loads of raffles.

Community fund-raiser, supporting local Mary Valley Groups. \$2 entry.

More information and promo flyer later mid-year.

Held annually.

All welcome, contact :
glenbo@live.com.au if you wish to display / present / participate.

VALLEY BEES FIELD DAYS + WORKSHOPS

HONEY BEES

As per our monthly sessions.

Biology Of The Bee workshops held throughout the year, dates TBA.

NATIVE BEES

A few special native bee events held throughout the year :

An **Indigenous Native Bee and Native Plant/Bush Tucker** full day event planned for April. TBA.

Two **Native Bee Workshops** planned for the year, one with Dr Tim Heard, Chris Fuller and friends. @ Landcare Nursery.

The second workshop with a number of students/graduates from USC and Brisbane, demonstrating and talking on native stingless bees and native solitary bees. Featuring fabulous photography. @ Honeybee Farm. Both TBA.

Workshops also from Rob Raabe, Tim Heard and friends. TBA.

VALLEY BEES ATTENDING @ FESTIVALS + EVENTS

MAY - HONEY MONTH

30 APR+01 MAY Sat/Sun
GYMPIE GARDEN SHOW

VB Displays and Talks and Demos

30 APR+01 MAY Sat/Sun
WOODFORD TREE PLANTING

Chris Fuller Workshops, Bee trees, Glenbo Presentation

18 MAY Wed
GYMPIE GROWER'S MARKET

VB Display

20 MAY Fri
WORLD BEE DAY

Celebration yet to be organised

12 to 14 MAY Thur/Fri/Sat
GYMPIE SHOW QBA

Major VB Involvement and Display
Honey Competition

23 to 28 MAY Full week
HONEY DISPLAY @ Gympie Library

26 MAY - HONEY TALK

26 JUNE Sun
NOOSA FESTIVAL OF WATER

VB Display - Lake Macdonald - MRCCC

20 AUGUST Sat
MARY VALLEY SHOW

VB Display - Imbil

9 SEPTEMBER Fri
SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM

Mary Valley College - Bee display and Valley Bees to run talks for kids

4 SEPTEMBER Sun
NOOSA PLANT FAIR

VB Display - Lake Macdonald

12 NOVEMBER Sat
MARY RIVER FESTIVAL

VB Display - Kandanga



LOCAL MARKETS

Gympie Country Markets

@ Gold Mining Museum
1st 3rd and 5th Sunday morning
@ Southside
2nd & 4th Sunday morning

Dagun Growers Markets

Every Saturday from 3pm
@ Dagun Heritage Railway Station

Gympie Town Centre Growers Markets

3rd Wednesday of every month
@ Smithfield Street - 7am to 1pm

Kandanga Railway Station Markets

Every Wednesday and Sunday
10am to 12 noon

Imbil Markets

Every Sunday from 9am to 2pm
@ the centre of Imbil

**EAT REGIONAL,
EAT SEASONAL**

VALLEY BEES

Honey bees, native stingless bees and native solitary bees.
2nd Sunday of every month. Kandanga / Gympie area.
Annual Bee Open Day at Imbil. Monthly practical sessions.
Regular displays and workshops.
glenbo@live.com.au • www.mrccc.org.au/valley-bees/

RANGE BEES

Native Bees only. Stingless and solitary.
2nd Saturday of every month. Maleny area.
Contact : Dianne Clarke - rangebees@live.com.au
Organise great Native Bee Workshops. TBA.
Great focus also on bee photography.

BARAMBAH BEEKEEPERS

Mostly honey bees, also some native bees.
2nd Saturday of every month. Kingaroy area.
Contact : Natalie Anderson - bundaberg_osteo@hotmail.com
www.barambah-beekeepers.org

SUNSHINE COAST BEEKEEPERS

Mostly honey bees, also some native bees.
Last Saturday of every month.
Contact : Bert Livingstone
twobees68@hotmail.com

QBA (Queensland Beekeeper's Assoc)

Join your local QBA, meets regularly throughout year.
Annual Conference once a year.
Contact : Rob Wilkinson - rg.wilks@bigpond.com
QBA - qbabees.org.au

Compiled by Glenbo for Valley Bees
Any additions / date claimers / comments :
glenbo@live.com.au
This calendar will be updated on the 1st of each month,
and always available as a free download on :
<http://mrccc.org.au/valley-bees/>



2016

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PULSES

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April 2016

**SUPERMARKET-FREE MONTH
GO BLUE FOR AUTISM**

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April Fool's Day
National Smile Day

2 **HONEYBEES**
PRACTICAL SESSION
@ LANDCARE NURSERY
9 AM

World Autism Day

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4 Gympie Permaculture
Art Gallery - 7pm

Tell A Small Lie Day

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Kids-In-Nature Play-Week

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World Health Day

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9 **HONEYBEE WORKSHOP**
WITH MAX AT CRYSTAL
WATERS - ALL DAY

BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting
RANGE BEES Meeting

10 **VALLEY BEES**
MEETING
HONEYBEE FARM
1-30 PM

* **NATIVE BEES** *
PRACTICAL SESSION
LANDCARE NURSERY
10 AM

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National Youth Week (8th to the 17th)

12 **5-30PM - GYMPIE**
LANDCARE AGM

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Scrabble Day

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Reach As High As You Can Day

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World Creativity and Innovation Week

16 **HONEYBEES**
PRACTICAL SESSION
@ HONEYBEE FARM
9 AM

Little Kids Day Out - Gympie
Civic Centre - 9am to 3pm - Free
Circus events, mazes, fun
Valley Bees display + honey taste

Sunshine Coast Ukulele Festival
(4 days - 14 to 17th - Kenilworth)

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Australian Heritage Week

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Global Soil Week

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Garlic Day

20 Gympie Grower's
Market - all morning
Smithfield Street

Look Alike Day

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Kindergarten Day

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Earth Day
National Jelly Bean Day

23

World Book Day

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25 **ANZAC**
DAY

World Penguin Week

26

International Hug-An-Australian Day - True

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International Guide Dog Day
Tell A Story Day

28

Astronomy Day
Pay It Forward Day

29

Greenery Day

30 **GYMPIE** (all day)
GARDEN EXPO
@ Gympie S/grounds
Valley Bees Display

WOODFORD
TREE PLANTING

SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting

Valley Bees

* Gympie Community Gardens
10am to lunchtime, every Thursday
Coinda Aged Care Centre, Coinda Street

* Dagon Farmer's Market
every Saturday 3pm - Dagon Station

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	
1 GYMPIE GARDEN EXPO (all day) @ Gympie S/grounds Valley Bees Display Native bee focus Uncle Eugene Barlow Dr. Tobias Smith	2 Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm LABOR DAY <i>Composting Awareness Week</i> <i>Heart Week</i> <i>May Day</i>	3 (Skaidra's Birthday!)	4 <i>International Star Wars Day</i> <i>International Respect for Chickens Day</i>	5 	6 <i>World Asthma Awareness Day</i>	7 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM <i>International Tell Your Crush Day</i>	
8 VALLEY BEES MEETING HONEYBEE FARM 1-30 PM 9AM - FURNITURE SET-UP FOR SHOW WITH TOM AND TEAM MOTHER'S DAY <i>World Red Cross Day</i>	9 <i>National Volunteer Week</i>	10 SET-UP for SHOW <i>Clean Up Your Room Day</i>	11 9AM HONEY JUDGING for SHOW <i>School Nurses Day</i>	12 GYMPIE SHOW 13 GYMPIE SHOW 14 GYMPIE SHOW Valley Bees involvement Volunteers wanted Honey Competition <i>Limmerick Day</i> <i>International Nurses Day</i>		MAJOR BEE DISPLAY <i>Friday the 13th</i> BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting RANGE BEES Meeting	
15 <i>RSPCA Million Paws Walk</i> <i>International Day of Families</i>	16 <i>National Families Week</i> <i>Food Allergy Awareness Week</i>	17 	18 Gympie Grower's Market - all morning Smithfield Street HONEY DISPLAY @ MARKETS <i>Visit Your Relatives Day</i>	19 	20 WORLD BEE DAY (UN) 	21 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM <i>World Day for Cultural Diversity</i>	
22 ○ <i>International Day for Biological Diversity</i>	23 SET-UP GYMPIE LIBRARY HONEY DISPLAY @ GYMPIE LIBRARY - ALL WEEK <i>Australia's Biggest Morning Tea</i> <i>World Turtle Day</i>	24 	25 <i>International Missing Child Day</i>	26 TALK ON HONEY 10AM Gympie Library <i>National Sorry Day</i>	27 MALENY SHOW - 27th AND 28th <i>National Reconciliation Week</i> ANNUAL BEEKEEPER'S CONFERENCE	28 VALLEY BEES MEAD WORKSHOP at Honeybee Farm : 2pm to 4-30pm + Cheese Making : 9-30 to 1pm with Dawn 'Easy Cheesy.' Details TBA... SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting Red Shield Appeal Doorknock ANNUAL BEEKEEPER'S CONFERENCE	
29 ◐ Goomeri Pumpkin Festival <i>White Wreath Day</i> <i>Red Shield Appeal Doorknock</i>	30 	31 <i>World No Tobacco Day</i>	* Gympie Community Gardens 10am to lunchtime, every Thursday Cooina Aged Care Centre, Cooina Street				* Dagon Farmer's Market every Saturday 3pm - Dagon Station

2016 May

is Honey Month and Eat Local Month

MINDFUL IN MAY - MEDITATION MONTH
 INTERNATIONAL RESPECT FOR CHICKENS MONTH



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June 2016

			1	2	3	4 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM
				Medical Research Week	Mabo Day Repeat Day (I said Repeat Day)	
5 ●	6 Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm	7	8	9	10	11
Waste not, want not : World Environment Day	Queensland Day Gardening Exercise Day		World Ocean's Day Best Friend's Day	Donald Duck Day	Iced Tea day National Buddy Day	BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting RANGE BEES Meeting
12 VALLEY BEES MEETING HONEYBEE FARM 1-30 PM *AGM * NATIVE BEES * PRACTICAL SESSION HONEYBEE FARM 10 AM	13	14	15 Gympie Grower's Market - all morning Smithfield Street	16	17	18 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM
	International Men's Health Week	World Blood Donor Day	Global Wind dDay (Don't say it!) Red Apple Day - Bowel Cancer	Fresh Veggies Day		
19	20 ○	21	22	23	24	25
Refugee Week	World Refugee Day Winter Solstice	International Day of Yoga	Chocolate Eclair Day	Pink Day	RED NOSE DAY	SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting International Day of the Seafarer
26 NOOSA FEST of WATER Valley Bees display Volunteers wanted Lake Macdonald	27	28 ◐	29	30		
World Day Against Drugs			Camera Day Mud Day	MARY VALLEY ART FESTIVAL		

* Dagon Farmer's Market every Saturday 3pm - Dagon Station



BOWEL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
SURF MUSIC MONTH

* Gympie Community Gardens
10am to lunchtime, every Thursday
Cooina Aged Care Centre, Cooina Street

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
31 <i>National Tree Day</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">2016 July <i>CELL PHONE COURTESY MONTH</i></p>				1 <i>International Joke Day</i> <i>Creative Ice-cream Flavours Day</i>	2 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM <i>World UFO Day</i>
3 <i>NAIDOC Week - to the 12th</i> <i>Stay Out Of The Sun Day</i>	4 ● Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm <i>July the 4th</i>	5 	6 	7 <i>Chocolate Day</i>	8 QLD GARDEN EXPO - NAMBOUR <i>AHBIC Annual Meeting</i>	9 QLD GARDEN EXPO - NAMBOUR BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting RANGE BEES Meeting
10 VALLEY BEES MEETING HONEYBEE FARM KANDANGA 1-30 PM QLD GARDEN EXPO - NAMBOUR <i>Teddy Bear's Picnic</i>	11 <i>Cheer Up The Lonely Day</i>	12 ◐ 	13 <i>QBA Conference Townsville</i> <i>Geek's Day</i>	14 <i>QBA Conference Townsville</i> <i>National Nude Day (beekeeper's as well!)</i>	15 	16 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM
17 	18 	19 	20 ○ Gympie Grower's Market - all morning Smithfield Street <i>Ugly Truck Day (it's a guy thing!)</i>	21 	22 <i>National Hammock Day</i>	23
24 <i>National Parent's Day</i>	25 	26 <i>All Or Nothing Day</i>	27 ◑ 	28 	29 <i>School's Tree Day</i>	30 <i>National Day of Friendship</i> SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting



SMART IRRIGATION MONTH
BLONDIE AND DEBORAH HARRY MONTH

* Gympie Community Gardens
 10am to lunchtime, every Thursday
 Cooina Aged Care Centre, Cooina Street

* Dagon Farmer's Market
 every Saturday 3pm - Dagon Station

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm	2	3 ●	4	5 BRISBANE EKKA ▶ <i>Summer Olympics begin in Rio</i>	6 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM
7	8	9 <i>International Day for World Indigenous Peoples</i>	10 EKKA HOLIDAY - BRISBANE	11 ◐	12 <i>International Youth Day</i>	13 ◀ BRISBANE EKKA <i>International Left Handers Day</i> BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting RANGE BEES Meeting
14 VALLEY BEES MEETING HONEYBEE FARM 1-30 PM * NATIVE BEES * PRACTICAL SESSION LANDCARE NURSERY 10 AM	15 <i>National Science Week</i>	16 <i>National Tell A Joke Day</i>	17 Gympie Grower's Market - all morning Smithfield Street	18 ○ <i>Bad Poetry Day</i>	19 <i>World Humanitarian Day</i> <i>Aviation Day</i>	20 MARY VALLEY SHOW - IMBIL HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY
21 <i>Summer Olympics end in Rio</i> <i>Senior Citizen's Day</i>	22 <i>Be an Angle Day</i>	23	24	25 ◑ GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER <i>Kiss and Make Up Day</i>	26 GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER <i>Wome's Equality Day</i>	27 GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER <i>International 'Just Because' Day!!!</i> SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting
28 GYMPIE MUSIC MUSTER	29 <i>National Literacy and Numeracy Week</i> <i>More Herbs, Less Salt Day</i>	30 <i>Toasted Marshmellow Day</i>	31	* Dagun Farmer's Market every Saturday 3pm - Dagun Station		

August 2016

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September 2016

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National Wattle Day

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HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM

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NOOSA PLANT FAIR

VALLEY BEES DISPLAY
Lake Macdonald

FATHER'S DAY

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Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm

National Landcare Week
International Day Of Charity
Be Late For Something Day

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Read A Book Day

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National Threatened Species Day

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International Literacy Day

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MARY VALLEY SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM - IMBIL SCHOOL

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BEE OPEN DAY

@IMBIL Valley Bees Community Open Day

ALL THINGS FOR ALL BEES

BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting
RANGE BEES Meeting
REAL FOOD FESTIVAL Maleny

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VALLEY BEES MEETING

HONEYBEE FARM
KANDANGA 1-30 PM

REAL FOOD FESTIVAL Maleny

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Positive Thinking Day

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Make A Hat Day

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Ozone Preservation Awareness Day
Working Parents Day

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HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM

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International Talk Like A Pirate Day
(supporting Childhood Cancer)

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Gympie Grower's Market - all morning
Smithfield Street

International Peace Day

22

World Car-Free Day
September Equinox

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Checkers Day

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SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting

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World Rivers Day
Comic Book Day

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World Tourism Day
Ocktober Fest begins

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Ask A Stupid Question Day

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International Coffee Day
World Heart Day
Confucius Day

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**HUNGER ACTION MONTH
WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP MONTH**

* Gympie Community Gardens
10am to lunchtime, every Thursday
Cooina Aged Care Centre, Cooina Street

* Dagun Farmer's Market
every Saturday 3pm - Dagun Station

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
30 	31 ● Halloween	2016 October <i>Mary River Month</i>				1 ● HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM International Day of Older Persons World Vegetarian Day
2 U.G.L.Y. Bartender of the Year - Leukaemia (Understanding, Generous, Likeable You)	3 Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm QUEEN'S B/DAY Australian Camp Oven Festival - Darling Downs World Habitat Day	4 World Animal Day	5 World Teacher's Day Do Something Nice Day National Kale Day (no way!!)	6 HEART OF GOLD FILM FESTIVAL Mad Hatter Day	7 HEART OF GOLD FILM FESTIVAL World Smile Day	8 HEART OF GOLD FILM FESTIVAL BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting RANGE BEES Meeting
9 VALLEY BEES MEETING HONEYBEE FARM 1-30 PM * NATIVE BEES * PRACTICAL SESSION HONEYBEE FARM 10 AM HEART OF GOLD FILM FESTIVAL	10 World Mental Health Day	11 It's My Party Day	12 Old Farmer's Day Take Your Teddy To Work Day Ride to Work Day	13 International Skeptics Day	14 World Egg Day National Dessert Day	15 HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM
16 ○ World Food Day Bosses Day	17 Wear Something Gaudy Day	18 World No Beard Day	19 Gympie Grower's Market - all morning Smithfield Street Evaluate Your Life Day	20 Brandied Fruit Day	21	22 Make A Difference Day
23 ◐	24 United Nations Day	25 World Pasta Day Punk-For-A-Day Day	26	27	28 International Animation Day Frankenstein Day	29 SUNSHINE COAST Beekeepers Meeting

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December 2016

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HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ LANDCARE NURSERY 9 AM

World Aids Awareness Day

International Day of People With Disability

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Gympie Permaculture Art Gallery - 7pm

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World Soil Day
International Volunteer Day
Bathtub Party Day

Letter Writing Day

Human Rights Day
BARAMBAH Beekeepers Meeting
RANGE BEES Meeting

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VALLEY BEES MEETING HONEYBEE FARM 1-30 PM

XMAS PARTY

*** NATIVE BEES * PRACTICAL SESSION LANDCARE NURSERY 10 AM**

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HONEYBEES PRACTICAL SESSION @ HONEYBEE FARM 9 AM

Poinsettia Day
MARY CHRISTMAS STREET FESTIVAL

Lemon Cupcake Day

Chocolate Covered Anything Day

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Gympie Grower's Market - all morning Smithfield Street

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Glenbo's Birthday !!! Ha!
International Bake Cookies Day

MARY CHRISTMAS STREET FESTIVAL

Summer Solstice
Look On The Bright Side Day

Egg Nog Day

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XMAS DAY

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BOXING DAY

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NEW YEAR'S DAY

WOODFORD FESTIVAL

WOODFORD FESTIVAL

International Card Playing Day

WOODFORD FESTIVAL

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WOODFORD FESTIVAL

Make Up Your Mind Day

Valley Bees

**SAFE TOYS MONTH
FOOD SERVICE SAFETY MONTH**

* Gympie Community Gardens
10am to lunchtime, every Thursday
Cooina Aged Care Centre, Cooina Street

* Dagon Farmer's Market
every Saturday 3pm - Dagon Station