



Throughout Queensland during the month of May many towns and communities were **ALIVE** and **ABUZZ** with honey bee events and displays.

Did you see a **BEE** display or event near you?

Honeybees are both fascinating and important pollinators to the food we eat every day and our nation's food security. There were many beekeepers and beekeeping groups throughout Qld who were part of activities and events for Honey Month where they gave of their wealth of knowledge of the fascinating, clever and essential work of the humble honey bee.

22 April (Wednesday) Nambour Library Information Session by Sunshine Coast Amateur Beekeepers Association. *35-40 people attended to hear Paul speak on the importance of.....* ([read more](#)).

23 April (Thursday) Kawana Library Information Session by Sunshine Coast Amateur Beekeepers Assoc. *25 people attended. Live bees could be seen on frames from the hive in the* ([read more](#)).

24 April (Friday) Maroochydore Library Information Session by Sunshine Coast Amateur Beekeepers Assoc

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Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region May of the activities in this region are noted below. A report with photos can be [read here](#).

1 May to 12 June - Ipswich Library Static Display by Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers Association with beekeepers attending on some days to chat with enquiring visitors.

2 May (Saturday) Hive Session at Gympie Landcare Nursery, Cnr Groves Road and Old Maryborough Road. 9am to 12 noon. Go through the on-site honeybee hives, talk/inspect the stingless hives, explore/develop the solitary bee wall. *(This groups meets on 1st Saturday of each month)*

2 May (Saturday) Gympie Garden Show at Gympie Showgrounds - Major bee display and talks[read more](#) at "Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region" above.

3 May (Sunday) "Eat Local Day" at **Gympie Garden Show**, Gympie Showgrounds, Southside. All day. \$5.00 entry, kids free. *(Valley Bees Group will be present but day's major focus will be on eating local.....*[read more](#) at "Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region" above.

3 May (Sunday) Time Before Festival at the Kingston Butter Factory and Mayes Cottage, **Logan City** with a display and presentation by commercial beekeeper, Dave Elson and others. *Unfortunately, due to very heavy rain and flooding, this event was cancelled late Saturday afternoon.*

4 to 9 May (Monday to Saturday) A static "**Honey and Bee**" Display at the **Gympie Library**[read more](#) at "*Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region*" above.

6 May (Wednesday) **Ravenshoe Library (North Qld)** Information Session with local beekeeper, Maurie Damon. Near 40 people attended and were enthralled for over three hours([read more](#))

7 May (Thursday) **Honey Talk and Tasting** at the **Gympie Library** 10am. Morning tea provided.....[read more](#) at "*Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region*" above. .

10 May (Sunday) **Valley Bee Monthly Meeting** Honeybee Farmstay at 20 Hasthorpe Road, **Kandanga**. 1pm for 1.30 start. \$2.00 entry. Please bring a plate to share and your Honey Show entries to enter.

10 May (Sunday) **Jondaryan Woolshed** Honey bee education and demonstrations and of course, honey for sale and other beekeeping products! Take some time out to learn how important bees are for our environment. Organized and run by the Southern Beekeepers Association of Toowoomba.

11 May (Monday) **Robina Library** Information morning from 9.30am with the Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers

11 to 16 May (Monday to Saturday) **Gympie Library** Static "Eat Local" Display including HONEY

14 May (Thursday) "**Eat Local**" talk at the **Gympie Library** - will include include honey and bees, with a continuation of the honey displays.....[read more](#) at "*Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region*" above.

14, 15, 16 May (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) **Gympie Annual Show** at Gympie Showgrounds, Southside. (1)Honey Exhibit in the main pavilion, (2)Honey Competition, (3)Honey Tasting, (4)Major display and information on bees, (5)Live bees on display[read more](#) at "*Month of May - Activities in the Gympie Region*" above.

15 May (Friday) **Burdekin Theatre, Ayr Nth Qld** (161 Queen Street) **Burdekin Value-Adding Seminar** 8.30am to 4.00pm. Sessions on value-adding to agriculture. Graeme Armstrong, local commercial queen bee breeder, pollinator and honey producer, will be in attendance with an observation hive of live bees and information on the importance, value and process of honey bee pollination of food crops, particularly in the food-bowl of the Burdekin region.

16 May (Saturday) **Hive Session** at Honeybee Farmstay, 20 Hasthorpe Road, **Kandanga**. 9am to 12 noon - go through the on-site honeybee hives, talk / inspect stingless hive, explore / develop the solitary bee wall. (*This groups meets on 3rd Saturday of each month*)

15,16,17 May (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) **Ipswich Annual Show** at Ipswich Showgrounds. Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeeping Association will have a major honey and beekeeping display in the Agricultural Pavilion. There will be (1)live bee demonstrations, (2)honey extracting demonstrations, (3)free honey tasting, (4)honey and beekeeping products for sale, (5)Apiculture competition.([read more](#))

20 May (wednesday) **Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) Brisbane City** Robert and Melissa Dewar were able to promote Honey Month while being part of the Launch of the Scenic Rim Eat Local Week. Over 200 people attended this function.....([read more](#))

21 May (Thursday) **Ipswich Library** Information session 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Presented by Trevor Nardi and members of the Ipswich and West Moreton Beekeepers Association.....([read more](#))

21 to 22 May (*Thursday and Friday*) **Maryborough Annual Show** The Wide Bay Branch of the Qld Beekeepers Association will have a beekeeping display with honey and beekeeping products for sale.

24 May (*Sunday*) **Gympie Health Expo** at Gympie Civic Centre 9am to 4pm. Valley Bees Group will have a display of Honey, Bees, Pollination, Bee Habitat and Bee Walls.

24 May (*Sunday*) **Herb Awareness Day** at Albion Hall, **Windsor**, Brisbane 9am to 4pm. Valley Bees Group will have a display of Honey, Bees, Pollination, Bee Habitat and Bee Walls.

26 May (*Tuesday*) **Northside Beekeepers Association** A night of Honey Tasting of members honey at the monthly Beekeepers meeting.....([read more](#))

27 to 29 May (*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday*) **Bundaberg Annual Show** The Wide Bay Branch of the Qld Beekeepers Association will have a beekeeping display with honey and beekeeping products for sale.

29 May (*Friday*) **Kenmore Library** Information morning 10am - 11am. "Enjoy this intriguing talk about the fascination, intrigue and sweet rewards of beekeeping. Hosted by Trevor Weatherhead a member of the Queensland Beekeepers Association". Bookings required.([read more](#))