BUZZ: Native bees = increased production





Two free workshops talking about native bees and their importance for a healthy landscape will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Benalla Government Offices

89 Sydney Road Benalla 10am – 12 noon, morning tea will be available

AND

Quality Hotel Parklake Shepparton

2pm – 4 pm, afternoon tea will be available

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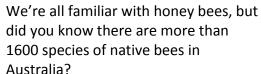
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At these workshops we will look at native bees with particular reference to:

- identification
- differences in where they live
- what they need to survive on farmland and in towns/gardens
- some techniques for surveying
- bee hotels, habitat values
- safe use of pesticides

Presenters:

Karen Retra co-founder of the Wild Pollinator Count, a national citizen science project encouraging awareness of pollinator insects. She is a keen naturalist who is inspired by the diversity, roles and habits of the many species of beneficial insects that we often overlook.

Mark Hall is a PhD candidate at La Trobe University, looking at the importance of streams and roadsides for fauna conservation in the highly fragmented agricultural regions of north-central Victoria. He is particularly interested in how to best meet the needs of both farmers and wildlife.













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