

## 2021 Victorian Recreational Beekeepers Association Annual Conference Program

8.30am	<b>Welcome</b>	Costa Georgiadis, Landscape Architect, Host ABC Gardening Australia
8.40am	<b>Welcome to Country</b>	Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative
8.45am	<b>VRBA Address</b>	Mat Lumalasi, President, Victoria Recreational Beekeepers Association
8.50am	<b>Opening</b>	Mary-Ann Kelly, Minister for Agriculture, Minister for Regional Development
9.00am	<b>Keynote</b>	Dr Nadine Chapman, School of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Sydney, Plan B: A nationwide bee genetic improvement breeding program and breeding for Varroa resistance
9.40am	<b>Biosecurity Update</b>	Joe Riordan, Senior Apiary Officer, Ally Driessen, Bee Biosecurity Officer and Niki Jones, Biosecurity Officer - Apiary, Agriculture Victoria

**10.00am**

### Morning Tea

		Environments for Bees	Hive Management	Value adding for small beekeepers
10.30am- 11.00am	Session One	<p><b>Powerful Pollinators</b> Fiona Chambers, CEO and Dr Anna Currucan, Project Manager, When Bee Foundation</p>	<p><b>Feeding your bees</b> Kevin Tracy, Honey bee Traineeship Development Officer, Tocal College, NSW DPI</p>	<p><b>Jun Kombuncha</b> Evan and Rainer Spoljaric, Founders, Botanical Brew, Lara</p>
11.00am- 11.30am	Session Two	<p><b>One Minute Bugs</b> Denis Crawford, Entomologist, Author and Photographer</p>	<p><b>Is my hive queenless?</b> David Briggs, Queen Bee Breeder, Fifteen Mile Apiaries</p>	<p><b>Propolis Production</b> Dr Nadine Chapman, University of Sydney</p>
11.30am- 12.00p	Session Three	<p><b>Pollinator Alliance</b> Benedict Hughes, President Pollinators Alliance</p>	<p><b>Flow Hive Management</b> Scott Denno, Lead Beekeepers, HiveMind Community Apiary</p>	<p><b>Producing Bee Venom</b> James Watts, Whale Labs, Brisbane</p>

12.00pm			Lunch		
		Social Impact of Bees	Biosecurity Innovation	Beekeeping Basics	
12.45pm-1.15pm	Session Four	<b>Sweet Justice</b> Claire Moore, Founder and Beekeeper, Sweet Justice	<b>Honeybee Importation Trials</b> David Briggs, Australian Queen Breeders Association	<b>How to light a smoker and keep it lit</b> The Beekeepers Club	
1.15pm-1.45pm	Session Five	<b>HiveMind Community Apiary &amp; Hives for Heroes</b> Amanda Collins, Founder HiveMind Community Apiary Daniel Hooper, Hives for Heroes	<b>AFB Breathalyser</b> Jessica Moran, PhD Candidate, Honey Bee Health Research Group, University of WA	<b>How to conduct a sugar shake, drone uncapping and alcohol wash</b> Ally Driessen, Bee Biosecurity Officer, Agriculture Victoria	
1.45pm-2.15pm	Session Six	<b>Tasmanian Junior Beekeepers</b> Anita Long, Founder, Tasmania Junior Beekeepers	<b>Hive Sentinel Pilot Project</b> Simon Mildren, Founder/CEO HiveKeepers	<b>Swarm Prevention</b> Bob Brown, Beekeeper, Geelong Beekeepers Club	
2.15pm			Afternoon Tea		
2.45pm - 3.25pm	<b>Keynote</b>	Madlen Kratz, Honey Bee Industry Development Officer, Tocal College, NSW Department of Primary Industries. Honey Bee Nutrition, foraging behaviour and pollination.			
3.30pm - 3.50pm	<b>Q&amp;A Panel</b>	Q & A Expert Panel			
3.50pm - 4.00pm	<b>Prize Draw &amp; Call to Action</b>	Raffle Prize Draw Call to Action: VRBA Buy Australian Beeswax Campaign			
4.00pm-4.10pm	<b>Thanks &amp; Close</b>	Costa Georgiadis and Mat Lumalasi			
4.15pm-5.00pm	<b>Networking Drinks</b>	Join your fellow beekeepers for a refreshing post conference beverage.			