



South Gippsland Beekeepers



# 2022 Beginner Beekeeping Course

## **EVENING CLASSES**

Friday October 14th: 7pm-9.30pm  
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Friday October 21st: 7pm-9.30pm  
St Peter's Anglican Church Hall  
Leongatha.  
Supper provided.

## **FIELD DAY**

Date to be discussed on the second class session. The weekend before Cup Day is our aim but this date is completely weather dependent.



### **Tutors**

Bron Barton  
Peter Gatehouse

## EVENING CLASSES

### CLASS CONTENT:

1. This session will cover hive hardware, personal protective equipment (\*PPE), bee anatomy, pollination, how to get started plus ordering and changing queens, the life cycle of the bee, mating of the queen, hive positioning and different types of hives will be shown & discussed. Plus more.
2. The second class session will conclude bio-security measures (bee pests & diseases), trouble-shooting, swarm education and general beekeeping responsibilities. Plus more.

## FIELD DAY



### 3. The Apiary visit

This will be either at **Korumburra or Mirboo Nth.** on the weekend stated on a day chosen closer to the time. If this is still unsuitable, due to the weather, another date which suits everyone, will be arranged.

### CLASS CONTENT:

The apiary visit will take you to a hive where you will be able to handle the bees and observe the hive activities under the watchful eye of your tutors, Peter & Colin and Bron & David.

You will be shown how to identify the different bees within the hive, healthy brood (eggs, larvae & pupae) and perhaps even find the queen and watch baby bees hatching. There will be plenty of time to observe and ask questions. This session is vital in helping you to become familiar with the things that you should and perhaps also shouldn't be seeing within a working hive. You will also see how to correctly store all hive components, how to wire up a frame and add wax foundation and extract your very own delicious honey.

Full \*PPE is available to students and afternoon tea is provided (Covid restrictions permitting)

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

The Beginner Beekeeping Course is **\$180** pp. This includes SGB membership for the 22/23 financial year. Course payments can be made to the account below. Club members who do the course will get a refund on subs paid.

**SGB Bank Acc for  
DIRECT DEBIT  
Bendigo Bank  
BSB: 633 000  
Acc: 143497527  
Acc title: SGB**

**IMPORTANT: Please provide a REFERENCE with your name and a brief description of your transaction e.g. SGB Course**

**CASH** payments may be made at club meetings.

CHEQUES are no longer accepted

## BOOK YOUR PLACE

### EMAIL

**bbbabarton@gmail.com**  
with your

1. Full name
2. Email address
3. Mobile number (texts are the best way to co-ordinate the apiary day)
4. Your town
5. Screen-shot of payment made