

GAA Beekeeping Field Day



Sunday 25th March

Darnum Primary School, 6 Graham St

10am—3.30pm \$10 per person—Children Free

The day will be focused on informing the less experienced and beginner beekeepers on the basics of beekeeping.

Topics covered during the day will include -

1. The components of a hive, their use and construction.
2. The purpose, safe use and lighting of a bee smoker and use of a hive tool.
3. Observation hive where live bees including the queen are behind glass so that they can be observed safely.
4. The correct method to approach and open a hive.
5. Inspection of live bee colonies including brood for quantity, pattern and disease as well as honey and pollen stores. (Weather permitting).
6. Honey extraction, tastings. How much honey to leave for the bees.
7. Methods to manage your hives for the bees to get through the winter.
8. Advice on disease, regulations and registration.
9. Questions and answer table. Gippsland Honey for sale.
10. Equipment suppliers with a wide range of beekeeping supplies will be present for sales or advice
11. Various stalls including bee friendly plants for sale.
12. Live bee hives are kept well away from the stalls and amenities.

Participants are required to provide their own protective clothing (hat, veil, gloves etc) OR purchase them on the day.

Note: Take the South Eastern Freeway from either direction Bairnsdale or Melbourne to Darnum. From Melbourne the Darnum turn off is about 5 mins past the last Warragul turn off. Follow the signs to the Primary School. There is ample parking at the venue with catering and amenities available throughout the event.

Further details and Pre Registration: Neville Hirth 0417 347 688 / 5143 2952 or **Bill Ringin** 0498 594 897 / 5633 1326.