

Natural Top Bar Beekeeping - Honeybees

Workshop with Tim Auld from "All-You-Can-Eat Gardens" in Brisbane.

Saturday 15 September - at Carter's Ridge - Kaye Cheval's place (details later).

\$30pp \$50 couple • 10 am to 1 pm (3 hour workshop). Morning tea provided.

Please bring a plate of food if you are staying for lunch (no meat please).

10 am to 1 pm Demonstration on the principals of Top Bar Beekeeping and Natural Beekeeping - on a live demonstration hive.

1pm - There will be the option for you all to stay on for lunch. Please bring a plate to share (no meat please)



Top Bar

The Top Bar Bee Hive is so named because its removable frames consist of only a top bar. They do not have sides or a bottom bar. The frames are added along a horizontal plane instead of vertically building up.



In other words, the beekeeper does not provide a foundation for the bees. Rather, the bees build their own comb so it hangs down from the top bar. The comb shape formed tends to be a natural hanging curve.

The hive body is V-shaped in order to keep bees from attaching the comb to the hive-body walls. This style of hive does result in less honey, however you do end up getting more beeswax - which has its own many uses. Top Bars have been used in developing countries for many years because of their ease of design, low maintenance and low cost. They have been made from salvaged materials, and even hollowed out logs.

**Google: "Top Bar Beekeeping"
"Barefoot Beekeeper"**



They are also popular because they are sustainable, low-impact, chemical-free, small-scale, 'organic' and natural... with simple equipment that almost anyone can make at home.

To book for this workshop - email glenbo@live.com.au

Valley Bees