

Media Release



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Buzz over for an introduction to beekeeping

Buzz on over to Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living (MCSL) on Saturday 9 November, 10am-noon, for a FREE Introduction to Beekeeping course.

The course will teach residents the basics of beekeeping, including:

- Facts about bees, including how they actually make honey;
- How to obtain bees;
- Where to locate them in the garden;
- The basics of colony management and how hives work;
- Extracting honey;
- Native bees;
- Attracting bees by planting certain items in the garden; and
- Rearing queens.

Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living's Visitor Education Officer, Radka Dostal, will run the workshop.

"Bees are integral and essential for life on this planet – not only do they help the environment but they're also essential for human life by pollinating food we eat," Ms Dostal said.

"There are so many benefits to beekeeping. It's a great way to learn something new and connect with likeminded people of all ages through different local organisations.

"But, for many beekeepers, it's the liquid gold they produce! Eating local honey can help people overcome any seasonal allergies they may suffer from and you could even start a small business selling your honey.

"Looking after bees is a lot easier with the information you learn through this workshop. Learning from beekeepers that have experience, like myself, is the key."

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the workshop was funded by Camden Council.

"Our goal is to teach our residents sustainable practices so they are able to responsibly use and protect our beautiful natural environment," Cr Fedeli said.

"We're so proud to support workshops like this one at MCSL because they're just terrific. Residents constantly tell us how they've changed the way they do things around their homes as a result of what they've learnt.

For more information on Introduction to Beekeeping, and to register, visit bit.ly/MCSLWorkshops

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