

## For The Love of Bees School

Our beekeeping classes are - where beginner beekeepers, hobbyists, and bee enthusiasts can come and learn natural beekeeping techniques from an experienced and urban beekeeper.

**Our informative classes run from 10am to 12pm on the first Sunday of every month at the Victoria Park Campbell Free Kindergarten.**

Classes follow an efficient layout covering the basics, general inspection method and month specific inspection tasks and any questions that come up during the session. The purpose of these classes is for beginner beekeepers to come and learn the best practices passed on through experiencing happy Bees.

**Peter Alexander - CEO of BeezThingz – will be teaching the natural approach.**

By not wearing gloves and full body armour when we do our inspections/treatments and manipulation we expose ourselves and work slower not to stress the colony.

We teach you how to give your bees clean and worry free housing, how to treat them for diseases and parasites like the Varroa mites, and how to get rewarded with beautiful honey the bees have gathered from thousands and thousands of flowers and blossoms.

**What makes us different to other institutions is that everything we do is for the wellbeing of the colony as the prime objective and not the maximisation of honey production.** These little creatures pollinate our crops, fruit and vegetables, but also our clover and pastures. Yes we would run out of fruit and vege without the pollination, but also out of meat and dairy products!

**Our students will learn to 'listen' to the colony** and this is not just 'audio'! Bees actually 'communicate' with the beekeeper. When the interaction of the beekeeper is not to the liking of the bees, guard bees with buzz and bump the beekeeper. If that doesn't work they will sting. Usually in the hands and arms first. Bees will draw attention by fanning or crowding if something needs taken care of. And bees will tell you that everything is fine by their relaxed behaviour and will whole heartedly go on about their business!

We also help you to help your bees by planting for their needs. Different pollen have different minerals and enzymes that bees use for food but also medicinally, just like we humans use 'Botanicals'! For example, if we were to plant Thyme and Spearmint around the hives we would see a notable reduction of Varroa mites in the hives.

Students who attend this these classes will learn how to keep happy healthy bees. Not just how to check for food and water, but also the placement of the hive, keeping free of nasties, and how to make sure you and your neighbours enjoy the bees. Our holistic approach to beekeeping creates a harmonious state between our students and their bees.