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## WHAT'S ON MID JUNE 2020

Hallo All,

Hope you are continuing to isolate and keeping busy at this time. I attended the workshop last Saturday and learnt how to get strong seedlings – one per cell. Also, how to keep them moist. I am surprised how one small bit of info makes all the difference.

Please make note of the following workshops coming up. Hope to see you Sunday !!

6 days ago at pricking out



and today



### Workshops

**What: Build your own small Solar Dehydrator with Peter Burgess**

**When:** Sunday June 21st - 9am till 2pm ish

**Where:** The Haven - 47 Sheppard Ave. Bucca

Limit of 6 attendees

Peter will lead you through the process of building your own box to use when drying herbs, spices, plants, seeds,

fruits etc. for preservation for the kitchen....from garden to pantry.

BYO

1 1/2 " or 1" brush, smaller brushes for decoration,

Artists acrylic paints ( tubes from cheap shops etc)

Colours for you to decorate the outside of your dehydrator.

Lunch picnic plates, cutlery etc., & cup - Herb tea provided



**What: A Visual and Discussion on Sustainable Living Practices in Challenging Times**

**When:** Sunday June 21st - 9am till 2pm ish

**Where:** The Haven - 47 Sheppard Ave. Bucca

Limit of 8 attendees

A visual & discussion on sustainable living practices in challenging times

Pam will show & tell what is done there to save money, make, process & preserve different aspects of garden

produce for future use with minimal input from shops.

EG: Washing detergent, liquid body soap, Herbal tonics, ACV uses, spices from garden to pantry, chilli, ginger,

turmeric, comfrey etc.

Host: Pam Burgess

BYO -- Lunch, picnic plates, cutlery etc., & cup - Herb tea provided

Phone 0403 989 788 to register your interest for either one of these activities & email to BOGI secretary .

### **What: Self Watering Wicking Beds**

**When:** Sunday July 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30am till noon

**Where:** 81 Chapmans Rd, St. Kilda

**BYO:** Your Lunch - plate - cup - utensils - folding chair. etc.

Tea & Coffee will be available

Anything for sale - Yes Parsley bunches - Egg plant plants - perhaps others

After this workshop visit Gin Gin Landcare on your way home to see the spectacular Fraser Island Creeper in bloom.



### **Imported Honey to be banned or labelled with Country of Origin. Eg. China, Argentina...**

Imported honey can carry different strains of diseases that can effect not only Australian honeybees but over 1500 indigenous bee species. One disease American Foul Brood is presently decimating bee colonies. AFB disease can be spread easily by animal lovers feeding birds and possums honey outdoors. Often people use cheap imported honey to feed animals and birds. We can learn from the prawn industry. Innocently people used imported prawns for bait which decimated the local prawn industry. The same thing is happening to our bees due to imported honey.

With large packers importing huge amounts of imported honey Australia's reputation overseas has been tarnished. Only a minuscule amount of honey entering the country is tested for purity each year, and as such there is a high chance of impure honey - which has either been produced by supplemental feeding of bee colonies or adulterated with other sweeteners entering the country undetected. This imported honey mostly from China is blended with Australian honey than reexported which means Australia is now considered a high risk country to buy honey from.

<https://tshmember.com/approvedcountry.html>

Australian food industry is dependent on honeybee pollination. For the pollination industry to remain strong we need a healthy bees and a healthy honey industry within Australia. By banning the importation of honey into Australia it will strengthen the pollination industry . Australian wholesale honey prices have been declining. If this continues many beekeepers will leave the pollination industry.

Australian Beekeeper's are receiving an unfair price. New Zealand banned imports and their wholesale price of honey is \$12 a kilogram because of imports Australian Beekeeper's are being paid as low as \$3.10 a kilogram . Australia is the only continent in the world free of Varroa Destructor so our honey is free from chemical treatments. Australian Honey is some of the purist in the world our beekeepers deserve to be paid a premium price.

Corporations are confusing consumers by not adding country of origin on their imported honey. Many Australian's believe they are buying Australian honey when in fact it is Chinese honey blended with Australian honey. It is unfair Australians do not know the country of origin on the honey they purchase.

Now do something !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sign the petition to ban imported honey, see below. <https://www.change.org/p/imported-honey-must-be-banned-or-labelled-with-country-of-origin-eg-china-argentina>

Lets support local (Bundaberg) honey producers. Please send names and contact details to the newsletter editor for your benefit.

STOP PRESS American Foulbrood disease has been found in bees on Kangaroo Island in South Australia this last week !!!!

### **What has happened to the great Aussie backyard?**

<file:///C:/Users/Home/Downloads/What%20has%20happened%20to%20the%20great%20Aussie%20backyard.html>

This is a fascinating read to show how our backyards are diminishing. The older members may appreciate the changes that have occurred in our lifetime.



Here's an update on moving Karyn's garden and 10 years of compost to bright new wicking planters. Seedlings and vegies are starting to grow well.

