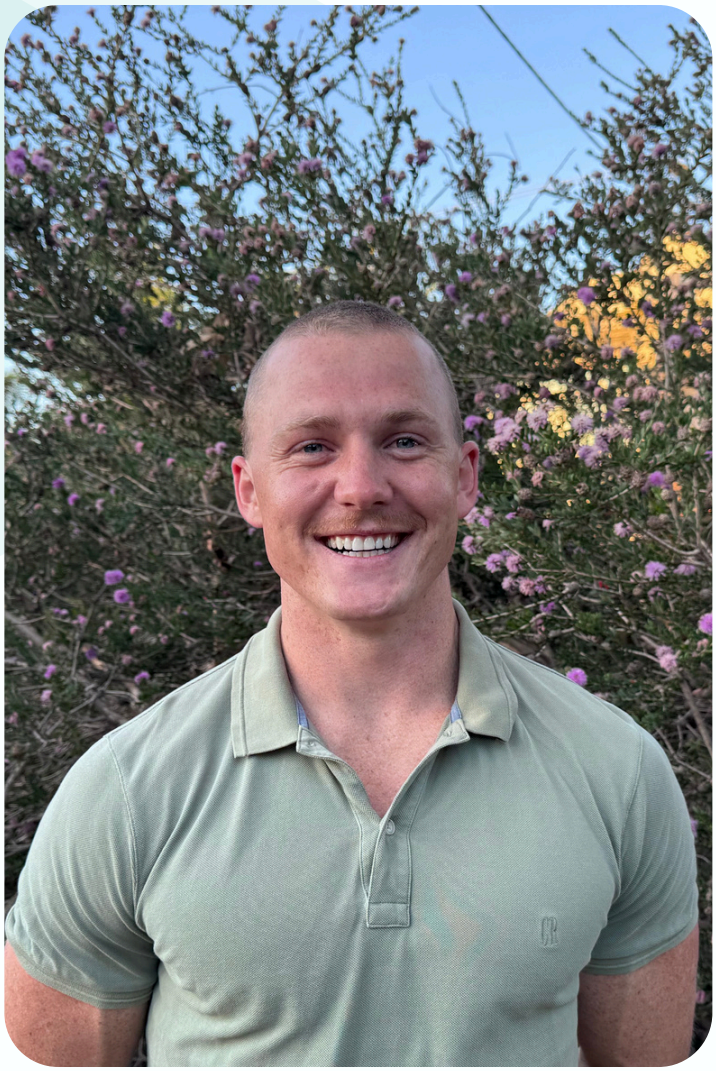
BEES AND BLOSSOMS

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

WORKSHOP/INCURSION FACT SHEET

ABOUT US



Native Bee Researcher - George (Clancy) Lester
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CLANCY'S MISSION:

Clancy fell in love with native bees through research trips to North-East Arnhem Land, NT where he learned about how important they are to Yolŋu First Nations and how they are sadly declining.

He aims to educate the public about our native pollinators and raise awareness about the threats that they are facing before providing things that participants can do to help out and get involved such as recommending native flowering plant for gardens or building nesting habitat like bee hotels.

His workshops combines conservation, education, and sustainability, all centered around native bee/pollinator biodiversity.

PARTNERS

Conservation Volunteers Australia

CITY OF MELBOURNE

THE WATTLE FELLOWSHIP

Biodiversity Council

Australian Pollinator Week.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

National Sustainability Festival

(PROTOSTARS)

HEYWIRE TRAIL BLAZERS

SESSION STYLES

SCHOOL INCURSIONS

Incursions with school groups from Early learning and primary school age, to high school and university groups

WORKSHOPS

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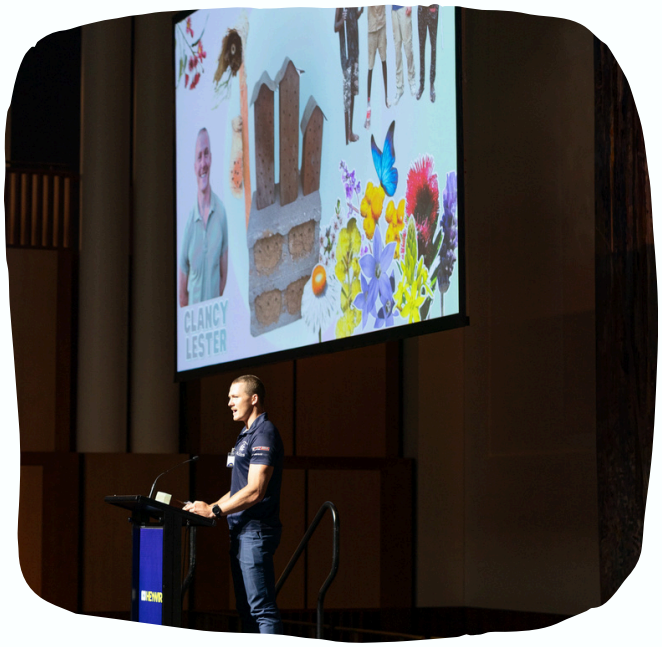
FESTIVAL EVENTS

A drawcard for any sustainability/ gardening festival is a bee hotel workshop + info about bee friendly gardens



PRESENTATIONS

Slides to educate about pollinators for every occasion - council meetings, conferences, corporate lessons, local community groups

TYPES OF BEE HOTELS

CAVITY NESTING BEES TYPE 1

Bundles of hollow stems, reeds and bamboo bee hotels: Using bamboo, hollow reeds, and/or dead flower stems, cut them to around 200mm lengths and jam them into a pcp pipe, empty tin can, or even a plastic bottle.

CAVITY NESTING BEES TYPE 2

Drilled Hardwood Bee Hotels: Using native hardwood such as eucalyptus that is cut to around 200mm lengths, drill holes with extra-long timber drill bits. Vary the drill bits from 3-9mm in diameter to cater for a range of different sized native bees.

GROUND NESTING BEE BLOCKS

Using a mix of clay and sand, pack into something like concrete besser blocks or any durable container. Use the tip of a pencil or a stick to poke small holes and place them horizontally on the ground in an area that receives plenty of sun, usually the northern aspect of a building/garden.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT TOPICS

1. Native Bee and Pollinator Diversity tailored to local area
2. Climate Change, Pesticides and other threats to insects
3. Indigenous Knowledge
4. Best plants pollinators
5. Animal and biodiversity conservation
6. Being a scientist

OF PARTICIPANTS

There is no minimum number of participants, and I am flexible but I do find that the sweet spot is around 15-30 members but have done festival drop in sessions catering for >200 people.
Presentations can cater for many more participants as they aren't resource limited.

COST

For a quote please indicate the number of participants, location and the contact hours.

TIME

Presentations via slides = 30 – 90 minutes

Presentation via slides + Bee Hotel Workshop = 90 minutes – 120 minutes flexible to class times

Drop in / Drop out bee hotel workshop with occasional 15 min presentations = >2 hours

THANK YOU

Every small action—planting a native flower, learning about pollinators, or spreading the word—makes a big difference. Your support fuels our work, and we're so grateful to have you as part of this buzzing community. Together, we're building a future where native bees are celebrated, protected, and supported. Thank you for being part of this journey!