

**Australian Native Stingless Bee Workshop**

**When: Saturday October 21 from 9.30am to 4pm**

**Where: 3 Bloodwood Close, Mooloolah Valley 4553**

**What: Split a boxed hive, transfer a hive from log to box; learn bee care so they can care for you and your garden**

**Topics include:**

* What’s all the fuss about Australian native stingless and solitary bees?
* Bees found in Queensland and latest information on their care
* Solitary bees: what are they and how to attract them to your garden
* How to quickly identify a bee or insect
* Pollination, predators: the good, bad and ugly

**Hands on:**

* How, when and why split a boxed hive
* Transfer a hive from log to box
* How to find bees in the bush
* Box designs and bee rescue
* Honey tasting and story time

**Cost $55** includes morning tea. Please bring a plate to share for lunch

**Workshop facilitator: Matthew Middleton**

**Bookings essential:** phone **0499 886 899**(or email)[**middleton.beeman@gmail.com**](mailto:middleton.beeman@gmail.com)



**About the facilitator**

[](https://www.facebook.com/beezotted/photos/a.843735589035445.1073741825.843729669036037/953201191422217/?type=3&source=11)Matthew Middleton became fascinated with Australian native stingless bees when he was working in Kimberley communities as a remote area nurse in the 1980s with his family.

Since then he has gained hands-on experience in finding them, recognising when they need rescuing, caring for them, splitting hives, transferring hives into boxes and improving box design, teaching one-on-one, giving school presentations and facilitating workshops.

He keeps five types of stingless bees around Australia.

Matthew went full-time into his bee business Beezotted in 2015 and has not stopped. Since then Matthew has facilitated scores of stingless bee workshops around Australia: in schools, preschools, for local councils, adult education groups, Landcare and gardening groups.

Matthew looks forward to sharing his passion and knowledge with his own community.