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# Farmers' Market Manager

# **Campaign Toolkit**









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# We Need Bees:

To grow food, to eat well, to sustain our food systems, to foster sustainable agriculture and diverse ecosystems.

**Bees underpin food security.** More than three quarters of the leading types of global food crops rely to some extent on animal pollination for yield and/or quality.

Pollinator dependent crops contribute to 35% of global crop production by volume.

Bees affect 35% of global agricultural land supporting the production of 87 of the leading food crops worldwide.

The vast majority of pollinator species are wild, including more than 20,000 species of bees, and some species of flies, butterflies, moths, wasps, beetles, thrips, birds, bats and other vertebrates (IPBES, 2016).

**Safeguarding bees safeguards biodiversity.** Globally, nearly 90% of wild flowering plant species depend, at least in part, on the transfer of pollen by bees and other pollinators.

**Bees support healthy ecosystems.** The healthy functioning of ecosystem services ensures the sustainability of agriculture. Bees and forest beekeeping help sustain forest ecosystems by providing pollination that leads to improved regeneration of

trees and conservation of the forest's biodiversity. Bees and other pollinators are thus vital to the environment and biodiversity conservation, as well as many other dimensions of global sustainable development (FAO, 2018).

**People love bees.** Independent consumer research conducted in Australia in 2020 demonstrated that consumers have a high level of awareness (70%) about the role bees play in supplying our food. People generally understand (72%) that bees require access to plants and flowers to thrive and nearly everyone (90%) is impressed with the role bees play in our lives.

But globally, **bees are under threat** and just as we need them, they need us too. Our lives are inextricably linked because we co-habitat planet Earth.

Simply knowing bees are important, is no longer enough. Bees need people to become motivated to take simple actions to ensure there are sufficient sanctuaries to enable bees to thrive.

As we celebrate **2021 World Bee Day (20 May)** this **We Need Bees** Campaign is a reminder not just of the simple actions we can take to help bees, but **WHY** it is important that we do.



# **A Sweet Partnership**

In early 2021, The Wheen Bee Foundation and Australian Farmers' Markets Association started to plan a joint **We Need Bees** Campaign for **World Bee Day.** The partnership recognises the global importance of bees for food security at the local and global levels. Bees and food security are inextricably linked.

Without bees there would be no farmers' markets.





# What is the We Need Bees Campaign?

The **We Need Bees** Campaign is a celebration of the important role bees play in each of our lives. Bees as keystone pollinators, underpin food security, biodiversity and ecosystem health.

The Campaign aims to raise awareness of simple actions people can take to help support bees.

The Campaign will run at participating farmers' markets across Australia over 9 days (15–23 May) either side of World Bee Day (20 May).



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# What are the Campaign Aims?

The **We Need Bees** Campaign aims to communicate a number of important messages because in essence:

#### No Bees, No Farmers' Markets

#### We need bees because...

- Bees underpin food security
- Bees support biodiversity
- Bees sustain ecosystem health

#### Bees are under threat because of...

- Habitat loss
- Pests and diseases
- Agricultural and garden chemical (especially pesticide) use and exposure

#### Everyone can help...

- Plant flowers that provide nectar and pollen throughout the year
- Avoid using chemicals (especially pesticides)
- Buy Australian honey at farmers' markets support Australian beekeepers

These are the high-level messages. The Campaign provides plenty of opportunities for exploring these messages in more detail.

#### **Farmers' Markets Support**

- AFMA's partnership with Wheen Bee Foundation for World Bee
   Day 2021 relies on the support of individual farmers' markets
- Markets can foster partnerships with community organisations, especially beekeeping clubs, farmer organisations and service clubs (eq Rotarians for Bees).
- Optional fundraising opportunities to support local organisers for Bee-causes.

# **Campaign Outcomes**

Farmers' markets participating in the **We Need Bees** Campaign should expect to receive:

- Higher market attendances and sales
- New shoppers
- Local media promotion and event coverage
- Development of supportive community partnerships (beekeepers, Rotarians for Bees, Wheen Bee Foundation Ambassadors)
- Positive awareness of the role of bees in agriculture and the environment
- Positive awareness of what actions stallholders/shoppers can take to help support bees.



# Why Should Your Market Join Up?

All Australian AFMA affiliated farmers' markets are invited to join this national Campaign.

Benefits to your market and your farmer and specialty food stallholders include:

- Media Event coverage
- Attract more shoppers to your market on We Need Bees Market Day
- FREE easy access to Campaign collateral that includes
  - AFMA, Wheen Bee Foundation,
     Rotarians for Bees, Amateur Beekeepers
     Association, and World Bee Day Logos
  - Poster and email footer templates
  - Media release template
  - Market Day Activation suggestions and resources
- Partnering opportunities with beekeeping clubs, Wheen Bee Foundation Ambassadors, Rotarians for Bees to support market day activations.
- Community precinct activation ideas
- Raise awareness of the vital role bees play
- Make a buzz!



# World Bee Day Market Event Dates

World Bee Day is Thursday 20 May 2021 so to maximise awareness activities WBF has declared that farmers' markets can run World Bee Day activities in markets operating between 15–23 May.

Markets can choose any date within that period (or several) to host **World Bee Day** events and awareness activities.

The date/s of these events need to be specified on the Pledge Form (Appendix 1).

15-23 MAY 2021

## **Market Day Activities**

# We Need Bees market day activities should all feature yellow as the primary Campaign colour.

Although wild bees come in all colours – red, white, yellow, blue, black, brown, orange, green, and even purple – yellow is the colour associated with European honey bees. These honey bees are the most widespread managed pollinator in the world and the one most associated with our food production.

# Wearing yellow could be your shopping bag, hat, coat, boots, ribbon etc. It might be your dog's collar.

We Need Bees Campaign activities can include:

- Wearing yellow
- World Bee Day picnic in the market precinct (if suitable and COVID-safe)
- Wearing bee suits or bee veils over a hat
- Having a kids video corner featuring a children's bee film,
   e.g. Maya the Bee 3: The Golden Orb (contact Studiocanal marina.vidakovic@studiocanal.com) or Bee Movie
- Featuring an observation hive so people can safely view bees close up and personal (cold weather may limit this option).
   Invite a beekeeping club to support your farmers' market display. We'll send you a link to locate your nearest club when you register.
- Talks by beekeepers. Ask your apiarist stallholder first.
- Honey themed breakfast menus honey muffins, crumpets and honey, honey bread, croissants and honey
- Judging a honey bake-off
- 'Bee-inspired' menus. (Not just honey, what about featuring the other foods that bees pollinate? E.g. almonds, apples, berries... check the list here www.wheenbeefoundation.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2019/04/WBF010-Pollination-Dependency-A4-LR.pdf
- Featuring seeds/flowers that are clearly identified as being 'bee-friendly' (i.e. they produce plenty of nectar and pollen)
- Honey tastings (COVID-safe)
- Teaching how to make native bee hotels

This list is just to get your ideas buzzing...
You can also tap into World Bee Day Feature Events at
www.worldbeeday.org.au

#### World Bee Day Feature Events include:

#### Performing the Waggle Dance

Resources at www.worldbeeday.org.au/waggle include:

- Instructional video introduced by Costa Georgiadis (2 minutes)
- Waggle dance lyrics
- Waggle dance music
- Waggle Dance Certificate available on registration
- Permission form for children to be filmed and included in the Online Waggle Dance Challenge (available on registration)
- Invite local schools to perform their version of the Waggle Dance
- Support from Rotarians for Bees to conduct your Waggle Dance event
- Uploading a video of your market waggle dance/dances to contribute towards the global online waggle dance challenge. Upload here www.worldbeeday.org.au/waggle

#### • Hosting a bee movie screening

Arrange a community screening of the film The Pollinators.
 View the short here <a href="https://au.demand.film/the-pollinators/">https://au.demand.film/the-pollinators/</a>

Request a screening here https://tickets.demand.film/film/request/YxZGleyb?lang=en\_GB and mention you are participating in the **We Need Bees** Campaign for **World Bee Day.** Consider arranging a panel discussion featuring a farmer, beekeeper and a bee scientist following the screening to help provide an Australian context for the film. Email info@worldbeeday.org.au to request a suggested running sheet and assistance with locating speakers.

 Joining a 'virtual' community table for an online screening of **Bees of Grand Staircase-Escalante.** Screenings on Thursday 20th May come with a 72 hour viewing licence, so you can watch it at a time that suits you.

Buy tickets, watch the short and register your virtual table here www.worldbeeday.org.au/feature-film

This Event is being hosted by Wheen Bee Foundation and run as a community fundraiser for the Australian *Discover Bees* Campaign. It will feature a high profile guest speaker too (TBA). Learn about Discover Bees here www.wheenbeefoundation.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/WBF031-Discover-Bees-Prospectus-12112020-3.pdf

# **Event Identity**

#### Name and logo

All participating farmers' markets are required to use the official event name **We Need Bees** and the associated event logo lockup as provided.

Download link will be emailed to you on return of your Pledge Form (Appendix 1).

#### Slogan

The World Bee Day Campaign slogan or strap line is:

#### Food Security Biodiversity Ecosystem Health

These three dimensions explain why We Need Bees.

Participating farmers' markets may also develop ancillary strap lines to suit or highlight their chosen World Bee Day activities.

Some examples to get you going:

- Join the buzz
- Waggling for World Bee Day.

Primary logo lockup



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Alternative logo lockups



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# **Marketing Collateral and Digital Assets**

#### Available collateral

The **World Bee Day** website will provide all participating farmers' markets with access to the following marketing collateral:

- Event logos
- Electronic direct mail template
- Email footer
- Banner design concepts
- Poster templates (A4 and A3)
- Media release template

These items will be provided once your market completes the **World Bee Day Pledge** confirming participation and the nominated events. There is no license fee, but signatures on the Pledge Form confirms agreement to the Terms of Use. See Appendix 1: Pledge Form.

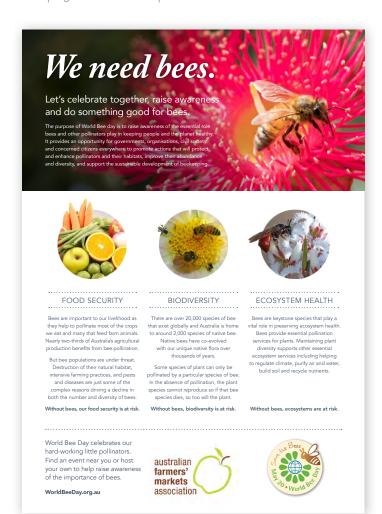
#### Download and usage

Participating market managers are invited to use some or all of these event marketing tools. The materials are available for **FREE DOWNLOAD.** The link will be made available on registration.

Suggested uses include:

- WBD/We Need Bees logo inclusion in market newsletters, e-fliers, social media posts
- WBD/We Need Bees logo on market day signage
- WBD/We Need Bees poster (A4/A3) laminated and displayed at the market management stall and all participating stalls – leading up to and on We Need Bees Market Day
- Pollination Dependency poster (A4/A3) laminated and displayed at all stalls on We Need Bees market day
- We Need Bees banner at the market or prominent site in your community
- Market Managers may wish to produce World Bee Day shopping bags using the Campaign logo.

Campaign collateral example



# **National Sponsors**

AFMA is one of several key national organisations supporting the **World Bee Day We Need Bees** Campaign:

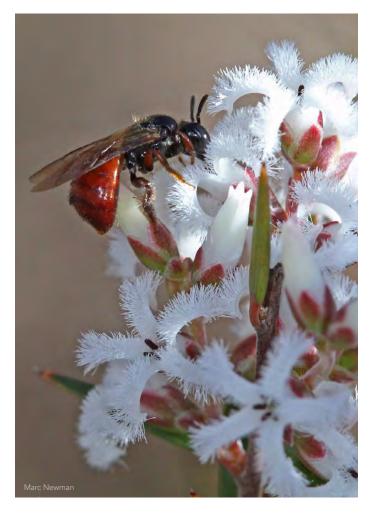
- The Wheen Bee Foundation
- Amateur Beekeepers Association
- Rotarians for Bees

Additional partners may be announced in the weeks leading up to the **We Need Bees** Campaign week. You can view all events as they are registered on the World Bee Day Events platform www.worldbeeday.org.au/explore

# **Local Sponsors**

Participating markets are encouraged to reach out to local community enterprises including the not-for-profit sector to secure local/regional sponsorship, e.g. local paper or radio, agricultural suppliers, honey packer, regional energy provider etc.

When sourcing local sponsors, please consider and avoid any possible conflicts of interest with national Campaign partners.



# **Community Partnering**

The **We Need Bees** awareness Campaign is intended to be fun, promote farmers' markets and the importance of bees for food security, biodiversity and ecosystem health. The Campaign also offers additional opportunities.

**We Need Bees** can be a platform to raise community awareness of positive community programs supporting bees and beekeepers.

AFMA recommends every participating **We Need Bees** market 'adopt' and collaborate with a local rural/regional program whose charter and activities dovetail well with best practice farmers' markets and the aims of the Campaign.

Farmers' markets may seek alliances with projects that support bees and beekeepers, eg:

- Discover Bees Campaign Discover and document all of Australia's remaining native bee species in 6 years.
   www.wheenbeefoundation.org.au/our-work/discoverbees
- Building Better Beekeeping Businesses after Bushfire (5Bees)

   supporting Australia's beekeepers to adapt in the face of climate change and recover from 2019/20 bushfire and drought.
   www.wheenbeefoundation.org.au/our-work/5-bees
- Bee Friendly Farming A national program that works with farmers, gardeners and partners to protect, preserve and promote pollinator health.

www.wheenbeefoundation.org.au/our-work/bee-friendly-farming

This is indicative and by no means an exhaustive list.

You are encouraged to offer your chosen community partner or project a stall or other presence – eg talk or display opportunity to provide visibility and a promotional platform.

AFMA will rely on market managers to choose and involve suitable organisations and undertake all community liaison at the grass roots level. Participating markets will be asked to report on their community extension activities and their outcomes.

## **Joining Community Links**

Market Managers are encouraged to choose one bee project or program to support as the **We Need Bees** Program partner. The chosen project should be promoted in all event collateral, and be prominently involved/have a stall on **We Need Bees** Market Day, allowing representatives to promote their respective bee programs.

# **Event Management**

Participating farmers' markets are wholly responsible for the management of their **We Need Bees** market day activities. The Wheen Bee Foundation (WBF) is responsible for providing the Campaign logo, and specified promotional tools for markets' use. **We Need Bees** market events will need to run within individual market budgets and resources. AFMA and WBF will not provide funding for individual market activities.

#### **Insurance**

Markets participating in the **We Need Bees** Campaign are expected to hold public liability insurance to cover any **We Need Bees** Campaign activity. A copy of a current certificate is required with the application. It is expected any **We Need Bees** activities, if conducted at the market on a regular market day, will be covered under each market's existing public liability cover.



#### **Risk Assessment**

It is recommended that where bees are planned to be included in market displays, a risk assessment is undertaken. As honey bees can sting and cause anaphylaxis, it is important to have assessed the risks and developed a clear risk mitigation strategy. A risk template will be provided in the resource materials to support your risk assessment planning.

# Legalities

AFMA and WBF do not accept any legal liability or responsibility for any loss, damages, costs or expenses incurred directly or indirectly by any use of, or reliance on, or interpretation of, any information contained in this **We Need Bees** Toolkit.

AFMA and WBF do not accept any legal liability or responsibility for any loss, damages, costs or expenses incurred directly or indirectly by any farmers' market participating in the **We Need Bees** Campaign.

# National Campaign Promotion – AFMA and Wheen Bee Foundation

The Wheen Bee Foundation is driving national awareness of the **We Need Bees** initiative in the lead up to World Bee Day. AFMA will support this activity. Media coverage will be sought in mainstream media (print, TV, radio), via ABC Radio and in rural media.

Event media releases will be issued to a wide audience including national news, rural and food media. The resulting coverage is intended to create a 'buzz' and promotional launch pad for your market's **We Need Bees** activities during May 2021.

# **Getting Started**

A link giving you access to all **We Need Bees** Campaign resources will be provided to you within 12 hours of returning your Pledge Form (Appendix 1).

It is the Market Manager's responsibility to:

- List their We Need Bees market event on the World Bee Day website www.worldbeeday.org.au
- Advise WBF and AFMA of newsworthy
   We Need Bees activities
- Supply images as appropriate

# Your Market Campaign Promotion

All participating markets are recommended to promote their **We Need Bees** events via:

- Social media Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Local and regional newspaper
- Posters in your local community
- Market site and market day signage
- Special offers and competitions
- Image uploads to market websites
- Market newsletters and e-newsletters

To assist market managers, the **We Need Bees Campaign Toolkit** includes a sample Media Release (Appendix 3) that can be amended to suit individual market activities. It is the market manager's responsibility to issue this release (once particularized) to local regional media outlets, including your local ABC. A Word template of the media release will be made available on registration.

#### **Social Media**

Social media is an ideal and cost effective tool to promote the **We Need Bees** markets.

All participating markets are encouraged to 'feed' the Campaign social media links.

Facebook www.facebook.com/WorldBeeDayAustralia

Twitter	@worldbeedayaus1	
Handles	#weneedbees	#weneedbeesforfood
	#worldbeeday2021	#worldbeedayaustralia
	#beesforlife	#beesareimportant
	#beesareawesome	#helpthebees
	#bees4food	#bees4foodsecurity
	#bees4biodiversity	#bees4ecosystem
	#farmersneedbees	#farmersmarkets4bees
	#ecosystemneedsbees	#biodiversityneedsbees
	#foodsecurityneedsbees	

AFMA and all participating markets are encouraged to contribute to social medial posts of all **We Need Bees** Campaign activities.



#### **Media Releases**

WBF and AFMA will issue media releases promoting the **We Need Bees** Campaign and its highlights. Market managers are also encouraged to send media releases to local/regional media to encourage awareness of their **We Need Bees** Market Day activities.

The **We Need Bees** Toolkit includes a sample media release (Appendix 3) that can be amended to reflect local activities. It is provided as a guide that you can simply amend to reflect your market details. You can of course create your own media release, but please remember to acknowledge the Campaign partners.

It is requested that any media release carries the primary partner footer. A footer and Word template of the media release will be made available on registration.

## Website & Campaign Resources

The World Bee Day Australia website is an events platform where people around Australia can list events that celebrate bees on or around World Bee Day.

Register your farmers' market for free here:

www.worldbeeday.org.au

A link to download your farmers' market kit and resources will be made available on registration.

Resources include:

- Pledge Form to join the Campaign (Appendix 1)
- Risk Planning Template for Bees
- We Need Bees Campaign Feedback Form (Appendix 2)
- Media release template (Appendix 3)
- Logos
- Bee photos
- Social media tiles
- Email footers
- Poster templates
- Banner design concepts

WBF will regularly update the site with **We Need Bees** activity news and images. It is up to all market managers to keep checking the site for updates and share relevant information and resources to WBF via info@worldbeeday.org.au

Please email **We Need Bees** news and images to info@worldbeeday.org.au and AFMA info@farmersmarkets.org.au

**We Need Bees** updates will be posted to the online portal as the **We Need Bees** Campaign activities unfold. The link will be provided on registration.

## **Pledge Form**

To be part of the **We Need Bees** Campaign you will need to complete the event Pledge Form. It is included in the Toolkit (Appendix 1). **You are required to complete the details and return to WBF and AFMA ASAP before 19 April 2021.** 

#### **Return Form to:**

We Need Bees 2021

E: info@worldbeeday.org.au

Cc: info@farmersmarkets.org.au

Mail: AFMA, PO Box 1101, Potts Point 2011

# **Campaign Reporting**

All participant markets will be required to complete an event Feedback Form (Appendix 2). **Feedback forms need to be returned by 20 June 2021.** 

#### **Return Feedback forms to:**

We Need Bees 2021

E: info@worldbeeday.org.au

Cc: info@farmersmarkets.org.au

Mail: AFMA, PO Box 1101, Potts Point 2011

## **Any Questions?**

The Toolkit is intended to provide you with all the necessary information, but if you require further details, please contact:

#### Wheen Bee Foundation

(Secretariat, World Bee Day Australia)

**E:** info@worldbeeday.org.au

**T:** 0436 423 429 (Naomi Swift)

#### **AFMA**

E: info@farmersmarkets.org.au

**T:** 0417 733 715 (Jane Adams)

# **Partner Acknowledgements**

Please acknowledge the following Campaign partners:

**Primary Partners** 









# **APPENDIX 1: World Bee Day 2021 Pledge Form**

YES! Our farmers' market wishes to participate in the 2021 We Need Bees Campaign.

#### Please sign and return this form before 19 April 2021 to:

#### We Need Bees 2021

E: info@worldbeeday.org.au Cc: info@farmersmarkets.org.au

Mail: AFMA, PO Box 1101, Potts Point 2011

Any questions? Call Jane Adams (AFMA) 0417 733 715

MARKET NAME	
MARKET ADDRESS	
MARKET WEBSITE	
MARKET MANAGER NAME	
EMAIL	
For correspondence	
EMAIL	
For authorised access to Campaign Resources (if different from above)	
TELEPHONE	
WE NEED BEES EVENT MANAGER NAME	
If different to manager above	
WE NEED BEES EVENT MANAGER EMAIL	
If different to manager above	
WE NEED BEES EVENT MANAGER TELEPHONE	
If different to manager above	
WE NEED BEES MARKET DATE/S	
Specify dates of one (or more)	
We Need Bees Market Days (15–23 May)	
MARKET TRADING TIMES	
INSURANCE POLICY NO.	Policy scan attached
Please also provide a copy of your market public liability insurance	Policy mailed
WE NEED BEES MARKET DAY ACTIVITIES	
Please list and describe proposed activities	
(use additional page if required)	

WE NEED BEES PARTNER ORGANISATIONS	
We propose to partner with	
PARTNER WEBSITE/S	
PARTNER ORGANISATION CONTACT DETAILS NAME	
TELEPHONE	
FUNDRAISER	
Our event will also raise money for (provide details)	
PROMOTION	
Please indicate how you propose to promote	
your <b>We Need Bees</b> Market Day activities	
ATTENDANCE	
How many stallholders do you expect on your <b>We Need Bees</b> Market Day/s?	
How many shoppers do you expect on your	
We Need Bees Market Day/s?	
OTHER INFORMATION	
Please provide any other relevant information	
that may assist the promotion and success of this event	
LICENCE AGREEMENT	
As the official representative of this market, I agree to participate in <b>We Need Bees</b>	Signed:
Campaign and agree to the terms of	
participation as outlined in this Toolkit.	Print name:
I agree that the <b>We Need Bees</b> logo will only be used on market collateral in relation to	
World Bee Day <b>We Need Bees</b> activities.	Date:
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# **APPENDIX 2: We Need Bees Event Feedback**

As a participating market, we request you complete this brief survey before 30 June 2021. Your feedback helps us to continue to improve the support services we provide.

MARKET WEBSITE Include link to We Need Bees Coverage  MANAGER NAME  EMAIL  TELEPHONE  WE NEED BEES EVENT NAME  WE NEED BEES EVENT DATE/S  COMMUNITY PARTNER ORGANISATION/S Please list  ATTENDANCE Number of stallholders at We Need Bees market day/s  Number of shoppers at We Need Bees market day/s  MEDIA COVERAGE Please state names of media organisations/publications  Television: Newspaper: Radio: Newsplatter: Social Media:	MARKET NAME	
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Please list the key outcomes/new community partnerships of your We Need Bees market events Please tick – or add other outcomes	New community partnerships created  Increased exposure of our farmers'markets to community  Attraction of younger demographic of shoppers – families, youth, school children  Increased produce sales  Increased shopper numbers  Increased awareness of farm–fork fresh food access through our farmers' market  Increased awareness of bees role in providing fresh healthy food and nutrition  Increased awareness of the Australian farmers' market movement  Provided ideas for future activity  Other (please describe)
FUNDRAISING Did your market fundraise at We Need Bees event/s? How much was raised for partner project/ organisation?	Yes No
MARKETING TOOLS  Did your market use the We Need Bees tools/templates provided?  Please tick tools used.  If not, why not?  Which tools were most helpful?  Please explain.	We Need Bees Logo World Bee Day website Bee risk assessment Waggle Dance certificates Media release template Banner layout
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN  Do you think We Need Bees should be an annual campaign?  Please give reasons for and against.	Yes No Now tell us why

PARTICIPATION  Would your market participate in  We Need Bees again?  If not, why not? Please explain.	Yes		No No				
SATISFACTION SCALE	Please circle:						
Please mark your overall satisfaction with		0	1	2	3	4	5
this <b>We Need Bees</b> Campaign from 0-5 5 = excellent	Very u	nsatisfie	d			Very	satisfied
CAMPAIGN SUGGESTIONS  WBF and AFMA invite and value any suggestions for future We Need Bees activities.  Send separate email if you wish!							

# Thank you

Thank you for your market's support for **We Need Bees**, and for your time in completing this survey.

Please return ASAP before 30 June 2021 to:

E: info@farmersmarkets.org.au Cc: info@worldbeeday.org.au

#### **APPENDIX 3:**

# **Sample Media Release**



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# Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: (date)

#### Farmers' markets buzzing to celebrate World Bee Day 2021

(Insert Name) Farmers' Market is encouraging shoppers to wear yellow on (Insert date) to show their support for bees – Australia's hard working pollinators.

"Three quarters of our food diversity is pollinated to some degree by bees" said XXX (name), XXXXX Farmers' Market manager. "Put simply, we wouldn't have farmers' markets without bees, so it is important to acknowledge and protect them".

About one in every three mouthfuls of food we eat is pollinated by bees. Pollinator dependent crops affect 35% of global agricultural land and support the production of 87 of the world's leading food crops.

"As keystone pollinators, bees are essential to our lives," says Fiona Chambers, CEO of Wheen Bee Foundation, a registered Australian charity dedicated to bees. "They play a crucial role for our food security and diversity, and they underpin biodiversity and ecosystem health".

The European honey bee is the most widespread managed pollinator in the world. The vast majority of pollinator species however are wild, including more than 20,000 species of bee. Australia is a biodiversity hotspot and home to more than 10% of global native bee diversity.

'Australia's farmers' markets are proud to support World Bee Day 2021 and help grow awareness of the vital role bees play in our food system. AFMA salutes all the farmers' markets that have pledged to celebrate World Bee Day, yet another way the vibrant farmers' market network can support healthy food systems and healthy communities, "said Jane Adams, Acting Chairperson of the Australian Farmers' Markets Association, the national advocacy organisation for farmers' markets.

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XXXX Farmers' Market invites all shoppers and stallholders to wear yellow at their World Bee Market Day. There will also be [insert list of market day activities here....]

'WE NEED BEES' markets are being held across Australia as part of World Bee Day 2021 celebrations. The aim is to raise awareness of these powerful pollinators, the unique roles they play in protecting our planet, and what each of us can do to protect them in return.

(Insert Name) Farmers' Market WE NEED BEES Market Day will be held on (insert date) May 2021, from (insert time) at (insert location).

Wear yellow!

www.worldbeeday.org.au

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