


In October 2025 we asked photographers to keep their eyes open for bees to photograph over the Spring and Summer months. In July 2026 we launched the Hived Bee Festival Photo Competition. Over a three month period 190 images were submitted by 53 photographers. The exhibition opened the day of the Bee Festival and features 35 images.

Competition entrants were a mixture of professionals, amateurs, photography enthusiasts and bee enthusiasts. We'd like to thank everyone who submitted images and who helped us kick off Northcliffe's inaugural Hived Bee Festival. Our thanks also to our volunteer judge, photographer Melissa Zappelli.

The Hived Bee Festival Photo Competition and Exhibition were created by Northcliffe Community Resource Centre in partnership with Southern Forest Arts.

*Right: 'Blue Banded Bees 2, Narbethong Victoria' by Sue Mckellar,* ***People's Choice Winner****.*

*Top: A detail from the exhibition poster which features the image 'Leaf Cutter Bee with Bee Hotel' by Michael Fuller.*



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image "Leaf-cutter bee with bee hotel" by Michael Fuller , used with permission

## Hived Bee Festival Exhibition Winners...

*Clockwise from right:*

*A detail from 'Closing the Distance' by Donald Chin,* ***Second prize winner***

*Hollyhocks and the Bee by Jasmine Sutherland.,* ***Honorable Mentio***

*'Sweet Sunshine' by Lyn Neal,* ***Highly Commended***

*'Bee Taken by Green Head Ant' by Zane Kelbrick,* ***First prize winner*** *.*

### Is this bee peeing ?!

As bees drink thin, sugary nectar from flowers, they take in a lot of extra water. To stay light enough to fly and to concentrate the sugars, they shed this extra water mid-flight or while perched. This is pure water and not true urine.

This is just one small detail from Donald Chin's amazing photo. Come and see it in person in the Painted Tree Gallery before 22nd Nov!







