

# Construct a Bee/Insect Hotel or a Bat Box!!

**Boorowa Show**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**

Give Mother Nature, our native bees and microbats a helping hand to keep our plants and food crops pollinated and keep us growing strong with the best quality food we can grow!

**And remember, a microbat can eat up to 500 mosquitoes in one hour!**

Do some research on how to, and what to use to help provide these pollinators with safe homes in our gardens. A couple of good search terms to help with your design could be:

“Build a bee hotel to help native bees”

“Build a microbat box”

- Entry is free, cash prizes to be won.
- Build a waterproof home with lots of little nooks, holes, hollow sticks and bark tubes for native bees

**Or**

- Build a wooden microbat box with underneath entry and internal shade cloth for grip.
- Try your hardest to use natural and recycled materials
- Avoid paint, plastic and rubber where you can
- Get your family, neighbours, school or sporting group to join in

**Classes:**

- Individual entry Native Bee Hotel or Microbat Box
- Preschool/Infants Native Bee Hotel or Microbat Box
- Primary School Group Native Bee Hotel or Microbat Box
- Secondary school group Native Bee Hotel or Microbat Box

Prizemoney for each class is kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Robert and Julie Styles, and the Boorowa Show Society

**Entries are due by Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (that's the paperwork!)**

**Exhibits (that's the hotels and boxes!) are to be taken to the showground Pavilion before 9am Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

