

Clarence Valley Hive Box

Design

The Clarence Valley Hive Box design was developed by Clarence Native Bee member Neville Anderson. Neville has an extensive background in keeping native stingless bees and during this time he has constructed many different native bee boxes finally perfecting the design to better manage native stingless bees on the North Coast of NSW.

Many members of Clarence Native Bees Landcare group agree with this as they have been able to put Neville's design to the test. The Clarence Valley Hive Box design works best for keeping bees on the North Coast because the box is built with thicker walls which provides better insulation during the winter months but also during hot weather events. The protective entrance is also designed to shield bees from rain and wind and lends itself well for a landing and take-off platform. The measurements of the hive are beneficial in producing a larger colony of bees which can lead to increased hive growth and also honey production.

The hive box design is also easy to construct from the diagram illustrated on the back of this page.



Native Stingless Bee Hives designed by Neville Anderson

(Photo : Susan Moore)