## NORF LK ISLAND

## MEDIA RELEASE

European honeybees (Apis mellifera) have been a part of Norfolk Island's environment and culture since European settlement. Bees not only provide honey but are also essential in the pollination of many plants and support the production of food on Norfolk Island.

The bee health survey conducted by Dr John Roberts in 2021-22 found Norfolk Island's bees to have fewer pests and pathogens than any other bee population in the world. To keep our bee's healthy one of the key recommendations in the report was for all beekeepers to register their hives and encourage regular hive inspections for any pests or diseases.

## **Free Beehive Registration**



Norfolk Island Regional Council has set up an

online form for beekeepers to register their beehives for **FREE**. This form can be found at <u>https://www.nirc.gov.au/honey-bees</u>. If you need help with the form, you can contact me on 51097 or email <u>tara.patel@nirc.gov.nf</u>.

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