



Australian Native Bee Association Inc (ANBA)

STRATEGIC PLAN

Vision, Mission and Pillars 2022-2023

Vision

Australian native bees are valued and protected

Mission

The ANBA promotes the conservation, cultural significance and sustainable management of all Australian native bees.

The ANBA promotes the development of native bee products and services to benefit agriculture, the community and the environment.

Pillars

Six pillars will guide ANBA to achieve its mission

Pillars

ANBA will achieve its mission by:

1. Providing education, awareness, and community support for Australia's native bees
2. Enabling and assisting branches to support active, inclusive, and respectful member communities
3. Supporting research that enhances the health and wellbeing of native bees and/or the use of native bees in agriculture and the environment and/or development of the native bee products.
4. Engaging with indigenous communities and interests for mutual exchange of knowledge
5. Advocating as the peak body to ensure the health and wellbeing of managed and wild native bees
6. Providing sustainable governance and management of the association

Each of these pillars is described in more detail in the following pages.

Pillar 1

Providing education, awareness, and community support for Australia's native bees

- 1.1 Develop a national source of reliable quality information and knowledge about native bees
- 1.2. Provide public workshops on native bees
- 1.3. Facilitate networking opportunities and a contact hub to connect people with native bees
- 1.4. Provide information stands and/or presentations on native bees at selected key events:
 - 1.4.1. Agricultural field days
 - 1.4.2. Local festivals and markets
 - 1.4.3. Other associations and relevant events
- 1.5. Attendance at selected business/industry development conferences
- 1.6. Broaden distribution of high quality and informative Newsletter: "The Cross Pollinator"
- 1.7. Produce fourth volume of 'ANBA Annual' publication (2022-2023)
- 1.8. Explore opportunities to develop a specific Australian native bee public awareness event/activity



Pillar 2

Enabling and assisting branches to support active, inclusive, and respectful member communities

- 2.1. Provide communication for all branches through ANBA Newsletter, website, and other channels
- 2.2 Support and promote branch activities and their provision of community workshops and other relevant events to build awareness of native bees
- 2.3. Provide resources, infrastructure, and insurances to support branch activities
- 2.4. Offer centralised banking arrangements to minimise branch admin
- 2.5. Sponsor native bee honey competitions and provide national awards
- 2.6. Offer member discounts for workshops and conferences





Pillar 3

Supporting research that enhances the health and wellbeing of native bees and/or the use of native bees in agriculture and the environment and/or development of the native bee products.

- 3.1. Support the progress of high priority research activities as described in the Strategic RD&E (2022-2027) Plan
- 3.2. Proactively advocate for funding opportunities and provide peak body (in-kind, seed funding, and/or endorsement) support for funding applications that enables native bee research projects
- 3.3. Promote research capacity building, through support for Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) and other collaborations and partnerships, relevant to native bees
- 3.4. Encourage universities to include native bee activities in agricultural and environmental undergraduate courses, and facilitate postgraduate/postdoctoral research opportunities
- 3.5. Connect members, industry and researchers through the biennial Australian Native Bee Conference

Pillar 4

Engaging with indigenous communities and interests for mutual exchange of knowledge

- 4.1. Commence respectful conversations with Aboriginal corporations and communities with mutual interests in the conservation of native bees and the sustainable management of stingless bee colonies
- 4.2. Respect and support traditional custodian access to and cultural practices with native stingless bee colonies
- 4.3. Explore future collaborative events and activities (e.g. sugar-bag festival)



Pillar 5

Advocating as the peak body to ensure the health and wellbeing of managed and wild native bees

- 5.1 Ensure ANBA becomes recognised and operates as the peak body for managed and wild native bees
- 5.2 Develop best practice guidelines for:
 - 5.2.1 hive practice and bee health
 - 5.2.2 farm/property/landscape management to promote native bee diversity
 - 5.2.3 bee hotel production and use
- 5.3 Native bee honey food standards are approved.
 - 5.3.1 The need for standards and approvals for other native bee products are explored
- 5.4 Increase engagement with the agricultural sector through outreach workshops and encourage their involvement and inclusion in relevant projects, and attendance and participation at ANBA workshops and conferences
- 5.5 Engage and collaborate with relevant federal and state government entities, other major Australian stakeholders, and international organisations to advocate for the interests of ANBA

Pillar 6

Providing sustainable governance and management of the association

- 6.1 Progress upgrade to website
- 6.2 Maintain and grow mailing list database
- 6.3 Implement communications strategy, as described in the Strategic RD&E Plan (2022-2027)
- 6.4 Seek funding from government grants and/or corporate sponsors
- 6.5 Establish working groups and committees for specific projects
- 6.6 Undertake governance training for the management committee
- 6.7 Build financial reserves
- 6.8 Review and update strategic plan before the end of 2023

