

Bees on the school farm



Why bother with bees?





Your produce choices *with* bees



Your produce choices *without* bees



Your dairy choices *without* bees

An intimate view of another organism



Image courtesy of Vita Gallery, Vita (Euro



Bees need beekeepers



Bees are useful...

Bees fit in odd spaces



Why not bees?





Bees don't take holidays

Beekeeping is animal husbandry





Physical work



Sometimes dirty



With added stings



Often sticky



Supervision

It's not all bad!



Ecology and context





Pollinating by hand



Roles for honey bees





Planning and management
Problem solving
Practical skills

Life-changing for some



Insect hotel





Love your weeds

Extending the farm



Image: 5th St Farm Project NY

Ceres Community Farm Melbourne

Apiary



Triple R Luxury Car Hire

The Merri Table

CERES Organic Grocery

CERES Organic Cafe

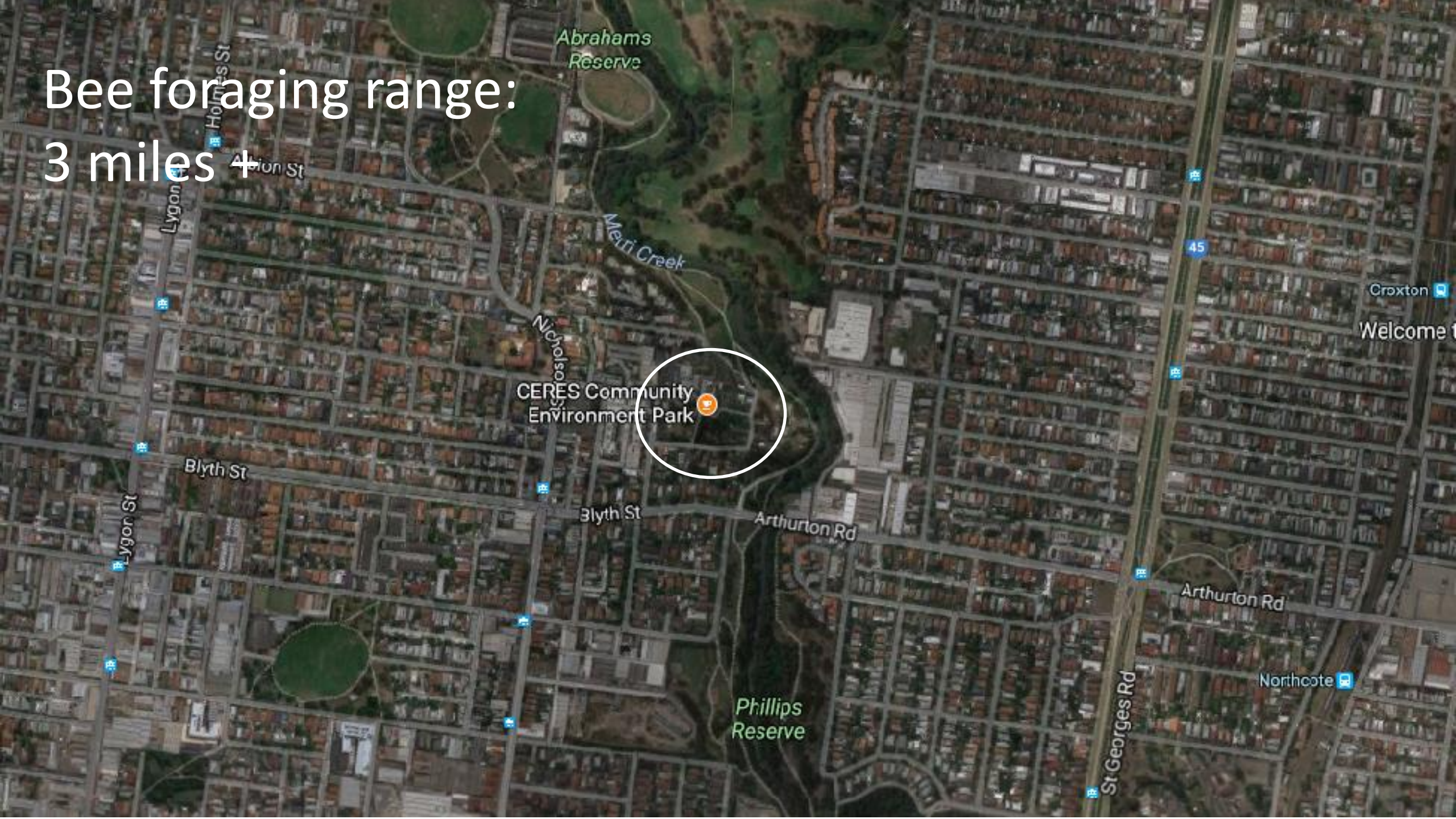
CERES Permaculture & Bushfood Nursery

CERES Community Environment Park

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Bike Shed

Bee foraging range:
3 miles +





← Ceres

Urban Beekeepers
contributing to
urban farm

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Getting started?



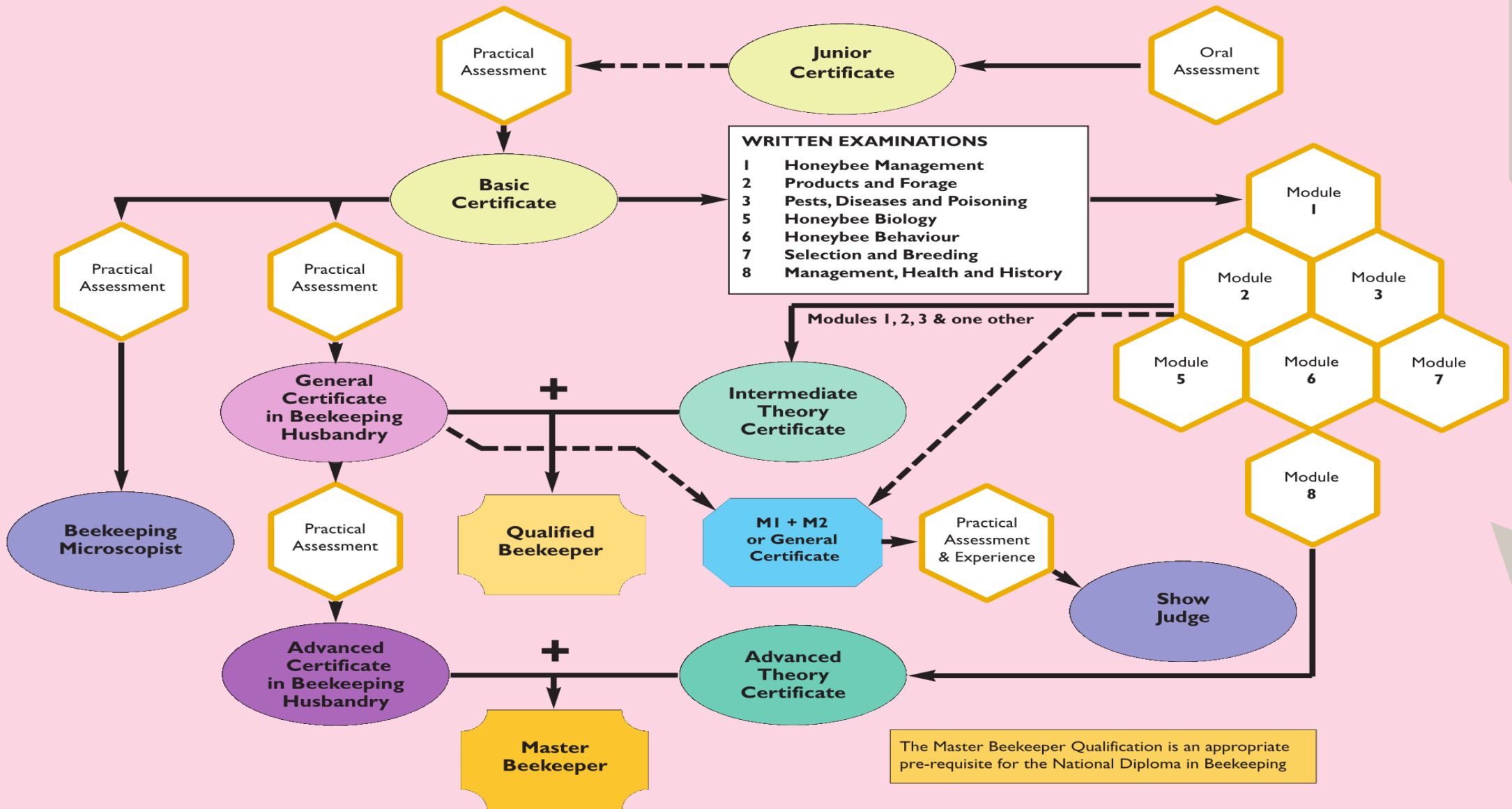
Training, Mentorship and Support

Image: Pembrokeshire BKA training apiary



BBKA – Training Qualification and Assessment Framework

Introduction to Beekeeping Courses





Anaphylaxis is uncommon but life threatening

A safe environment





Sophia Mundi Steiner School

Collingwood Children's Farm Inc

Bees

Collingwood Children's Farm

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Equipment – lots of it



Info and Resources

- Other schools with apiaries
- Companies that could assist in setup or management (e.g. Plan Bee)
- The British Beekeepers' Association
- Your local beekeepers' club / friendly beekeepers
- The National Bee Unit – lots of advice on their website + real people
- Books – a wide selection
- YouTube – instructional videos, some excellent, some otherwise
- The web – lots of info but need to be judicious