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Free talk with Aussie Stingless Bee author

Dr Tim Heard, author of *The Australian Native Bee Book: Keeping stingless bee hives for pets, pollination and sugarbag honey*, will be at Grafton Library next Wednesday evening. Dr Heard is in Grafton to take part in a Native Stingless Bee Expo during the day and will discuss his recent book at a public event at the Sir Earle Page Library and Education Centre at 6pm.

Dr Heard is an entomologist, ex-CSIRO research scientist, and long-term keeper and promoter of Australia's native stingless bees and native bees in general. He has published more than 120 research papers and popular articles, including 50 on bees and pollination. He obtained his first stingless bee hive in 1985, and now keeps more than 300 hives of three species around south-east Queensland. He has personally propagated more than 2,000 new colonies. Tim has developed new hive designs for stingless bees that allow easy and sustainable propagation of new hives and extraction of honey. He has presented workshops and seminars for more than 20 years on bees in general, and on keeping stingless bees in particular. Tim currently runs Sugarbag Bees, which produces stingless bee hives, offers beekeeping services, and conducts workshops, seminars and research on Australia's native stingless bees. This is his first book.

When: 5:30 for 6pm Wednesday 17th February

Where: Grafton Library

Release ends.

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