

JOB TITLE: EXPERIENCED BEEKEEPER (One position available)

EMPLOYER: Coorong Apiaries

LOCATION: Meningie, South Australia, Australia

CONTRACT PERIOD: Six months commencing in September 2026 (negotiable).

SALARY & CONDITIONS: An attractive above Award rate salary commensurate with the skills and experience of the successful applicant will be paid. Accommodation will be provided.

WORK ENVIRONMENT: Most of the work will be conducted in an outdoor environment. Significant out-of-hours travel will be required during the season to shift hives to and from various pollination sites and food sources.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Friday 31 July, 2026

TO APPLY: Please send a current CV and Cover Letter addressing the Essential and Desirable Criteria to coongapiaries@gmail.com by **NO LATER than Friday 31 July, 2026**. Early applications are strongly encouraged as the position may be filled prior to this date if a suitable applicant is found.

ABOUT US

Coorong Apiaries was established by passionate beekeeper Bill Brown in 1998.

Bill started his beekeeping journey with just one hive at the age of 12. Before leaving school, Bill worked for a number of South Australian beekeepers who provided Bill with opportunities to learn the 'art of beekeeping'.

From the age of 17, Bill dreamt of owning 50 hives and a small hobby farm at Meningie. This dream was well and truly realised by 1998 when Coorong Apiaries became a reality. Roll on to 2016 and Bill had increased the size of his apiary to 2000 hives. In 2017, Natalie, born in Germany, with a successful career in the cosmetic and travel industries and herself a beekeeper and lover of nature, moved to Australia. Together, they now manage over 3000 hives, supported by an excellent team of family members and local people, who work throughout the year to produce high quality honey and honey products under the brand name of Coorong Gold.

Coorong Apiaries is accredited by BQual. B-QUAL aims to ensure that all the honey produced in Australia is quality assured for both domestic and export markets. BQual accreditation has been designed to meet the specific requirements of the European Union (EU) for the export of honey and honey products and the requirements of the Food Safety Standards of Australia and New Zealand.

For more information go to: coorongapiaries.com.au.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Coorong Apiaries is seeking an experienced Beekeeper to assist their hardworking team for a contract period of six months (only), coinciding with Coorong Apiaries' busiest beekeeping season. The successful applicant will be responsible to the owner for all duties associated with the provision of pollination services and the management (including varroa mite monitoring) of over 3000 hives.

This position provides an excellent opportunity for a young, overseas experienced Beekeeper, who is eligible to obtain a working visa for Australia, to combine work with travel opportunities during their home 'off-season'. This arrangement has the potential to be offered on an ongoing basis for three years, depending on personal and economic circumstances.

Local and interstate experienced Beekeepers are also strongly encouraged to apply.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage and maintain bee colonies.
- Monitor bee and hive health for pests and diseases and treat where required.
- Transport bee hives to pollination and other sites.
- Set up, clean and correctly store hive and other processing equipment
- Extract and pack honey and honey-related products.
- Provide supplementary feeding to bee colonies if required.
- Keep log books and detailed records of hive inspections as required by South Australian law.
- Work safely and cleanly, in accordance with established Work Health and Safety laws and best practices.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

- Minimum three years' beekeeping experience in a medium to large-size apiary.
- Current Australian Driver's Licence (or overseas equivalent).
- Ability to work effectively as a member of a team, with minimum supervision.
- Willingness and flexibility to work long hours and oftentimes, outside of normal working hours.
- Ability to communicate effectively, respectfully and accurately both verbally and in writing.
- Proven experience in working cleanly and safely when performing all beekeeping and other duties.
- Physical strength and stamina to lift and move heavy equipment and hives, often in difficult outdoor conditions.
- Overseas applicants must be eligible for an Australian Working Visa, and to secure this (at their own cost) prior to taking up the position.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

- Current Australian Heavy Vehicle (Truck) Licence (or overseas equivalent).
- Knowledge of Varroa Mite (and other hive pests and diseases) detection and treatment processes.
- Skills in beehive construction and maintenance.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please email jenny@moversandshakers.net.au.