Small Farm Field Day Gidgegannup

Programme of Events

Agricultural Showgrounds, Toodyay Road Sunday, 24th May, 2026

TIME	EVENT
9.00 am	**Gidgegannup Small Farm Field Day gates open**
	Café/Entertainment Area
10.00am – 4.00pm	Face Painting by **Nina Rose**
10.00am, 1.00pm.2.30pm	**Punch and Judy**
11.15am	Choir and Music – **Gidgegannup Primary School**
11.45am	Opening of the Field Day **by Michelle Maynard, MLA Member for Swan Hills**
12.00 pm	**Wadumbah Aboriginal Dance group**
10.45 am-11.15am 1.45-2.15pm	**Music by Stu McKay**
	Bush Verandah
10.00am – 4.00pm	**The Slow Food Movement** are running **"Seeds for kids"** This will be a fun and educational activity to help children discover where food really comes from, starting right from the seed. Through hands-on learning, kids will plant their own seeds in small containers, water them, and take them home to watch them grow. Each participant will receive a small planting container, made from simple, sustainable materials like sections of egg cartons, along with soil, seeds, and a spray bottle. With these tools, they'll plant their own seeds and take them home to take care of them, watching over time as they sprout and grow. A "Potato-digging activity" where children can uncover potatoes themselves from a box filled with soil. To make it even more interactive, kids will estimate and weigh how many potatoes are needed to make a packet of chips, to teach them about food, cost, and the benefits of cooking at home. Overall, the aim of these activities is to offer a playful and practical way for children to connect with food, nature, and healthy habits.
9.30am – 4.00pm	**The Worm Shed** – Children's activity – making mini worm farms – free mini worm farms
	Around the Grounds
11.20am and 12.30pm	**Mad Tatters Morris Dancers -** Café area in Machinery Section
9.00am – 3.00pm	**Mundaring Community Bank Discovery Trail**
	Interactive Craft for children
All Day	**Enchanted Characters Stiltwalkers**
All Day	**RUOK Conversation Convoy –** providing free resources, events and activities for the community to help them understand the important role they can play looking out for friends and family when they are going through difficult times.

Farriers Shed	**Livestock Area**
12 noon and 2.00 pm	Shearing Demonstration - **Bruce Slayter**
All Day	Sheep Wiltipoll, Kiadare
Goat Shed	
All Day	**WA Mohair Goat Association**
All Day	**National Pygmy Goats Association Australia** **Dandalee Park**
Cattle Yards	
All Day	**Paragon Miniature Herefords, Highland Cattle, Galloway, Dexters, Baby Doll Sheep**
11.00-11,30am and 2.00-2.30pm	Talks on **– Managing Livestock and Hobby Farm Set up**
	Grassed Area
All Day	**Mundaring Community Bank Marquee** – Discovery Trail helpers, advice, leaflets, pencils
All Day	**Interactive children's craft –** helped by the **Freedom Fairies**
All Day	**Critters up Close and the WA Birds of Prey**
All Day	**Chidlow Spinning Group**
	Back Paddock
All day	**Alpaca Expo** – Competitions, Displays, Talks, Advice
	Sale of goods made from natural fibre, and spinning demonstrations
All Day	**Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades Expo**
All Day	**The Machinery Preservation Club of WA (Inc) for Machinery Demonstration**
Woodturners Association of WA	Demonstrations of Woodturning with small items for sale
	Arena
8.30 am – 4.30pm	**Australian Mounted Games** The World's most popular and inexpensive Family Friendly Horse Sport. Fast Fun and Exciting. Incredible Ponies and brilliant horsemanship skills.
11.00am, 1230pm,1.30,2.30	**Working Dogs Display – Nigel Armstrong with the Yarralonga Kelpies**
	Machinery Area
10.30am, 1.30pm,	**Geoff Francis** –"Chainsaw maintenance at home – Tips on keeping your chainsaw sharp"
	Café Area Two

10.00am onwards	**Stu McKenzie** – guitar music and song
	Face Painting by Rainbow Unicorn Facepainting
	Ian Stannard Pavilion – Sustainability Pavilion
10.00am	**Mark Tucek -** How to grow and use Native edible plants at home—bringing bush foods into everyday gardens
11.00	**Chris Ferreira –** 'Creating a FireWise Garden' - the insider tips for creating and sustaining a safer, more beautiful, eco-friendly garden
1145 am.	**Andrea Whitley** Low-Fuss, High-Style: Container Gardening for Busy Country Homes
12.45	**Srikanth Gundappagari** - DPIRD "Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) Response
1.30pm	**Chris Ferreira –** Lush nutritious, veggies and Fruit trees
2.30pm	**Dr. Kit Prendergast -** Native bee scientist, conservation ecologist and science communicator 'Creating a Haven for Native Bees':
	Small Landholders' Marquee
All Day	Susannah Brook Catchment Group DPIRD Polyphagous Shot-hole borer information
	HONEY FESTIVAL Near Gate 3
KIDS MARQUEE	.
ALLDAY	Great craft activities. Lots of glueing, painting and colouring in
ALL DAY	BEE A BEEKEEPER Dress in a bee suit and inspect a hive, spin your frames and take home a jar of honey
ALL DAY	OBSERVATION HIVE with real bees to look at
STORY TELLING with TERRI OWBRIDGE	Local Author, Terri Owbridge, will be holding Story Telling sessions
10AM – 12PM – 2PM	FACE PAINTING Come along between 10am and 2pm and visit our talented painters
	The Kid's Marquee is where you want to Bee
MAIN MARQUEE **ALL DAY** **ALL DAY**	Come and see all the Honey and Wax entries on display Honey and Wax Judges will be available to answer questions
9.00am – 2.30pm	**Raffle tickets will be on sale -** you gotta be in it to win it.
	This year the theme of the Small Farm Field Day is **ROOTS = ROT – REBIRTH –** Our speakers will follow this theme **and how it applies to Bees**
10 am	1st speaker Rupert Phillips from The House of Honey will talk on ROOTS

10.00am	All Honey Cake and Cup Cake entries to be in
12.00pm	2nd Speaker Gary Richards from Down2Earth with a presentation on ROT . How maintaining our soils is important for Bees.
1.00pm	Judge and Peoples Choice Awards for Baked Goods announced
2.00pm	3rd Speaker (To be announced) will cover REBIRTH. New beginnings , new seasons for the Bees.
3.00pm	Honey and Wax Winners will be announced and prizes awarded. Raffle Winners drawn
	Once again, our lovely MC, Leigh Taylor, will run proceedings. Listen for her interviews with Stall Holders, Visitors , Speakers and Contestants. Leigh will keep you informed of proceedings, right throughout the day
4.00pm	Close of Field Day