RIVER DISTRICT Apiary
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*Q2 at the Apiary*
*April-June 2026*

## *April: A Fresh Start*

*As the weather warms, the River District bees emerge from winter and quickly get to work. The queen increases egg laying, while worker bees begin collecting pollen and nectar from early spring blooms like willow, maple, and flowering currant.*

*April also marks split season, when strong colonies are divided to create new hives. This helps grow the apiary while reducing natural swarming. Thanks to excellent winter survival, several healthy new colonies were established this spring.*

*The apiary also received a fresh coat of paint during a Wesgroup staff volunteer event. Colourful, hand-painted hive boxes help bees recognize their homes after returning from foraging.*

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## *May: Growing Strong*

*With longer days and an abundance of blossoms, the hives experience rapid growth. Bee populations increase from just a few thousand to tens of thousands, requiring additional hive boxes and fresh wax frames to support the expanding colonies.*

*May also marked the return of public apiary tours, welcoming visitors for live hive demonstrations and an opportunity to learn more about honey bees and the River District Apiary.*

## *June: Honey Season Begins*

*By June, the colonies reach peak strength as bees collect nectar from blackberry blossoms, clover, and other summer flowers. Inside the hive, worker bees transform nectar into honey, carefully storing and capping each cell with wax.*

*The bees brought in an incredible amount of nectar this month, and another successful honey harvest is just around the corner. Stay tuned for our next update as we prepare for this year's harvest and the transition into fall.*