

Ants, Bees and similar Summer Favourites?

The recent warm weather is bringing out the best that Lorne has to offer! However brilliant sun-shine and magic beach days is not the only thing on the rise.

All insects become more active in warm weather and the last few weeks have been particularly excellent for the Lorne bug community. Most notably; Ants, Termites, Bees, Wasps and Flies.

Here are a few tips for those who do not like sharing their summer with these pests.

Ants – they're everywhere this time of year, opening new nests and foraging madly in preparation for Winter. Here are a few simple preventatives;

- Try to ensure that your garden and soil are not in contact with the main structure of your home.
- Prune trees and shrubs that are touching the house.
- Clean-up all drink spills and food scraps immediately.
- Place sweet foods in clean well-sealed containers – or better yet in the refrigerator.

Of course if all else fails contact a pest controller for advice.

Bees and Wasps – like Ants; Bees and Wasps will often use the warmer months to create new colonies.

- Be on the lookout for groups of insects flying together in groups or in obviously straight lines. This may indicate a nest is nearby.
- **Do not** try to treat nests on your own. Most people who do simply get angry (and dangerous) bugs.
- If you discover a hive/nest then advise your neighbours and contact the Shire or a Pest Controller.

Termites – it's hot and the Termites are very active.

- Get a Timber Pest Inspection Report, if you haven't had one done in the last year.

Flies – “these flies!”

- Check your flyscreens and screen doors.
- Position rubbish bins and compost heaps as far from your homes doors as possible.
- Get out the Aeroguard and fly swatter.

A number of very effective chemical treatments exist for flies, available from Pest Controllers.

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