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COMPANY PROFILE

Our Vision”

We believe that all things are connected. We should all take responsibility to ensure that our planet and all in it survives & thrives.

Details of the company

The Beeger Picture (Pty) Ltd was founded by Inge Austin (nee Lotter) in 2013 under the trading name Kippinge (Pty) Ltd and has been offering beekeeping and bee removal services in the Lowveld and Mpumalanga since then. Our highly trained team has been certified to work at heights ensuring that we comply with all requirements from our clients. Our honey and beeswax products are of the highest quality and customer satisfaction is very important. We comply with the Pollination Charter regulations to ensure that our pollination service provides our clients with a reliable service to optimise fruit and nutset in their orchards.

Services offered

Live honeybee removals & relocations

We remove and relocate Honey Bees all over the Lowveld area with our experienced team. Removing bees can be extremely dangerous and we advise that you don't attempt to do it yourself. We have all the required certification and insurance to give our clients the best possible service and peace of mind. We use the latest equipment and techniques to allow us to remove honey bee colonies from even the most inaccessible locations. Please don't kill them, give us a call.

Pollination services

Bees ensure a reliable and diverse seed and fruit supply through pollination. Cross pollination between different cultivars of the same plant often provides more uniform fruit, with greater fruit weight and quality. Pollination services is probably the single most valuable service honey bees provide and affect every level of society as seed production for vegetables, oil seed and even cotton and animal feeds depend on pollination! In turn this provides jobs in the entire supply chain of all these industries.

The Beeger Picture managed bee colonies provide pollination services for many crops including: Blueberries, Macadamia, Avo, Litchi, Mango, Sunflower and Kidney Beans

* Please note, a pollination service agreement will be signed to ensure both a quality service and a safe environment for the hives for the duration of the contract.

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Hive management services

The Beeger Picture offers hive management to both farmers, hobbyists and smaller beekeepers to ensure their hives remain in optimal health and productivity. A full range of hive management services are available and tailor made to each client's needs

Honey extraction services

We provide a full range of honey extraction services to our clients through a complete management system whereby the honey is harvested, extracted and bottled; extracting honey from suppliers which are delivered to our premises; and even to the client using our facilities - thereby catering for each client specific needs.

Beekeeping Consulting Services

The Beeger Picture offers consulting services for existing, new and start-up beekeepers as well as farmers wanting to optimize their hive placements for best pollination and or honey production. Advice on planting additional bee forage to ensure optimal health of honey bee colonies and other natural pollinators is an integral part of this service.

Bee Forage Plants

The Beeger Picture has advised on, sourced and grown high value bee forage plants such as [African Blue Basil](#) (otherwise known as perennial basil which are excellent bee forage plants with good pollen and nectar values and which flowers 12 month of the year in frost free areas) and many other species for a long time. Contact us for a list of plants available according to season. Plants can also be propagated on customer's request.

Equipment and hive sales

From bee hives, bee suits, smokers to honey extractors, we stock a wide variety of beekeeping equipment.

Proudly South African Honey, Beeswax and Propolis Product Sales

We are proudly South African just like our products. All our honey is farmed locally in the Lowveld, Mpumalanga. We believe having a good tasting product is worth nothing if the methods used to produce it are not in line with nature.

Under our brand name "King's Honey", our honey, beeswax and propolis products are produced from our own hives right here in the Lowveld. We are proud to produce a variety of products that provide a wholesome, natural alternative to many traditionally chemically based products. We produce candles; wood, leather and lip balms; face, body and baby creams; several other beeswax products; soaps, as well as propolis tinctures and creams that promote health and healing. Finally quality Honey wine (Mead) is produced and any honey from the company that does not comply with our choice grade standard is used to make our unique and sought after honey vinegar (Melegar). Our motto: Waste not, want not!

Beekeeper training

A comprehensive beekeeping course that includes information on the biology of the African Honey Bee, principles and procedures to ensure successful beekeeping has been developed and many development, aspirant, hobbyist and even full time beekeepers have attended this course. Many growers also attend with the aim of understanding the needs of their pollination service providers and their colonies.

Having been actively involved in training of beneficiaries for development projects, the team has grown to include 3 trainers with hands on beekeeping experience for beekeeping courses,

A bee removal course has also been presented to companies wanting to equip their staff in safely removing bees on their premises.

About our Founder and Owner: Inge Austin the bee expert

Everything bees

Inge Austin is an entrepreneur and owner of ***The Beeger Picture*** with an apiary of approximately 1000 hives where she works as a beekeeper, bee removal expert and consultant. She further does hive management for a further approximately 200 hives owned by farmers. She also has extensive experience in skills development in several fields.

Skills development

She has thirteen years hands-on experience as a beekeeper and also has extensive experience in skills development in several fields. Her beekeeping course has to date been attended by at least 420 private individuals and 180 rural beekeeping project participants in several projects throughout Mpumalanga and KwaZulu Natal.

Part of a larger community

She is currently vice chairperson of the board of the South African Beekeeping Industry Organisation (SABIO) as the Mpumalanga representative also the Chairperson for the Lowveld region of the Northern Beekeeping Association.

She has set up several forums with members from the beekeeper, farming and academic (universities) sectors to discuss and find solutions for the ongoing threats that face the honey bee in South Africa and especially the Mpumalanga Lowveld. Inge has been communicating extensively with all role players, from DALRRD officials (both nationally and provincially) to University professors and Growers Associations of several agricultural crops grown in the Lowveld to ensure sustainable beekeeping and pollination into the future.

She has developed several planting strategies to assist both beekeepers and farmers to ensure healthy honey bee populations that will in turn provide adequate pollination for the crops grown in the region. She has also set up several forums with members from the beekeeper, farming and Growers Associations of several agricultural crops grown in the Lowveld to ensure sustainable beekeeping and pollination into the future and as such has help to set up the Bees for Keeps Association in the Lowveld to protect pollinator diversity. This initiative is run under the umbrella of the Kruger Lowveld Chamber of Business and Tourism (KLCBT) and will be used to discuss and find solutions for the ongoing threats that face the honey bee and other pollinators in South Africa and especially the Mpumalanga Lowveld.

The sustainable use and care of honey bees is her passion and she continuously strives to make all people within the society aware of their potential role in aiding the overall health of honey bees, both in managed colonies and in wild populations. Conservation and functioning ecosystems are very important to her and she strives to educate as many people as possible to see the “Beeger Picture” and how they can make a difference. This is done through regular talks at schools, society meetings, expos, exhibitions at shows, radio and television interviews and various media articles and presentations.