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Serious leisure seekers and science in peripheries: The case of bees and beekeepers

Since low-tech industries are often overlooked despite their contribution to national economies, the rising of citizen science responds to calls to situate science and innovation in the everyday community. This talk investigates how 'serious' leisure-seekers might improve regional development outcomes and disrupt their associated industries. Interviews with hobbyist and commercial beekeepers in outer metropolitan Perth, Australia, show that hobbyists are more likely to engage with trial-and-error practices and scientific research, and we recommend for better understandings of how hobbyists contribute to the industry, as well as how increasing 'science' as a practice will have spillover effects for development in peripheries.



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