

HIGHLIGHTS

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The following provides a brief summary of important developments in the Australian honey bee industry. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council and/or by subscribing to the newsletter which is available free by email.

UPDATE AHBIC ACTIVITIES

Included is an update of recent activities of AHBIC naturally if you should seek any further clarification please don't hesitate to contact the AHBIC office.

NEW PESTICIDES LINKED TO BEE POPULATION COLLAPSE

Two studies confirm dangers of 'nerve agents' used on one-third of all British cropland. The findings of the two new studies, published simultaneously in the journal Science, are explosive.

MYRTLE RUST IS HERE TO STAY – SO BE PREPARED

Myrtle rust has now spread along the east coast of Australia, from coastal areas of Queensland and NSW to Victoria. Although technically it is no longer considered an exotic pest, any new outbreaks of Myrtle rust should be reported as part of the ongoing monitoring process.

MARCUS OLDHAM RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2012

Information on how to apply for a RIRDC funded place at the next Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Course.

REMOTE SENSING CATCHES BEES IN THE ACT

Surveillance cameras are a common form of security. However, their latest target is bees trying to sneak into the country through sea ports, potentially carrying with them pests and disease that could devastate the honeybee industry and food production.

JOINT AHA - PHA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING LETTER TO MEMBERS

We are pleased to inform you that the Chairs of Animal Health Australia (AHA) and Plant Health Australia (PHA) have recently signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of the two companies.

2012 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SECTOR CONFERENCES

Dates for the Industry Sector AGMs and Conferences

CITY ROOFTOPS WILL SOON BE ABUZZ WITH BEES

A local beekeeping company has been given a \$28,000 City of Melbourne grant to double the number of beehives on city rooftops.

FARMERS' YEAR MORE THAN A CELEBRATION

The Australian Year of the Farmer in 2012 should not only be about recognising Australian farmers for the work they do, but should also be focused on addressing a number of issues impacting on the agricultural sector.

CROP POLLINATION AGM & CONFERENCE

Details of the CPA Conference to be held on 17 July 2012.

HONEY EXPORT AWARD

Congratulations to Ed Planken on winning a 2012 Australian Export Heroes Award.

CAPILANO HONEY ANNOUNCES CEO APPOINTMENT

News from Capilano Honey - Congratulation to Dr Ben Mckee who will take up the position on 1 July 2012.