

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.

DETECTION OF ASIAN HONEY BEES AT TOWNSVILLE PORT

Biosecurity officers from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) took immediate action to contain and exterminate Asian honey bees detected on a cargo vessel that arrived at Townsville from Port Moresby on Friday 6 January.

INFORMATION ON THE "JAVA TYPE OF VARROA JACOBSONI"

A report from Dr Denis Anderson is included for your information.

APIS CERANA (ASIAN HONEYBEE) UPDATE

The latest news on the *Apis cerana* incursion in Cairns is included in this edition.

VALE – GRETCHEN WHEEN (1929 - 2012)

We were saddened to hear of the death of Gretchen Wheen on 6 January 2012. Thank you to Dr Max Whitten for supplying this notice.

APITHOR™ SMALL HIVE BEETLE HARBOURAGE

After six months in the market, with sales permitted under a special emergency use permit from the APVMA, the APITHOR Hive Beetle Harborage has proven itself a great success.

AHBIC WEBSITE

Voluntary contributors are invited to provide information for our website. Honey suppliers, exporters, packers can put contact details plus links to their websites. Forward your information to the AHBIC office for consideration. Associations are also invited to send us updated information on swarm control in their State.

2012 SECTOR CONFERENCES

Please note that Western Australia has changed the date of their Conference to 8 June 2012.