



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

July 2015

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to AHBIC are GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

AHBIC acknowledges the **beekeeper suppliers** who contribute via their packer/queen bee supplier to AHBIC.

We urge beekeepers to support those Packers/Queen Bee Breeders who contribute to AHBIC.

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEENBEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

The following list recognises contributions received since 1 August 2014

There are a few other contributors – some wishing to remain anonymous and some not indicating their wishes

AB's Honey
Anderson, Stuart
Australian Organic Honey Company
Australian Queen Bee Exporters
Badger Head Bees
Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Bliss, Stephen
Blue Hills Honey
Bluebees Producers
Bourke, Lindsay
Buntine, Bob
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, Ray
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Dewar Apiaries
Enslin, Darren
Faithfull, Mark
Gells Honey

Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers
Society Inc.
Green, Lionel
Heritage Honey
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Hum Honey
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Lees, Ian
MacGibbon, Kevin
McLaren, Jane
Magor, RR
Masters, N & S
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
Panda Honey – honey buyers
Pure Bendigo Gold Honey

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Ringin, Bill
Roberts, Glenn
Roberts, I J & J H
Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc
Saxonbee Enterprises - Rod Pavy
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
Trigg, M
Watson, James
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Willemsen, Dale
Williams JW & MA
Witz, Ron
Zadow Apiaries

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AHBIC AGM

The AHBIC AGM was held on Saturday 4 July, 2015 at Penrith.

The officer bearers for 2015-16 are:-

Chairperson – Ian Zadow
Deputy Chairperson – Craig Klingner
Executive members – Trevor Morgan
Peter McDonald
Neil Bingley
Casey Cooper
Executive Director – Trevor Weatherhead

Rod Pavy had previously served as Deputy Chairperson and was not elected again to that position. Rod had served the Executive for several years now and we thank Rod for his participation over that time.

Committee Chairs are:- Food Safety - Ben McKee, Honey Month - Lamorna Osborne, Quarantine – Peter McDonald, Resources – Ian Roberts, Education – Elizabeth Frost, Disease – Craig Klingner and National Beekeeping Conference - Ben Hooper.

Ian Roberts is Chair of the Producer Contingency Fund which met immediately after the AHBIC AGM.

A range of issues were covered at the AGM. If you have a particular interest please contact your member body representative on the Council.

The morning session provided some media training for the AHBIC delegates. This was done to give delegates some background on media and also give them information that would make them more confident if they have to do a media interview.



AHBIC delegates participating in the media training led by David Cussons.

GOODACRE MEMORIAL AWARD



Michael Hornitzky presenting Doug with the award

At the dinner held in conjunction with the New South Wales Apiarists Association conference in Penrith on 3 July, 2015, Doug Somerville was presented with the Goodacre Memorial Award. Doug's family was able to be present to see Michael Hornitzky read out the citation and present Doug with the award.

Doug had not been eligible for the award previously as he is Secretary of the Committee and until a recent change to the Rules of the Award a Committee person was not eligible to receive the award.

Congratulations to Doug.



And they call me Mr. Grumpy???????



Should I tell them that story?

B-QUAL BOARD VACANCY

Just a reminder that there is a vacancy on the B-Qual board for a Director. Expressions of interest have been received. The B-Qual Board will meet in October, 2015 and will examine the applications.

So if you have been thinking about supporting the beekeeping industry by serving on the Board you will need to get your application in now and forward it to me at ahbic@honeybee.org.au.

ASIAN BEES IN DARWIN

In late June 2015, a nest of Asian bees was found in a campervan at Darwin. This van had been transported on the back of a truck from Cairns for a show in Darwin. The van had been stored at East Arm Point in Darwin for 3 days prior to being taken to the camping show. The nest was destroyed.

Subsequent testing showed that the Asian bees were the same genetic cluster as the Cairns bees. This would be expected. No mites were found with the bees in Darwin which would also be expected.

Surveillance was carried out around the camping show site and the East Arm Point area. To date no Asian bees have been found.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 101616
Product name: AC Omethoate 290 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 290 g/L omethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Axichem Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 131 628 594
Summary of use For control of redlegged earth mite, blue oat mite and lucerne flea on pastures, cereals, oilseed and legume crops and control of bluegreen aphid and cowpea aphid on pasture legumes, lucerne, faba beans and vetch

Date of registration/approval: 23 June 2015
Product registration no.: 80778
Label approval no.: 80778 /101616

Application no.: 101890
Product name: NovaGuard Alpha-Cypermethrin 100 Duo Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 100 g/L alpha-cypermethrin
Applicant name: Novaguard Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 153 121 156
Summary of use For the control of insect pests including heliothis (Helicoverpa spp.) on various crops and red legged earth mite and blue oat mite on certain field crops and pastures and certain pests on fruit and vegetable crops

Date of registration/approval: 6 July 2015
Product registration no.: 80899
Label approval no.: 80899/101890

AGM

Annual conferences for 2016 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	Maybe 30 June, 1 July
New South Wales Apiarists Association	12 & 13 May - Riverina
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	27 – 28 May
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	TBA
South Australian Apiarists Association	16 – 17 June
Victorian Apiarists Association	8 – 9 June, Wangaratta
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	Possibly 2 July

The AHBIC AGM for 2016 will be held in Queensland.

CATEGORISATION

The paperwork to have the two Varroas and two Tropilaelaps categorised has been submitted. It is expected that the categorisation meetings will be held in early September. They could not be held earlier due to the unavailability of the Commonwealth Government Technical expert. The Commonwealth needs to be represented to form a quorum.

APIMONDIA

Not long to Apimondia in Korea. If you are interested go the website http://www.apimondia2015.com/2015/eng/sub_01-01_tab1.jsp

The AHBIC representative for meetings at Apimondia will be Lindsay Bourke.

MYRTLE RUST FOUND IN NORTHERN TERRITORY

Myrtle rust has been found on the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin in the Northern Territory. It is most likely that wind will take the spores from the Tiwi Islands to the mainland.

Myrtle rust affects species in the Myrtaceae family. For beekeepers this is the family with the main species from which they obtain honey and also build bees. All Eucalypts, Lophostemons, Melaleucas and Leptospermum are in the Myrtaceae family.

Since being found in New South Wales in 2010, myrtle rust has also been found in Queensland and Tasmania.

SMALL HIVE BEETLE NO LONGER NOTIFIABLE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The South Australian Department have taken small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) off the notifiable list. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-07-07/small-hive-beetle-removed-from-notifiable-pests-list/6601298>

WORLD HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS SHOW – CHINA

I have received advice about a world honey and bee products show in China from 7-11 November, 2015. If anyone is interested in the information let me know and I will email it to you.

BIOSECURITY COST RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION STATEMENT

The Department of Agriculture is redesigning its biosecurity and export certification fees and charges.

The draft Biosecurity Cost Recovery Implementation Statement (CRIS) has been released and is available on the department's website at www.agriculture.gov.au/costrecoveryreview

NATIONAL PLANT BIOSECURITY STATUS REPORT 2014

The National Plant Biosecurity Status Report for 2014 has just been published. It can be found at <http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/national-programs/national-plant-biosecurity-status-report/>

CVAA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The Central Victorian Apiarists Association (CVAA) is holding their 50th anniversary meeting at Maryborough Harness Racing Complex, Carisbrook on Friday 21 August, 2015.

There is a dinner at night plus lunch is available for a small price. Pre-registration is recommended and is necessary for the dinner. Pre-registration is required by 14 August, 2015.

For further information contact the Secretary, Judy Leggett at aandjleggett@bigpond.com

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

AHBIC is grateful to those beekeepers and packers who provide voluntary contributions to AHBIC. Without these contributions, AHBIC would not function.

We encourage those beekeepers and packers who are not contributing to become contributors.

If making a contribution by electronic funds transfer (EFT) please make sure you send in the form so we can acknowledge you on the front page of the newsletter, if that is your wish, but more importantly so we can send you a receipt.

In recent months I have received voluntary contributions which I do not know who to send a receipt to. If this was you, please fill in the form at the end of this newsletter and send in with details of when you made the EFT.

LOOKING FOR MORE SOURCES OF MEDICINAL AUSTRALIAN *Leptospermum* (jelly bush) HONEY

The University of Technology Sydney is leading an exciting new research project looking for more sources of medicinal Australian *Leptospermum* honey (aka jelly bush, or Australian manuka). We are asking beekeepers with access to *Leptospermum* (jelly bush/manuka) honeys from anywhere in the country to provide samples to include in this research project. *Leptospermum* honeys are usually dark, relatively strongly flavoured, and often hard to extract because they tend to “gel” in the comb. We will test these honeys for antimicrobial activity and investigate the relationship between the activity and the plant source.

The project will be running over the next few years (until 2018), to allow us to collect and test as many Australian *Leptospermum* honeys as possible.

Why are we doing this?

Manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*) honey from NZ is world famous, and it is sold at a much higher price than other honeys. However, although Australia is home to the largest diversity of *Leptospermum* plants in the world (we have more than 80 species compared to NZ's two!), most of our honeys do not enjoy the high prices of their NZ equivalents.

We already know that a handful of Australian *Leptospermum* honeys have similar levels of antibacterial activity to NZ manuka, but most of the other 80 plus Australian varieties have not been tested. We want to find more sources of active honey, which will help the Australian beekeeping industry by increasing the amount and value of medicinal Australian honey being produced. If you have access to *Leptospermum* honeys from anywhere in Australia, and would like to include them in our survey, please get in touch with us. We'll be asking for 200 - 500 g, and some

information about the location it was collected, as well as samples from the plants the bees visited to produce the honey. We will provide an information sheet with instructions, an address to send your samples to and other important information for our study.

We will keep the results confidential, but we will provide anyone supplying samples with a report on the results from the testing of their honeys.

The Research Team involved in this project includes Dr Shona Blair, Dr Peter Brooks, Simon Williams and Professor Dee Carter, as well as the Principle Investigator, Professor Liz Harry and the Project Coordinator, Nural Cokcetin. The project is being funded by RIRDC, with support from Capilano and Comvita.

For more information on providing samples, please contact:

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EUREKA PRIZE FINALISTS

Nadine Chapman and Ben Oldroyd are finalists in the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Eureka Prize for Rural Innovation. The winners will be announced on Wednesday 26 August.

Details of the finalists can be found at <http://australianmuseum.net.au/2015-finalists-eureka>

ABARES SURVEY

AHBIC representatives will be meeting in Canberra in a couple of weeks' time with ABARES staff to look at the questions that will form part of the survey. This is the survey that was announced by Minister Joyce on 16 June, 2015. This survey is an excellent opportunity to be able to gain a current snapshot of the state of the beekeeping industry.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN FOOD LABELLING

You will have most likely seen the recent publicity around the proposed changes to the Country of Origin Food Labelling. Details can be found at www.industry.gov.au/cool

As is currently the case, the new labelling will only be applied to produce sold in a retail context such as supermarkets, shops and markets. It will not apply to food sold for immediate consumption in the service/hospitality sectors such as restaurants, fast food outlets, cafes or bars.

It would seem that honey is the only product for our industry that will be affected. Other products such as royal jelly and pollen will not be subject to the regulations although the producers and manufacturers can voluntarily use these symbols.

It is proposed that there be a 3 – 24 month phase in period.

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Phone: Date:

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- 3. Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (email preferred)

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