



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
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The following list recognises contributions received since 1 May 2015

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AB's Honey
Anderson, Stuart
Australian Organic Honey Company
Australian Queen Bee Exporters
Badger Head Bees
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Beewise
Blue Hills Honey
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Buntine, Robert
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, David
Clifford, Ray
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Dale's Honey Bees
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Dewar Apiaries
Dinsdale, Julie
Enslin, Darren

Gells Honey
Glasby, Garry
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers
Society Inc.
Green, Lionel
Heritage Honey
Honeylife Australia
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Bryn and Warren
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Lyneham, Matthew
MacGibbon, Kevin
McLaren, Jane
Masters, N & S
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
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Panda Honey – honey buyers
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Ruge Honey
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Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
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Bee biosecurity officer appointed in NSW

4 April 2016

Beekeepers in NSW now have an advisor on hand to help them keep their hives free from pests and diseases, as part of Plant Health Australia's Bee Biosecurity Program, it was announced this week.

Hayley Pragert has started work in the new role of Bee Biosecurity Officer as part of a joint industry-government initiative to look after Australia's honey bees.

Alison Saunders, Horticultural Cropping Manager at Plant Health Australia (PHA), said that the new program is a world first initiative that all partners should be proud of.

"PHA's Bee Biosecurity Program, which includes the appointment of Bee Biosecurity Officers nationally, has been well received," Alison said.

"The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) have both been willing contributors, together funding Hayley to work with NSW beekeepers to help protect our valuable honey bees."



Kathy Gott, Plant Biosecurity Strategy and Planning Manager at NSW DPI, said supporting honey bee biosecurity was vital to ensure a thriving industry.

"As the NSW Bee Biosecurity Officer, Hayley will be responsible for training beekeepers and demonstrating best practice beekeeping at field days and other agricultural events, as well as raising awareness of pests and diseases that can harm honeybees," Dr Gott said.

"Her role will also promote the National Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice, which outlines measures for beekeepers to minimise risks and engage in best-practice biosecurity." Casey Cooper, President of NSW AHBIC, said that the new officer has plenty of hands-on experience.



"Hayley is passionate about bees. She'll be able to give advice to NSW beekeepers on how to recognise and deal with pests and diseases like small hive beetle and the bacterial disease American foulbrood, both of which can damage hives."

"She will also help to protect against serious exotic pests like Varroa mite by setting up a network of beekeepers who survey hives for exotic pests. Early detection and reporting of any new pests would be fundamental to eradicating it," he added.

Since the NSW Bee Biosecurity Officer is being appointed as part of a national program, Hayley will soon have access to similar officers based in every state in Australia to work on protecting Australia's honey bee industry and pollinator-reliant crop industries.

There is more at stake than Australia's honey industry, which is why PHA is managing the efforts to boost bee biosecurity. PHA has been the facilitator of honey bee biosecurity projects because of the importance of honey bees not just to the honey industry but also to crop producers, since honey bees increase yields and quality in many fruits and vegetables."

For more information on honey bee biosecurity visit www.beeaware.com.au

BEE BIOSECURITY OFFICERS

As well as the New South Wales Bee Biosecurity Officer (BBO), BBO's have also been appointed in Victoria and South Australia.

Contact details for the BBO's are:-

New South Wales

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W: www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity |

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Primary Industries and Regions SA - PIRSA | Government of South Australia
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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING

The following information has been sent out by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Barnaby Joyce and the Leader of the House and Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science, Christopher Pyne.

Dear business owner

In March 2016, the Australian Government and state and territory governments voted together to change the country of origin labelling requirements applying to food products sold in Australia.

The improvements to country of origin labelling are being made in response to strong consumer feedback that current labels do not provide consumers with adequate information to make informed choices about food purchases.

The Australian Government is introducing these landmark reforms from 1 July 2016. However, there is a two-year transition period so that businesses have time to adjust to the new obligations which will be mandatory in July 2018.

If your business sells food in retail stores within Australia, the new labelling laws may apply to your products.

There will be extensive information, advice and support available to assist businesses to make the necessary changes. The Government will ensure that the transition is as easy as possible for affected businesses and encourages you to take advantage of the support services on offer.

A national information campaign, 'See what you're getting' begins on Sunday 17 April 2016 which will outline the changes being introduced from July 1st 2016.

To coincide with the national information campaign, supporting advice for businesses will be available at business.gov.au (search 'country of origin labelling') including a new Information Standard made under the Australian Consumer Law, which establishes the labelling requirements. The Information Standard outlines what foods need to use the new labels and what the new labels look like.

Also available at business.gov.au will be a Style Guide on how the labels should look and be used, a Label Library to download new label parts, and other general guidance information. There will also be an online labelling tool available at business.gov.au by the end of June 2016 to help you find, download or design the right label for your products.

Further guidance material for businesses and consumers will be available through the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (www.accc.gov.au) when the reforms commence. If you are currently already registered to use the Australian Made Australian Grown logo you will be contacted by Australian Made Campaign Limited (www.australianmade.com.au) to help you transition across to the new labelling requirements.

You can also contact business.gov.au 13 28 46 between 8am and 8pm nationally Monday to Friday about the changes.

The new country of origin labelling reforms offer businesses an opportunity meet consumer demands for more information about the food they are purchasing.

NEW STAFF AT PHA

Dr Jenny Shanks has joined PHA. She will be taking over some of the work that had been carried out by Sam Malfroy. AHBIC looks forward to working with Jenny.

Jenny obtained a PhD from Western Sydney University (Hawkesbury campus) investigating native stingless bee and brood diseases in 2015.

HONEY MONTH

Honey month is almost upon us. For details on what is happening in your State check the AHBIC website at <http://honeybee.org.au/education/honey-month-2016/>

AGM

Annual conferences for 2016 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	13 & 14 July, Townsville
New South Wales Apiarists Association	12 & 13 May, Albury
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	27 – 28 May, St. Helens
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	14 May, Perth
South Australian Apiarists Association	16 – 17 June, Kangaroo Island
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	15 July, Townsville

QBA CONFERENCE AND AHBIC AGM IN TOWNSVILLE

The registration form and details for the QBA conference are now available on the QBA website <http://qbabees.org.au/events/coming-events/>. All AHBIC delegates who will be attending the Queensland conference need to fill this out. Please note that this has to be in by **30 June, 2016** to obtain the early bird registration. Also note that the dinner on the Thursday night needs to be pre booked by Thursday 7 July. Registration at conference will mean you will miss out on the dinner.

Accommodation for conference can be made with the Mercure direct. Phone 07 4759 4900. When the Mercure was approached to say that people could book accommodation online cheaper than the original quote, the Mercure has come back with a better offer. It is now \$129 per room per night which includes a buffet breakfast. Booking reference number to quote is **BEE070716**.

If you have already made a booking it would be advisable to contact the Mercure to make sure you get the new reduced rate.

Observers are welcomed at the AHBIC AGM. You will need to register as we have to give numbers for catering purposes beforehand. The registration form for observers will be in the next AHBIC newsletter.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.:	102006
Product name:	Pyxal Insect Growth Regulator
Active constituent/s:	100 g/L pyriproxyfen
Applicant name:	FMC Australasia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	095 326 891
Summary of use	For use in the control of pests including scale and whitefly in various crops and ornamentals in conjunction with the approval of pyriproxyfen
Date of registration/approval:	4 April 2016
Product registration no.:	80956
Label approval no.:	80956/102006
Application no.:	101733
Product name:	Senator 700WG Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	700 g/kg imidacloprid
Applicant name:	Crop Care Australasia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	061 362 347
Summary of variation:	To extend the use to include the control of silverleaf whitefly and aphids in brassicas and lettuce when applied as a seedling drench and as a furrow spray into potatoes, and additional canegrub species in sugarcane
Date of variation:	8 April 2016
Label approval no.:	68192/101733
Application no.:	105622
Product name:	Le-Mat 290 SL Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	290 g/L omethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name:	Arysta Lifescience North America LLC
Applicant ACN:	N/A
Summary of use:	To approve a new label for the product with the label name 'ARYSTA O-MAT 290 SL INSECTICIDE'
Date of approval:	11 April 2016
Label approval no.:	45672/105622
Application no.:	104941
Product name:	Transform Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	240 g/L sulfoxaflor
Applicant name:	Dow Agrosciences Australia Limited
Applicant ACN:	003 771 659
Summary of variation:	To update restraints, directions for use statements and add critical comment statements
Date of variation:	1 April 2016
Product registration no.:	64101

Label approval no.:

64101/104941

Application no.: 103570
Active constituent/s: Bifenazate
Applicant name: UPL Australia Limited
Applicant ACN: 066 391 384
Summary of use: For use in agricultural chemical products
Date of approval: 7 April 2016
Approval no.: 81657

CROP POLLINATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Crop Pollination Association is holding its conference on 11 May, 2016 at The Commercial Club, 618 Dean Street, Albury in the Banksia "A" room, commencing at 9am.

For more details and a registration form go to their website <http://www.aussiepollination.com.au/>

AUSTRALIAN QUEEN BEE BREEDING GROUP INC.

The Australian Queen Bee Breeding Group Inc. has decided to wind the Group up. This has been brought about by the lack of sales of stock from the program.

Remaining stock has been retained by Laurie Dewar and Graham Beech. If anyone is wanting to obtain stock that was part of the program, please contact Laurie ph. 07 54635633 or Graham ph. 0437 179 261.

ROBOTS IN THE ORCHARD

A report on ABC Rural where robots are being trialled to be able to help apple orchardists has shown that there were not enough pollinator varieties. Extra pollinator rows have allowed the honey bees to do a better job of pollination. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-19/study-using-robots-to-map-orchards-identifies-pollination/7338862>

QUEEN BEES IN THE POST

I had a complaint about a postman leaving a consignment of queen bees, in an Express Post satchel, in a letter box and the heat then killed the bees. I contacted Australia Post and they inform me there is a system called My Post Deliveries (See <https://auspost.com.au/mypost>) where the delivery can be made to a secure location of the customer's choice.

In my time as a queen bee breeder, many beekeepers elected to have the queen bees consigned to their local post office and went in and picked them up from there. This avoided the possibility of the death of the bees in the letter box.

Just a reminder that any queen bees consigned through Australia Post need be in an Express Post satchel and have the necessary label saying conforming to IATA on the consignment.

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