



AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

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AUSTRALIAN HONEY INDUSTRY MONTHLY REVIEW

To: The Australian Honey Industry
From: Stephen Ware – Executive Director
Re: April 2010 Update

Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association
Australian Honey Products
Bees Neez Apiaries
Capilano Honey Limited
Dewar Apiaries
Gell's Honey
Honey Packers & Marketers Association
Hoskinson, H L & H M
Mills, I N & J E
Papworth, F & E
Pollination Association of WA
Pobke, B

Saxonbee Enterprises
Spring Gully Foods Pty Ltd
Stephens, R
Stevens, Graeme
Tasmanian Crop Pollination Association
Tasmanian Honey Company
Walkabout Apiaries
Weatherhead, T & M
True Blue Honey
Weerona Apiaries
Wescobee Limited
Wilson, C

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'S OR QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER'S NAME APPEAR ON THIS LIST?
IF NOT, THEN ASK 'WHY NOT?'**

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT YOUR INDUSTRY!

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B-QUAL TRAINING DAYS

B-QUAL has organised three training days to be held in New South Wales, Queensland & South Australia they will be held on the day prior to their 2010 Annual State Conferences.

As you would be aware, most of the major packers are paying a premium on B-QUAL accredited suppliers and hence any producer who is not accredited is missing out on potentially additional income.

Non B-QUAL members are encouraged to attend.

The B-QUAL board has substantially simplified the B-QUAL program and Mr Bruce White, formerly with DPI, who is known to most of you is to provide the training to anyone who wishes to participate.

It was agreed that the training would be held for a charge of \$20.00 which would include Lunch, Morning and Afternoon Tea and this would cover the cost of running the day.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Date: Wednesday 19 May 2010
Venue: Panthers Port Macquarie Club
1 Bay Street
Port Macquarie NSW 2444

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Date: Wednesday 9 June 2010
Venue: Goolwa Central Motel
30 Cadell Street
Goolwa SA 5214

QUEENSLAND

Date: Wednesday 16 June 2010
Venue: Country Comfort Ipswich
250 South Station Road
Raceview Qld 4305

To book your place please contact the AHBIC office ASAP no later than 30 April 2010.

PRIMARY PRODUCERS TO PREPARE FOR BUMPY ROAD TO RECOVERY

While the improving global economy is expected to have a positive impact on most agricultural sectors, primary producers will need to manage their operations in a potentially volatile marketplace, according to Rabobank's group executive country banking Neil Dobbin.

Speaking at the opening of applications for this year's Rabobank Executive Development Program, Mr Dobbin said while the global economy is in recovery, it is expected to be a bumpy road, which will bring with it a period of commodity price volatility.

A key focus for this year's Rabobank Executive Development Program (EDP) will be to equip producers with a range of commercial management tools to help them cope with the increasingly unpredictable nature of agriculture.

"Leading producers understand, more than most, that they need to implement strategies to drive their business forward in this complex and competitive environment," Mr Dobbin said.

Now in its 11th year, the Rabobank Executive Development Program brings together leading farmers from across New Zealand and Australia and from a range of agricultural sectors to develop and enhance their business management skills.

"Going forward, this commodity price volatility is expected to lead to opportunities and challenges for agriculture in New Zealand and Australia. When it comes to taking advantage of these opportunities, it is important that producers are up-to-date with all the current practices, whether it be for markets, finances, business strategy or human resources," Mr Dobbin said.

EDP manager Skye Ward says that this year, more than ever, the program is focused on ensuring that attendees are exposed to the very latest in business management theories-as they apply to agriculture-that can assist them with taking their business to the next level.

"The producers that attend the EDP are at the forefront of their industries and already have extensive management experience, so we have to ensure that the program exposes them to new information and innovative skills that most people would not have access to," she says.

"With the EDP likened to a mini MBA but focussed directly at agricultural producers, it is ideal for men and women who want to enhance their farm business performance, but are unable to devote months on end to study."

The program runs across two intensive week-long residential modules held approximately ten months apart and introduces participants to the latest practices in business management, leadership, strategy, finance, human resources, value chain management and marketing, and how these can be directly applied to their farm businesses.

"Just taking that little bit of time out of the day-to-day running of the business to look at the bigger picture and the direction you would like to take, can have a huge impact on producers, sometimes in ways they did not expect," he says.

"The face of agriculture is rapidly changing and attending the Executive Development Program is one way to ensure that you remain in front of that change, and able to take advantage of the effect it might have on your business."

Applications for Rabobank's 2010 Executive Development Program are open until 28 May 2010 and only 36 applicants will be accepted from across a range of commodities and geographical locations in Australia and New Zealand. The first module runs from 22-27 August in Sydney, with the second module taking place in July of next year.

Producers that would like an application form or any further information on the Rabobank EDP are encouraged to contact Skye Ward on - Phone: 02 8115 4139 - Email: bmp@rabobank.com

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF POLLINATION ASSOCIATIONS (NCPA) REPORT

Problems facing the pollination sector of the Australian Honey Bee industry are increasing by the hour.

The National Council of Pollination Associations (NCPA) was formed to keep the pollination service industries (beekeeper pollinators) informed, so that AHBIC could better manage their overall responsibilities for one and all in the honeybee industry. This has failed, due mainly to not involving the grass root members of the sectors. The Pollination sector is growing with not all players involved.

Funding has always been a problem from the outset. The AHBIC alliance (Pollination Australia) is an alliance between industries using honey bees to set fruit, seeds and nuts for profit. The alliance was formed with Varroa as a common concern. There are many areas of common concern such as pesticides, other bee diseases and pests, along with those pests and diseases that require changed bee management practices.

The first test, if you like, of the alliance has now arrived with the move to eradicate the ASIAN HONEY BEE at Cairns, Queensland. Also a big test for AHBIC. The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council and Pollination Australia were asked to consider providing funding to assist the eradication of the Asian Honey Bee.

The Asian Honey Bee incursion has the potential to remove the ability to economically manage European Honey Bees (EHB) for the production of honey or use in pollination services. Remaining European Honey Bee feral hives will also be lost. The Asian Honey Bee is not able to be managed, is too aggressive, does not have the population size, has not shown that it is a reliable pollinator of horticultural, vegetable, field/nut crops; and is not a suitable replacement for lost EHB feral hives.

So funding issues face AHBIC and the Pollination Australia alliance as we move forward. The almond industry has only used 66,000 – 70,000 hives this last season; beekeeper pollination contractors have also had a \$6 reduction per hive.

On the other hand, there has been an increase in the areas planted to brassica seed production (canola/cauliflower) with onion about the same. Also Sunflower/Lucerne/melons/pumpkins and pome fruit and stone fruit commitment continue at about the same level.

There has been a return to rainfall in most growing centres – with severe flooding in the west of NSW and Qld – this water is slowly making its way towards Victoria and South Australia. Very little water is in our main storages; conditions remain dry.

Good breeding conditions are assured but many beekeepers are held up by flood water, road closures, also many bridges are damaged or have had their tare reduced to 5Tonne.

There should be a good response from our western flora; there is also some response occurring in Stringybark and Red Ironbark areas. Some hive losses due to flooding. Extreme heat up to 50degrees did cause large hive losses in February and March.

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has spoken to AHBIC on matters relating to labeling of chemicals – also the registration of chemicals for use by the Honey Bee industry. Many problems still to be addressed.

A viable professional honey bee pollination service is essential to maintain both government and public support to the whole of the Australian Honey Bee industry. This cannot be achieved without adequate funding for the production and pollination sectors.

My appointment to NCPA has expired; I have retired from my position of President of the Crop Pollination Association since last year, but remain a member of the CPA; also both the Queensland and NSW Beekeeping Associations. I am also still representing industry on the Asian Honey Bee various committees.

*Warren Jones,
April 2010*

HONEY PACKERS' & MARKETERS' ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA (HPMAA) REPORT

As at 1 April 2010

Packers now report better holding levels of honey due to improved weather conditions around the country (despite the storms, drought or fire effects). Sales vary according to who you are talking to but overall there is a sense of normality on them. Noted points are:

- Consumption appears to have had a very slight increase as the Retail World data for year ending 2009 showed this. Taking into account the larger unknown of beekeeper direct sales once could deduce this same pattern in the market.
- Packers report it is difficult to make margins these days as a result of increased costs and supermarket demands.
- Packers' brands remain under enormous pressure to house branded/generic labels with the major chain still having a high focus on them.
- Supermarkets are now demanding their brand suppliers to start to undertake Ethical sourcing audits, carbon foot printing and a range of other criteria. All this just adds costs to the packer. In the end the last in the line suffers as they (supermarkets in general) don't pass this added cost onto consumers so they can stay highly competitive and their margin is not eroded.
- The high Australian dollar is seeing reduced exports. This will mean that as honey comes back to normal levels farm gate values will be under pressure to fall.
- In the world market there is a sense that honey prices will fall adding further pressure on Australian producers as we compete against cheap competition.
- Export information from the ABS shows that packaged product volumes remained much the same for the December period this financial year as last year. Export bulk rose very marginally. Imports showed an increase in bulk honey but the data is skewed as a proportional amount is re-exported to specialised customers who request a certain flavour profile product which is a blend with Australian. Another variable has been Canadian bulk honey being imported then re-exported back again as value added product – however with the packer existing some of this market, the data will, in time, take on a more normalised result.

Eduard Planken
President HMAAA

APIMONDIA 2011 – BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

Dear Colleagues of the World Honey Industry

On behalf of the Argentine Society of Beekeepers, we have great pleasure in inviting you to the **42nd International Apicultural Congress - APIMONDIA 2011**, to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 21-25 September 2011. At this event you will have the opportunity to promote your business, products or services to beekeepers worldwide.

The Congress, jointly organised by APIMONDIA and the Argentine Society of Beekeepers (SADA), will be a very special event for the marketing of your products, indistinct of your field, as it will bring together a large number of beekeepers, not only from Argentina but also from all Latin America. The extensive and varied attendance will allow members to promote their products to highly developed markets such as Argentina, Mexico, Uruguay and Chile, as well as to developing markets such as Paraguay, Bolivia, Brazil and Venezuela.

The principal attraction of ApiExpo is the high demand for different types of products and services. We are confident that you will find the exhibition of great interest, both within or not the scope of your expertise. The Argentine apicultural industry has a long tradition on fairs and exhibitions. Between 80 to 120 companies attend the annual exhibition to showcase their products and services to the 3,000 to 5,000 attendees who visit each year. Our country's beekeepers are eager to learn about the products of foreign manufacturers and equally eager to display and promote the products and services of the current Argentine beekeeping industry.

VENUE - LA RURAL EXHIBITION & CONVENTION CENTER BUENOS AIRES

With the aim to encourage and promote all matters related to agriculture and cattle, in 1866 a group of people representing these interests, founded the Sociedad Rural Argentina (SRA). In 1875, the Government assigned to the newly established entity, 12 hectares in Palermo, with the boundaries of the streets which are today known as Santa Fe, Fray Justo Santa María de Oro, Cerviño and Avenida Sarmiento.

Some years later, when celebrating the third National Cattle Exhibition, La Rural was inaugurated, thus enriching the landscape which became one of the favourites of the inhabitants of Buenos Aires. Today, La Rural is the main exhibition centre of the country and the region. With a privileged location in the heart of Buenos Aires, it constitutes the only space of its kind, a growth engine for the city and for the country.

At the Pista Central (central ring), since 1878 the best of the Argentine cattle has been displayed. The traditional Frers Pavilion, the Equine Pavilion and the Central Restaurant, form part of a building complex which has been declared National Historic Monument, architecture and the fact that it marked the cornerstone of the agriculture industry in the country.

This is a not to be missed opportunity for your company. We look forward to welcoming you to Buenos Aires and sharing this great event with you and your industry colleagues.

Sincerely, *Lucas Martínez*

President of the Argentine Society of Beekeepers

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APIS CERANA UPDATE

Advice 66 - 19 March 2010

On 11 March there was confirmation of a nest destroyed in the Lake Eacham area as being cerana. This is IP73. Hopefully this was the source of the swarm, IP57.

Beelining picked up a nest at Edmonton and this was confirmed as cerana on Thursday this week. This is IP74. It was destroyed on 15 March.

Also beelining in the Yarrabah area lead to the confirmation of a nest at Yarrabah as being cerana. This is IP75. It was very near to IP72 which was a swarm and IP75 contained a hatched queen cell which would strongly suggest that IP 75 was the source of IP72. It was destroyed on 16 March.

There is still activity in the Goldsbrough area but with the track record of the teams it should not be long before they find the nest of these foraging bees.

The extra staff employed is leading to more surveillance activity and I would expect more finds.

The public still are giving good support and there are more press releases due so that the Asian bees are kept very much in the mind of the public. There is also good community engagement with all types of groups which can only raise the profile of the Asian bee in the public's eye and thus lead to more reporting.

The CEO's met this past week and whilst the meeting proceedings are confidential I can report that the question of joint funding is now progressing to the next stage of the Primary Industries Ministerial Council (PIMC).

Advice No 67 - 4 April 2010

In the past fortnight four (4) nests or swarms have been found and destroyed.

On 24 March it was confirmed that a nest found at Edmonton and destroyed was cerana. This nest was found because, when beelining which lead to IP74, it was found that the times of the cerana foraging was variable which meant that there was most likely a second nest in the area and this proved to be the case. This became IP76. Also on 24 March it was confirmed that a nest destroyed in the Goldsbrough Valley was cerana. This became IP77.

On 26 March, a nest destroyed at Yarrabah was confirmed as cerana. This became IP78.

On 30 March, a swarm was found at Yarrabah and became IP79.

Currently there are foraging cerana being tracked at Yarrabah and Goldsbrough Valley. The weather has not been kind with rain in the area but surveillance has been able to be carried out in areas away from the coastal strip on the Tablelands.

At Yarrabah there has been very good co-operation from the local Council and the Council is looking to have a team in place to look for cerana as well as other pests including weeds. The Council feels that cerana could have an impact on the local community and the local environment.

Primary Industries and Fisheries (DPI&F) are employing another 12 staff who will commence this coming week after induction. So don't be surprised to see the number of finds of cerana increase because of this extra activity.

DPI&F are also doing some work with detector dogs which will arrive in Cairns this coming week. There has already been some imprinting work carried out with the dogs so we keenly await to see how the dogs perform.

Advice No. 68 - 17 April 2010

It has been an eventful past week. The finds came thick and fast. This is down to the extra staff being employed which allows more surveillance work to be carried out.

A nest was found in a house at Bentley Park, a suburb of Cairns. This was IP80. It was not able to be extracted.

Beelining provided another nest at Yarrabah which became IP81. Yarrabah again provided another nest by beelining and this was IP82.

Surveillance at Gordonvale found a nest, IP83, in an old vehicle.

A sample submitted from the Innisfail area proved to be cerana and a nest was found in a house just outside Innisfail. This was IP84. This is a significant find and is discussed further down.

Beelining at Gordonvale provided IP85.

A resident reported bees in the letter box in North Cairns and cerana was found. It was a new swarm that was just starting to build comb. This was IP86.

Back to IP84. This is outside the current RA and is about 40 kilometres south of the nearest known find. At this stage, intensive surveillance in the area has failed to find any more cerana. This leads to theory that it was human assisted. DNA will be carried out on the sample to determine if it is related to the cerana in the Cairns area.

This nest was very new with only a round or two of brood. The CCAHB will be meeting next week to discuss this find outside the current RA. From my point of view, if no other nests are found in the area then I see no reason to not continue with the eradication program. If other nests are found then it needs a review.

The next phone hook-up is scheduled for Friday 30 April unless something else untoward crops up.

Trevor Weatherhead

MEN IN REGIONAL AND RURAL AREAS AT GREATER HEALTH RISK

The report, a snapshot of men's health in regional and remote Australia, shows that male death rates increased with remoteness.

Cardiovascular diseases were responsible for nearly a third of the elevated male death rates outside major cities.

Compared with major cities, death rates from diabetes were 1.3 as high for men in inner regional areas and 3.7 as high in very remote areas.

'There is a strong relationship between poor health and social and economic disadvantage', said Sally Bullock, from the AIHW's Population Health Unit.

'Compared with urban areas, rural regions of Australia contain a larger proportion of people from lower socioeconomic groups. This fact, combined with the generally poorer health status of men compared with women, highlights a potential double disadvantage for men living in rural areas.'

The report also shows that men living outside major cities were more likely to have health risk factors such as daily smoking and risky or high risk alcohol use, than their counterparts in major cities.

They were also more likely to have experienced a substance use related mental disorder throughout their lifetime.

Male death rates due to injury and poisoning also increased with remoteness.

'The rates of injury and poisoning for men living in very remote areas were over three times as high as for men living in major cities', Ms Bullock said.

'Similarly, men living outside major cities were almost 20% more likely to report a recent injury than their urban counterparts.'

'The poor level of health literacy among men in rural areas is also a concern.'

The report shows that in 2006, men living in inner regional, outer regional and remote areas were 22% less likely than men in major cities to possess an adequate level of health literacy.

www.farmbusiness.com.au

17TH AUSTRALIAN HACCP CONFERENCE

The Australian HACCP Conference is the premier discussion forum for all food industry professionals involved in food safety. Each year the conference attracts a loyal following together with a growing number of delegates involved in the development, implementation and maintenance of food safety programs.

Each year the Conference Program addresses issues that have affected the industry resulting from a wide range of events including regulatory change, international policy implementation, foodborne illness outbreaks and technology developments.

The Program also looks at specific sector issues so that all delegates can participate in the knowledge exchange, and apply the principles discussed in their own business environment. The conference has attracted many prominent international and domestic speakers over the years.

Date: 24-25 August 2010

Venue: The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne VIC

Organiser: Advancing Food Safety

Category: Conference and Exhibition

Website: www.haccptown.com.au/Australia/html/conference.htm

5TH SQF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

This will be the fifth SQF International Conference and the first outside of North America.

The SQF Institute is a Division of the US-based Food Marketing Institute (FMI), and manages the SQF 1000 and SQF 2000 supplier codes.

The SQF codes have seen considerable growth internationally over the past twelve months, and this conference will showcase retailers, suppliers and other stakeholders from both sides of the Pacific outlining case studies and developments in the SQF Program.

Date: 26 August 2010

Venue: The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne VIC

Organiser: Advancing Food Safety

Category: Conference and Exhibition

Website: www.haccptown.com.au/Australia/html/conference.htm

NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council will be held on Friday 18 June and Saturday 19 June 2010 at the Country Comfort Motel, 250 South Station Road, Raceview, QLD 4305
Phone: 07 3202 4622 – Free call: 1800 882 263

The attached preliminary agenda provides details of the meeting times and content.

Confirmation of speakers and presenters may vary according to their availability.

Note this is the first AGM as a result of last year's constitutional changes. Members are encouraged to participate to make the changes a success.

Stephen Ware
Executive Director
AHBIC

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

Australian Honey Bee Industry Council

In accordance with the constitution notice is hereby given that nominations for the position of Chairperson of AHBIC open on Monday 3 May 2010 and **close at COB Friday 21 May 2010**. Nominations for the Board Member positions open on Monday 3 May 2010 and **close at 2pm on Saturday 19 June 2010**. Candidates are advised of relevant sections of the constitution and, in particular:-

The following is an extract from the AHBIC Constitution as amended 12 October 2009. A full copy of the Constitution is available on the AHBIC website www.honeybee.org.au or from the AHBIC office.

- 5.2 A Chairperson of AHBIC to be elected for two (2) years at each bi-annual Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2.1 Nominations of candidates for election as Chairperson of AHBIC:-
 - (a) shall be made in writing, signed by one voting delegate and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate.
each nominee may submit a two hundred (200) word statement.
 - (c) the nomination shall be delivered to the Secretary of AHBIC not less than twenty eight days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting. All delegates are to be notified of all nominations at least fourteen days prior to the holding of the Annual General Meeting.
 - (d) If no nominations are received as required under 5.2.1 (a) and 5.2.1 (c), nominations shall be taken from the floor at the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3 A Deputy Chairperson of AHBIC shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting as follows:
 - 5.3.1 Nominations of candidates for election as Deputy Chairperson of AHBIC:-
Nominations shall be taken from the floor at the Annual General Meeting and voted on by eligible Delegates.
The Deputy Chairperson shall be elected for two (2) years the re-election to occur in the alternate year of the election of Chairperson.
- 5.4 That the affairs of AHBIC shall be directed by an Executive Committee of six (6) persons comprising the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and four (4) committee members) appointed at the Annual General Meeting. All retiring members are eligible for re-appointment.
- 5.5 The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be elected for a term of two (2) years running alternatively. The first year being the election of Chairperson and the next two Executive Members being determined by the highest recorded votes being for a bi-annual term.
- 5.6 The candidates for the election of position on the AHBIC Executive Committee, including Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are elected from the floor of the Annual General Meeting.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Stephen Ware at the AHBIC office: ahbic@honeybee.org.au or phone 02 9221 0911.

AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC.

Annual General Meeting and Conference

to be held in conjunction with the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Conference
at the Country Comfort Motel, 250 South Station Road, Raceview 4305 Queensland

Commencing Friday 18 June 2010 at 1.30pm

AGENDA

Attendees:

- 2 Delegates from New South Wales Apiarists' Association Inc. (NSWAA)
- 2 Delegates from Queensland Beekeepers' Association (QBA)
- 2 Delegates from South Australian Apiarists' Association (SAAA)
- 2 Delegates from Tasmanian Beekeepers' Association (TBA)
- 2 Delegates from Victorian Apiarists' Association Inc. (VAA)
- 2 Delegates from Western Australian Farmers Federation (WAFF) Beekeepers Section
- 3 Delegates from Honey Packers' and Marketers' Association
- 2 Delegates from National Council of Crop Pollination Associations
- 2 Delegates from Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association
- 1 Delegate from the Associate Members

- 1. Apis Cerana - Dr Denis Anderson, CSIRO** (Attachment 1)

- 2. Apis Cerana - Ms Karen Skelton, QDPI** (Attachment 2)

- 3. Small Hive Beetle - Mr Steve Broadbent, Ensystex** (Attachment 3)

- 4. Honey Bee Research and Development Committee (HBRDC)
- Dr David Alden & Mr Des Cannon** (Attachment 4)

- 5. A Cost Benefit Analysis on Asian Honey Bees - Mr Terry Ryan** (Attachment 5)

Meeting adjourns until 1.00 pm – Saturday 19 June 2010

*This evening's dinner will be held in conjunction with the Queensland Beekeepers' Association
at the Country Comfort Motel, 250 South Station Road, Raceview 4305 Queensland*

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Annual General Meeting and Conference

to be held in conjunction with the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Conference
at the Country Comfort Motel, 250 South Station Road, Raceview 4305 Queensland

Re-convening Saturday 19 June at 1.00pm

5. **Chairperson's Report** *(Attachment 6)*
8. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** *(Attachment 7)*
9. **Business Arising from Minutes** *(Attachment 8)*

09.36 "Since the FCAAA has been replaced by the six beekeeping associations, the NSW Executive wants added the States to be formally recognised as representing the honey producers of Australia. The NSW Executive would like the changes in the table below made to:

4.2 – Voting Entitlements for members shall be:

Name	Number of Votes Entitled
NSW Apiarists' Association Inc (NSWAA)	4
Victorian Apiarists' Association Inc (VAA)	2
South Australian Apiarists' Association (SAAA)	1
Queensland Beekeepers' Association (QBA)	2
Tasmanian Beekeepers' Association (TBA)	1
Western Australian Farmers Federation (WAFF) – Beekeepers Sections	1
Honey Packers & Marketers Association (HPMAA)	1
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association (AQBBA)	1
National Crop Pollination Association (NCPA)	1
A representative of Capilano Beekeepers Limited (CBL)	1
A representative of the non-commercial beekeeping sector	1

09.37 "That the resolution stays on the table."

11. **Education Committee** *(Attachment 9)*
12. **Food Safety and Prevention of Residues Committee** *(Attachment 10)*
13. **Disease & Quarantine Committee** *(Attachment 11)*
14. **Resource Committee** *(Attachment 12)*

15. Financial Reports (Attachment 13)

*Following presentation of the Financial Statements it is proposed:
“That the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2010 be adopted.”*

15.1 Secretariat Report

15.2 Goodacre Report

16. Sector Reports (Attachment 14)

New South Wales Apiarists' Association Inc. (NSWAA)
Queensland Beekeepers' Association (QBA)
South Australian Apiarists' Association (SAAA)
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association (TBA)
Victorian Apiarists Association Inc. (VAA)
Western Australian Farmers Federation (WAFF) Beekeepers Section
Honey Packers' and Marketers' Association of Australia
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations
Australian Queen Bee Breeders' Association

Following completion of reports it is proposed: “That the Sector Reports be formally accepted.”

Afternoon Tea will be served at 3.30pm

17. Australian Queen Bee Breeders' Association *Recommendations:*

18. National Council of Crop Pollination Associations *Recommendations:*

19. Honey Packers' and Marketers' Association of Australia *Recommendations:*

20. New South Wales Apiarists' Association Inc. (NSWAA)
Queensland Beekeepers' Association (QBA)
South Australian Apiarists' Association (SAAA)
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association (TBA)
Victorian Apiarists Association Inc. (VAA)
Western Australian Farmers Federation (WAFF) Beekeepers Section
Recommendations:

21. Subsidiary Company Reports (Attachment 15)

B-QUAL Australia Pty Limited
Australian Queen Bee Breeding Group
Honey Bee Disease Contingency Fund Trust - Financial Report

Please note: These reports will be taken as read and only questions on specific items may be asked if so desired.

23. **General Business**

24. **Next Annual General Meeting and Sector/State Conferences – To be advised**

FCAAA	Queensland Beekeepers Association	
	New South Wales Apiarists Association	
	Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	
	WA Farmers Federation- Beekeeping Section	
	South Australian Apiarists Association	
	Victorian Apiarists Association	
	Honey Packers and Marketers Association	
	National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	
	Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	
	Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	

Should the meeting see fit it is proposed: “That the year 2011 Annual Meeting of the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc. be held in ”

25. **Election of Office Bearers**

Chairperson

(Attachment 16)

Deputy Chairperson

Election of four (4) Executive Committee Members

26. **Nominated Representative**

5.1.2 All member organisations through their nominated representative shall receive the Executive Committee Agendas and shall be entitled to nominate a representative person to attend meetings at their own expense by providing seven days notice or as soon as practical and be able to participate at the invitation of the Chair.

27. **Operation and Appointment of Committees**

Resolution from the AHBIC Executive – *“The terms of reference of the AHBIC Committees be confirmed in accordance with the attached.”*

27.1 Disease & Quarantine

27.2 Education

27.3 Resource

27.4 Food Safety and Prevention of Residues

27.5 Other committees as per conference decisions

28. **Meeting Close**

It is anticipated that the conference will close at approximately 6:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE ACCOMMODATION SUGGESTIONS

Venue for QBA and AHBIC Conference

Country Comfort Motel
250 South Station Road
Raceview QLD 4305
Phone: 07 3202 4622 / Free call: 1800 882 263
Email: reservations.ipswich@countrycomforthotels.com

Don't forget to state your attendance for bee conference/s

Conference rate: \$110.00 per night
Breakfast: \$10.00 (light)
 \$16.00 (full) in restaurant
Room service – cost as per order

This Motel also has a limited number of sites for motor homes.

**THE FOLLOWING MOTELS ARE SEVERAL KILOMETRES AWAY FROM THE VENUE
AND A VEHICLE WILL BE REQUIRED TO DRIVE TO THE CONFERENCE.**

Ipswich Central Motel
Cnr Limestone & Thorn Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 07 3281 2100
Email: info@centralmotelipswich.com

Ipswich City Motel
86 Warwick Road
Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 07 3281 2633
Email: stay@ipswichcitymotel.com.au

Best Western Heritage Motor Inn
51-55 Warwick Road
Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 07 3202 3111
Email: admin@ihmi.com.au

Metro Hotel Ipswich International
43 South Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 07 3812 8077
Email: Ipswich@metrohg.com

Oaks Aspire Apartments
1 West Street
Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 1800 026 092
Email: aspire@theoaksgroup.com.au

Quest Ipswich
57-63 Warwick Road
Ipswich QLD 1305
Ph: 07 3813 6000

Villiers Bed & Breakfast
14 Cardew Street
East Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 07 3281 7364 / 0407 572 398
Email: bandbvilliers@optusnet.com.au

Parkview Colonials-Bed & Breakfast
72 Chermerside Road
Ipswich QLD 4305
Ph: 07 3812 3266
Email: info@parkviewcolonials.com.au