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AUSTRALIAN HONEY INDUSTRY MONTHLY REVIEW

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

Australian Queen Bee Exporters
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Bees Neez Apiaries
Capilano Honey Limited
Dewar Apiaries
FCAAA
Gell's Honey
Honey Packers & Marketers Association
Hoskinson, H L & H M
Morgan, Trevor
Papworth, F & E
Pollination Association of WA

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

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EXPORT MATTERS - NEW AQIS CONTACTS

Honey exporters have new contacts in the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS). They are:

- Ian Lyall (Ph 02 6272 3630) – For all market access enquires and assistance in negotiating new market access. Help with detained consignments.
- Christine Coulson (Ph 02 6272 4167) – General enquires about certification for established markets.

I am sorry that I will no longer be the industry's contact for all things involving AQIS honey certification and market access. I have sincerely enjoyed working with the bee product industry, which I believe to be a responsible and mature industry with a strong commitment to self-regulation and a willingness to work with government.

This was demonstrated recently when the European Union Food and Veterinary Office (EU FVO) visited Australia to review residue controls including honey. Participation in a residue-monitoring program is one of the requirements for access to the EU market. The EU FVO appreciated the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council's use of the National Residue Survey to monitor honey for residues and contaminants.

This regular monitoring underpins Australian honey's good residue credentials. The EU FVO also accepted the Australian honey industry HACCP based programs, such as B-QUAL as meeting their requirements.

The EU FVO review found the Australian honey system equivalent to the European system and therefore Australia can continue to export bee products to EU under our current regulations. This means that there is no need for a separate set of Honey Orders. However, AQIS will still be working with the industry to streamline the export process and to assist the industry, through the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council to develop new markets for Australian honey.

To minimise the number of Australian honey consignments detained due to certification errors and to provide options for exporters, AQIS will be introducing new electronic certificates, using the AQIS EXDOC system. AQIS will also be officially listing honey exporters to the EU on the Establishment Register (ER). Both these measures should increase certificate control and minimise the time taken to produce a certificate.

AQIS will retain the manual certificate system for those exporters that want to use a manual certificate.

Speaking of certificates, AQIS has developed a honey certificate for French Polynesia (Tahiti) which has quite specific export requirements. Please contact Ian Lyall, if you are interested in exporting to French Polynesia.

Farewell and good luck with your exports.

Fay Stenhouse
Residues and Food Safety
Email: fay.stenhouse@aqis.gov.au

APIS CERANA UPDATE

2 May 2010

This past fortnight only resulted in one find, IP87. This was at Gordonvale. There has been another suspect nest found at Gordonvale which is awaiting confirmation by the Entomologist.

Beelining is currently underway at three (3) locations, Yarrabah, Gordonvale and Behana Gorge. Behana Gorge is just west of the most southerly IP (excluding Innisfail) so is not unexpected.

The main activity for the past fortnight has been intensive surveillance at Innisfail and in the corridor from Gordonvale to Innisfail. There has been in the vicinity of 3,600 sweeps made in the area and, to date, no more cerana have been found.

There are plans underway to survey the railway yards from Innisfail to Townsville.

Results of mite inspections on samples sent to Brisbane have been negative for all mites.

The media coverage is still good and this in turns leads to good public reporting.

CCAHB had a phone hook-up on Friday 23 April. CCAHB has considered the latest information and has agreed, from the Technical Perspective, to still recommend progressing with the eradication campaign and to re-consider the situation in early June.

The Primary Industries Ministerial Council (PIMC) has met and has agreed to the joint funding proposal, by NMG, for the Asian bee eradication program. The National Management Group (NMG) had put forward a recommendation to fund until the end of this calendar year with a review before the end of the year. This is a positive result for our industry.

14 May 2010

This past fortnight has seen several finds probably as a result of the extra surveillance staff now employed.

IP88 was a nest found at Gordonvale.

IP89 was a nest found at Edmonton.

IP90 was a nest at Yarrabah.

IP91 was a swarm about 30 metres away from IP90.

IP 92 was a nest at Behana Gorge which was beelined for 2 weeks. It was 20 metres up a tree.

IP93 was a nest at Aloomba.

IP94 was another nest at Aloomba about 80 metres away from IP93.

Beelining is currently underway at three (3) locations, Yarrabah, Mt. Peter and Behana Gorge.

There has been extensive sweeping at Innisfail and no more cerana have been found.

A newly developed trap has been put at several locations on the rail line between Cairns and Cardwell and there will be more positioned next week from Cardwell to Townsville. There are also 12 traps between Fisheries Falls and Innisfail.

The rainbow bee eaters are back roosting and the sheets have been set up under their roosts to collect the pellets and have them examined for cerana wings.

There is still good community engagement and this work is continuing.

On the publicity front, I have been contacted by several media outlets and there was coverage on ABC news plus the Saturday program of AM. The AM program was mainly devoted to coverage of Terry Ryan's paper which can be seen at <https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/10-026> If it does not come up under this site go to the RIRDC site, then honeybees, then publications and you will find it. Thanks to Terry for a very comprehensive study.

Trevor Weatherhead

UPDATE ON REFORMS TO AUSTRALIA'S QUARANTINE & BIOSECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Summary

In December 2008, the Australian Government released the findings from the independent review of Australia's quarantine and biosecurity arrangements (the Beale review) and the government's preliminary response, agreeing in-principle to all 84 recommendations.

Key Issues

- The Australian Government's response to the Beale review recommendations will take some time and progress will be subject to whole-of-government budget processes.
- Many of the review's recommendations are dependent on the commencement of the proposed new legislation. Drafting of the new biosecurity legislation is underway.
 - The new biosecurity bill will be made available for extended public consultation before its introduction into Parliament.
- To assist in developing a seamless biosecurity system across the continuum and strengthen partnerships between governments, industry, business and the community, the following activities have been progressed:
 - establishment of the Biosecurity Advisory Council to provide the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry with strategic advice on biosecurity policies and activities across the biosecurity continuum;
 - negotiation of an intergovernmental agreement on biosecurity between the Commonwealth, state and territory governments to strengthen the national biosecurity system (due to be completed in mid-2010); and
 - development and implementation of a Postgraduate Curriculum in Plant Biosecurity across five Australian universities.
- Additionally, a number of new structures and roles have commenced to improve the governance of Australia's biosecurity activities, including:
 - the appointment of the interim Inspector General of Biosecurity (Dr Kevin Dunn) to conduct independent audits of Australia's biosecurity systems, subsuming the role of the interim Inspector General of Horse Importation;

- the appointment of an economist to the Eminent Scientists Group (Mr Roger Rose), further enhancing Australia's import risk analysis process; and
 - the establishment of the Biosecurity Services Group, consolidating the pre-border, border and post-border biosecurity functions of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, in preparation for the creation of a national biosecurity authority.
- The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is continuing to examine ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of biosecurity resources and is currently investigating options to target those areas of highest risk. For example:
 - the Australian Government has facilitated a return to full cost recovery for industry with the removal of the 40 per cent subsidy on export certification fees and charges;
 - the department has commenced trials for risk-based intervention at the border, moving away from mandatory intervention targets and focussing resources to where risk is greatest; and
 - the department is undertaking detailed scoping work on a significant upgrade of information and communication technology (ICT) systems and future arrangements for post-entry quarantine facilities.
 - To date, the following funding has been announced by the Australian Government to assist in progressing biosecurity reforms:
 - \$300,000 over two years (2009-10 and 2010-11) to continue the National Sentinel Hive Program to provide assured funding while a comprehensive monitoring and surveillance proposal is developed and considered by governments and industry.
 - \$14.7 million in 2009-10 to enable ongoing progress with biosecurity reforms, namely scoping work on ICT systems and post-entry quarantine facilities, implementation of governance arrangements, development of new legislation and the extension of risk management activities; and
 - \$127.4 million through the Export Certification Reform Package to help transition exporters to the new fees and charges, provide regulatory and supply chain reform and improve market access for agricultural export industries.

Background

On 19 February 2008, the Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry announced a major, independent review of Australia's quarantine and biosecurity arrangements, fulfilling one of the Government's key election commitments. The Minister convened a panel chaired by Mr Roger Beale AO. Other members of the panel were Dr Jeff Fairbrother AM, Mr Andrew Inglis AM and Mr David Trebeck.

The review panel received over 220 written submissions and consulted widely, holding over 170 meetings with individuals and representatives of interested organisations in Australia and overseas.

On 18 December 2008, Minister Burke released the report – *One biosecurity: A Working Partnership* - and the government's preliminary response, agreeing in-principle to all 84 recommendations. The review panel concluded that Australia operates a sound biosecurity system that can be improved further to deal with increasing risks, arising from climate change, globalisation and increased passenger and cargo movements. Its recommendations are designed to improve the good aspects of the current system and to rectify any shortcomings.

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Date: 19 April 2010

MYRTLE RUST (*Uredo rangelii*)



In Australia, Myrtle rust has recently been detected on *Agonis* (willow myrtle), *Syncarpia* (turpentine) and *Callistemon* (bottlebrush) species. Internationally, there are unconfirmed reports of infection on some *Eucalyptus* species. It has also been confirmed on *Myrtus*, *Syzygium* and *Heteropyxis* species overseas.

Rusts are highly transportable. The most common dispersal mechanism is via wind but they may also attract bees who work the spores on leaves. The spores can also be spread via contaminated clothing, infected plant material and insect movement.

Myrtle rust produces lesions on young, actively growing leaves and shoots, as well as on fruits and sepals. Leaves may become buckled or twisted as a result of infection. On turpentine and callistemon rust lesions are purple in colour, with masses of bright yellow or orange-yellow spores. Occasionally, they may have dark brown spores. Severe rust disease in young trees may kill shoot tips, causing loss of leaders and a bushy habit.

DETECTION AND BEEKEEPING IMPLICATIONS

4 May 2010

On Tuesday 27 April, 2010, I was contacted by DAFF in Canberra, as a result of a referral by AHBIC, to advise that a rust had been found in New South Wales on willow myrtle and that bees had been actively working it. The owner had been alerted to the bee activity as the myrtle was grown for foliage and any buds were removed. The bees were seen actively gathering something from the leaves.

Today, I was contacted by DEEDI in Queensland and I took part in a telephone hook-up this afternoon. As well as Government people there were representatives from the Nursery and Flower Industries and Timber Queensland.

DAFF has put out a Media Release which is attached to the covering email as well as this report. Basically what has happened is that as well as the hives in New South Wales, the beekeeper concerned sold nucleus colonies to a Queensland beekeeper. These nucs are now in single brood boxes and are located near Beaudesert. Biosecurity Queensland (BQ) apiary staff have inspected the hives and found no rust spores in the hives. This apiary is not under quarantine. A survey of surrounding vegetation did not reveal any spores. The NSW beekeeper is not under quarantine at this stage. The property in NSW is under quarantine.

At this stage, it is being handled as a national issue with NSW being the lead State. There is a lot to find out. From our point of view the most crucial will be its effect on native flora. This rust seems to be attracted to Myrtaceae family plants which contain many of the well known honey and pollen trees:-*Eucalypts*, *Corymbia*, *Lophostemon* plus a host of support species such as *Callistemon*.

At this stage, according to the Media Release, it has not been found on *Eucalypts*. This rust is very close to guava rust which has had some devastating effects on plantation *Eucalypts* in other parts of the world.

Our industry is represented nationally by our AHBIC President, Lindsay Bourke.

Tasmania has already started making enquiries about the likely transfer on queen bees in cages and honey. Other States will, no doubt, follow suit. It is not known how it will affect live bee exports. This rust does occur in the USA in California, Florida and Hawaii as well as Japan. It is fortunate that this has come at a time when queen rearing has ceased and the question of interstate, as well as exports, can be sorted out without affecting the sale of queen bees. At this stage, there are no indications of interstate restrictions on the movements of hives.

DEEDI will be keeping me informed of any developments and I will keep you all updated. If anything significant happens, I will contact you immediately.

If you have any questions, contact me at any time.

Trevor Weatherhead

MYRTLE RUST (*Uredo rangelii*) DETECTION

4 May 2010

A National Management Group met on 30 April 2010 to consider a recent detection of *Uredo rangelii* (Myrtle rust) at a NSW cut flower growing facility. This is the first detection of Myrtle rust in Australia and there is limited knowledge of its impact or behaviour under Australian conditions.

Based on the advice of the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests—a coordinating body providing technical advice during plant health emergencies—the National Management Group has agreed that the rust is not technically feasible to eradicate. The National Biosecurity Committee will oversee continued surveillance and host testing in order to assess the implications of Myrtle rust and develop options for its management.

In this incident, Myrtle rust has been found on *Agonis flexuosa* (willow myrtle), *Syncarpia* (turpentine) and *Callistemon* (bottlebrush) species. The full host range of Myrtle rust will be the subject of ongoing analysis. To date, it has not been confirmed on Australian eucalypts.

Myrtle rust is closely related to the rust fungus causing guava rust and part of a complex of rusts that infect the Myrtaceae family of plants, which include many Australian native species. Myrtle rust produces lesions on young, actively growing leaves and shoots as well as on fruits and sepals. Leaves may become buckled or twisted as a result of infection. On turpentine and callistemon, rust lesions are purple in colour, with masses of bright yellow or orange-yellow spores.

Rusts are highly transportable. Their spores can be spread via contaminated clothing, infected plant material, on equipment and by insect movement and wind dispersal. These types of rust affect commercial plant growing operations and native ecosystems. They typically attack young plants and new growth on established plants and can be controlled in commercial operations with the use of fungicides.

The National Management Group is comprised of the chief executive officers of the national and state/territory departments of agriculture and primary industries across Australia and also representatives of peak industry bodies. The National Biosecurity Committee is comprised of senior representatives of the national and state/territory environment and primary industries departments.

National Management Groups and the National Biosecurity Committee are chaired by the Secretary of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Dr Conall O'Connell.

Media inquiries: 02 6272 3232

VALE - BOB WEIR

We were saddened to hear of the death of Bob Weir on 7 May 2010.

Bob was one of the original members of Capilano Apiaries which later became the Honey Corporation of Australia and then Capilano Honey Limited. He served as a Director and Chairman of Capilano for many years. Bob was also a life member of both the New South Wales Apiarists' Association and the Queensland Beekeepers' Association.

AHBIC would like to offer its sincere condolences to Bob's daughter Kae Klingner, son-in-law Monte, grandson Craig and all his family.

Bob will be sadly missed by the Australian beekeeping industry.

WORK WANTED

I am a New Zealand male 35years old, with 11years experience in the industry. I have experience in all aspects of beekeeping from queen rearing to extraction. I am looking to come to Australia to experience the industry in your country for about three months. Ideally I would like to do this in Western Australia if possible from June/July. Contact: Andrew Crossen crossen.family@xtra.co.nz>

A French Canadian beekeeper seeks seasonal work. He has operated his own 600 colony business for almost 20 years and has truck driving skills. Contact: Gilles Gagne gilles_gagne@hotmail.com

PROFESSOR DANIELA STEHLIK APPOINTED CHAIR FOR RIRDC

Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, The Hon. Tony Burke MP has appointed Professor Daniela Stehlik as the Chair of the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC). Professor Stehlik is one of Australia's leading social scientists in the areas of sustainability, human service practice and social cohesion with a focus on families and communities in regional/rural Australia. She has also recently been appointed as inaugural Director of the new Northern Institute at Charles Darwin University.

From 2003 to early 2010 Professor Stehlik held the position of Foundation Chair in Stronger Communities and Director of the Research Centre for Stronger Communities (RCSC) at Curtin University of Technology in Perth, Western Australia, where she lead a team of social scientists working in sustainability and conservation; land use change; strengths-based practice models and place and community vulnerability. Before that appointment Professor Stehlik served for nine years at Central Queensland University.

In 2008, she completed an appointment to the Expert Panel on the Social Impacts of Drought for the Federal Minister of Agriculture's Review of National Drought Policy. She was an invited participant in the Australia 2020 Summit and the National Rural Women's Summit in 2008. Professor Stehlik's

involvement in community development activities, and the impact of change on communities has led to a number of publications focusing on issues associated with social sustainability, community capacity building and evidence based policy. She has given visiting lectures in the US, Canada, the UK, and the Czech Republic.

She is actively involved in policy development and public commentary on community issues in Australia, and undertakes many public contributions on these issues each year. - including acting as a consultant to the National Rural Women's Coalition and the Country Women's Association. She is particularly interested in the generative capacity of women's energy and enthusiasm as an important component of community flourishing.

SMALL HIVE BEETLE DISCOVERED IN HAWAII

The small hive beetle has been discovered in hives near Hilo, adding another threat to Hawaii's honey industry and exportation of queen bees, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

On April 27, a beekeeper on a Pana`ewa farm contacted the agriculture department's entomologist in Hilo about beetles he found in the hives that he was maintaining for the farm owner, agriculture officials said. Samples of the beetles were confirmed as small hive beetles on April 30 by the US Department of Agriculture's National Identification Service in Riverdale, Md.

Adult and larval stages of the beetles have been found at two sites. Surveys in West Hawaii, where the majority of the queen bee operations are located, will begin today, agriculture officials said. Agriculture officials have activated the Incident Command System, which is widely used for other emergency responses, to manage this pest emergency. "The Small Hive Beetle will be difficult to eradicate and control because it also feeds on various decaying fruits which are abundant in the wild," said Neil Reimer, manager of the Plant Pest Control Branch. "We are working with the US Department of Agriculture to develop a queen bee certification procedure that would allow for the continued export of clean queen bees to foreign and domestic areas."

FARM FRESH: AUSTRALIAN FOOD PRODUCERS AND PROVIDORES

Arbon Publishing is an independent publishing house producing high-quality special interest books. *Farm Fresh: Australian Food Producers and Providores*, Arbon's forthcoming publication, will connect the reader with the wonderful food networks around Australia and explore and promote the various food regions and the innovative and entrepreneurial producers.

Australian growers and producers are the backbone of the Australian food industry, both in terms of our food consumption and our export markets. We are seeing increasing interest in locally produced food; people want to know where their food is coming from, how it is produced and who is producing it. *Farm Fresh: Australian Food Producers and Providores* will also contain the A—Z showcase, a comprehensive directory of producers, growers and retailers.

If you are a producer, grower or retailer, and are interested in being a part of this exciting upcoming publication, one of our categories is Honey. We would love to hear from you. Basic listings in our directory are free. If this sounds like something you're interested in knowing more about, or would like to be listed, please contact Yasmin Cameron on (02) 9437 0438, or via email:

yasmin@arbonpublishing.com

Yasmin Cameron
Arbon Publishing

2010 STATE AND SECTOR CONFERENCES

FCAAA	New South Wales Apiarists' Association	20 - 21 May
	Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	28 - 29 May
	Victorian Apiarists' Association	2 - 3 June
	South Australian Apiarists' Association	10 - 11 June
	WA Farmers Federation- Beekeeping Section	11 June
	Queensland Beekeepers Association	17 - 18 June
	Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	19 May
	Honey Packers and Marketers Association	To be advised
	National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	17 June
	Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Associations	17 June
	Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	18 - 19 June

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES:

Tasmania has advised a change of date and the Honey Packers have deferred their AGM scheduled for 26 May 2010 to a date to be advised.

B-QUAL

There will be a B-QUAL Training day on Wednesday 9 June in South Australia and Wednesday 16 June in Queensland. Unfortunately the training day scheduled for Wednesday 19 May in New South Wales was cancelled due to lack of response.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TRAVELLING TO AND FROM BRISBANE AIRPORT & CONFERENCE VENUE

BY CAR It is approx one hour's drive from Brisbane airport to Ipswich, in normal traffic conditions.

BY TAXI Taxi fares between \$120 and \$140 plus tolls (add approx \$9.00)

BY BUS

- **AIRPORT EXPRESS** (07) 3281 5688

Bus runs daily, door to door. Pre bookings are essential and must be made at least two (2) working days prior to arriving in/departing from Brisbane.

Costs: *6am to 10pm daily.* One person - \$43 one way
Two people - \$65 one way
Three people - \$98 one way
Four people - \$130 one way
10pm to 6am Minimum Fare - \$130

- **Airport West Transfers** (07) 3812 8751

There is no time requested for pre-booking, but an early pre-booking would ensure your seat.

Costs: *6am – 8pm daily* One person - \$50 one way
Two people - \$70 one way
Six people - \$120 one way
8pm – 6am daily ADD \$20.00 to each above fare

- **BCT Airport Transfers** (1300 763 005) <http://www.bct-transfers.com>

Costs: *4am – 10pm daily* \$120 per vehicle - can take 1 to 6 people
10pm to 4am daily as above plus \$50 surcharge per vehicle load

BY TRAIN

Services to and from Brisbane Airport and Booval Train Station (closest Ipswich suburb to Conference Venue)

via (1) **Airtrain - airport to City**, then (2) **suburban train - City to Booval**.

See <http://www.airtrain.com.au/maps.php> for map & timetable - Airport <--> Ipswich.

- Complete journey timetable and train fares at

<http://jp.translink.com.au/TransLinkstationTimetable.asp>

Finding journey on web site: → for “from ” use Domestic Airport for “to” use Booval Station

→ Mon – Fri: **Last Airtrain** leaves airport to City at **8pm**
Last Airtrain leaves City to airport *approx 7pm*
→ Sat & Sun: **Last Airtrain** leaves airport to City at **7.59pm**
Last Airtrain leaves City to airport *approx 7pm*

- Take train from airport to either Roma Street or Central Station (check Translink Timetable as above)
- Change train and travel to Booval Train Station (on Ipswich/Rosewood line)
- Taxi from Booval Station to Conference Venue (taxi rank is on left of direction of train travel)

Costs: Adult train fare – Airport to Booval Train Station - approx \$24 (one way)
Taxi fare – Booval Train Station to Conference Venue – approx \$14.00

AHBIC delegates, who are coming to the QBA field day and do not have a vehicle the QBA is putting on a small bus to take them to and from the field day at no cost. Times when the bus leaves the motel and the field day will be given at conference.