



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

MARCH 2013

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 QUEENBEE SUPPLIER'S NAME APPEAR ON THIS LIST? IF NOT, THEN ASK 'WHY NOT?' AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2012-2013 GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

ABS Honey	Den Hollander, JE	Lockley, Beverley	Spencer Family
Adams, Richard	Dewar Apiaries	McAlister, Ross	Stokes, Peter
Ashby, KP & MA	Dinh Vu, Long	McDonald, M A	Sutherland, Karen
Ashelfor Pure Aussie Honey	Doncaster Bee Club	McDonald P & M	Tasmanian Beekeepers Association
Auckett, John	Doyle, Anthony	McDonald, RG	Thompson, G
Barson, Jillian	Droutsas, Bill	McDonald, R & M	Triantafillopoulos, Stavros
Baumholzer, RK	Edmonds, John	McGlew, GC	Trigg, Margaret
Beechworth Honey P/L	Ellis, Declan	McLaren, Jane	Ulek Honey
Beswick Bees	Enslin, Darren	Merrett, Anthony J	Vu, Long & Kim
Billington, Steven	Ewington, P & M	Miller, Clem	Vaile, Graham
Blair-Hickman, R & R	Faithfull, Mark	Milne, HL & PA	Van der Woode, Lowie
Blake, Barry	FCAAA	Morgan, Trevor	Van Essen, K
Bliss, Stephen	Fountain, Peter	Nairn, Mal	Watson, James
Bole, Peter	Gells Honey	Niacol Pty Ltd	Norcic, John
Bourke, Lindsay	Geelong Honey Pty Ltd	Ophion Pty Ltd	Weatherhead, T & M
Brennan, John	Geelong Beekeepers Club	Pluschke, Doug	Weerona Apiaries
Brooks, Graham	Gillies, Hugh	Pobke, Barry	Wescobee Limited
Buntine, Robert	Glasby, Garry	Pritchett, Bruce	Williams JW & MA
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)	Grosso, Joe	Proebstl, Investments	Wisken, Ian
Buzzies Bee Juice	Hartje, MM	R. Stephens	Wythe, EC & HS
Camelite Monastery	Hobday, David	Richter, Phil	Zadow Apiaries
Camilleri, Michael	Hoskinson, HL & HM	Ringin, Bill	Zuchowski, Janusz
Capilano Honey Ltd	Howard, LP & PJ	Roberts, Glenn	
Clarke, Zoe	Ipswich/West Moreton Beekeepers Association	Roberts, I J & J H	
Clifford, Ray	Jeremenko, Steve	Rose, Doug	
Constantelos, Stan	Kee, Michael	Saxonbee Enterprises- Rod Pavy	
Cotton, A J &	Kelly, AV	Schard, Peter	
Crabb, David	Kennett, JL & KA	Siacci, Colin	
Cutts, Neville	Kininmonth, Ian	Sinclair, Dr Nigel	
D'Amico, John	Lagoutatzis, Nikolaos	Smit, J & C	
Dawes, Chris John	Langan, Marg	Smith, RD & WW	
Davey, RE	Lees IP & LD		

The above list recognises contributions received since 1 May 2012

**Thank you to all our beekeeper contributors some of whom have asked to remain anonymous.
AHBIC appreciates your ongoing support.**

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THANKS EDDY

As a result of the sale of Wescobee to Capilano on Friday 22 March, 2013, Eddy Planken has advised AHBIC of his resignation, to take effect immediately, from the AHBIC Executive and the Food Safety and Prevention of Residues Committee.



On behalf of all beekeepers, Australia wide, I would like to thank Eddy for his contribution to our industry. Eddy has been on the AHBIC Executive as a member and Deputy Chairman and also a member of the Food Safety and Prevention of Residues Committee for many years now.

I would like to put on record my thanks to Eddy for helping me with putting in place the changes to the AHBIC Constitution. This was not an easy job.

Eddy was also President of the International Honey Exporters Organisation (IHEO) for many years and kept that organisation together.

On 26 January 2011 Eddy was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

We will miss that infectious laugh at our meetings and I would like to thank him for all the wise counsel he has given AHBIC over the years.

As our AGM is in Perth this year, hopefully we will have a chance to catch up with you there.

From all the beekeepers Australia wide, thank you Eddy.

Lindsay Bourke
AHBIC Chairman
24 March 2013

AFB WORKSHOP

A very successful workshop was held in Canberra on 14 & 15 March, 2013. It was very positive in its outlook and there has been put in place a steering committee comprising of Craig Klingner, Ian Zadow and, (from Plant Health Australia), Sam Malfroy to develop a working plan.

The proceedings from the workshop are currently being written up by Michael Clarke.

PARADICHLOROBENZENE - PDB

All beekeepers should note that the Extraneous Residue Level (ERL) for PDB will expire on 15 May, 2013. So this will only be in place for less than another two (2) months.

This ERL was put in place to allow beekeepers who may have had problems to fix them. Any possible problems should have been fixed by now. It is your duty to keep our industry clean and green.

EMAIL PROBLEMS

Hopefully the email problems have been fixed. Apologies to anyone who did not receive a timely reply to an email they may have sent.

If anyone has still not received a reply, please send the email again as it did not turn up on the AHBIC computer.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

It is pleasing to have many beekeepers and packers contribute to AHBIC by paying the voluntary levy. Thanks to you all. AHBIC can only exist by having those voluntary levies in place.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive meeting was held in Canberra on Wednesday 13 March, 2013.

The proceeding day Chairman Lindsay Bourke and I met with Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVA), Plant Health Australia (PHA) and Agrifood Skills Australia. See below one of the outcomes from the meeting with Agrifood Skills Australia.

At PHA the categorisation process was discussed. This is under review but can be activated if an incursion happens.

At APVMA we had discussions on moving on with the minor registration of chemicals that will be needed if varroa gets here. We also discussed the change to the AHBIC registration of permethrin to allow for different strength formulations to be able to be used for ground treatment against small hive beetle. The product currently registered will no longer be made so different strength formulations needed to be registered. We were also given an update on the pollinator safety review that is currently underway.

Bee Industry- Funding Available for Training through NWDF

The National Workforce Development Fund (NWDF) is an Australian Government initiative that helps businesses identify and address their workforce development needs. It operates on a co-funding arrangement where new and current workers can receive government funding of **up to 67%** of the cost of undertaking approved courses. These courses include the Certificate III in Beekeeping. Higher level vocational courses in a variety of fields including leadership and business management are also available.

Those seeking to enter the industry could be eligible for a Certificate II level qualification with a focus on beekeeping.

The NWDF is administered by AgriFood Skills Australia on behalf of the government. Your Honey Bee Industry Council is available to work on your behalf with AgriFood to access training funds under the NWDF. AgriFood has confirmed there remains funding available to support training of Bee Industry workers. The training can be undertaken over a short duration or over several years. Interested? Want more information? Let Trevor Weatherhead know if you are interested.

See the website <http://www.agrifoodskills.net.au/?page=NWDFFunding>

Thanks to Rosie Stern, the Chair of the AHBIC Education Committee, for putting us in contact with the right people and doing the initial ground work.

CONFERENCE DATES - 2013

New South Wales	22-24 May (Merimbula)
Victorian Apiarists Association	5-6 June (Bendigo)
Tasmanian Apiarists Association	31 May – 1 June (Hobart)
South Australian Apiarists Association	20-21 June (Renmark)
WA Farmers Federation – Beekeeping Section	5 July (Perth)
Queensland Beekeepers Association	13-14 June (Warwick)
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	June
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Associations	6 July (Perth)
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	6 July (Perth)

Please note the WA conference has changed from 4 to 5 July and the AHBIC meeting from 5 to 6 July.

More details on the AHBIC meeting in the next newsletter.

LIVE BEE EXPORTS

I met recently with the Queensland Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry re what we can do after the Transition to Management Plan for the Asian bee finishes on 30 June, 2013. I impressed on him that any decision will have ramifications for all exporters of live bees from Australia and not just Queensland. Our exports to Canada are at risk and any chance of having the US market re-opened will not be realised if something is not done.

I had a good hearing from the Minister and I am hopeful that something can be done to ensure we keep those markets open.

POST ENTRY QUARANTINE FACILITIES

I attended a meeting in Brisbane put on by the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry where we were given a briefing on where the proposed facility in Victoria is at.

Planning is well underway and the plans are to go to the Public Works Committee of the Federal Parliament for final approval. From the information given, it seems that the importation of queen bees will be well catered for, albeit that it will be a reasonable distance to travel for some who will import.

Speaking with a couple of potential importers who attended the Sydney meeting, they went away reasonably satisfied. The meetings reported that the importing beekeeper will be able to bring their own bee hives to the quarantine station to firstly provide the bees for the nucs in the quarantine station and also have hives outside which can be used to top up the nucs and also be able to raise queen cells for sending back to their operational headquarters.

The nucs in the quarantine station are never released to the outside once they are inside. They are destroyed upon completion of the import process.

NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY

Planning by States is well underway for the National Honey Bee Day. The date is Sunday 5 May although some States such as Queensland will hold it on Sunday 12 May due to having other promotional activities on that day.

Please check with your State Association as to what plans they have in place. More details in the next newsletter.

BIOSECURITY AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT FUNDING

A paper by Terry Ryan titled “Enhancing and funding biosecurity and disease management for apiarists” is on the RIRDC website at

<http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/animal-industries/honeybee>

Comments are invited on this paper. Comments are due in by 5 April. Where to send the comments is on the website.

NEWSLETTER

Can I encourage you to talk with your fellow beekeepers about whether they receive this newsletter. If not, please ask them to contact me and I can put them on the distribution list. The newsletter only comes in an email format and we do not send it out as a hard copy.

This may disadvantage some but if you know of someone in this category please print off the newsletter and give it to them.

XXXXIII International Apicultural Congress
29 September — 04 October, 2013, Kyiv, Ukraine



Registration for the World Beekeeping Awards is now open!

Visit the web site at: <http://apimondia2013.org.ua/en/press-center/news/registration-for-the-world-beekeeping-awards-is-now-open!.html>

Dear Colleguas,

We are happy to announce that the world's foremost apicultural contest is now open for applications.

43rd Apimondia Congress for the first time in history hosts the World Beekeeping Awards by the harmonized international rules with a Jury representing all 5 continents!

Over 150 awards will be presented across the three categories:

- Individual classes – for passionate beekeeping enthusiasts keen to get the international recognition for their honey and beeswax.
- Commercial classes – for professional producers willing to demonstrate excellency and highest level of quality in production and packing of different types of honey, honey-based beverage and beeswax, as well as commercial displays. The prestigious trophies will be awarded for the first time to mark the most exceptional exhibits.
- Apimondia contests classes – the traditional and much loved competition of all things related to bees and beekeeping: from books and photographs to ApiExpo stands

and cutting-edge innovations. A special “under 18” classes are included for the youngest friends of bees.

Five reasons why you can't afford to miss the WBA 2013:

1. **Prizes** – medals, certificates and trophies will be distributed to the winners in 49 classes.
2. **Perfection** - an opportunity to receive feedback for your products from international judges - the leading global beekeeping industry professionals.
3. **Recognition** - a unique platform to demonstrate the success of your business across the apiculture industry. The contest program will receive an unprecedented international media coverage this year,
4. **Test** - chance to challenge the best of the best within the industry.
5. **Celebration** – invitation to a glittering Awarding ceremony and Closing ceremony of the Apimondia Congress to network and celebrate with the world’s beekeeping elite.

[Apply Now!](#)

Best regards,

Yurij Riphyak

World Beekeeping Awards coordinator

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<http://apimondia2013.org.ua/en/wba>

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Blueprint for Aust Ag launched

The NFF recently launched the much-anticipated Blueprint for Australian Agriculture at a lunch attended by 150 farmers and industry leaders, supply chain representatives, NFF members, Blueprint advisory group participants, Ministers, Senators and Government representatives in Canberra.

The Blueprint identifies seven themes: seven critical areas in which action must happen now in order to secure a strong and sustainable future for the sector. The seven themes are:

- Innovation and Research, Development and Extension
- Competitiveness
- Trade and Market Access
- People
- Agriculture within Society
- Natural Resources
- Transformational Issues.

The full Blueprint report, and a summary document, are available from the Blueprint webpage at:

<http://www.nff.org.au/blueprint.html>

The launch of the Blueprint marks the end of the first phase of Blueprint, but not the end of the road for the Blueprint itself.

Phase two, or the legacy phase, will see the key actions identified in the Blueprint enacted by the agricultural sector and its supply chain. This process will begin with the first in a series of forums for the agricultural sector and the wider supply chain. The first forum, taking place on Friday 24 May, will be held in Canberra. For more information, or to register your interest, please contact Ruth Redfern at the NFF.

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TAX INVOICE/RECEIPT

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Up to 50 hives = \$50.00 51 and over hives = \$1.00 per hive

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Address:

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Phone: Date:

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Please publicise my name on the front of the AHBIC Newsletter

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I would like to receive the AHBIC Annual Report

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Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (*email preferred*)

Your contribution can be paid by **CHEQUE** (or Money Order) or **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

CHEQUE \$ Please include this form with your Cheque or Money Order.

DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Account Name: Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc

Bank: Commonwealth Bank, Maroubra Junction, NSW.

BSB: 062 198

Account No: 1022 2090

When paying by Direct Deposit

please * **quote your Company / Name as the Reference**
and * **email your details** (as above) to: ahbic@honeybee.org.au

*Thank you for supporting AHBIC to continue supporting your industry at a national level.
It is gratefully appreciated.*