



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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

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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AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held in Perth on Saturday 6 July, 2013. The Western Australian Farmers Federation – Beekeepers Section held their meeting on the Friday before and a combined dinner was held on the Friday night.

From the AGM, the following are the Executive for the coming year:-

Chairman – Ian Zadow
Deputy Chairman – Rod Pavy
Executive – Trevor Morgan
Neil Bingley
Craig Klingner
Ken Gell
Executive Director – Trevor Weatherhead

Lindsay Bourke resigned as Chairman and Ian Zadow takes over that position for the remaining year. There will be an election for Chairman at the 2014 AGM.

Ian Zadow and Rod Pavy's two year term as Executive members finished at this AGM. As can be seen, Ian became the Chairman and Rod the Deputy Chairman.

Trevor Weatherhead has been appointed Executive Director for the next 12 months. He resigned as an Executive member. This meant that there were three Executive positions to fill, two (2) for two years and one for the remainder of Trevor Weatherhead's term which was a year.

There were three nominations and a ballot was held to see who would be appointed for two years and who would be there for the one remaining term. The ballot resulted in Neil Bingley and Craig Klingner being appointed for two years and Ken Gell for one year.

AHBIC AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

At the combined dinner in Perth, the AHBIC Award of Excellence was presented to Eddy Planken by outgoing AHBIC Chairman Lindsay Bourke. Eddy and his wife Terri had been invited to come to the dinner. It was a complete surprise to Eddy when he was announced as the award recipient.

The award is given to a person who has done outstanding work for our beekeeping industry. Eddy had been on the AHBIC Board for many years and served as Deputy Chairman for many of them.



THE DINNER – THE AUCTION



This year at the combined dinner in Perth, the west was introduced to a regular event that happens at many eastern States conferences – the auction. Products for the auction were donated by Lindsay Bourke and Shirley Stephens. The top seller being the book by Mark Leech – “Bee Friendly: A planting guide for European honeybees and Australian native pollinators” donated by Shirley Stephens. This went for \$300.

In total just under \$1000 was raised and with a kind donation the total made \$1000. This will be used by the WAFF – Beekeepers Section to pay for their delegates to come to the AHBIC AGM next year. You never know, the auction may also become a feature of conferences in the west.

Thanks to Craig Klingner for being our auctioneer.

AHBIC VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

AHBIC is grateful to the many beekeepers and honey packers who make a voluntary contribution to AHBIC. Without that funding AHBIC would not function.

A question was asked recently “Does AHBIC send out accounts for the contributions?” As this is a voluntary contribution and the amount given is up to the person involved, we cannot have an account. The Executive has discussed this and has decided that we will send out an email or letter about 12 months after a voluntary contribution has been made thanking the person for the contribution and inviting them to make another contribution.

Looking at our records for the past 12 months there were many who made a direct deposit by way of contribution and, as I don’t recognize the name, these people will not be able to be contacted. If you were one of these people and would again like to contribute to AHBIC, please let me know.

For those that choose to do a direct deposit, if you fill out the form, at the end of this newsletter, and send back, I will have you details and can acknowledge your contribution if you so desire.

Our acknowledgment on the front of the newsletter for those who indicated they would like their name there will change from next newsletter to those who have contributed in the previous 12 months.

Again thank you to those who support AHBIC.

B-QUAL BOARD VACANCIES

B-Qual is run by a Board of Directors. Ken Gell has served the Board for many years and feels it is time for him to step down and allow some new Directors to be appointed.

Applications to become a Director of B-Qual are now invited. Please forward your application to:-

Executive Director
AHBIC
P.O. Box 4253
Raceview Q 4305

Or email to ahbic@honeybee.org.au

Please include details of your beekeeping experience, your experience with QA programs and reasons you feel you could contribute to the Board.

NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY

At the AHBIC AGM, a Committee was set up to look at the National Honey Bee Day for next year and into the future. Leilani Leyland, who has been the driving force behind the successful days in Western Australia, is chairing the committee and there will be a representative from each State on the Committee.

NEW CHEMICAL – SULFOXAFLOR

In the last newsletter I said about sulfoxaflor “It is listed in the group 4 neonicotinoids”. Rob Annetts, from Dow, who gave a presentation on sulfoxaflor at the AGM in Perth, has provided me with the following details:-

“The Group 4 insecticides are “nicotinic acetylcholine receptor agonists”. There are three subgroups. The neonicotinoids, such as imidacloprid, clothianidin and thiamethoxam are in subgroup 4A. Nicotine is in subgroup 4B and the sulfoximines, which includes sulfoxaflor, are in subgroup 4C. While sulfoxaflor acts upon the nicotinic acetylcholine receptors it is not a neonicotinoid. It has a distinctly different chemical structure and physical properties. Sulfoxaflor (Transform®) is less acutely toxic to bees, has minimal persistence in plants and soil and rapidly degrades in the environment with no bee toxic metabolites produced. When applied correctly, Transform® provides excellent control of sap feeding insects, has a good fit with IPM programs and is unlikely to harm bees.”

Dow have an application to register sulfoxaflor in Australia and you can see details of the application at:- http://www.apvma.gov.au/publications/gazette/2013/13/gazette_20130702.pdf page 14.

The period for comment closed on 30 July and AHBIC has put in a submission.

WORK WANTED

This enquiry was received:-

Hello! My name is Sam Rittenhouse. I am a fourth generation beekeeper from Minnesota. I have lived and worked with bees my whole life. Recently, I had an opportunity to work in Hawaii at the Oliverez queen raising operation. It would be very appealing to me to take a similar trip to Australia! Any information about beekeepers that would need help over the course of the winter would be very appreciated! Please let me know anything that would get me closer to visiting your home Australia! Thanks!

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This also

we are Michaela (22) and Thomas (28) and we are from Austria. We have a own apiary and we want to spend one season abroad to work in an apiary and to collect new experiences! We would love to get to know how beekeepers in other parts of the world are working and to get to know other cultures!

Thomas has started to work with bees when he was 10 years old. Since five years he runs his own full-time apiary. Thomas has great know-how about beekeeping. He knows everything about holding, feeding, caring for beehives, is able to breed bee queens, to produce honey... Thomas is strong and physically healthy. He is able to cope with the hard physical work of a beekeeper.

I studied social work at University and I have finished my studies this year. I am also very interested in beekeeping. Whenever I have the time, I help Thomas in his apiary. I have to admit, that I am not as physically strong as Thomas is - I am not able to carry heavy beehives and things like that, but I can do other things like for example centrifuging and bottling honey, breeding queens, and help at the work with the beehives. Also I have good computer skills, have experience in working as a waitress, and am able to help in the household and garden.

Thomas and I would like to offer our help in an apiary!

We are very open-minded, down-to-earth, busy and humorous people. Thomas wants to work and gain experience in how beekeepers on other places in the world are working, and I also want to gain new experiences. I can imagine to help in the apiary, help in the household, or whatever may be needed!

Since we have our own apiary, it is only possible for us to work abroad from October/November 2013 till March 2014. We are looking forward to hearing from you! :-)

Email - thomas tertinek [Oeib-terinek@gmx.at]

WANTED TO BUY – BEESWAX

Had an enquiry from Lori Hoffman wanting to buy 8,000kgs of beeswax to export. If you are interested ring her on 0437 595 455.

MEDIA RELEASE

Sydney apiarist helps keep our agricultural industries buzzing

An Australian apiarist with over 40 years experience in the industry was today presented with a biosecurity commendation award for his efforts in preventing exotic pests like the Asian honey bees and parasitic *Varroa* mites from establishing in Australia.

Acting Regional Manager, Central East Region, Beverley Smith of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), praised Mr Eric Whitby, a private apiarist, for his continued work with the department.

“I commend Mr Whitby for his ongoing work with DAFF officers to manage the risk of bee swarms and colonies around the ports, which most recently involved collecting a bee swarm from a bulk tanker that had arrived at Kurnell,” Ms Smith said.

DAFF entomologists identified the bees found on the bulk tanker as Asian honey bee (*Apis cerana*) and confirmed they were infested with more than 150 *Varroa* mites; a bee parasite which is not currently present in Australia.

Asian honey bees could have a significant impact on wild and domesticated European honey bees, and have a negative impact on honey production and pollination services.

“DAFF officers worked with Mr Whitby to ensure these exotic pests were quickly contained and eradicated,” Ms Smith said.

As part of his ongoing work in exotic pest management Mr Whitby has developed an innovative surveillance trap for bees that is routinely used by DAFF for bee monitoring in the port environment.



“Mr Whitby’s efforts in reducing the risk of unwanted pests and disease establishing in the country illustrates the important role everyone has to play in Australia’s biosecurity system,” Ms Smith said.

“Managing Australia’s biosecurity system is a big job and we need individuals and industry to work with us to protect our unique environment and valuable industries.”

Play your part by reporting biosecurity concerns. Tell DAFF about it on **1800 798 636**.

L. to R. Ross Rickard Assistant Director Entomology, Eric Whitby, Dr. David Nehl Director Operational Science Program, Beverley Smith A/g Regional Manager

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BSB: 062 198

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