



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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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
Blair-Hickman, R & R	Ewington, P & M	McGlew, GC	Association
Blake, Barry	Faithfull, Mark	McLaren, Jane	Thompson, G
Bliss, Stephen	FCAAA	Merrett, Anthony J	Triantafillopoulos, Stavros
Bole, Peter	Fountain, Peter	Miller, Clem	Trigg, Margaret
Bourke, Lindsay	Geelong Honey Pty Ltd	Milne, HL & PA	Ulek Honey
Brennan, John	Geelong Beekeepers Club	Morgan, Trevor	Vu, Long & Kim
Brooks, Graham	Gells Honey	Nairn, Mal	Vaile, Graham
Buntine, Robert	Gillies, Hugh	Niacol Pty Ltd	Van der Woode, Lowie
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)	Glasby, Garry	Norcic, John	Van Essen, K
Buzzies Bee Juice	Green, Lionel	Ophion Pty Ltd	Watson, James
Camelite Monastery	Grosso, Joe	Papworth, F & E	Watson, Maurice
Camilleri, Michael	Hartje, MM	Pluschke, Doug	Weatherhead, T & M
Capilano Honey Ltd	Hobday, David	Pobke, Barry	Weerona Apiaries
Clarke, Zoe	Hoskinson, HL & HM	Pritchett, Bruce	Wescobee Limited
Clifford, Ray	Howard, LP & PJ	Proebstl, Investments	Williams JW & MA
Constantelos, Stan	Ipswich/West Moreton Beekeepers Association	R. Stephens	Wisken, Ian
Cotton, A J &	Jeremenko, Steve	Richter, Phil	Wythe, EC & HS
Crabb, David	Jones, Daniel	Ringin, Bill	Zadow Apiaries
Cutts, Neville	Kee, Michael	Roberts, Glenn	Zuchowski, Janusz
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 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the AHBIC AGM in July the following Committees were appointed. In many cases the member bodies appoint the members to the Committee. Please note that the AHBIC Chairman is ex-officio on all AHBIC Committees.

Disease

Craig Klingner (Chair) Ian Zadow and Sam Malfroy

Quarantine

Peter McDonald - Victoria (Chair), New South Wales – Casey Cooper, Tasmania – Lindsay Bourke, Western Australia – Stephen Fewster, South Australia – Barry Pobke and Queensland – Peter Warhurst.

Education

Rosie Stern (Chair), Ben Hooper and Marion Weatherhead

Resource

Ken Gell – Victoria (Chair), New South Wales – Neil Bingley, Western Australia – Rod Pavy, South Australia – Martin Gilbert, Tasmania – Peter Ewington and Queensland – Robert Dewar.

Food Safety and Prevention of Residues

Ben McKee (Chair), Dawn Smith, Barry Pobke, Ian Zadow and Trevor Weatherhead (Secretary)

National Honey Week

Leilani Leyland – Western Australia (Chair), Victoria – TBA, Tasmania – Shirley Stephens, Western Australia - Leilani Leyland, South Australia – Martin Gilbert, New South Wales – Karla Hudson and Queensland – Marion Weatherhead

These Committees are a crucial part of the functioning of AHBIC and we thank those who are on these Committees and look forward to their input.

CRITHIDIA MELLIFICAE AS A NEW CONTRIBUTORY FACTOR TO WINTER MORTALITY.

There has been a paper published on the above and can be found at
<http://www.plosone.org/article/info%3Adoi%2F10.1371%2Fjournal.pone.0072443>

This is work out of Belgium.

B-QUAL BOARD VACANCY

AHBIC has been advised by RIRDC as follows:-

“The process to fill the newly created industry member position on the Honeybee Advisory Committee (HAC) has been completed. James Kershaw is the successful applicant and I welcome him to the Committee. James is a commercial beekeeper from Gundaroo in NSW and the president of the Southern Tablelands Branch of the NSW Apiarists’ Association. Thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in the position.”

AHBIC EXECUTIVE MEETING

The AHBIC Executive will be meeting in Adelaide on Monday 23 September, 2013. That same afternoon B-Qual will hold its AGM in Adelaide.

RETIREMENT OF DR MIKE BOND

Dr. Mike Bond has retired as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Animal Health Australia (AHA). Kathleen Plowman has been appointed to take over the CEO position at AHA.

AHBIC would like to place on record its appreciation of the good working relationship that has been developed between Mike and AHBIC over the years.

We wish Mike well in his retirement although we would note that Mike is taking up the position of interim Inspector-General of Biosecurity so no doubt we will still be in contact with Mike.

We look forward to working with the new AHA CEO, Kathleen Plowman.

CATEGORISATION

Responsibility for any incursion has now shifted over to the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD). Previously we were covered by the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA)

Under EADRA we had the various exotic diseases categorised. Now that we are under EPPRD, our industry needs to have the various diseases and pests categorised. Currently Plant Health Australia (PHA) is reviewing the categorisation process which should be finished by early next year. AHBIC is looking to start this process when the review is finished.

Currently if there was an incursion, there is an automatic 50:50 split but there could be a review called for. There is some ground work that AHBIC will be undertaking in the next few months prior to asking for a review of the categories early next year.

CONFERENCE DATES

These are the dates as I have them at present.

Queensland Beekeepers Association	12 – 13 June	Toowoomba
New South Wales Apiarists Association	22-23 May	
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	31 May- 1 June	
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	6 June	
South Australian Apiarists Association	19-20 June	
Victorian Apiarists Association	TBA	
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA	
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA	
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA	
Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Association	TBA	
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	TBA	

NORTH QUEENSLAND COURSE

As part of the Transition to Management Plan for the Asian bees, a course was held at Gordonvale in North Queensland to let local beekeepers know how they can live with Asian bees.



Close up of Asian bees in the mouth of the lion statue

The course was held under the auspices of Burnham and Associates who did the organising. As well as living with Asian bees, the opportunity was taken to perform the unit from the Certificate III in Beekeeping on Managing Pests and Diseases. Being a registered Registered Training Organisation (RTO), Alan and Carmel Burnham will issue a letter of attainment for that particular competency.



It was fortunate that Dr. Ben Oldroyd and Dr. Denis Anderson were able to come and be part of the lecturing team. Thanks to Denis and Ben for making their time available, at no charge, to carry out this task. Roberts Stephens, who is the Queensland Departmental Officer in Townsville and has responsibility for beekeeping as part of his role, was able to come and meet Ben and Denis plus have further interaction with local beekeepers.

Professor Ben McKee



Maurie Damon, Geoff and Brett Quinn were the organisers on the local scene and did an excellent job. Maurie even had a nest of Asian bees that were able to be shown to the course participants. As the bees were being destroyed, the opportunity was taken to be able to supply a sample of Asian bees, in alcohol, to those who had come up from Mackay, Ayr and Ingham. This will be a

good reference source for these beekeepers in these areas which do not have Asian bees. Having Robert Stephens at the course was fortuitous as he was able to issue permits to take these samples out of the restricted area, which is still in place.

For the managing disease component we were able to look at hives nearby.

It will be interesting to keep monitoring, through the local beekeepers, the progress of the Asian bee and how it affects them locally. At least they now have a basic understanding thanks to this course.

For those at the course, the feedback was very positive and this course provides a template if it is needed to be held somewhere else in the future. Hopefully that is a long way off.

Dr Denis Anderson



WORK WANTED

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Message

helo im a beekeeper ,did 2 years beekeeping in the USA ...would like a seasonal placement in Australia...kind regards...Quinntin O'Neill

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