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AUSTRALIAN QUEEN BEE BREEDING PROGRAM

The Australian Queen Bee Breeding Program (AQBBP) is run by the Australian Queen Bee Breeding Group (AQBBG) which is owned by the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC). It aims to provide breeding stock from evaluated queens for our industry.

The original program was started with 15 lines donated by beekeepers Australia wide. It has since been cut to 14. It is run as a closed population program but does have the capacity to add new genetics, particularly through the drones used for insemination.

New stock has just been inseminated as part of the ongoing maintenance of the lines and some stock may be available if someone wants to purchase a young breeder queen.

Evaluation data on the lines is posted at http://honeybee.org.au/programs/queen-bee-breeding/

CONFERENCE DATES

There has been a change to the dates for the New South Wales Apiarists Association conference and the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association conference.

These are the dates as I have them at present.

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COURSE INFORMATION

Rosie Stern, the AHBIC Education Chair has asked the following:-

All persons running any courses in Beekeeping across Australia for 2013 to contact Rosie Stern, Chairperson of Education Committee of AHBIC via email on rosiest@bigpond.net.au.

Require
1. Name of course
2. Contact person name, email address and phone number
3. Date of course, length of course, fee, location
4. Target group
5. Competencies covered (if known).
I will pass all information, in a clear table onto AHBIC to place onto website.
I have had enquiries about short introduction to Beekeeping courses but I am unaware of what each state runs.
### AUSTRALIAN HONEY IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ANALYSIS

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For the last Financial Year the imported honey grouped came from the following destinations:

- Argentina = 36.1%
- China = 34.9%
- New Zealand = 20.2%
- Others = 8.8%

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Total = 100%

### TASMANIAN APIARY OFFICER

Tasmania has a new apiary officer, Karla Williams. The contact details are:-

Karla Williams

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Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment.
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### REQUEST FOR HELP

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**Message**

Hello,

I am the founding director of an Australian sustainable development charity (The Manjeri School Project) and we operate in rural Uganda empowering local communities. We are partnering up with a local apiculture association in Uganda after discovering the huge potential apiculture has on poor communities. We were wondering if you knew anyone who might be interested in donating some bee keeping equipment or in-kind consultation?

Kind regards,

Nicholas Harrington
0431 099 552

### NEW IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR TASMANIA

The following has been put out by the Tasmanian Department.

The requirements for the importation of queen bees into Tasmania have been changed. The main change is that queen bees and escorts now need to be inspected for small hive beetle by a government officer on arrival in Tasmania.

For bees coming by post this will be done in the Australia Post mail centres. Packages identified as containing live bees will be held and opened for quarantine officers to inspect. If no evidence of small hive beetles is detected the packaging will be resealed and continue through the postal system.

Packages containing queen bees should be addressed to the receiving beekeeper as normal but must be identified as containing live bees. The live bee sticker that queen bee breeders have been using for a number of years is sufficient to meet this identification requirement. These stickers will allow postal staff to identify queen bees and hold them for inspection.

Any bees coming into Tasmania other than by post must be presented to a quarantine officer on arrival in Tasmania.

Other conditions include:

- the apiary of origin must have an active surveillance and management plan in place for small hive beetles,
- the queen bees and escorts must be hand caught, inspected and found free of small hive beetle prior to placing in queen cages,
- queen cages must be new and have mesh with holes less than 2 mm x 2mm, or slots longer than 2 mm must be less than 1mm wide,
- external packaging must carry a statement on contrasting background indicating the package contains live bees.

Even though the bees will be inspected by quarantine staff, the relieving bee keeper must still inspect the bees before placing them in a hive and notify the DPIPWE if they detect any small hive beetle.

The certificate that is to accompany the queen bees has also changed and the new certificate along with the full version of the importation requirements is available on the [DPIPWE web site](http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au).

For any enquiries please contact Karla Williams on (03) 6233 9418 or email Karla.Williams@dpipwe.tas.gov.au.
HONEY WEEK COMMITTEE

Leilani Leyland, Chair of the Honey Week Committee has provided the following information.

A National Honey Month Committee has been formed to co-ordinate this annual event to be held across Australia. Western Australia held a very successful Honey Week in 2012 and 2013, following a recent phone hook-up it was suggested that to give more flexibility to all states it would be called Honey Month. This month will be May each year.

Some ideas that have come up so far are

- Honey tastings or celebrations at existing honey tourism venues
- School visits at local schools by individual beekeepers or a branch
- Branch honey baking competitions in an area
- Meet the beekeepers of xyz region
- Screening / hosting of honeybee documentaries
- Honey dinners in conjunction with local pubs, clubs or restaurants which could include guest speakers
- Honey tastings and demonstrations at other events, eg Ag Fest Tasmania

Representatives from each state on the committee are as follows, please feel free to contact any of them with any ideas that you have with regards to the promotion of Beekeeping and Honey during Honey Month.

Western Australia: Leilani Leyland beesneez@iinet.net.au
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Nthn Territory: Graham Beech ntbees@gmail.com
AHBIC Ian Zadow immjzad@bigpond.com

ASIAN BEE PAPER

The following paper has just come out with regard to the Asian bees in Cairns.


Abstract: Apis cerana Fabricius is endemic to most of Asia, where it has been used for honey production and pollination services for thousands of years. Since the 1980s, A. cerana has been introduced to areas outside its natural range (namely New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Australia), which sparked fears that it may become a pest species that could compete with, and negatively affect, native Australian fauna and flora, as well as commercially kept A. mellifera and commercial crops. This literature review is a response to these concerns and reviews what is known about the ecology and behaviour of A. cerana. Differences between temperate and tropical strains of A. cerana are reviewed, as are A. cerana pollination, competition between A. cerana and A. mellifera, and the impact and control strategies of introduced A. cerana, with a particular focus on gaps of current knowledge.

LATEST QUEEN BEE IMPORT INFORMATION

With the re-opening of the Eastern Creek Quarantine facility the first queen bees have arrived. They came from Canada.

During the inspection of the escorts, varroa mites were found on four (4), out of approximately eighty (80), of the escorts. Whilst at first glance this is disappointing, it is an important reminder that this process of importation does have safeguards where any varroa are picked up without them having any chance of being introduced into the Australian bee population.

There has been a telephone hook-up with the Department of Agriculture, AHBIC and Dr. Denis Anderson and it has been agreed to allow the queens to proceed through the rest of the import protocol. The protocol does not put our industry at risk. After all, the varroa have now been destroyed.

The finding of these varroa on the escorts brings home to our industry that if we did not have this secure import path, then people could be looking at illegally importing queen bees. It can be seen how easily varroa mites can be on escorts despite examination at the point of export to Australia. So it is important that this secure pathway be available for those wishing to import queen bees and it’s encouraging to see that the Government is taking a practical approach to the import process so that people aren’t encouraged to go the illegal route.

This is not the first time that varroa has been found on escorts accompanying queen bees coming into Australia. We had a case back in 2001 where the procedures adopted then were similar to what is being adopted now. The import at that time was successful without any problems and it would be expected that at this time, if the queen bee imports pass the rest of the protocol, then again we will have no problems.

APIMONDIA

Apimondia has just been held in Kiev in the Ukraine. Bruce White was our Australian Honey Bee Industry Council representative at Apimondia. Bruce will be producing a report for AHBIC so I will be able to pass on information in the next newsletter.

Information has already come out that Istanbul, Turkey will be the host in 2017. The 2015 Apimondia will be in Daejeon, South Korea.
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