



# Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

## March 2014

### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to AHBIC are GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

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 or QUEENBEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?**

**If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

**The following list recognises contributions received since 1 April 2013**

*There are a few other contributors – some wishing to remain anonymous and some not indicating their wishes*

AB'S Honey  
Australian Queen Bee Exporters  
Barnes Apiaries  
Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc  
Beechworth Honey  
Bees Neez Apiaries  
Beswick Bees  
Bliss, Stephen  
Bourke, Lindsay  
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)  
Capilano Honey Ltd  
Cotton, A J &  
Davey, Bob  
Daybreak Apiaries  
Dewar Apiaries  
Dunlop, PG & RD  
Enslin, Darren  
Ewington, P & M  
Faithfull, Mark

Gells Honey  
Glasby, Garry  
Green, Lionel  
Hoskinson, HL & HM  
Ipswich/West Moreton  
Beekeepers Assoc  
Jones, Daniel  
Kennett, JL & KA  
Klingner, Craig  
Lagoutatzis, Nikolaos  
Lees IP & LD  
MacGibbon, Kevin  
McDonald, RG  
Morgan, Trevor  
Naicol Pty Ltd  
Nairn, Mal  
Panda Honey – honey buyers  
Papworth, F & E  
Pobke, Barry

Pure Bendigo Gold Honey  
R. Stephens  
Ringin, Bill  
Roberts, Glenn  
Roberts, I J & J H  
Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc  
Ruge, RJ & VA  
Saxonbee Enterprises - Rod Pavy  
Squire, Gary  
Stokes, Peter  
Superbee  
Triantafillopoulos, Stavros  
Weatherhead, T & M  
Weerona Apiaries  
Williams JW & MA  
Zadow Apiaries

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## Vote Yes to increase the biosecurity component of the honey levy

Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) are proposing to reform and increase the honey levy from 2.3c/kg to 4.6c/kg which would apply to a producer selling over 1500kg per year.

Government services for the honey bee industry are reducing. Industry need to raise the biosecurity levy to contribute to national programs and prevent governments from walking away. If industry cannot contribute, these services will disappear for all beekeepers.

If the honey bee industry does not do something now, then they will not have this opportunity again. It is time to grasp this opportunity and contribute to biosecurity programs and activities (outlined below) that benefit all beekeepers and levy payers.

### **National Bee Pest Surveillance Program**

- This program acts as an early warning system to detect new incursions of exotic bee pests and pest bees. This greatly increases the possibility of eradicating an incursion of an exotic pest (i.e. Varroa) and limits the scale and cost of an eradication program.
- This program provides important trade support for packaged bees and queen bees to be exported from Australia to overseas countries.

### **National Bee Biosecurity Program**

- This program would be established in 2015 and provide greater industry training, education material and inspection services for beekeepers.
- It would help reduce the incidence of established pests and diseases, as well as provide greater surveillance for exotic pests.
- It would provide the framework for an industry/government partnership to help manage any future incursion of an exotic pest, such as Varroa mite.

## **By voting yes you are helping to:**

- Keep Australia Varroa free by funding a national surveillance program
- Keep markets open for beekeepers who export queen bees and packaged bees
- Better manage established pests and disease of honey bees
- Provide training and educational material to beekeepers across Australia
- Allow the honey bee industry to show leadership in managing their own biosecurity

For more information about the proposed reforms and increases and how to vote go to <http://honeybee.org.au/programs/honey-levy-reform-and-increase/>

## AHBIC AGM

A reminder that the AHBIC AGM will be held in Melbourne at the Mantra Tullamarine Hotel on 9 July, 2014.

If you are not a delegate from one of the member bodies and wish to attend, you will need to register. The registration forms will be out in the next month or so in the AHBIC newsletter.

If you are attending the Victorian Apiarists Association conference you will need to register with the VAA separately. Contact the VAA for a registration form.

## IMPORTS OF QUEEN BEES

The Department of Agriculture is reviewing their charges for the quarantine station at Eastern Creek. In formulating these charges, they wish to know how many importations of queen bees there may be.

If you are intending to import some queen bees through Eastern Creek, could you please let me know.

The new import facility in Victoria is due to come on line in 2015.

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

**Product Name:** AC Mayhem 225 Insecticide  
**Active Constituent/s:** 225 g/L methomyl  
**Applicant Name:** Axichem Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 131 628 594  
**Summary of Use:** For the control of pests in various crops  
**Date of Registration:** 3 March 2014  
**Label Approval No:** 69442/61922

**Product Name:** Accensi Chlorpyrifos 500 Insecticide  
**Active Constituent/s:** 500 g/L chlorpyrifos  
**Applicant Name:** Accensi Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 079 875 184  
**Summary of Use:** For the control of certain insect pests of cassava, cereals, forage crops, fruit, ginger, grapevines, hops, oilseeds, pasture, pineapples, sugarcane, turf and vegetable crops  
**Date of Registration:** 7 March 2014  
**Label Approval No:** 69776/61713

**Product Name:** AC Emporium Insecticide  
**Active Constituent/s:** 200 g/L fipronil  
**Applicant Name:** Axichem Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 131 628 594  
**Summary of Use:** For control of various insect pests in bananas, brassicas, cotton, wine grapevines, mushrooms, pasture, potatoes, sorghum and sugarcane  
**Date of Registration:** 14 March 2014  
**Label Approval No:** 69773/61707

## CONFERENCE DATES

These are the dates as I have them at present.

Queensland Beekeepers Association	12 – 13 June	Toowoomba
New South Wales Apiarists Association	8 - 9 May	Narrabri
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	30 - 31 May	Launceston
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	6 June	Perth
South Australian Apiarists Association	19-20 June	Old Reynella
Victorian Apiarists Association	7 – 8 July	Melbourne
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	9 July	Melbourne
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	9 July	Melbourne

Advice from the Crop Pollination Association that the CPA Annual Conference & AGM will be held on Monday 16th June 2014 at the Sandow Motor Inn, Mildura, Victoria. A tour of an almond cracking plant is planned for Tuesday 17th June 2014.

## ASIAN BEE INTERCEPTION IN TOWNSVILLE

Asian bees were found in a crane on a ship, which docked in Townsville on 23 March, 2014, from Port Moresby. They were killed with a knockdown spray. They have been identified as *Apis cerana* Java genotype. *Varroa jacobsoni* mites were found on the bees. No tracheal mites were detected in the sample of bees examined.

Checking of the cargo found no other Asian bees and checking of floral sources near the port have not shown any live Asian bees. A good find.

## SENATE INQUIRY

Thank you to those who took the time to put in a submission to the Senate Inquiry.

Submission can be viewed at

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural\\_and\\_Regional\\_Affairs\\_and\\_Transport/Beekeeping](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/Beekeeping)

Keep in mind that a lot of submissions were received in the last few days before the closing date so these will take some time to be processed and put up on the website. Talking with the staff they also inform me that some people have been granted an extension so these will take longer to appear.

Also please note there are two public hearings listed. The one in Queensland may have a change of venue. If this does occur it will be on the website. So please keep checking there.

## HONEY MONTH

Planning is underway for Honey Month activities. Those who have indicated they are participating are Queensland, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia and possibly the Northern Territory.

Details will appear on the AHBIC website soon and a press release will be sent out. If your Association or group is doing something please get behind the efforts.

## WORK WANTED

The following enquiries have been received:-

### Name

saad aldeen menla

### Email

[saadaldeenmoll@gmail.com](mailto:saadaldeenmoll@gmail.com)

### Message

hello My name is Saad Eddin Mnlā I am 45 years old from Syria 25 years ago working Nhala Crown Apiaries more than 200 beehives professional and have experience in the production of queen bees, but Aharballahlah in Syria caused me to lose km reign of bees and so I hope that you will work in this area and I thank you and gratitude thnks

## WELCOME RAIN

There has been some welcome rain in eastern Australia in the past week. Smiles have returned to some beekeepers faces. There is hope but it will need some follow up rain.

## VARROA JACOBSONI

The Summer 2014 edition of Rural Diversity has an article about *Varroa jacobsoni* in Papua New Guinea. An interesting finding is:-

“The RIRDC funded project has found that the strain of *Varroa jacobsoni* reproducing on European honeybees is widespread in PNG but not yet in neighbouring Papua or the Solomon Islands. It also appears that the mites that jumped host to the European honeybee in PNG can now no longer use the Asian bee as a host. This has important implications for Australian quarantine.

They also found that the mite did not carry any known honeybee viruses but was carrying three new viruses. The researchers recommend that more work is needed to determine whether these affect honey bees.

The researchers recommended that more work still needs to be done to better understand the reproductive biology and virulence of *Varroa jacobsoni* on European and Asian honeybees.”

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### Yes I wish to support my industry

- Up to 50 hives = \$50.00
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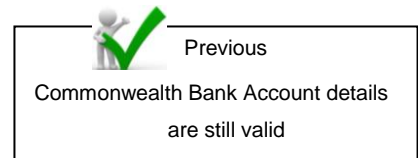
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It is gratefully appreciated.*

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