



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

April 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 May 2013

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Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Beswick Bees
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Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
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Cotton, A J &
Davey, Bob
Daybreak Apiaries
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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
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Ringin, Bill
Roberts, Glenn
Roberts, I J & J H
Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc
Ruge, RJ & VA
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LATEST ON HONEY LEVY REFORM AND INCREASE

With State conferences almost upon us, beekeepers are encouraged to become familiar with the proposed changes before voting at these conferences. Full details can be seen at <http://honeybee.org.au/programs/honey-levy-reform-and-increase/> Some pertinent points are:-

1. The proposed increase in the honey levy will fund established pest and disease management and provide industry's contribution to exotic pest and pest bee surveillance.

Established pests cause significant financial and emotional harm to beekeepers. In particular American Foulbrood (AFB) is present in all Australian states and territories and is the most fatal and costly established pest. Evidence shows that problems caused by endemic pests and diseases, are only getting worse. The proposed national approach through the National Bee Biosecurity Program will aim to be more effective than the current state based policies and systems in dealing with this issue, as well as other established pests and diseases. Overseas experience also suggests that if major established pests and diseases are not properly controlled when an exotic pest such as Varroa mite arrives, the dual effect is worse than expected. For these reasons, greater national coordination, industry leadership and funding are urgently needed.

Australia is currently free of some of the most significant pests of honey bees, namely the Varroa mite and Tropilaelaps mite. The establishment of these pests in Australia would be catastrophic for the honey bee industry causing huge losses in production. An industry – Government partnership known as the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program is in place to provide an early means of detection of exotic bee pests and pest bees. A sustainable source of funding is required to meet industry's contribution to its partnership agreement with Government. The National Bee Pest Surveillance Program also provides valuable trade support for exports of queen bees and packaged bees from Australia.

2. AHBIC is proposing to raise the current threshold of 600kg to 1,500kg. Therefore, producers would be exempt from paying the honey levy if they sold less than 1,500kg of honey per annum. The reason for raising the current honey levy threshold from 600kg to 1,500kg per annum is because the costs of collecting the levy in these lower ranges are far exceeding the revenue raised. These proposed changes are an effort by AHBIC to make the honey levy more cost efficient.

All levies are collected nationally by the Department of Agriculture Levies Section. Recently, Levies moved to a full cost recovery model and this has resulted in a large increase per collection cost, which has ultimately meant that the fees to collect the honey levy have been rising over the last few years. These proposed changes in the honey levy threshold are an effort by AHBIC to make the honey levy more cost efficient.

3. AHBIC is currently a member of both Animal Health Australia (AHA) and Plant Health Australia (PHA), as well as a signatory to each of the respective deeds, the Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement (EADRA) which is managed by AHA, and the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD) which is managed by PHA.

Over the last few years, AHBIC have been transitioning to become a sole member of PHA and the EPPRD. This is because bee pests and pest bees are now managed on a national basis by plant biosecurity, not animal biosecurity. This transition will also attempt to resolve the confusion amongst industry and government surrounding AHBIC's dual membership and signatory status. This change

will result in AHBIC not having to pay membership to both AHA and PHA, roughly saving AHBIC \$10,000 per year (and freeing these funds up for industry biosecurity investment).

In recognition of these proposed changes, AHBIC are proposing to change the current EADRA biosecurity component to an EPPRD biosecurity component. AHBIC are also proposing to establish a 0.1c/kg PHA levy to pay for AHBIC's annual subscription to PHA, which is currently being paid from the existing biosecurity levy component already in place.

AHBIC AGM

At the AGM being held at the Mantra Tullamarine Hotel in Melbourne on 9 July, 2014 there is a vacancy for the Chairman and two (2) Executive members.

Nominations for Chairman can be made by one voting delegate with the written consent of the nominee. The nomination needs to be delivered to the AHBIC Executive Director 28 days prior to the AGM i.e. 11 June, 2014. Delegates will be notified of the nominations 14 days prior to the AGM i.e. 25 June, 2014. The nominee may submit a 200 word statement supporting their nomination. If more than one nomination is received a ballot will be held at the AGM. If no nominations are received by 11 June, 2014, nominations will be taken from the floor.

The two Executive vacancies will be filled by an election from the floor of the AGM. It would be appreciated if nominations can be received prior to the election.

Retiring office bearers are eligible for re-election. These being Chairman – Ian Zadow and Executive - Trevor Morgan and Ken Gell.

AHBIC delegates and those who wish to attend the AGM as visitors will need to register for catering purposes. The registration form is included on the second last page of this newsletter. If you are attending can you please fill the form out and return to AHBIC.

The Victorian Apiarists Association (VAA) conference is on the 7 & 8 July, 2014 preceding the AHBIC AGM. AHBIC delegates are encouraged to attend the VAA conference. You will need to register separately for the VAA conference. Contact the VAA at vaa@vicbeekeepers.com.au

SENATE INQUIRY

The full details of the Inquiry can be found at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/Beekeeping

Public submissions have closed. AHBIC has put in a submission.

There has been a public hearing at Murray Bridge in South Australia on 15 April, 2014. Chairman Ian Zadow appeared at that hearing. There is to be a public hearing in Brisbane on 20 May and Executive Director, Trevor Weatherhead, has received an invitation to appear.

REMOTE SURVEILLANCE

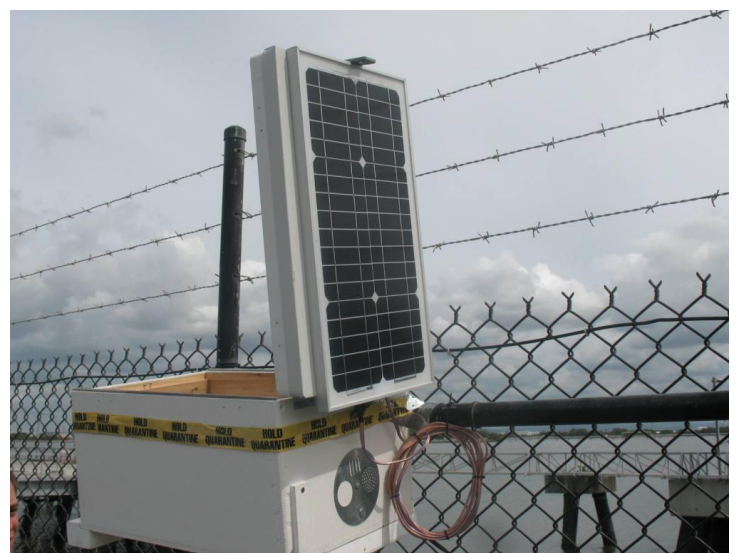


Dr. Cheryl McCarthy from the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba has developed a bee box with a smart phone camera inside that takes pictures and relays that picture back to a central location. This way it can be seen if something arrives inside. The idea is that these can be put at ports and, if a bee swarm comes in, an entrance closer inside the hive shuts, trapping the bees. The bees can then be killed and examined. This has been an ongoing project for Cheryl for several years now.

With the recent port risk assessment that was carried out, there are some ports that have been given a high risk that do not have permanent Departmental staff in the area. This box can be deployed to these ports and put in place. They can also be deployed at other ports that have been identified as high risk but have staff.

Cheryl has been tasked with supplying 20 of these remote surveillance boxes as a trial for various ports Australia wide. Recently I went down to the port of Brisbane where some have been put in place. Discussion were held with Cheryl, Department of Agriculture, Queensland Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Plant Health Australia and myself on how the monitoring will fit into the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program and look at response procedures if bees came into the hive.

This is an exciting new development in our efforts to find bees when they arrive at ports.



NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Product Name:	Kohinor 350 Insecticide
Active Constituent/s:	350 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant Name:	Farmoz Pty Limited
Applicant ACN:	050 328 973
Summary of Use:	For the control of various pests of cotton, fruit, vegetables, ornamentals and turf as a foliar spray; for the control of various cane grubs in sugarcane, certain pests in apples and citrus and silverleaf whitefly in various vegetable crops as a soil-applied treatment and for control of certain pests in bananas as an injection treatment
Date of Registration:	25 March 2014
Label Approval No:	69375/60631
Product Name:	Searles Lime Sulphur Fungicide — Miticide — Insecticide
Active Constituent/s:	200 g/L sulfur (S) as polysulfide sulfur
Applicant Name:	J C & A T Searle Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	002 898 893
Summary of Use:	For the control of certain diseases, insects and mites on apples, pears, stone fruit, grapes, roses, hedges and vegetables in the home garden
Date of Registration:	31 March 2014
Label Approval No:	67859/56974
Product Name:	Cheminova Bifenthrin 250EC Insecticide/Miticide
Applicant Name:	Ospray Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	110 199 169
Summary of Variation:	To change product name from 'OSPRAY BIFENTHRIN 250EC INSECTICIDE/MITICIDE' to 'CHEMINOVA BIFENTHRIN 250EC INSECTICIDE/MITICIDE'
Date of Variation:	24 March 2014
Label Approval No:	67087/61842A, 67087/61842B

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.

HONEY MONTH - MAY

Details of events for Honey Month are up on the AHBIC website www.honeybee.org.au

Please see if you can assist in your area. It is an opportunity for beekeepers to bring our industry before the public. So please be involved.

BEEKEEPING MAGAZINE

The following has been received and is supplied for your information. I cannot vouch for this magazine.

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Forward this information to scientists and technicians of beekeeping that are known to you

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2014 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9th July 2014

Mantra Tullamarine Hotel
Cnr. Melrose & Trade Park Drive, Tullamarine Vic 3043

Registration Form

(for Wednesday 9th July ONLY)

Registration includes - Morning & Afternoon Tea and Lunch

Please circle

AHBIC Delegate	Cost: Free
Non Delegate	Cost: \$50.00 (includes GST)

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Account No: 150 976 405
Please use your NAME as REFERENCE**

Registration & Payment:

- **Victorian Apiarists Association AGM and Industry Dinner** (at above venue)
on Monday and Tuesday 7 & 8th July requires a **VAA registration form & payment to:**
VAA – Phone: 03 5446 1455 Email: vaa@vicbeekeepers.com.au

- **AHBIC Meeting** on Wednesday 9th July, requires this registration & payment to AHBIC

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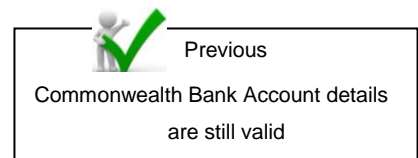
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