



# Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

## Special September 2015

### 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 October 2014**

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

AB's Honey  
Anderson, Stuart  
Australian Organic Honey Company  
Australian Queen Bee Exporters  
Badger Head Bees  
Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc  
Beechworth Honey  
Bees Neez Apiaries  
Bliss, Stephen  
Blue Hills Honey  
Bluebees Producers  
Bourke, Lindsay  
Buntine, Bob  
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)  
Capilano Honey Ltd  
Clifford, Ray  
Cotton, Allan & Michelle  
Covey Bees  
Dewar Apiaries  
Enslin, Darren  
Faithfull, Mark  
Gells Honey

Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers  
Society Inc.  
Green, Lionel  
Heritage Honey  
Hooper, Ben  
Hoskinson, HL & HM  
Hum Honey  
Ipswich/West Moreton  
Beekeepers Assoc  
Jones, Daniel  
Kennett, JL & KA  
Klingner, Craig  
Lees, Ian  
MacGibbon, Kevin  
McLaren, Jane  
Magor, RR  
Masters, N & S  
Morgan, Trevor  
Naicol Pty Ltd  
Nairn, Mal  
Panda Honey – honey buyers  
Pure Bendigo Gold Honey

R. Stephens  
Ringin, Bill  
Roberts, Glenn  
Roberts, I J & J H  
Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc  
Saxonbee Enterprises - Rod Pavy  
Squire, Gary  
Stokes, Peter  
Superbee Honey Factory  
Trigg, M  
Watson, James  
Weatherhead, T & M  
Weerona Apiaries  
Willemsen, Dale  
Williams JW & MA  
Witz, Ron  
Zadow Apiaries

**Thank you to all our contributors. AHBIC appreciates your ongoing support.**

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A Certificate III in Beekeeping was developed for the beekeeping industry many years ago. This is available for beekeepers to use when delivered by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and can be used by beekeepers, through an RTO, who employ a trainee.

There is also a Skill Set which was developed by Western Australia which is designed for employees of beekeepers to help them acquire the skills necessary to carry out their work. This is also delivered by an RTO.

Agrifood Skills have been charged with reviewing the Certificate III and the Skill Set. The AHBIC Executive appointed Brue White and Trevor Weatherhead to liaise with Agrifood Skills.

Guy Rischmueller was appointed to carry out the review and he has provided the following for comment. Unfortunately Agrifood Skills did not advise AHBIC that the draft was out thus there is a short time for comment.

There are the reformatted beekeeper units which Guy mentions in his email which unfortunately I cannot provide in this newsletter. If anyone is interested please let me know and I can forward to you by email.

Email from Guy

Dear Beekeepers

I have been engaged by AgriFood Skills Australia to reformat the beekeeping units and qualifications to meet new national guidelines set by the National Skills and Standards Council.

While this project will reduce duplication, jargon and repetition of content in units and qualifications, it also provides an opportunity for amending units and qualifications to better suit/reflect industry needs.

In the attached draft documents you will see two major changes to the existing qualification and skill set

1. The qualification has been increased from 10 to 16 unit with 12 Core units and 4 electives. This bring it into line with other Certificate IIIs in the VET system and also allows for a traineeship to be developed.

2. An additional unit has been added to the Skill Set - AHCBEK304A Remove a honey crop.

Both of these actions have been done through discussions with AHBIC. **Also attached are the reformatted units.**

Please advise if you support the proposed changes and also whether there are any improvements required in the draft units.

As the project timelines are very tight I would appreciate your feedback by next Monday 21st September..

Your comments can be emailed to me - [guy@risch.com.au](mailto:guy@risch.com.au)

## Draft for consideration

AHC32010	Certificate III in Beekeeping
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Modification History		
Release Number	TP Version	Comments

<b>Qualification Description</b>	
<b>Entry Requirements</b>	Not applicable

<b>Packaging Rules</b>	Total number of units = 16
	Core Units = 12
	Elective Units = 4

### Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Title
BSBWHS201	Contribute to health and safety of self and others
AHCBEK301A	Manage honey bee swarms
AHCBEK304A	Remove a honey crop from a hive
AHCBEK305A	Extract honey
AHCWRK306A	Comply with industry quality assurance requirements
AHCBEK306A	Manage pests and disease within a honey bee colony
AHCBEK202A	Use a bee smoker
AHCBEK203A	Open and reassemble a beehive
AHBEK204A	Construct and repair beehives
AHCBEK302A	Manipulate honey bee brood
AHCBEK303A	Re-queen a honey colony
AHCBEK405A	Select and establish an apiary site

### Elective Units

- 2 units must be selected from the list below
- 2 units must come from the list below or any other currently endorsed training package or accredited course. Selected units must be relevant to job outcomes in the beekeeping industry and must be chosen to ensure the integrity of the qualification outcome at AQF level 3

Unit Code	Unit Title
AHCBEK201A	Support beekeeping work
AHCBEK401A	Collect and store propolis
AHCBEK402A	Perform queen bee artificial insemination
AHCBEK403A	Produce and harvest royal jelly
AHCBEK404A	Provide bee pollination services
AHCBEK406A	Trap and store pollen
AHCBEK407A	Rear queen bees
FDFFS2001A	Implement the food safety program and procedures
FDFFS3001A	Monitor the implementation of quality and food safety programs* <i>(Prerequisite: FDFFS2001A Implement the food safety program and procedures)</i>
FDFFS2001A	Implement the food safety program and procedures
FDFGPS2011	Operate a creamed honey manufacture process
FDFOP2013A	Apply sampling procedures
FDFOP2003A	Clean equipment in place
FDFOP2004A	Clean and sanitise equipment
FDFOP2023A	Operate a packaging process
FDFTEC3001A	Participate in a HACCP team* <i>(Prerequisite: FDFFS2001A Implement the food safety program and procedures)</i>
FDFFS2001A	Implement the food safety program and procedures
AHCWRK303A	Respond to emergencies
AHCWRK305A	Coordinate work site activities
AHCWRK308A	Handle bulk materials in storage area
TLILIC2001A	Licence to operate a forklift truck

<b>Mapping Information</b>	
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	Basic Introduction to Beekeeping Skill Set
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Release	TP Version	Comment
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<b>Pathways</b>	These units provide credit towards a Certificate III in Beekeeping
<b>Licensing/Regulatory Information</b>	Not applicable

## Skill Set Requirements

Complete 6 units of competency.

Unit Code	Unit Title
AHCBEK202A	Use a bee smoker
AHCBEK203A	Open and reassemble a beehive
AHCBEK204A	Construct and repair beehives
AHCBEK302A	Manipulate honey bee brood
AHCBEK306A	Manage pests and disease within a honey bee colony
AHCBEK304A	Remove a honey crop <i>(newly added to Skill Set)</i>

<b>Target Group</b>	Entry level or unqualified workers in the beekeeping industry and hobbyist beekeepers.
<b>Suggested words for Statement of Attainment</b>	These competencies meet the industry requirements for the basic maintenance and monitoring of beehives.