



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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We urge beekeepers to support those Packers/Queen Bee Breeders who contribute to AHBIC.

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
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The following list recognises contributions received since 1 August 2015

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

AB's Honey
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Australian Organic Honey Company
Badger Head Bees
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Blue Hills Honey
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Buntine, Robert
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, David
Cooper, Barry
Cooper, Casey
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Dale's Honey Bees
Davies Apiaries
Dewar Apiaries
Dewar, Robert
Dinsdale, Julie
Enslin, Darren

Gells Honey
Glasby, Garry
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers
Society
Green, Lionel
Heritage Honey
Honeylife Australia
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Bryn and Warren
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Le Feuvre, Danny
Lyneham, Matthew
MacGibbon, Kevin
McLaren, Jane
Masters, N & S
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal

Northside Beekeepers Association Inc.
Panda Honey – honey buyers
Pavy, Rodney & Gail
Pure Bendigo Gold Honey
R. Stephens
Rotary Club of Caulfield
Ruge Honey
Smith, Bruce & Carolyn
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
Tasmanian Honey Company
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Watson, James
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Weerona Apiaries
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AHBIC AGM

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) AGM was held in Townsville on 15 July, 2016. Most AHBIC delegates took the opportunity to attend the Queensland Beekeepers Association conference in the two preceding days.

It was a good chance for all delegates to be able to hear firsthand the work being carried out in Townsville to find and destroy Asian bees. A separate report is in this newsletter.

The AHBIC Executive for 2016-17 is:-

Chairperson:- Lindsay Bourke
Deputy Chairperson:- Craig Klingner
Executive members:- Neil Bingley
Casey Cooper
Ian Zadow
Peter McDonald
Executive Director:- Trevor Weatherhead



AHBIC AGM meeting in Townsville on 15 July, 2016

ASIAN BEES AND VARROA JACOBSONI IN TOWNSVILLE

All of those who receive this newsletter would have received information via updates I have sent out. The last one was no.4. I have been asked why I have not put out anymore updates. The answer is that up until last Friday there have been no new developments and I don't want to fill your inboxes with emails that contain no new information. If there are new developments then I will send out a new update. So please take the absence of any updates as meaning that there have been no new developments.

So to last Friday. The Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEPP) met. The CCEPP is made up of representatives from the Federal Government, State and Territory Governments and the affected industries. Plant Health Australia (PHA) has observer status.

At that meeting the Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (QDAF) presented their Response Plan. The CCEPP determined that the *Varroa jacobsoni* was an Emergency Plant Pest (EPP) and that eradication was feasible. So the Response Plan will now be submitted to the National Management Group (NMG) which will make a determination on accepting the Response Plan and whether to move into an eradication plan that will be administered under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed (EPPRD). The NMG has membership similar to the CCEPP except that the members are higher level officers from within the Departments.

Affected industries for the CCEPP are:-

Australian Honey Bee Industry Council, and a number of pollination-reliant industries, including:

- Almond Board of Australia
- Apple and Pear Australia
- Australian Macadamia Society
- Australian Mango Industry Association
- Australian Melon Association
- AUSVEG
- Avocados Australia
- Canned Fruit Industry Council of Australia
- Cherry Growers of Australia
- Grain Producers Australia
- Onions Australia
- Raspberries and Blackberries Australia
- Strawberries Australia
- Summerfruit Australia.

It is chaired by Australia's Chief Plant Protection Officer from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

On the Townsville front, it has been determined that the Asian bees from IP2 at Annandale are related to IP1. IP1 and IP2 are not closely related to previous incursions in Townsville in 2009 and 2014. Extra staff have now been employed in Townsville to help with the surveillance work.

CANADIAN COLONY LOSSES FOR 2016

The Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA) have published data on the losses of bee hives in Canada for the 2016 winter. This is the summary:-

Summary

The Canadian Association of Professional Apiculturists (CAPA) coordinated the annual honey bee wintering loss report for 2015/16 in Canada. Harmonized questions based on national beekeeping industry profiles were used in the survey as in previous years. In this year survey the province of Newfoundland and Labrador was included for the first time in the national survey. The Provincial Apiculturists collected survey data from beekeepers across Canada. The responded beekeepers operated 441 640 honey colonies. This represents 61.15 % of all colonies operated and wintered in Canada in 2015. The national percentage of colony winter loss was 16.8% with individual provincial percentage

ranging from 7.7% to 24.4%. The overall national colony loss reported in 2016 is one of the lowest losses since 2006/07. Despite reported wintering losses in recent years across Canada, beekeepers have been able to replace their dead colonies and increase the number of colonies from 2007 to 2015 by 22.4%. Respondents reported considerable variation in identifying and ranking the top 4 possible causes of colony losses across the country. The most cited cause was poor queens, followed by Varroa, weak colonies, and weather conditions.

Beekeepers responded to questions on management of three serious pests: Varroa mites, Nosema and American foulbrood. The majority of beekeepers in most provinces reported that they monitored for Varroa mites. Most beekeepers reported that they mainly used Apivar™ in spring, formic acid in the summer or fall and oxalic acid in late fall as Varroa treatments. Due to the long season of 2015, many beekeepers used spring and fall applications of Apivar™ or Apivar™ plus formic acid to keep mites under control. For preventing and treating nosemosis and American foulbrood, many beekeepers across Canada regularly used registered antibiotics but their methods and timing of application varied widely from province to province.

Overall, the survey responses indicate that Provincial Apiculturists, Tech transfer agents and researchers have been successful working with beekeepers across Canada to encourage them to monitor honey bee pests, especially Varroa mites, and adopt integrated pests management practices to keep these pests under control. CAPA members continue to address management options for beekeepers and issues of honey bee health through various working groups within the association and with various stakeholders. CAPA members are also actively involved in the Federal Bee Health Roundtable to develop strategies and work toward addressing the risks and opportunities for developing sustainable industry.

DRONE BEE SEMEN IMPORTATION

Following the approval for the importation of drone bee semen last month, concerns were raised by several at the AHBIC AGM on the protocol that was circulated by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR).

The AHBIC Executive were asked to look at proposed changes. This has been done and DAWR have been advised of the changes that are required by industry.

HONEY EXPORTS TO SAUDI ARABIA

Nothing back yet from the approaches by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to the suggestions put to the Saudi Government on allowing Australian honey to be exported to Saudi Arabia.

LIVE BEE EXPORTS TO THE USA

Nothing back from the United States Department of Agriculture on the information provided to them by Australia to have the export of live bees from Australia to the US re-opened.

AGM

Annual conferences for 2017 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	29 June – 1 July - Gympie
New South Wales Apiarists Association	18 & 19 May - Ballina
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 & 27 May
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	13 May
South Australian Apiarists Association	6 & 7 July
Victorian Apiarists Association	7 & 8 June
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	23 June
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	8 July

The AHBIC AGM will be held in South Australia in 2017.

AHBIC AGM IN TOWNSVILLE

Some of the highlights from the AHBIC AGM were:-

- AHBIC formally adopted the Code for Practice and the National Bee Biosecurity Program. These can be found on the AHBIC website at <http://honeybee.org.au/programs/code-of-practice-and-national-bee-biosecurity-program/>
- AHBIC has endorsed the holding of a national bee conference in 2018. Ben Hooper has been appointed as the Chair.
- 2018 will be the 21st year for AHBIC and this will be celebrated at the national bee conference.
- Lindsay Bourke was elected as Chairperson. Thank you to Ian Zadow for his time as Chairperson.
- Nominations for the Executive were received from Ian Zadow, Kevin MacGibbon, Peter McDonald and Phillip McHugh. Ian Zadow and Peter McDonald were elected in the ballot.
- Thank you to Trevor Morgan for his time on the Executive.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.:	106022
Product name:	Alphaprem 100 Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	100 g/L alpha-cypermethrin
Applicant name:	Premier Shukuroglou AU Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	603 303 939
Summary of use	For the control of certain insect pests, including heliothis (<i>helicoverpa spp.</i>) on various crops and redlegged earth mite and blue oat mite on certain field crops and pastures and certain insect pests on fruit and vegetable crops
Date of registration/approval:	4 July 2016
Product registration no.:	82542
Label approval no.:	82542/106022

Application no.:	106259
Product name:	Fipro-Pro 200 SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	200 g/L fipronil
Applicant name:	Premier Shukuroglou AU Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	603 303 939
Summary of use	For the control of various insect pests in asparagus, bananas, brassicas, cotton, forestry, ginger, wine grapevines, mushrooms, pasture, potatoes, sorghum, sugarcane and swede
Date of registration/approval:	7 July 2016
Product registration no.:	82617
Label approval no.:	82617/106259
Application no.:	105703
Product name:	Genfarm Imidacloprid 600 Flowable Seed Treatment Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	600 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name:	Landmark Operations Limited
Applicant ACN:	008 743 217
Summary of use	For the control of various insect pests in a range of crops and prevention of the spread of barley yellow dwarf virus in cereal crops
Date of registration/approval:	12 July 2016
Product registration no.:	82416
Label approval no.:	82416/105703
Application no.:	58104
Product name:	Kendon Carbaryl Wettable Granule Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	800 g/kg carbaryl (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name:	Kendon Plant Care Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	065 737 948
Summary of use	For the control of certain insects in fruit and vegetables crops and for certain other uses as specified
Date of registration/approval:	24 June 2016
Product registration no.:	68322
Label approval no.:	68322/58104
Application no.:	51312
Product name:	Apiguard Gel for Beehives
Active constituent/s:	250 g/kg thymol
Applicant name:	Vita (Europe) Limited
Applicant ACN:	N/A
Summary of use	For use in beehives to control the parasitic mite, <i>Varroa destructor</i> , on honey bees. This product must only be supplied in the event the Chief Plant Protection Officer of the Commonwealth declares an outbreak of <i>varroa</i> mite (<i>Varroa destructor</i>) in accordance with the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed. This product must only be used by persons authorised by the Chief Plant Protection Officer of the Commonwealth in accordance with the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed in the event of a declared outbreak of <i>varroa</i> mite (<i>Varroa destructor</i>)
Date of registration/approval:	29 June 2016
Product registration no.:	65570
Label approval no.:	65570/51312

APIGUARD FOR VARROA TREATMENT

Thought I should draw your attention to the listing above for Apiguard for varroa treatment.

APIMONDIA SYMPOSIUM

I have received advice from Apimondia about the 6th Apimedica & 5th Apiquality International Symposium being held in Rome, Italy – 22 - 25 November 2016. If you want details let me know and I will send you the details.

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