



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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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 QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

The following list recognises contributions received since 1 May 2016

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
Ayrleigh Apiaries
Badger Head Bees
Bayside Beekeepers Association
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Bejo Tasmania P/L
Bluebees Producers
Blue Hills Honey
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Brenton, Daryl
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, David
Clifford, Ray
Cooper, Barry
Cooper, Casey
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Davey, Robin

Dewar Apiaries
Dewar, Robert
Dyer, Craig
Enslin, Darren
Faithfull, Mark
Gells Honey Maryborough
Glasby, Garry
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers
Society
Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers Inc.
Green, Lionel
Gustare Honey Australia
Heritage Honey
Honeylife Australia
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Le Feuvre, Danny
Masters, Neil & Sharon

MacGibbon, Kevin
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
Shaw, Robert
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
Watson, James
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Western Honey Supplies Pty Ltd
Williams JW & MA
Zadow, Ian and Mel

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PROPOSED HONEY LEVY CHANGES

You have already been circulated with the proposed honey levy change. This will need to be considered at the upcoming State conferences so that the AHBIC delegate from your member body has direction on this issue.

Also it has been suggested that the annual levy honey return be changed to reflect the financial year and not the calendar year. The reasons given are that when it is currently due, February, is in the busy honey season. Also details for the return are easily calculated from the financial year tax data that the beekeeper has to prepare for the Australian Tax Office. When calculated on a calendar year, extra work is needed to prepare the data.

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AHBIC AGM PLUS SAAA CONFERENCE

The AHBIC AGM will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Adelaide on 8 July, 2017. The South Australian Apiarists Association (SAAA) Conference will be held on the preceding two days i.e. 6 & 7 July. Details for the Crowne Plaza are:-

Crowne Plaza Hotel
16 Hindmarsh Square
ADELAIDE SA 5000

https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/adelaide-sa/adlch/hoteldetail/events-facilities?cm_mmc=bingMaps--CP--AUS--ADLCH#scmisc=nav_events-facilities_cp

AHBIC delegates are encouraged to attend the SAAA conference so as they can see what happens in South Australia and South Australian beekeepers can talk to delegates to find out what happens in the delegate's State. Registration for AHBIC delegates this year will be via the SAAA registration form

Observers are welcome at the AHBIC AGM and the SAAA Conference registration form for that will be available in the AHBIC newsletter in coming months.

Accommodation bookings can be made online at - <https://aws.passkey.com/go/d0e65fa6>
If you have problems, contact the SAAA acting Secretary, Kylie Pitt at secretary@saaa.org.au
ph: 0419 982 102.

NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2017

I have received an invitation for Australian beekeepers to attend the New Zealand beekeepers conference from 9 – 11 July, 2017 at Rotorua.

The conference website is <http://apicultureconference2017.co.nz/>

HONEY EXPORTS TO SAUDI ARABIA

Still no word on this important market for Australia.

LIVE BEE EXPORTS TO THE USA

Still no word out of the USA on this issue.

EXPORTS TO CHINA

Over the past year there has been correspondence between China and Australia on the conditions of entry of honey to China. A large questionnaire was completed and sent back to China.

The Chinese have come back with further questions and will be here in Australia in May to carry out audits on various industries. Our beekeeping industry is one of those. They will be checking on honey packing facilities.

AHBIC has been helping the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources with answers to the questions that have been raised. China is a major export destination for Australia honey.

If you export to China there will be a need for you to fill out a registration form titled “*Registration Application Form of Overseas Production Establishments for Exporting Bee Products (Honey)*.” If you need a copy let me know and I can forward one to you.

APIMONDIA

The latest Apimondia newsletter is available at

http://www.apimondia.com/documents/apimondia_newsletter_en_4.pdf

AGM

Annual conferences for 2017, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

WA Farmers Federation – Beekeeping Section	12 May - Perth
New South Wales Apiarists Association	18 & 19 May - Ballina
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 & 27 May - Hobart
Victorian Apiarists Association	7 & 8 June - Warrnambool
Honey Packers and Marketers Association of Aust.	23 June
Queensland Beekeepers Association	29 June – 1 July - Gympie
South Australian Apiarists Association	6 & 7 July- Adelaide
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	8 July - Adelaide
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.:	108160
Product name:	Sharda Chlorpyrifos 500 Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	500 g/L chlorpyrifos (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name:	Sharda Cropchem Espana S.L
Applicant ACN:	NA
Summary of use:	For the control of a wide range of insect pests on fruit, vegetables, oilseeds, cotton, cereals, pasture, turf and other situations
Date of registration:	15 March 2017
Product registration no.:	83386
Label approval no.:	83386/108160

Application no.:	108241
Product name:	eChem Chlorpyrifos 500 Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	500 g/L chlorpyrifos
Applicant name:	Echem (Aust) Pty Limited
Applicant ACN:	089 133 095
Summary of use:	For the control of a wide range of insect pests on fruit, vegetables, oilseeds, cotton, cereals, pasture, turf and other situations
Date of registration:	20 March 2017
Product registration no.:	83426
Label approval no.:	83426/108241
Application no.:	108521
Product name:	Agsure Alpha Cypermethrin Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	100 g/L alpha-cypermethrin
Applicant name:	Elders Rural Services Australia Limited
Applicant ACN:	004 045 121
Summary of use:	For the control of certain insect pests including 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:	3 April 2017
Product registration no.:	83509
Label approval no.:	83509/108521
Application no.:	107710
Active constituent/s:	Abamectin
Applicant name:	Eureka! Agresearch Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	086 194 738
Summary of use:	For use in agricultural and veterinary chemical products
Date of approval:	30 March 2017
Approval no.:	83196/107710
Application no.:	107717
Active constituent/s:	Napropamide
Applicant name:	FMC Australasia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	095 326 891
Summary of use:	For use in agricultural chemical products
Date of approval:	31 March 2017
Approval no.:	83201

CATEGORISATION

Still no answer to what the PHA Board decided in relation to the categorisation of *Varroa destructor*.

CYCLONE AND FLOODS IN QUEENSLAND AND NORTHERN NEW SOUTH WALES

Talking with a beekeeper in Proserpine, which copped the full force of the Cyclone Debbie, he lost around 150 hives, mainly due to drowning from the rain being forced in the entrances by the wind. As is the case with cyclones the problem that follows is that there are no floral resources for about 12 months to sustain the bees and the beekeepers have to resort to feeding.

In the case of the Proserpine beekeeper, there are pollination jobs that are coming up so it now a race to get surviving hives back in order to be able to carry out those pollination jobs.

In southern Queensland there were hives lost due to the flooding of the Logan and Albert Rivers. Some beekeepers in the Lockyer Valley were able to shift hives out of areas that flood prior to the rain.

Northern New South Wales had beekeepers who lost hives due to the flooding but reports to date are that there have not been large numbers. Maybe the early warning allowed beekeepers to get hives to higher ground.

The high winds associated with the cyclone also brought down trees. See the Queensland Beekeepers Association facebook page.

For those who have been affected by the cyclone or flooding keep an eye out for assistance that will be provided by State Governments. Contact your local State Government member for assistance.

B-QUAL AND NEW DIRECTORS

As reported in the last newsletter there will be a need for more Directors on B-QUAL later this year. If you feel you could fill this role please send in a resume to the AHBIC Executive Director.

CROP POLLINATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AND AGM

I have received the following information about the upcoming Crop Pollination Association conference and AGM:-

Crop Pollination AGM/Conference.

Date: Tuesday 16th May 2017

Venue: Ballina Island Motor Inn.

1 Ronan Place, Ballina NSW 2478

See: www.aussiepollination.com.au

For further information contact the Secretary, Eric Whitby, at ericwhitby2@bigpond.com

WAX MOTH WORMS BIODEGRADE PLASTIC BAGS

An article from ABC news tells of how wax moth worms biodegrade plastic bags.

See the full article at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-04-26/common-catepillar-can-eat-plastic-bags-at-high-speeds/8472368?section=science>

Imagine beekeepers having to deliberately breed wax moth larvae to supply to this market if ever it came into being. Talk about alternative bee products!!!!

KEEPING UP WITH RESEARCH

The Rural Industries and Research Development Corporation (RIRDC) receive the research component of the honey levy to fund research on behalf of our industry. What research is funded is decided by the Honey Bee and Pollination Program Advisory Panel. See the article below re vacancies on this panel.

When research is completed it is published on the RIRDC website. See <http://www.rirc.gov.au/research-programs/animal-industries/honeybee> where you can see the publications and what research is being funded.



RURAL INDUSTRIES
Research & Development Corporation

Positions Vacant

Honey Bee and Pollination Program Advisory Panel

The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) is seeking the services of suitably experienced industry people for two positions on the Honey Bee and Pollination Advisory Panel.

The Advisory Panel consists of members with a range of skills and experience in the research, production and processing sectors of honey bee and pollination industries, together with a representative of the Corporation. The Advisory Panel provides recommendations to the Corporation on the allocation funding to projects. The Honey Bee and Pollination Program Five Year Research, Development and Extension Plan will help the Advisory Panel to provide advice to RIRDC.

Members of the Advisory Panel will be recompensed for their services to the Corporation, at rates determined by the Commonwealth's Remuneration Tribunal. Two meetings per year are anticipated.

Applicants should note that RIRDC's Advisory Panel Policy precludes members of the executive of a national industry association from being a member of a RIRDC advisory panel. As part of the appointment process, RIRDC will consult with the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council.

Interested applicants must contact RIRDC's Dave Alden on 02 6923 6918 to find out more about the positions and how to make an application.

Application must be submitted by 31 May 2017.

Dave Alden
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Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

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Email: (Please PRINT clearly).....

Phone: Date:

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so your contribution can be recorded correctly**

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- ♦ email your details (as above) to ahbic@honeybee.org.au

Account Name: Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 150 976 405



Thank you for supporting AHBIC to continue supporting your industry at a national level.
It is gratefully appreciated.