



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

May 2017

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 June 2016

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

AB's Honey
Abbott, Brian & Robin Proudford
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
Honeyworks Pty Ltd
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
Rohrlach, T & A
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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AHBIC AGM PLUS SAAA CONFERENCE

The AHBIC AGM will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Adelaide on Saturday 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 even if you are only coming for the AHBIC AGM.**

Observers are welcome at the AHBIC AGM and the SAAA Conference registration form is towards the end of this newsletter along with information. Please note that registrations **MUST** be received beforehand and cannot be accepted on the day.

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.

CATEGORISATION OF *VARROA DESTRUCTOR*

On 15 May, 2017 Lindsay Bourke and I participated in a teleconference with Greg Fraser and Dr. Susanna Driessen from PHA re the PHA Board's decision on the categorisation of *Varroa destructor*.

The Board have put it as a category 3 i.e. 50/50 for Government and the affected parties. The Board is open to further conversations on this decision. The Board also will be reviewing the data supplied by ABARES to the parties for the categorisation process and consider why there was such disagreement with the figures provided.

PHA will now consider how to process the outstanding categorisation for the two *Tropilaelaps* and *V. jacobsoni*. At the present time the *V. jacobsoni* incursion in Townsville is being dealt with as the default category which is 3.

PRESENTATION TO CROP CONSULTANTS AUSTRALIA

As a result of our contact with Crop Consultants Australia I was invited to attend their seminar in Dubbo and give a presentation on "Protecting honey bees". The presentation was well received with several questions asked before and afterwards.

I also took part in a panel discussion on protecting honey bees. I gained the impression that many of the crop consultants present (these are the people who advise farmers what to spray on their crops to protect them) are willing to recommend softer chemicals where bees are present. As a first step, beekeepers need to communicate with farmers that bees are present in the area. Use BeeConnected.

ADOPTION OF CODE OF PRACTICE IN VICTORIA

I have received the following information from Victoria. Congratulations to Victoria for being the first to incorporate the Code of Practice into their legislation. Hopefully other States can follow.

For information, the Australian Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity Code of Practice is now embedded within Victorian LDCA 1994 legislation, specifically:

Under section 98 of the LDC Act we have the right to impose conditions on registration as a beekeeper. Complying with any requirement of the COP is now a condition of registration as a beekeeper in Victoria.

Under section 100 of the LDC Act we can suspend or cancel someone's registration if they don't comply with the conditions we have imposed on their registration as a beekeeper.

BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA LIMITED (BICWA)

For your information WA now has a website under the BICWA banner but for all WA sectors. www.bicwa.com.au.

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/>

EXPORTS TO CHINA

A delegation from China was in Australia recently carrying out audits on several commodities. Honey was one of these.

Information from Canberra indicated that the Chinese were happy with the information that had been supplied by Canberra. China had supplied a long list of questions and requests for information about our industry here in Australia. AHBIC was able to help the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources with answers to some of the questions asked.

China has indicated that they will want exporting establishments to be registered with them to guarantee the source the honey. As information comes to hand it will be passed on.

AGM

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

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

FUNDING GRANTS FOR WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across Australia's agriculture sector.

The initiative is providing women with grants of between \$3,000 and \$8,000 to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs.

The leadership development programs are part-time and delivered nationally via WLA's blended learning model. Scholarship funding is strictly limited and has to be allocated prior to the end of this financial year (June 30).

Expressions of Interest

Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form here prior to June 16, 2017: <http://www.wla.edu.au/assoc-june17.html>

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.:	107733
Product name:	Relyon Starlet 250EC Insecticide/Miticide
Active constituent/s:	250 g/L bifenthrin
Applicant name:	Ruralco Holdings Limited
Applicant ACN:	009 660 879
Summary of use:	For the control of insect pests and mites of apricots, bananas, barley, canola, citrus, clover, cotton, cucurbits, faba beans, field peas, grapes, lucerne, lucerne seed crops, lupins, navy beans, nectarines, peaches pears, plums, poppies, subterranean clover, sugarcane, tomatoes and wheat
Date of registration:	28 April 2017
Product registration no.:	83211
Label approval no.:	83211/107733
Application no.:	Not applicable—variation by the APVMA under s29A of the Agvet Code
Product name:	Conquest Dimethoate 400 Systemic Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	400 g/kg Dimethoate
Holder name:	Conquest Crop Protection Pty Ltd
Holder ACN:	098 814 932
Summary of variation:	The APVMA has, with the holder's consent, amended the restraint in the critical comments and withholding periods for lucerne, pasture, pasture seed, fodder crops and oilseeds from 'DO NOT use after crop emergence' to 'DO NOT use more than 7 days after crop emergence'. This product is an insecticide and miticide for a range of agricultural crops.
Date of variation:	1 May 2017
Product registration no.:	55704
Label approval no.:	RV3017H

The above wording for dimethoate is also published for the following product names which contain dimethoate:-

Danadim Insecticide
Titan Dimethoate 400 Systemic Insecticide
Accensi Dimethoate 400 Systemic Insecticide
Rogor Upgrade Insecticide
ACP Dimethoate 400 Systemic insecticide
Apparent Decimator 400 Insecticide
Nufarm Dimethoate Systemic Insecticide
Relyon Dimex 400EC Insecticide

Application no.:	Not applicable—variation by the APVMA under s29A of the Agvet Code
Product name:	AW Omethoate 290 SL Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	290 g/kg Omethoate
Holder name:	AgriWest Pty Ltd
Holder ACN:	108 899 181
Summary of variation:	This product was not registered at the time of the finalisation of the reconsideration of all omethoate products on 1 December 2016. The product registration has since been reinstated. The APVMA has, with the holder's consent, amended the label instructions of this product to comply with the omethoate reconsideration outcomes of 1 December 2016 so that these instructions are consistent with those of other products containing omethoate. This product is an insecticide and miticide for a range of agricultural crops.
Date of variation:	9 May 2017
Product registration no.:	61681
Label approval no.:	RV1216
Period of supply earlier version of label	As the earlier label was approved in 2007, there may be existing product bearing this earlier label version that is now no longer approved. The APVMA has determined that subsection 81(3) of the Agvet Code is to apply in respect of the earlier approved version of the label (0107) that has been varied as a result of this decision and that supply may take place no later than 1 December 2017. After 1 December 2017, all product that is supplied should bear the varied approved label RV1216.



Media Release

Tuesday 23 May 2017

New guide to assist beekeepers harvest and extract honey

Beekeepers can get practical information on harvesting and extracting honey with a new publication, produced by NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Tocal College, launched at the NSW Apiarists' Association Conference last week.

DPI Technical Specialist Honey Bees and co-author Dr Doug Somerville said the guide *Honey harvesting and extracting* informs beekeepers of the best management practices to harvest and extract honey to ensure they get the highest quality product.

“This practical guide will assist beekeepers whether they are small-scale recreational or commercial operators,” Dr Somerville said.

“Important information on the best way to handle honey, including food quality, food safety and compliance with legislation are covered in the guide.

“Beekeepers are advised of the best way to remove honey from the hive so that it retains its natural goodness and the highest quality product is produced.

“With care, honey can be removed with minimal or no contamination.”

Dr Somerville said the guide outlines the best practice for transporting honey from the hive to the extracting facility, and includes the key principles for the design, construction and cleanliness of the premises.

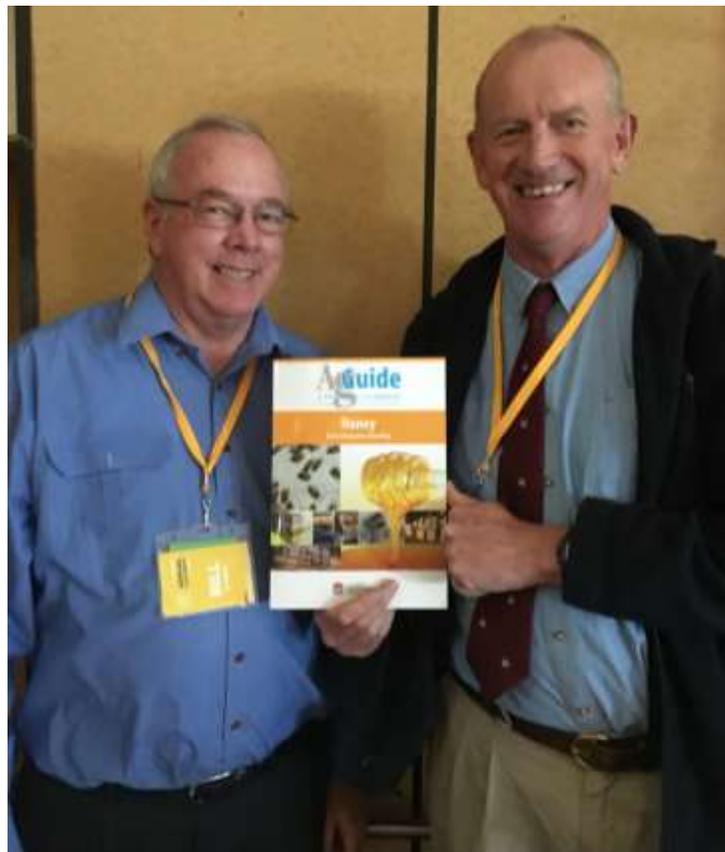
“There is also a section on mobile extracting plants, as many of the requirements for central extracting plants also apply to mobile plants,” Dr Somerville said.

“Beekeepers are reminded that all food products and ingredients should be stored under adequate facilities and conditions to ensure product safety and to minimise the potential for contamination or microbial growth.

“The guide underpins the Australian Beekeeping Industry Quality Assurance Program and assists beekeepers to ensure they are able to control and maintain honey quality in a safe and hygienic way.”

Total College offers a range of short courses in beekeeping skills as well as the Certificate III in Beekeeping.

The *Honey harvesting and extracting AgGuide* is available in hard copy, online or mail order from Total College www.tocal.nsw.edu.au or as an ebook through iTunes.



Dr. Doug Somerville and Bill Winner photographed at the launch of the AgGuide

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We are pleased to announce that our 2017 Conference and Annual General Meeting along with AHBIC Annual General Meeting are scheduled to be held at

The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide

SAAA, 6th – 7th July 2017

AHBIC, 8th July 2017

It is promising to be a fantastic conference with some very interesting speakers in the line up.

Dr Emily Remnant, recipient of the '2017 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry'

Professor Stephen Martin, University of Salford Manchester, chair in Animal Ecology

Mr Rod Pavey, Saxonbee Enterprises

Mr David Leyland, Beez Neez Apiaries

This year, morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea are included in the costs along with tea, coffee and juices. We are looking forward to delegates catching up and mingling over the breaks.

We have secured several rooms for your benefit, please visit this link to place your booking.

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/d0e65fa6>

It is first in best dressed and rooms will be released if not booked so we encourage you to secure your room as soon as possible. Please note that the cut-off date for rooms being held on our behalf is the 5th June 2017.

There is limited parking available at The Crowne Plaza. We have organised 'early bird' parking tickets if you would like to take advantage of them for the U Park on the corner of Pulteney and Rundle Street, Adelaide at a cost of \$15/day.

All conference registrations must be finalised prior to the conference.

Please note that no registrations will be accepted on the day of conference due to restrictions by The Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Please complete this form and return it along with payment to SAAA Treasurer;

Email: ajma.cotton2@bigpond.com Post: PO Box 246, KEITH SA 5267

Payment can be made via direct bank transfer, cheque or money order.

SA Apiarists Association BSB: 105 030 Account No: 020697340 ****Please include member name****



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN APIARISTS' ASSOCIATION INC

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Tax Invoice

ABN: 70 114 388 350

COMPANY/BUSINESS DETAILS -

Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	SAAA Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Association Member
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Address:

Phone:

Email:

A: SAAA Two Day Conference Registration – Two day conference registration. Includes all conference sessions on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th July 2017 along with morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

EARLY BIRD RATES – if paid by 30th May 2017 Per Person

Member Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$165.00
Spouse/Partner of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$155.00
Employee of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$175.00
Non Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$185.00

PAYMENT AFTER 30th May 2017 – 30th June 2017 Per Person

Member Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$190.00
Spouse/Partner of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$180.00
Employee of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$200.00
Non Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$210.00

SUBTOTAL \$

B: SAAA Single Day Conference Registration - Please purchase one day tickets, dinner tickets and parking tickets here

EARLY BIRD RATES – if paid by 30th May 2017 Thursday 6th Friday 7th Per Person

One Day Member Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$90.00
One Day Spouse/Partner of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$85.00
One Day Employee of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$95.00
One Day Non Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00

PAYMENT AFTER 30th May 2017 – 30th June 2017

One Day Member Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$115.00
One Day Spouse/Partner of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$110.00
One Day Employee of Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$120.00
One Day Non Member:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00
Early Bird parking ticket, please note that these are NON REFUNDABLE	<input type="checkbox"/>		\$15.00
Early Bird parking ticket, please note that these are NON REFUNDABLE		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00

Annual Dinner, Thursday 6 th July 2017 (3 Course Meal alternate drop)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$72.00
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Please advise of any food restrictions/requirements:

SUB TOTAL: \$

C: AHBIC Annual General Meeting – 8th July 2017

AHBIC Delegate Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Per person N/A
AHBIC Observer Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00

SUB TOTAL: \$

TOTAL PAYMENT (A + B + C) \$

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CONTRIBUTION DETAILS

Name:

Address:

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

Phone: Date:

Yes I wish to support my industry

- Up to 50 hives = \$50.00
- 51 and over hives = \$1.00 per hive

Please indicate **YES** or **NO**

1. Please publicise my name (as a contributor) on the front of the AHBIC Newsletter
2. I would like to receive the AHBIC Annual Report
3. Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (email preferred)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Your contribution can be paid by **CHEQUE** (or Money Order) or **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

CHEQUE \$

DIRECT DEPOSIT: \$.....

**Please return this form to AHBIC - by post or email
so your contribution can be recorded correctly**

When paying by Direct Deposit please -

- ◆ quote your *Name* as the Reference
- ◆ 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.**