

# *Monthly* NEWS



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Photo – Marion Weatherhead

**Pollination of macadamias this year has been completed.**

**Record number of hives were put on macadamias in Queensland and northern New South Wales.**

**Growers will be hoping for a better crop next year as the 2017 crop was affected by Cyclone Debbie, drought and hail. The 2017 crop was 47,000 tonnes in shell valued at \$280 million.**



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# AUSTRALIAN HONEYBEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC

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The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) is the **Peak Industry Body for the Australian Beekeeping Industry** working for all within our industry including **honey producers, honey packers, pollinators, queen bee breeders, equipment manufacturers/suppliers.**

We urge beekeepers to support those Packers, Queen Bee Breeders, Equipment Manufacturers/Suppliers who contribute to AHBIC.

## The following list recognises contributions received since 1 December 2016

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

*A number of Honey Producers have generously given a voluntary contribution but wish to remain anonymous*

### HONEY PRODUCERS

Abbott, B & Proudford, R  
Anderson, Cedar  
Badger Head Bees  
Beechworth Honey Pty Ltd  
*(on behalf of some honey producers)*  
Bees Neez Honey  
Blair, Shona  
Bliss, Stephen  
Brenton, Daryl  
Clifford, Ray  
Cooper, Barry  
Cooper, Casey  
Cotton, Allan & Michelle  
Davey, Robin  
Davies Apiaries  
Dewar, Robert & Melissa  
Faithful, Mark  
Gells Honey Maryborough  
Glasby, Garry  
Grizzly Bear Apiaries  
Hooper, Ben (Hooper Honey)  
Hoskinson, HL & HM  
Jones, Bryn

### HONEY PRODUCERS

Jones, Daniel  
Kennett, Joshua  
Klinger, Craig  
LeFeuvre, Danny  
Lukas, Barbara  
MacGibbon, Kevin  
Masters, Neil & Sharon  
McDonald, Peter  
McDonald, Robert  
Morgan, Trevor  
Naicol Pty Ltd  
Nairn, Mal  
NT Bees (Aust)  
Plum, Len & Susan  
Rohrlach, T & A  
Ruge Honey  
Saxonbee Enterprises  
Shaw, Robert  
Stokes, Peter  
Valkenburg Apiaries  
Watson, James  
Weatherhead, T & M  
Weerona Apiaries  
Western Honey Supplies  
Zadow, Ian & Mel

### PRODUCER/PACKERS

Blue Hills Honey  
Bourke, Lindsay  
Clifford, David  
Heritage Honey  
Honeyworks Pty Ltd  
R.Stephens  
The House of Honey

### HONEY PACKERS

AB's Honey  
Beechworth Honey Pty Ltd  
Bendigo Honey Pty Ltd  
Capilano Honey Ltd  
Gustare Honey Australia Pty Ltd  
Honeylife Australia  
Superbee Honey Factory

### QUEEN BEE BREEDERS

RL Dewar - Bee Build  
Gerdts, Jody

### BEEKEEPING GROUPS

Amateur Beekeepers Asn of NSW Inc  
Bayside Beekeepers Assoc Inc  
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers Society  
Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers Inc  
Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers Assoc Inc  
Northside Beekeepers Assoc Inc  
Rotary Club of Caulfield

### BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER

Flow hive  
Hornsby Beekeeping Supplies  
Quality Beekeeping Supplies

## All Voluntary Contributions and Support to AHBIC are Gratefully Received – Thank You

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## NEW LOOK

The AHBIC Executive has requested that the list of voluntary contributors to AHBIC be listed under the sections of the industry they are from. So I took the opportunity to make some other changes.

Re the voluntary contributor's list - if you are in a section that you feel does not represent what you do, please let me know and I will change it.

## NEW DIRECTORS AT PLANT HEALTH AUSTRALIA

### ***New Directors and Chairman for Plant Health Australia***

*Plant Health Australia (PHA), the not-for-profit coordinator of the plant biosecurity industry and government partnership in Australia, has three new non-executive Directors on its [Board](#), plus a new Chair and Deputy Chair.*

*The new PHA non-executive Directors appointed at the PHA Annual General Meeting in Canberra are Dr Prue McMichael, Mr Kim Halbert and Mr Doug Phillips.*

*At the PHA Board meeting on the following day, [Mr Steve McCutcheon](#) was appointed as Chairman and [Mr Robert Prince](#) as Deputy Chair.*

*Mr McCutcheon thanked the outgoing Directors, including Darral Ashton who stepped down from the Board after twelve years as a Director, including two years as Chairman.*

*"On behalf of PHA, I would like thank Julie Bird, Dr Bruce Kefford and my predecessor Darral Ashton, for their commitment to plant biosecurity during their time as Directors," Mr McCutcheon said.*

*"I also welcome the new non-executive Directors who bring great skills to the Board along with increased geographic diversity, which is important for our national organisation," Mr McCutcheon added.*

*Executive Director and CEO of PHA, Greg Fraser, welcomed Mr McCutcheon to the Chairman's role, and commended Darral Ashton for his decades of service to plant biosecurity.*

*The resolution accepting the three new Directors, and reappointing Liz Alexander for another four year term, followed a selection process involving government and industry representatives.*

## SENSELESS KILLING OF BEES

Nathan Woods, one of the few commercial beekeepers in the Northern Territory, has had 120 of his hives deliberately poisoned. This is a big blow for Nathan and also a setback for the melon growers in the Katherine area who rely on Nathan for pollination of their melons.

The Northern Territory police are investigating. You would have to wonder at the mental state of someone who would deliberately go out and spray hives.

This is not the first time, with bees on the south coast of New South Wales having been poisoned several years ago. From memory I don't think anyone was brought to trial for that poisoning.

The full article can be viewed at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2017-11-30/bee-hives-deliberately-poisoned-katherine/9208652>

## FUNDING FOR TRAINING

Minister Joyce advised AHBIC that he would give us a grant of \$50,000 for training of potential leaders in our industry just before he had to resign. There are only certain training organisations that we can spend the money with.

The final documentation is being signed and I will shortly be contacting State Associations with an offer for training.

We thank former Minister Joyce for the grant.

## AGM DATES

Annual conferences for 2018, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

South Australian Apiarists Association	17 May -
WA Farmers Federation – Beekeepers Section and BICWA	25-26 May, Perth
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 May -
Victorian Apiarists Association	31 May – 1 June -
New South Wales Apiarists Association	26 June – Gold Coast
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	1 July – Gold Coast
Queensland Beekeepers Association	TBA
Honey and Packers Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

**Application no.:** 112338  
**Product name:** Prisma 20 SC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 200 g/L imidacloprid  
**Applicant name:** Industrial Quimica Key, S.A  
**Applicant ACN:** N/A  
**Summary of use:** For the control of various insect pests of cotton, fruit, vegetables and ornamentals  
**Date of registration:** 15 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 85132  
**Label approval no.:** 85132/112338

**Application no.:** 111683  
**Product name:** EuroChem Indox 150EC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 150 g/L indoxacarb  
**Applicant name:** TGAC Australia Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 134 570 700  
**Summary of use:** For the control of insect pests in azuki beans, chickpeas, faba beans, mung beans and soybeans  
**Date of registration:** 16 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 84882  
**Label approval no.:** 84882/111683

**Application no.:** 109030  
**Product name:** Dupont Altacor Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 350 g/kg chlorantraniliprole  
**Applicant name:** Du Pont (Australia) Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 000 716 469  
**Summary of variation:** To extend the use pattern to pulse crops as a crop group  
**Date of variation:** 6 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 61824  
**Label approval no.:** 61824/109030

**Application no.:** 112303  
**Product name:** Surefire Macromite Miticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 480 g/L bifentazate  
**Applicant name:** PCT Holdings Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 099 023 962  
**Summary of variation:** To extend uses to include mite control on almond crops and update the label  
**Date of variation:** 7 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 81158  
**Label approval no.:** 81158/112303

**Application no.:** 112133  
**Product name:** Le-Mat 290 SL Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 290 g/L omethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)  
**Applicant name:** Arysta Lifescience North America LLC  
**Applicant ACN:** N/A  
**Summary of variation:** To update state registration on the directions for use table  
**Date of variation:** 14 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 45672  
**Label approval no.:** 45672/112133

**Application no.:** 109512  
**Product name:** Venom Professional 240SC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 240 g/L bifenthrin  
**Applicant name:** Adama Australia Pty Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 050 328 973  
**Summary of use:** For the control of insect pests and mites in ornamentals, turf and a range of urban situations  
**Date of registration:** 24 October 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 84018  
**Label approval no.:** 84018/109512

**Application no.:** 103605  
**Product name:** Dimethon Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 400 g/L dimethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)  
**Applicant name:** Industrial Quimica Key, S.A  
**Applicant ACN:** N/A  
**Summary of use:** For control of a range of insect and mite pests in horticultural crops, pastures and non-food crops and for use as a post-harvest dip for quarantine purposes for certain fruits  
**Date of registration:** 25 October 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 81676  
**Label approval no.:** 81676/103605

**Application no.:** 106092  
**Product name:** Unocaps Lambda Cyhalothrin 250 Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin  
**Applicant name:** Sulphur Mills Australia Pty Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 102 382 203  
**Summary of use:** For control of red legged earth mite in barley, wheat, pasture and lepidopteran pests in brassicas  
**Date of registration:** 27 October 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 82569  
**Label approval no.:** 82569/106092

**Application no.:** 112016  
**Product name:** Raystar Chlorpyrifos 500 EC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 500 g/L chlorpyrifos (an anti-cholinesterase compound)  
**Applicant name:** Raystar Cropprotection Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 610 946 784  
**Summary of use:** For the control of insect pests on fruit, vegetables, oil seeds, cotton, cereals, pasture, turf and other situations  
**Date of registration:** 2 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 85005  
**Label approval no.:** 85005/112016

**Application no.:** 101300  
**Product name:** Atom Mini (Deltamethrin 250 g/kg WG) Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 250 g/kg deltamethrin  
**Applicant name:** Sulphur Mills Australia Pty Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 102 382 203  
**Summary of use:** For the control of a range of insect pests in various situations  
**Date of registration:** 2 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 80626  
**Label approval no.:** 80626/101300

**Application no.:** 112250  
**Product name:** Choice Merge 200 SC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 200 g/L imidacloprid  
**Applicant name:** Grow Choice Pty Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 161 264 884  
**Summary of use:** For the control of pests in cotton, stone fruit, apples, cucurbits, capsicum, eggplant, potato, tomatoes, brassicas, sweet potato, cucumber, eggplant, turf, ornamentals and for the management of subterranean termites  
**Date of registration:** 2 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 85082  
**Label approval no.:** 85082/112250

**Application no.:** 110939  
**Product name:** Guardian Systemic Garden Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 0.25 g/kg imidacloprid  
**Applicant name:** Sundew Solutions Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 135 400 261  
**Summary of use:** For the control of insect pests on flowers, shrubs, trees, fruit trees and vegetables in the home garden  
**Date of registration:** 3 November 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 84616  
**Label approval no.:** 84616/110939

**Application no.:** 110159  
**Product name:** AC Emporium Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 200 g/L fipronil  
**Applicant name:** Axichem Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 131 628 594  
**Summary of variation:** To extend the uses to control insects in forestry, mushrooms, pasture and sorghum  
**Date of variation:** 31 October 2017  
**Product registration no.:** 69773  
**Label approval no.:** 69773/110159

## **NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN COMPETITION AND CONSUMER COMMISSION**

*For just over a year the Australian Consumer Law has prohibited unfair contract terms in small business standard form contracts. This law seeks to address some of the power imbalances in business-to-business transactions, including in agricultural supply chains.*

*Over the year we have worked with large businesses in many agricultural industries to ensure their contracts do not contain unfair terms. A number have modified their contracts to remove unfair terms, benefitting farmers and other small businesses across the sector.*

*In September the ACCC was successful in court action under this law against one of Australia's largest privately-owned waste management companies, JJ Richards & Sons Pty Ltd. Unfair terms in its standard form contract included an automatic rollover clause, a unilateral price variation term and a broad indemnity*

*provision.*

*We have also started legal proceedings against Servcorp Ltd, a serviced office space provider, alleging 19 terms in its Service Agreement used with small business clients are unfair.*

*We urge large businesses to review their standard form agreements with small business and to take appropriate action to remove any unfair contract terms.*

*All businesses should be aware of common types of terms which may be unfair:*

- automatic renewal binding the small business to subsequent contracts unless they cancel within a certain timeframe*
- allowing a business to unilaterally increase its prices or alter the terms and conditions of the contract*
- broadly limiting a business's liability towards a small business*
- requiring a small business to indemnify the other business in an unreasonably broad range of circumstances*
- allowing businesses to cancel or terminate an agreement without cause.*

*For more information about protection for small businesses from unfair contract terms, you can read our [factsheet](#) and go to our [website](#). If you are interested in the JJ Richards matter, our [media release](#) has more on the Court's decision.*

*Kind regards*

*Agriculture Unit*

*Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC)*

## **GENE TECHNOLOGY REVIEW**

I attended a seminar in Brisbane on the Gene Technology Review. I was able to put across our industry view that when the new gene technology is approved part of the consideration should be the effect on exports.

With the European Union (EU) if honey, which is not GM, but does contain some pollen from GM plants, which is not approved as a food in the EU, then that consignment is rejected. When I last checked there was only one food, a canola variety, which was approved as a food in the EU. So if pollen from other plants such as non-approved canola, soybean or cotton appear in the honey it is rejected.

There was the case where GM poppies were being looked at in Tasmania. If pollen from the poppies was in the hive and came out in say a leatherwood extraction then that shipment would also be rejected in the EU.

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