

# Monthly NEWS



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To: The Australian Honey Bee Industry  
[www.honeybee.org.au](http://www.honeybee.org.au)

From: Sarah Paradice, CEO  
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AHBIC Executive Director Trevor Weatherhead is retiring.

Pictured with wife Marion, thank you from AHBIC and the honey bee industry for your relentless work and contributions to the industry; it is highly valued. Despite retiring, we look forward to your continued involvement!



## Welcome to 2019!

**We have new contact details so please update your records:**

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**Welcome to 2019! We wish all beekeepers a Happy New Year and wish you all the very best in 2019.**

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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 February 2018**

A number of generous Contributors wish to remain anonymous

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

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Brenton, Daryl  
Bush Honey (J & J Midgley)  
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Casey, Cooper  
Davies Apiaries  
Gells' Honey Maryborough  
Honey Producers of Australia P/L  
Jensen, Rick  
Kuyan Apiaries  
Le Feuvre, Danny  
Linklater-Steele, James  
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Mitchie, Robert & Raelene  
Saxonbee Enterprises  
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Kennett Apiaries (SA) Pty Ltd  
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Masters, Neil  
Pure Peninsula Honey  
Walkabout Apiaries

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Bayside Beekeepers Assoc Inc  
Bee Scientifics (Jody Gerdts)  
Bec's BeeHive Beekeeping Supplies  
Bricknell, Jack  
Briggs, David  
Clifford, David  
Cooper, Barry  
Curless, David  
Dewar, Paula  
Frost, Liz  
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers Society Ltd  
Gustare Honey Australia  
Hampson, Terry (Daybreak Apiaries)  
Hum Honey (Leisa Sams)  
Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers Assoc Inc  
Jordan, Corinne  
McDonald, Robert  
Northside Beekeepers Assoc  
NT Bees (Aust) Pty Ltd  
Oldroyd, Ben & Madeleine

Beekman  
Porter, ML & DJ Quality  
Beekeeping Supplies  
Redpath's Beekeeping Supplies  
Ridley Bee Products  
Rudder, Janine (JBR Bees)  
Ruge, Clinton  
Stokes, Peter  
Trigg, Margaret  
Watson, James  
Weatherhead, Trevor & Marion  
Westlands Honey Beverley WA

### OTHER

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*(on behalf of some producer-suppliers)*  
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Godman, Phil  
Knox, Kathy  
Verrenkamp, Leonard  
West-Bee Honey

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Moggill Honey

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Harvey, Andrew  
Hooper Honey (Ben Hooper)

Hoskinson, HL & HM  
MacGibbon, Kevin  
Naicol Pty Ltd  
Ruge Honey  
Shaw, Robert  
Targett, Stephen

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Ballarat Regional Beekeepers Inc

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Schutz Australia Pty

## NOTE FROM CHAIR, PETER McDONALD



Happy New Year and welcome to 2019, I certainly hope it is good for you all individually and for our industry.

We have some big issues to focus on in this coming and future years to ensure our Honey Bee industry continues to thrive in an ever more challenging environment.

Some of these issues include:

- Fraudulent honey is and always has been a major focus for AHBIC. We are considering many actions in conjunction with other parties, none of which are quick to implement. Some include further research into our unique Australian honeys, a certification scheme, more stringent testing methods and others. Any testing method/s need to be reliable, effective and MUST be enforceable. Trial by media is not the way to proceed.
- Promoting our honey bee industry and combating negative influences such as the recent animal activist Aussie Farms interactive map. We have a right to farm and this needs to be protected. More information further in the newsletter.
- Increasing our voluntary contributors, our “Friends of AHBIC”, who provide the financial support AHBIC needs to continue representing the Honey Bee community in any issue that arises.

With the start of 2019 we have come to the stage of the retirement of Trevor Weatherhead as AHBIC Executive Director (ED). This heralds a new era as Trevor has been involved with AHBIC ever since its inception in 1997. He has had numerous roles throughout the organisation as a delegate from AHBIC member bodies, chair of subcommittees as well as this most recent role as the paid employee of AHBIC since 2012. Trevor’s contribution to AHBIC has been outstanding. He has been instrumental in our many successes, especially in the role of ED. Supremely organised with an outstanding knowledge of issues and resolutions that have come and gone, he managed to keep everything under control and made sure all involved with AHBIC and the wider industry knew what was going on and what they had to do to contribute.

So, a very big thank you to Trevor from AHBIC. We are sad to see you leave the role but know we can continue to call upon both you & Marion for advice and comradeship in the future for anything to do with our Honey Bees.

This leads me to our replacement for Trevor, AHBIC’s new CEO, Sarah Paradice. We welcome Sarah as she helps our organisation through the next period, making improvements and taking us forward. Sarah has a different skill set to Trevor and is new to the industry, but she has been picking it up quite quickly and is settling in well. I ask you all to make her feel welcome and assist her where you can.

Lastly on that point of helping. If anyone in our industry has ideas, skills and want to help then please contact any of the AHBIC Executive or Sarah to volunteer what you can.

## NOTE FROM CEO, SARAH PARADICE



I commenced as CEO of AHBIC on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and would like to say at the outset that I couldn't have asked for a more thorough handover from industry stalwart Trevor Weatherhead and his trusty offsideer Marion Weatherhead. It has been brilliant, thank you Trevor and Marion. That's not to say it may take me a while to get up to speed with all the issues and learn all the honeybee industry acronyms! I'm mindful I have very big shoes to fill with Trevor's retirement and I'm hoping I can keep him in the fray, his knowledge of the industry is enormous. I'd also like to thank AHBIC Chair Peter McDonald and the Executive for their support while I've settled in, its greatly appreciated. Thanks to all stakeholders, members and beekeepers who have sent messages of welcome too; I'm feeling very lucky to be so warmly welcomed into the industry.

I have spent the last four years working in forestry for the Institute of Foresters of Australia and Australian Forest Growers and am excited to be joining the honey bee industry. I'm hoping that some of my contacts within forestry may help us improve access to floral resources, amongst other things. I live on a small farm about 35km from Canberra where I run beef cattle with my husband Jim who works in Canberra for the Department of Agriculture. I've set up a home office so AHBIC has new contact details as outlined on the first page of this news bulletin; please update your records if you haven't already done so.

Please feel free to call me or email anytime to introduce yourself; thanks to those who have already done so. I'll also try to contact you as well. I very much look forward to working with you all in 2019 and beyond.

## AGM DATES

Annual conferences for 2019, in chronological order:

New South Wales Apiarists Association	16 & 17 May - Bathurst
Bee Industry Council of WA	24-25 May - Perth
Queensland Beekeepers Association	30 May - 1 June – Bribie Island
Victorian Apiarists Association	4,5 & 6 June - Mildura
South Australian Apiarists Association	10-11 June – Adelaide (note change of dates)
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	28 June - Launceston
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	29 June - Launceston

Due to AHBIC having to have changes to the Constitution lodged with the Western Australia Department of Commerce by 30 June, 2019 the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association conference and AHBIC AGM have been brought forward a week from the original dates.

## AUSSIE FARMS REPOSITORY MAP

As you may be aware, a new website was launched in January this year called [Aussie Farms Repository](#). The website includes an interactive map of 'factory farms, slaughterhouses and other animal exploitation facilities across Australia' as claimed by Aussie Farms Repository. The map includes beekeeping operations. There has been widespread outrage from the agricultural industry and the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council joins other agricultural industries in voicing serious concern about the website.

The map unfairly targets a small number of beekeeping operations and poses serious risks to the honey bee industry which, as we all know, is vital for pollination and global food security.

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) strongly urges its members to follow [National Farmers Federation](#) guidelines and three-point action plan should they find themselves listed on the Aussie Farms Repository Map:

**Is your property on the Farm Map?**  
Take action in 3 simple steps...

- 1. Check the map**  
Visit [map.aussiefarms.org.au](http://map.aussiefarms.org.au)
- 2. Request removal**  
Ask Aussie Farms to remove your details from the site
- 3. File a complaint**  
File a formal complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner

Request removal here: <https://www.aussiefarms.org.au/about#contact>

File a complaint here: <https://www.oaic.gov.au/individuals/how-do-i-make-a-privacy-complaint>

You will need to provide Aussie Farms 30 days to respond before filing a complaint with the Commissioner.

AHBIC has written to the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources urging prompt investigative action into Aussie Farms Repository, particularly considering their registered charity status and their activities which

- Encourage illegal trespass
- Breach privacy legislation
- Facilitate potential biosecurity incidences and the spread of pests and diseases

AHBIC urges members to follow guidelines released by [Meat and Livestock Australia](#) in conjunction with the red meat industry and National Farmers Federation (NFF) should you find yourself dealing with trespassers:

- Call Crimestoppers or the police to report the intrusion
- Ensure the safety of your family, farmworkers and livestock
- Request that the trespassers identify themselves and explain why they are on your property
- Inform them the police have been called and calmly ask them to leave your property
- When able, compile a written record of what happened and update your Biosecurity records

Links to a few interesting (frustrating!) articles published by The Land newspaper recently:

- [Blair urges NSW police to act on animal activist group](#)
- [Questions from The Land to Aussie Farms Christopher Delforce](#)

## GENERAL NEWS AND LINKS

- Tasmanian fires - with the current bushfire emergency in Tasmania, there have been reports of beehive losses. Accurate numbers of hives lost are not yet known due to the ongoing situation. Our thoughts and best wishes to those affected by the fires
- A mānuka honey company is being prosecuted by New Zealand's food safety agency over claims it added artificial chemicals to its product. In the first case of its kind, the company is accused of adding synthetic chemicals – including one commonly used in tanning lotion – to honey it sold as “mānuka” See [link](#) for full article
- Did you see the Great Australian Bee Challenge on ABC TV Catalyst? It is an interesting 2-part series where host Paul West challenges four families to successfully keep a honeybee hive, bringing the families up close with the latest science about bee brains, communication and behaviour. The first episode can be viewed on iview [here](#)
- Apimondia Newsletter – please click [here](#) to access Apimondia's Newsletters; No 10 is the most recent newsletter and includes a statement by Apimondia on honey fraud
- Almond industry needs more bees! Many of you may have seen the ABC report on the SA Country Hour: *Almond growers prepare for record harvest but more bees needed to keep industry buzzing* See link [here](#) for the full article
- Are you affected by the drought? The Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources issued a media release on 31 January 2019 *One stop shop for drought support* advising improved processes to make it easier to find out about and apply for drought assistance. National Farmers Federation has pulled together and verified the information on the website. For more information, please see the new website [FarmHub](#)
- As we all know, varroa mite is a parasite infecting honey bee colonies in every major beekeeping region in the world – except Australia. With the assistance of AHBIC Chair Peter McDonald, here's what Victoria is doing in the fight to keep our bees protected: [news article](#)
- London Honey Awards – for those interested, the London Honey Awards are being held in London on 14-15 April 2019. The purpose of the awards is to inform honey-growers, honey producers, beekeepers, processors, and retailers to preserve and to ameliorate the quality of their branded product by promoting high-quality honey products in every aspect of the spectrum of its use and consumption. More information [here](#)
- Are you an avid photographer? You may be interested in the Fifth International Beekeeping Photography Competition. If so, more information can be found [here](#)
- Still in its testing phase, scientists from Finland claim they are another step closer to the world's first insect vaccine to help bees fight American foulbrood. Read more [here](#)

## GENERAL NEWS AND LINKS contd.

- Exporters of Non-Prescribed Goods – please be advised there have been the following updates advised by Department of Agriculture and Water Resources:
  - changes have been made to the payment policy which affects those who make payments towards fees and charges imposed under exports and biosecurity legislation. The payment policy will be effective from 4 February 2019. Further details are available on the [website](#)
  - Application for a government export certificate for non-prescribed goods application form has been updated to reflect the new national (single) mailbox for food exports. Please note that the previous 8 regional mailbox address have now been amalgamated into one mailbox nationally across all commodities—foodexports@agriculture.gov.au. The updated form has been published on the department’s [website](#)
  - Air-cargo changes - the Australian Government has announced new export screening requirements for air cargo, which will apply to all destinations from 1 March 2019. The department’s [website](#) now contains information relevant to agricultural exporters which is additional to the information available on the website of the Department of Home Affairs
  - Need further information? Please [email](#) the NPG program for assistance
- Qld Beekeepers Association reported earlier this month advising of the sad passing of Helen Arkadieff, wife of Murray Arkadieff. For those who knew her, you may be interested in the [link](#) to a memorial site for Helen.

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 113492

Product name: Campbell Moxam 250SC Insecticide

Active constituent/s: 250 g/L thiamethoxam

Applicant name: Colin Campbell (Chemicals) Pty Ltd

Applicant ACN: 000 045 590

Summary of use: For the control of African black beetle and billbug in recreational turf

Date of registration: 11 December 2018

Product registration no.: 85516

Label approval no.: 85516/113492

Application no.: 113620

Product name: Titan Indoxacarb 150 EC Insecticide

Active constituent/s: 150 g/L s-indoxacarb

Applicant name: Titan Ag Pty Ltd

Applicant ACN: 122 081 574

Summary of use: For the control of various species of insect pests in cotton

Date of registration: 12 December 2018

Product registration no.: 85561

Label approval no.: 85561/113620

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS contd.

Application no.: 115996

Product name: Butler 150EC Insecticide

Active constituent/s: 150 g/L s-indoxacarb

Applicant name: Ruralco Holdings Limited

Applicant ACN: 009 660 879

Summary of use: For the control of various species of insect pests in adzuki beans, chickpeas, cotton, faba beans, mung beans and soybeans

Date of registration: 13 December 2018

Product registration no.: 86540

Label approval no.: 86540/115996

Application no.: 117729

Product name: Mission Ellias 300 EC Insecticide

Active constituent/s: 300 g/L alpha-cypermethrin

Applicant name: Mission Bell Holdings Pty Ltd

Applicant ACN: 149 573 651

Summary of use: For control of insect pests of cereals, cotton, grain legumes, oilseeds, pastures, pome and stone fruits, trees and ornamentals, tobacco and vegetables

Date of registration: 21 December 2018

Product registration no.: 87186

Label approval no.: 87186/117729

Application no.: 115591

Product name: Farmalinx Swoop Insecticide

Active constituent/s: 150 g/L s-indoxacarb

Applicant name: Farmalinx Pty Ltd

Applicant ACN: 134 353 245

Summary of use: For the control of various species of insect pests in adzuki beans, chickpeas, cotton, faba beans, mung beans and soybeans

Date of registration: 21 December 2018

Product registration no.: 86371

Label approval no.: 86371/115591

Application no.: 117017

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 add control of various mites and insect pests in pastures

Date of variation: 20 December 2018

Product registration no.: 45672

Label approval no.: 45672/117017

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018-2019 GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

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Details **BSB:** 633 000



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