Pictured: AHBIC Chair Peter McDonald presenting at the Agrifutures Levied Industry Forum held on 16th April 2019 in Sydney. Levied industries such as rice, chicken meat, ginger, tee tree oil, kangaroo, goat fibre, export fodder came together to share challenges and opportunities. It provided a valuable opportunity to learn from each other and allowed feedback to Agrifutures regarding future R&D priorities.
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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 April 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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- Leemon, Diana
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- Costa, Daniel (Costa Honey)
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- Targett, Stephen

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- Ecrotek
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NOTE FROM CHAIR, PETER McDONALD

We are in May, already.

In many areas of Australia the Honey Beehives are slowing down and beekeepers are preparing the beehives for winter. The slowing of the active beekeeping season heralds the approaching Conference Season for many of the representative groups for beekeeping, especially for AHBIC and its members at least.

These events are a great time for all those involved in the Honey Bee community to come together and learn about the major events that have transpired in the past year as well as issues that will be coming up in the future.

It has been a very busy year for the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC). We have had a number of major issues that we have been dealing with on behalf of all people involved in the Honey Bee industry, some which were new issues, some continuing issues that are progressing.

As is standard every single year, AHBIC makes itself available to its members to report on our activities. This allows good communication between AHBIC and the rank and file members of our Honey Bee community about the issues that are being dealt with at a national level and provides the opportunity for each and every one of us to become better informed.

This year is no different and currently myself and our CEO, Sarah, are booked to attend most of AHBIC member conference/AGM’s. We will definitely be at all the state beekeeping representative body conferences (NSW, WA, Qld, Vic, SA & Tas) to report on our activities. The first one is coming up very quickly at Bathurst in NSW on May 16th.

This is a great opportunity for all Honey Bee community people to come along and meet us both, listen to our report and to ask questions from us. It is also a great opportunity to meet others within the industry and share experiences and ideas as to how we can all improve our own businesses. Each conference also has a great sense of camaraderie that comes from people who all enjoy the same things, Honey, Bees and our glorious Australian natural environment.

I encourage all of you to come along and learn about the breadth of issues we deal with and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. Come and say g’day to myself, any of our Executive, committee members, and Sarah, welcome her to our industry in person, and feel free to quiz us in more detail on what AHBIC is about. Our whole Honey Bee community needs AHBIC to represent us on national issues and AHBIC needs each and every one of our Honey Bee community to support it. Become a ‘Friend of AHBIC’ and ensure we have greater security of funding to keep going into the future.

The AHBIC AGM will be held on Saturday 29th June at the Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston from 9am to 2pm. At this time, we will be confirming the Executive team for 2019-2020. This year, Jodie Goldsworthy and Leilani Leyland will be up for re-election. Stephen Fewster’s position of Deputy Chair is also up for election. Should you wish to nominate for a position on the Executive, we will be taking nominations on the day and we welcome your interest.

Dates and locations for each of the AHBIC members AGM/Conferences are listed on the second page of every AHBIC newsletter.
NOTE FROM CEO, SARAH PARADICE

We’re soon to be in the thick of state association conferences and as Peter mentioned above, we’re looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible so please do feel free to come and say hello.

We’ve had another great month of meetings and have been busy preparing for the AGM. Our financial year end is 30 April, so we’ve also been preparing for audit.

I attended the CropLife Australia Agricultural Industry Federal Budget Breakfast from 7.15am to 8.45am on Wednesday 3rd April which was addressed by The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources at the National Press Club, Canberra. The Minister covered topics such as live animal exports, the Murray Darling basin and associated water issues, achievements to date and what their plans for the future if re-elected. Key highlights of the 2019 Federal Budget for the agriculture sector can be found at this AustralianFarmers link.

On Tuesday 16th April, Agrifutures hosted a Levied Industries Forum in Sydney. Both Peter and I attended (picture of Peter presenting on behalf of our industry on the front cover of this issue) and it was attended by other levied industries including rice, chicken meat, ginger, export fodder, tea tree oil, kangaroo, goat fibre and thoroughbred horses. Each industry had to share key challenges and opportunities; there were common themes and it also highlighted the varying level of resources within each sector from barely none, based predominantly on volunteers, to well supported and well resourced. Agrifutures Chair Kay Hull facilitated an interactive session about how we can share ideas to overcome some of the challenges and how Agrifutures can help. Agrifutures Managing Director John Harvey outlined why matching payments to Agrifutures has increased. The Dept did a review of levies and found an anomaly; Agrifutures have been underpaid. No retrospective payments will be made but the issue has been corrected for future. The day ended in a wrap up/Q&A, then informal stand up drinks and eats for networking opportunities. Peter and I spoke to Tony Mahar, CEO of National Farmers Federation (NFF) regarding AHBIC becoming a member of NFF to help us become more connected to the rest of the agricultural industry. It seems that many endorse the idea of AHBIC being a member of NFF but the cost may be prohibitive given AHBIC’s tight budget.

A big thank you to the David and Wendy Mumford and the Riverina Branch of the NSWAA for asking me to be guest speaker at their annual AGM in Wagga Wagga on Monday 29th April. It was valuable (and a pleasure) for me to meet everyone, hear Riverina Branch views on ‘where to’ for AHBIC and for them to hear my goals and aspirations for AHBIC. I also appreciated the honey and recipe book they gifted me, thank you!
NOTE FROM CEO, SARAH PARADICE contd.

I was also invited by Matthew Cossey, CEO of CropLife Australia to join their table at The National Press Club Agricultural Leaders Election Debate on Wednesday 8th May with The Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources and The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP, Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry and Rural & Regional Australia. The debate provided an opportunity for both leaders to present their policies and vision for agriculture. The Murray Darling Basin plan, tax plans and impact for farmers, native vegetation laws & climate policy and ag visa’s were amongst the topics covered. If you’d like to listen to the debate, please follow this link. Or for a good quick summary, please read AustralianFarmers wrap up.

At the debate, I briefly mentioned to The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP that I hoped he’d match the funding promised by Minister Littleproud, announced recently, which is a secure grant of $1, 646, 838 for a honey bee genetic improvement program in additional to an election promise of a further ~$1.5 million. The genetic improvement program project will benefit multiple industries by creating a more profitable and sustainable beekeeping industry, improving crop pollination efficiencies, and enhancing the security of pollination services. This project aims to foster a sustainable national genetic improvement program using innovative breeding technologies to transform the performance of honey bees in Australia - benefiting the honey industry and horticulture and broadacre industries dependent on honey bee pollination. Improving the genetics of honey bees is expected to generate gains of over $41 million in honey production, essential for ensuring the economic viability of beekeeping. This becomes vital given the annual economic value of pollination services provided by honey bees in Australia is estimated at $14.2 billion, which is 140 times greater than the $100 million annual value of honey produced DAWR. I also spoke with one of Minister Fitzgibbon’s advisors and explained the importance of funding and support for our industry and will be writing a follow up letter to Minister Fitzgibbon to seek matched funding should Labour be elected on May 18.

Do you like staying connected? I know email traffic is abundant these days but, if you haven’t already, I encourage you to subscribe to Agrifutures and Plant Health Australia newsletters to keep up-to-date with honey bee industry research and development and biosecurity. Another good one is The BeeAware newsletter, an e-newsletter for beekeepers and growers of pollinator-reliant crops, or anyone else simply interested in beekeeping or the pollination of crops.

Looking forward to seeing many of you over the next few months at your conferences!

Upcoming meetings for AHBIC Executive and/or CEO

- 16-17th May – NSW Apiarists Association Conference, Bathurst
- 19th May – World Bee Day Event, Great Hall Parliament House, Canberra, 8am – 6.30pm
- 20th May – Meeting with new Chief Environmental Biosecurity Officer, Mr Ian Thompson, DAWR
- 20th May – World Bee Day Reception, Government House, Canberra, 5pm – 6pm
- 21st May – Meeting with Ross Hampton, CEO Australian Forest Products Association
- 24th & 25th May, BICWA Conference, Perth
- 28th May - Plant Health Australia, Plant Industry Forum & PHA Members Forum, Melbourne
- 29th May - Wednesday 29 May (8.30am-3.30pm) Ian Zadow will be attending the EPPRD Incidents Debrief, EPPRD Signatories Meeting and General Meeting
- 30th & 31st May – Queensland Beekeepers Association Conference, Bribie Island
- 4th – 6th June – Victorian Apiarist Association conference, Mildura
- 10th & 11th June - SAAA conference, Adelaide
- 28th June – Tasmanian Beekeepers Association conference, Launceston
- 29th June – AHBIC AGM, Executive meeting, Launceston
- 30th June & 1st July – AHBIC Resource Workshop, Launceston
GENERAL NEWS AND LINKS – AUSTRALIA

• Please be advised that the AHBIC AGM is being held on 29th June 2019 at Hotel Grand Chancellor in Launceston, Tasmania, from 9am – 2pm following the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association 74th Conference which is being held on Friday 28th June, also at the Hotel Grand Chancellor. We encourage you to come along, registration is necessary so please scroll down for the registration form. Please feel free to visit state association websites for information on conferences in other states.

• Regarding the Aussie Farms Repository Map and animal activist activity, there has been plenty of activity and media coverage – see below. To date we have not heard of any beekeepers targeted, despite many beekeeping businesses being listed on the Map.

Image source: Twitter/Australian Animal Activist Press Office

- 27 April, PM pledges jail time for activists who target farmers, Tougher laws to crack down on extreme animal activists will be legislated in the first week of a re-elected Coalition government, according to Prime Minister Scott Morrison. The Prime Minister reiterated his support for the tougher policy to deal with anti-livestock industry activists, which was announced on April 10 by Attorney General Christian Porter

- 10 April, Attorney-General, Christian Porter & The Hon. David Littleproud MP, New criminal penalties to protect farmers, a re-elected Morrison Government will introduce a new offence designed specifically to protect farmers and primary producers from the unlawful actions of animal activists

- 9 April, AustralianFarmers, The so-called “worlds biggest” animal rights protest fell flat yesterday as the public and Australia’s political leaders rallied in support of our farmers, According to the Dominion Facebook event, the coordinated protests were supposed to be the “biggest animal rights direct action the world has ever seen”. What eventuated was a few dozen protesters shutting down one of Melbourne’s busiest intersections, plus protests at one Queensland dairy farm, and meat processors in Queensland, NSW and Victoria

- 8 April, AustralianFarmers, Since the “Aussie Farms” activist map went live in January, the Australian farming community has been bombarded by activist trespassers, AustralianFarmers wants farmers, their families, and employees to be safe, savvy and prepared when dealing with activist protests and trespassing. See link for important tips on ensuring you stay safe if faced by activist intruders.

- 8 April, The Hon. David Littleproud, Activists harm their own cause, Animal activists may have successfully disrupted traffic and some farming operations, but they've turned many Australians off their cause, Minister for Agriculture David Littleproud said.

- 8 April, NFF, Privacy changes protect farmers & disrupt animal extremists’ business model

- 5 April, Attorney-General, Christian Porter & The Hon. David Littleproud MP, Protecting Australian farmers’ privacy, The Australian Information and Privacy Commissioner previously found that Aussie Farms Incorporated was exempt from the Privacy Act because its annual turnover was less than $3 million. This move means Aussie Farms Incorporated is prescribed as an 'organisation' under the Privacy Act, which requires Aussie Farms to act in accordance with the Privacy Act, regardless of its annual turnover. Prescribing Aussie Farms Incorporated allows the Information and Privacy Commissioner to investigate, either in response to a complaint or on her own initiative, if Aussie Farms Incorporated breaches the Privacy Act. The prescription came into force Saturday, 6th April.
• World Bee Day is nearly here! Celebrations are aplenty including a wonderful line up of activities in the Great Hall, Parliament House and Swedish Embassy in Canberra on Sunday 19th May. AHBIC has been working with an enthusiastic committee including Wheen Bee Foundation, ACT Regional Beekeepers, Rotary and the Slovenian, Swiss and Swedish embassies to bring you this wonderful event. For information about the Canberra activities (and other events across Australia) please follow link to World Bee Day. Some events need registration so please register your interest to avoid disappointment. In response to my call out in last month’s newsletter, a big thank you to those who donated honey for the honey tasting segment in the Great Hall at Parliament House. We have plenty of Royal Sydney Easter Show award winning honey from Hive and Wellness (Capilano) such as Capilano RAW Orange Blossom: Bronze Winner Class 60 – Liquid Honey Standard Colour Light and Capilano RAW River Red Gum: Bronze Winner Class 61 – Liquid Honey Standard Colour Medium. We also have plenty of donations from Beechworth, smaller boutique operators in Australia as well as some interesting samples from around the world. Our very own AHBIC Chair Mr Peter McDonald will be part of a panel session later in the day with Francisco Sanchez-Bayo, Honorary Associate Institute of Agriculture, University of Sydney and Dr Romina Rader, Pollination Research Scientist, University of New England. Listen to World Bee Day: There’s a buzz in Parliament House, Canberra Times, 11 May by Steve Evans for some recent media about this event. Also, World Bee Day is just around the corner, with Slovenia leading the charge for the species' conservation, Win News Canberra, 23 April.

• May is also Honey Month! Western Australia has a great line up of events and there are others around Australia so keep your eyes peeled on social media etc for activities near you

• Thanks to Agrifutures, twenty-five passionate rural leaders are set to embark on their director journeys! An agtech incubator, a precision weed control scientist, an insect farmer and a logistics officer from the Air Force who now tracks soil health. These are just some of the 25 passionate rural leaders who have been selected to complete the Australian Institute of Company Director’s Foundations of Directorship program. The career-heightening opportunity was unveiled last month under the AgriFutures™ Ignite Network. The Network is a program to connect passionate rural leaders. Participants have a strong interest in shaping the future of Australian rural industries and are responsible for igniting the passion, revitalising the industry and introducing and encouraging the changes to make it happen. Ensure you ‘like’ Agrifutures Ignite Network on Facebook as there will be other opportunities for emerging leaders and early career professionals and we’d love to see some beekeeping industry emerging leaders involved!

• WA proves a sweet spot for beekeeping reported by Good Fruit and Vegetables, on 12th April. Beekeeping is having a meteoric rise in Western Australia. The state now has more than 3,000 registered beekeepers. Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) records show the number of registered beekeepers has tripled from 660 in 2010 to 3,005 beekeepers caring for more than 45,860 beehives. DPIRD livestock biosecurity director, Peter Gray, said the majority of the increase was attributable to amateur beekeepers with less than five hive. Read quotes from BICWA Chair and AHBIC Executive member Leilani Leyland in the article. But apparently, the news is not all good with prescribed burns affecting WA beekeepers who believe the forest is not what it used to be. Listen to segment Native honey industry beekeepers say prescribed burns leave forests with less frequent flowering, ABC News WA Country Hour, by Tyne Logan and Joanna Prendergast, 7 May 2019.
Farmers call on next Parliament to get Indonesia-Australia FTA done, AustralianFarmers, 18 April 2019, A first order of business for Australia’s next Federal Parliament must be to ratify the Indonesia-Australia trade agreement, says the National Farmers’ Federation. NFF CEO Tony Mahar said the now signed Indonesia-Australian Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement was crucial for Australian agriculture and represented money direct into the pockets of farmers.

A great podcast to listen to when you’re driving in the car perhaps, Bringing back the bees, ABC RN presented by Paul Barclay on 30th April featuring speaker Dr Katja Hogendoorn Research Associate School of Agriculture, Food and Wine University of Adelaide and Director of the Australian Entomological Society. Bees are important crop pollinators and reduced bee numbers have been described by farmers overseas as a bee crisis. Global honey production has also suffered because of bee diseases and hive collapse. Australian native bees and honey bees are faring better but habitat loss threatens bee numbers and species loss. Farmers and gardeners are encouraged to be bee-friendly by planting native vegetation.

And here is another interesting listen, How radar is being used to track bees and fine-tune crop pollination, ABC Breakfast by Joanne Knobel on 9th May, a group of Newcastle scientists have developed radar-like technology to track bees and help farmers increase crop yields. To find out more about how this revolutionary technology works, and why bee facial recognition technology may soon be a reality, ABC Newcastle's Dan Cox and Jenny Marchant spoke to Sarah Frazer, Newcastle-based CSIRO science communicator.

Beekeeping is an industry that needs more skilled workers, and staff at the Tocal Agricultural College are working to get more Australians trained and working in the field. Honey bee traineeship development officer Kevin Tracy tells ABC Newcastle's Jenny Marchant about what the industry has to offer young people. Hunter Valley college buzzing with next generation of beekeepers, ABC On Breakfast with Jenny Marchant and Dan Cox, 30 April 2019

For those affected by a skilled beekeeping labour shortage, you may be interested in AustralianFarmers article Bipartisan stalemate deprives farmers of workers, 9 May 2019

An older article some may have seen before but for some amazing photos by James Dorey, see Bees of Australia: up close with native species – in pictures, The Guardian, 29 Oct 2018

A lovely story about The Adorable Custom of ‘Telling The Bees’, Amusing Planet by Kaushik. There was a time when almost every rural British family who kept bees followed a strange tradition. Whenever there was a death in the family, someone had to go out to the hives and tell the bees of the terrible loss that had befallen the family. Failing to do so often resulted in further loss such as the bees leaving the hive, or not producing enough honey or even dying. Traditionally, the bees were kept abreast of not only deaths but all important family matters including births, marriages, and long absence due to journeys. If the bees were not told, all sorts of calamities were thought to happen. This peculiar custom is known as “telling the bees”.

Apimondia’s latest newsletter can be found here
MEDIA RELEASES

The following media releases issued may be of interest to some readers; we’re in caretaker mode now so the Government has been relatively quiet…

- 12 April, NFF, National Farmers’ Federation statement on the Vietnamese Government decision to ban glyphosate, The National Farmers’ Federation (NFF) has reaffirmed its support for the ongoing safe use of glyphosate by Australian farmers following the announcement this week by the Vietnamese Government that it will move to ban glyphosate usage.
- 11 April, CropLife Australia, Vietnam Government Decision on Glyphosate Misplaced, Misguided & Without Foundation, CropLife Australia believes that the Vietnamese Government decision to ban the use of glyphosate-based herbicide products goes against all independent scientific evidence and is unacceptable for Vietnamese farmers, the Australian agricultural sector and global trade.
- 2 April 2019, The Hon. David Littleproud MP, Investing in our farmers and agriculture sector, providing $6.3 billion in assistance and concessional loans to support those affected by drought and $3.3 billion to support those affected by flood. This includes $5.0 billion in the Future Drought Fund; $300 million in grants to flood-affected farmers; $29.4 million dollars in the 2019-20 Budget for targeted export growth.

GENERAL NEWS AND LINKS – INTERNATIONAL

- 2 May 2019, CropLife Australia, U.S EPA reaffirms safety of glyphosate, The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reaffirmed the safety of glyphosate, finding it is not a carcinogen.
- French beekeepers are declaring a minor "miracle" after a rooftop colony of the insects was found to have survived the Notre Dame cathedral inferno, Notre Dame ‘miracle’ as cathedral's rooftop bees and hives survive fire 
  ABC News by Gabriella Marchmant, 19 April 2019.
- Ouch... Doctors discover four live bees feeding on tears inside woman’s eye Small insects known as sweat bees were found after woman complained of a swollen eye, The Guardian by Hannah Ellis-Peterson, 10th April 2019.

EXPORT and IMPORT STATISTICS as at 31 March 2019

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NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

We’re trialling a new format for this section but please do let us know if you prefer the original format which detailed new products by emailing Sarah on ahbic@honeybee.org.au. Please see link to the APVMA website to view all information from the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines (APVMA) Gazette which is published fortnightly and contains:

- details of the registration of agricultural and veterinary chemical products and other approvals granted by the APVMA
- notices as required by the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code (the Agvet Code) and related legislation
- a range of regulatory material issued by the APVMA.

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TASMANIAN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

TASMANIAN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION INC.

74th ANNUAL CONFERENCE 28th June, 2019

Friday 28th June, 2019

9.00am  REGISTRATION
9.30am  WELCOME BY PRESIDENT

APOLOGIES
REMEMBRANCE PAUSE
CONFIRMATION OF 2018 CONFERENCE MINUTES
BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES
PRESIDENT'S REPORT
FINANCIAL REPORT
OTHER REPORTS

10.00am  MORNING TEA – Sponsored by Hive & Wellness Aust (Capilano)
10.30am  APIARY OFFICERS REPORT - Karla Williams
11.00am  AHBC ANNUAL REPORT – Mr Peter McDonald
11.30am  SPEAKER - Australian Queen Bee Breeders – Jody Gerdts
11.45 am  SPEAKER - B-QUAL REPORT – Mr Peter McDonald
12.00  LUNCH
1.00pm  OFFICIAL OPENING – Hon Guy Barnett MP – Minister for Primary Industry
1.15pm  SPEAKER – Doug Sommerville – Honey Bee Nutrition on Supplementary Feeding
1.45pm  SPEAKER – Jay Curtain – Honey Sales
2.00pm  SPEAKER – Jody Gerdts - Update of Chalkbrood Research
2.30pm  SPEAKER - Dr Peter Holm – The Management of Foul Brood Disease in Honey Bees
3.00pm  AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm  ELECTION OF OFFICERS – GENERAL BUSINESS
4.00pm  SPEAKER – Andrew Robinson – Manuka, Markers & Monofloral Honey
4.30pm  SPEAKER – Dr Ben McKee – CEO, Hive & Wellness Aust (Capilano)

6.30pm for 7pm  ANNUAL DINNER AND HONEY COMPETITION PRESENTATIONS.

(Agenda subject to changes)

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TASMANIAN BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE - 28th/29th June, 2019

REGISTRATION FORM

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE AT VENUE (PLEASE CONTACT THE HOTEL DIRECT)

VENUE – Hotel Grand Chancellor, Launceston. Phone 0363343434 Quote reference 299187.
Price $135 Superior Room

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Total Payment - Payment with Registration please
(TBA details - CBA: BSB 067-406 Account Number 00901724)
NO CARD FACILITIES AVAILABLE
Day packages includes morning tea, lunch & afternoon tea

Please forward registration form by the 20th June, 2019
Booking essential for catering purposes.

Please specify if you require a vegetarian meal or have any food allergies ....... ....................

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