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Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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We urge beekeepers to support those Packers/Queen Bee Breeders who contribute to AHBIC.

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEENBEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

The following list recognises contributions received since 1 July 2014

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LATEST ON BEE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM AND CODE OF PRACTICE

With the rounds of conferences almost finished, there has been good support for the adoption of the National Bee Biosecurity Program.

For the Code of Practice, Western Australia, Victoria and South Australia have adopted the Code. Tasmania has some provision they wish removed to allow for the local situation in Tasmania. Queensland want to still work towards a nationally agreed Code.

New South Wales will be discussing it at their conference on 2 & 3 July then it will come before the AHBIC AGM on 4 July.

Some States are well advanced in their planning for the employment of a Bee Biosecurity Officer.

HONEY MONTH

Honey month was celebrated in many ways across Australia during May. I have received some details of the activities in New South Wales and Queensland.

NSW Bee Week Field Days & Honey Festival

As part of National Honey Month we held a Bee Week Field day & Honey Festival in Orange 22-23rd May. The event attracted 1500 people (excluding kids under 5) at least 1000 of these members of the general public. Some travelling across from Sydney, down from QLD and all the way up from VIC to join in the event. We had a total of 30 stall holders promoting all aspects of the beekeeping industry, live bee demonstrations, and a fantastic line up of presenters which was very well received, along with cooking demonstrations by Kate Bracks.



Feedback from the public was very positive with one little girl claiming “The best thing I have ever been

to”. It is heartwarming to see the amount of interest and concern of the general Public regarding the beekeeping industry, especially the kids who seem to take a very keen interest.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out. With too many thanks to mention, you know who you are, you all worked very hard and I sincerely thank you, we could not have had the same success without you.

Karla Hudson



Honey Month 2015 Queensland



Queensland beekeepers—Congratulations and thank you for your commitment and successful participation in so many and varied Honey Month activities right across our State. Thank you to all the Libraries, Councils and communities that enthusiastically included beekeeping into their May programmes.

Many **Qld Libraries**, from the south to the far north, included beekeepers in their displays, information events and children’s activities with many more promoting Honey Month with displays of their beekeeping/honey books (most of which were in constant demand to borrow).

Other Honey Month events included participation in a number of Garden and Agricultural **Shows, media reports** (TV, radio, newspaper and magazines), **film night, “Eat Local Week”** events, **hive and bee sessions** for those new to beekeeping or simply just interested, **honey tasting**, morning teas with **honey baked foods** and the distribution of **honey recipes**.

Some of our beekeepers participated in **specific target group** events promoting the value and importance of the honey bee. These included an “Eat Local Week” Launch at the Qld Gallery of Modern Art where many chefs, restaurateurs and media personnel attended and the Burdekin “Value adding in Agriculture” event where many industries reliant on honeybee pollination attended.

2015 Honey Month in Queensland successfully created enthusiasm and new and renewed interest in beekeeping, honey and the importance of honey bees.

Marion Weatherhead



There is More to Honey Bees than Honey



Beekeeping used to be about honey.... today it's more about pollination



HONEY LEVY

As previously advised, the honey levy increases from 1 July, 2015 from 2.3 cents per kilogram to 4.6 cents per kilogram. The increase is for the Contingency Fund segment which will be used to fund the Bee Biosecurity Officers in each State plus industry's commitment to the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program.

The other change that comes into effect on 1 July is that the threshold for paying the levy increases from 600 kilograms to 1500 kilograms. This was done in an effort to reduce the collection costs charged by the Department of Agriculture to collect the levy. It was costing more to collect the levy at these lower levels than the levy raised.

Under the old legislation if you paid under \$2,000 in levies in a year you could apply to the Department to provide an annual return and not a quarterly return. AHBIC had asked that this be lifted to \$4,000 to reflect the intent of the old legislation. This was inadvertently overlooked. However the Department is preparing the necessary regulations to have this happen. In the meantime, it has been decreed that if you submitted an annual return previously this will be the same for now even though you may go over the \$2,000.

I would encourage all levy payers to examine what their level of payment is. If it will be below the \$4,000 and you are still submitting quarterly returns, once the regulations come out please apply to the Department to submit an annual return instead of the quarterly returns. This will help reduce the collection costs and make more money available for the purposes for which it is collected.

B-QUAL BOARD VACANCY

As previously advised there will be vacancy on the B-Qual Board due to the resignation of Bill Winner from 1 July, 2015.

I have received some expressions of interest in this Board position which are appreciated. As the Board will be considering these shortly if you are interested and have not indicated as such please do straight away.

AUCTION OF BEE SITES IN NSW

AHBIC has received a reply back from Forestry Corporation of New South Wales to a letter that was sent to the New South Wales Premier, Mike Baird.

The contents of the letter still give cause for concern. I notice it now talks of the auction as a "trial only, not a change of policy". I would view this with a degree of skepticism.

It also says that the "Forestry Corporation administers sites on NSW State Forests and is not responsible for apiary interstate or on other Crown Lands in NSW." You would have to be naïve to think that this will not have possible flow on effects.

We will watch with interest the developments and the results of meetings between NSWAA and Forestry Corporation on this matter.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 62526
Product name: Antero Miticide/Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/L diafenthiuron
Applicant name: Cheminova Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 110 199 169
Summary of use For control of two-spotted mite and cotton aphid and suppression of silverleaf white fly in cotton

Date of registration/approval: 14 May 2015
Product registration no.: 70107
Label approval no.: 70107/62526

Application no.: 101373
Product name: Orbit 290 SL Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 290 g/L omethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Adama Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 050 328 973
Summary of use For the control of redlegged earth mite, blue oat mite and lucerne flea on various crops and bluegreen aphid and cowpea aphid on pasture legumes, lucerne, faba beans and vetch

Date of registration/approval: 9 June 2015
Product registration no.: 80673
Label approval no.: 80673/101373

Application no.: 101286
Product name: Guardian Red Seed Treatment Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 600 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name: Chemtura Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 005 225 507
Summary of use For the control of various insect pests in a range of crops, protection against insect pests of stored cereal grains and the prevention of spread of barley yellow dwarf virus in cereal crops

Date of registration/approval: 10 June 2015
Product registration no.: 80617
Label approval no.: 80617/101286

Application no.: 102352
Product name: Apparent Decimator 400 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 400 g/L dimethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Apparent Pty. Ltd
Applicant ACN: 143 724 136
Summary of variation: To change the distinguishing name and the name that appears on the label from 'APPARENT DIMETHOATE 400 INSECTICIDE' to 'APPARENT DECIMATOR 400 INSECTICIDE'

Date of variation: 22 April 2015
Product registration no.: 70165
Label approval no.: 70165/102352

Application no.: 102426
Product name: Apparent Expunge 600 SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 600 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name: Apparent Pty. Ltd
Applicant ACN: 143 724 136
Summary of variation: To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'APPARENT IMIDACLOPRID 600 SC INSECTICIDE' to 'APPARENT EXPUNGE 600 SC INSECTICIDE'

Date of variation: 29 April 2015
Product registration no.: 68402
Label approval no.: 68402/102426

Application no: 102431
Product name: Apparent Matey 290 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 290 g/L omethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Apparent Pty. Ltd
Applicant ACN: 143 724 136
Summary of variation: To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'APPARENT OMETHOATE 290 INSECTICIDE' to 'APPARENT MATEY 290 INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation: 29 April 2015
Product registration no.: 70131
Label approval no.: 70131/102431

Application no: 102517
Product name: Apparent Annihilate 100 Duo Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 100 g/L alpha-cypermethrin
Applicant name: Apparent Pty. Ltd
Applicant ACN: 143 724 136
Summary of variation: To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'APPARENT ALPHA-CYPERMETHRIN 100 DUO INSECTICIDE' to 'APPARENT ANNIHILATE 100 DUO INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation: 6 May 2015
Product registration no.: 66390
Label approval no.: 66390/102517

Application no: 102584
Product name: Lepidex 500 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/L trichlorfon (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Crop Care Australasia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 061 362 347
Summary of variation: To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'NUFARM LEPIDEX 500 INSECTICIDE' to 'LEPIDEX 500 INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation: 13 May 2015
Product registration no.: 33110
Label approval no.: 33110/102584

Application no: 58250
Product name: Acramite Miticide
Active constituent/s: 480 g/L bifenazate
Applicant name: Chemtura Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 005 225 507
Summary of variation: To extend the use to certain fruiting vegetable crops, papaya and strawberries
Date of variation: 28 May 2015
Product registration no.: 55264
Label approval no.: 55264/58250

AGM

AHBC will be holding its AGM on Saturday 4 July 2015 at the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club at 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith. This will follow the NSWAA conference on 2 -3 July. More details above. Annual conferences for 2015 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	
New South Wales Apiarists Association	2 & 3 July - Penrith
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	
South Australian Apiarists Association	
Victorian Apiarists Association	
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	2 July - Penrith
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	4 July - Penrith

CATEGORISATION

Following the AGM, AHBIC will be formally submitting the application for categorisation of *Varroa destructor*, *V. jacobsoni*, *Tropilaelaps clareae* and *T. mercedesae*. There will then be a meeting of the affected parties called.

ALMONDS AND CANOLA

Almond grower, Select Harvest, are looking to plant canola in their almond orchards so that bees will have a good protein source whilst pollinating almonds. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-06-15/almond-orchard-trialling-canola-for-bee-food/6546364>

POLLINATORS IN PERIL

The link is to a very interesting talk given by Marla Spivak who many in Australia will have met when she came to Australia several times in the past to talk at beekeeping conferences.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=12&v=bKjzKxHwUfg>

RIRDC RESEARCH PAPERS

Over the years some of the research work carried out under the Honey Bee Research Development Committee and Honey Bee Research and Development Council have been deleted from the RIRDC website. I have received advice from RIRDC that they now have some of that data back up. It said:-

We have now digitised and uploaded the following reports onto the RIRDC website and will feature the links in the next Honey Bee and Pollination R&D News.

Honeybee Research Report 1995-1997

<https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/97-58>

Honeybee Research and Development Council Research Report 1980-1995

<https://rirdc.infoservices.com.au/items/96-999>

This will now allow anyone wishing to check up on previous research to be able to access this data.

AQBBG BREEDING PROGRAM

The latest report on the hygienic testing of the Australian Queen bee Breeding Group program is on the AHBIC website. See <http://honeybee.org.au/queen-bee-breeding-program-june-2015-update/>

Remember there needs to be support for the program by beekeepers ordering queens. It would be a pity for this stock to be lost through non-support.

APIMONDIA

Not long to Apimondia now. It is not too late to register.

The Organising Committee have advised that they have extended the date for abstracts submissions to 15 July, 2015.

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It is gratefully appreciated.