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## MEMBERS CONFERENCES

New South Wales Apiarists Association (NSWAA) - Annual Conference and AGM, 20-21 May 2021, West Leagues Club, Tamworth NSW
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association (TBA) - Annual Conference and AGM, May 28 -29 2021, venue tbc
Queensland Beekeepers Association - Annual Conference and AGM, 3-4 June 2021, Mantra Sharks Event Centre, Southport, QLD
South Australian Apiarists Association (SAAA) - Annual Conference and AGM, 24 -25 June 2021 , Berri Hotel, Riverland, SA
Bee Industry Council of WA (BICWA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Australasian Honey Bee 2021 Research Conference 29 June - 1 July 2021, Perth WA</li><li>- AGM to be advised</li></ul>
Victorian Apiarists Association (VAA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Annual Conference and AGM Sessions, 7 - 9 July 2021, Bendigo VIC</li><li>- Recreational Beekeepers Conference 10 July 2021, Bendigo VIC</li></ul>
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) AGM, 11 July 2021, Bendigo VIC
Honey Packers and Marketers Association - TBA
National Council of Crop Pollination Association - TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association -TBA
Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW - TBA

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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

The following list recognises contributions received for the last 12 months.  
A number of generous contributors wish to remain anonymous. We encourage beekeepers to support those  
packers, queen bee breeders, equipment manufacturers/suppliers who contribute to AHBIC.  
Thank you to all our contributors & supporters. AHBIC appreciates your generous & ongoing support.

## Friends of AHBIC – Voluntary Contributions

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#### PLATINUM (2)

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Hive & Wellness Australia P/L

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Almond Board of Australia  
Australian Honey Products P/L  
Baker Beekeeping P/L  
Beekeeping Australia P/L  
Bega Cheese Limited  
Goldfield Honey Australia P/L  
Lauberts, Ugis  
Sterling Kershaw & Co  
Woolworths

#### GOLD (9)

Australian Queen Bee Line P/L  
Amateur Beekeepers Assoc. NSW  
Browns Bees Australia P/L  
Cotton, Allan & Michelle  
Hampel, SJ & SM  
McDonald Honey  
Weerona Apiaries  
Woolfe, BD & CA  
Zadow, IM & MJ

### SILVER (24)

Australian Manuka Honey  
Association Ltd  
Australian Quality Honey (Blue  
Hills Honey)  
Barnes Apiaries  
Bees Neez Apiaries  
Brenton, Daryl  
Boyd Apiaries P/L  
Cooper, Casey  
Desert Breeze Honey  
Eastburn, Murray & Sandy  
Gells' Honey Maryborough  
Hooper Honey (Ben Hooper)  
Kuyan Apiaries  
Le Feuvre, Danny  
Manukalife Pty Ltd  
McDonald, Eileen & Bob  
Michie, Robert & Raelene  
Pavy, Rod  
Porter, ML & DJ  
R. Stephens Apiaries  
Ruge Honey  
South Australian Apiarists  
Association  
Victorian Recreational Beekeepers  
Association  
Warral Apiaries P/L  
Wilson, Colin

### BRONZE (12)

Arkadieff, Murray  
Australian Honeybee P/L  
Clarke, RK & KM  
Cunial Beekeeping P/L  
G&A Apiaries  
Hampson, Terry (Daybreak Apiaries)  
Heritage Honey (P. Norris)  
Holscher, Luke  
Ipswich & West Moreton  
Beekeepers  
Lutze, Brett & Lynda  
Masters, Neil & Sharon  
Targett, Stephen  
The House of Honey

### COPPER (23)

AB's Honey  
Ballarat Regional Beekeepers  
Berry, Jessica  
Bayside Beekeepers Assoc.  
Clarke, Michael  
Frost, Liz  
Geelong Beekeepers  
Godman, Phil  
Gustare Honey Australia  
Honey in the Garden  
Hoskinson, HL & HM  
Hum Honey  
JBR Bees  
Jordan, Corinne  
Kennett Apiaries (SA) P/L  
Nairn, Mal  
Northside Beekeepers Assoc.  
Petratos, Aris  
Sedgwick, Peter (Honeyworks P/L)  
Stokes, Peter  
Trigg, Margaret  
Weatherhead, Trevor & Marion  
Wilson, Luke

### OTHER (3)

De Broun, Pauline  
Honeylife Australia  
Shaw, Robert

### NON-PUBLISHED Value (21)

Australian Women in Beekeeping  
Australian Virtual Hobby  
Beekeepers Conference 2020  
Bec's BeeHive Beekeeping  
Supplies  
Ecrotek  
Evans, Trevor & Faye  
Faithfull, Mark  
Gibson, David lee  
Gilbert, Martin & Lorraine  
Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers  
Honey Australia P/L  
Hampton, Tom  
Hivekeepers  
Lewis, Peter  
Matsen, Jeff  
McCormick Jenny  
Moggill Honey  
Mumford, Dave & Wendy  
Naicol P/L  
The Tasmanian Honey Company  
WA Pure Honey  
Watson, Jim

### ANONYMOUS (10)

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from AHBIC inviting you to renew your  
contribution (AHBIC emails often end up in  
spam) or feel free to email [Helen Goodall](mailto:Helen.Goodall@ahbic.org.au).





## NEWS FROM THE CHAIR, Trevor Weatherhead AM

1. I am hearing reports from the various States that the prospects for the coming months are not good. Tasmania seems to be the only State that is doing well at this time. Let us hope that prospects improve for the other States.
2. AHBIC had a Council meeting at the beginning of this month. This is the process where the various member bodies are kept up to date with what is going on. Hopefully member bodies are then passing on information to their members.
3. It seems to be the season for submissions. In the next couple of days AHBIC will be putting into our submissions on the draft report of the Independent Review of the Agvet Chemicals Regulatory System and the Trade Advice Notice on APIVAR 500 mg Bee Hive Strips For Honey Bees for use in honey bee hives. Thank you to those who have made comments on the draft submissions. It is good to get a broad range of views.
4. It is pleasing to see that most member bodies of AHBIC are planning to hold conferences and meetings this year as face to face. Let us hope that nothing happens to prevent these face to face meetings. Whilst we have become used to these virtual meetings, nothing beats being able to meet face to face, catch up with old friends and chew the fat on the various issues. So please support your Association by attending. AHBIC will have a presence at all State conferences so you can talk with us then.
5. Our Sub-committees have begun meetings. The Education, Biosecurity and Resources Sub-committees have met in recent times. These Sub-committees are able to work on various issues that they can then bring to AHBIC for implementation. These Sub-committees allow for various member body nominees to be able to contribute to the wider work of AHBIC, find out what is happening in other States and also form a network for helping their State cope with the various issues.
6. The contracts for the Bee Biosecurity Officers under the National Bee Biosecurity Program are up for review and I hope that all State Advisory Groups have been engaged with their State Departments on these contracts. AHBIC has agreed that these contracts can now be set for two (2) years, instead of annually, as this will help decrease the administration cost incurred by Plant Health Australia.





## NOTE FROM CEO, Helen Goodall

We are excited to announce that the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Bee Congress will be held from the 8 – 11 June 2022 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Sydney. Please save the date and further information will be provided in the coming months.

During the month we wrote to you regarding the tools that can be used to reduce the risk of exposure of bees to the spraying of pesticides, following the ABC rural [report](#) regarding the bee deaths in Dalby.

We have been speaking about the Beeconnected app and the updates that occurred in late 2020. If you have not already done so, please log onto the app and provide feedback if there are any issues in using it.

In addition to this tool, beekeepers can use <https://satacrop.com.au/> which is a mapping tool for the location of crops, including cotton crops. This provides a tool for beekeepers to check what crops are in their vicinity of their beehives.

Cotton Australia have advised that beekeepers can contact their team if they need to make contact with a nearby grower but don't have contact details. Here is a [link](#) to Cotton Australia staff including regional managers who can help identify the owners of cotton farms.

Beekeepers are also reminded to submit an Adverse Experience Report (AER) into the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) should an incident occur. If you require assistance in submitting the report AHBIC can provide assistance. In addition, the Bee Biosecurity Officers have been briefed by APVMA and can also provide assistance in submitting a report. It is imperative that incidents are reported to government, as without this record of incidents it is harder to make changes.

Are you a beekeeper impacted by drought, bushfire or flood? Financial and practical support to professional beekeepers is available through HiveAid. For further information about the program please see [here](#). All impacted beekeepers, listed as primary producers are encouraged to register for assistance. Please click [here](#) to apply.

Please remember all applications are treated with strict confidentiality by Rural Aid.



## PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

- Honey Bee health survey [results](#) – a snapshot of bee health in the Australian honey bee industry
- AgriFutures Australia provides access to a wide range of publications designed to help inform decisions made by Australian rural industries, and to contribute to policy debate on rural issues of national and international significance. Please click [here](#) for recent publications for the honey bee and pollination industry. Including:

- Size and Scope of the Australian honey bee and pollination industry – a [snapshot](#)

## EXPORTING

- Changes to export [certificates](#) issued by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
- New listing [requirement](#) for honey processors wishing to export honey and honey products to Saudi Arabia
- [Trade Information Service](#) Save time and hassle in finding importing country requirements and tariff rates for honey. A digital service, which saves exporters time and effort searching for regulations across multiple sites. It's called the Trade Information Service (TIS) and it enables exporters to quickly access tariff rates, import country requirements and commercial insights for honey in eight markets.

## GRANTS

- 2021 Woolworths Junior Landcare [grant](#) and Teachers guide to [Bees](#)
- Businesses looking to establish, expand or relocate operations to regional NSW are encouraged to apply for projects under the NSW Government's new Regional Job Creation Fund. Applications are open now and will close on Friday 14 May 2021 or when program funding is fully allocated. [For further information](#)

## CONFERENCES

- Australasian Honey Bee 2021 Research Conference – Save the date - 29 June - 1 July 2021, Perth WA [Please click here](#)
- The 47<sup>th</sup> Apimondia Congress is postponed until [2022](#)

## GENERAL NEWS

- Native bird the bell miner has established a trait that is threatening Australia's [eucalypt](#)
- Science is better understanding the impact of farm [chemicals](#) on bee populations.
- [Beekeeping in Queensland](#) - Identifying Asian honey bees

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