



## AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC.

ABN 63 939 614 424

PO Box 42, Jamison Centre, Macquarie ACT 2614

[ahbic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:ahbic@honeybee.org.au)

Ph: 0402 467 780

[www.honeybee.org.au](http://www.honeybee.org.au)

# Monthly News July 2021

Enjoy reading this newsletter and learning about our work on behalf of your honey bee industry?  
If you haven't already become a Friend of AHBIC, we welcome you coming on board to help us!

### CONTRIBUTE HERE

Or use the form on the last page

Supporting Australia's national beekeeping industry that supports you



*All rights reserved. This publication is copyright and may not be resold or reproduced in any manner (except excerpts for bona fide study purpose in accordance with the Copyright Act) without the prior consent of the Publisher. Every effort has been made to ensure that this newsletter is free from error or omissions. However, the Publisher, or its respective employees or agents, shall not accept responsibility for injuries, loss or damage occasioned to any person acting or referring from action as a result of the material in this newsletter whether or not such injury, loss or damage is in any way due to any negligent act or omission, breach of duty or default on the employees or agent*

---

## CONTENTS

---

Page 3	Acknowledging our Friends of AHBIC
Page 4	News from the Chair Trevor Weatherhead
Page 5	Note from the CEO Helen Goodall
Page 6 & 7	AGM Communique
Page 7	Scholarships
Page 7	Publications and Resources
Page 7	News
Page 8	Government notifications
Page 9	Events
Page 10	B-QUAL
Page 11	Friends of AHBIC Voluntary Contribution Form

# AUSTRALIAN HONEYBEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC



ABN 63 939 614 424

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

### PLATINUM PLUS (0)

#### PLATINUM (2)

Beechworth Honey Enterprises P/L  
Hive & Wellness Australia P/L

#### GOLD PLUS (10)

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  
New South Wales Apiarists  
Association  
Sterling Kershaw & Co  
Woolworths

#### GOLD (11)

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

#### SILVER (25)

Australian Manuka Honey  
Association Ltd  
Australian Quality Honey (Blue  
Hills Honey)  
Barnes Apiaries  
Bees Neez Apiaries  
Boyd Apiaries P/L  
Cooper, Casey  
Desert Breeze Honey  
Eastburn, Murray & Sandy  
Ecrotek

Gells' Honey Maryborough  
Hooper Honey (Ben Hooper)  
Kuyan Apiaries  
Le Feuvre, Danny  
Manukalife Pty Ltd  
McDonald, Eileen & Bob  
Michie, Robert & Raelene  
Nuplas P/L  
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 (14)

Archibald Honey P/L  
Arkadiieff, 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 (30)

AB's Honey  
Australian Honey.com  
Ballarat Regional Beekeepers  
Bee all Natural  
Bayside Beekeepers Assoc.  
Carpenter, Ian  
Clarke, Michael  
Cooper, Barry  
De Jong, Wim  
Frost, Liz  
Godman, Phil  
Griffin, Vic  
Gustare Honey Australia P/L  
Honey in the Garden  
Hoskinson, HL & HM  
Hum Honey  
JBR Bees  
Jordan, Corinne  
Kennett Apiaries (SA) P/L  
Mew, Peter  
Moran, Jessica  
Nairn, Mal  
Nobbs, Courtney  
Northside Beekeepers Assoc.  
Petratos, Aris  
Sedgwick, Peter (Honeyworks P/L)  
Stokes, Peter  
Trigg, Margaret  
Weatherhead, Trevor & Marion  
Wilson, Luke

#### OTHER (7)

Copier, Aaron  
De Broun, Pauline  
Drake, Liam  
Kassebaum Christopher  
Honeylife Australia  
Rasmussen, Ivan  
Shaw, Robert

#### NON-PUBLISHED Value (26)

Australian Virtual Hobby  
Beekeepers Conference 2020  
Bec's BeeHive Beekeeping  
Supplies  
Brenton, Daryl  
Evans, Trevor & Faye  
Faithfull, Mark  
Geelong Beekeepers  
Gibson, David lee  
Gilbert, Martin & Lorraine  
Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers  
Gold Amateur Beekeeping Society  
Honey Australia P/L  
Hampton, Tom  
Hivekeepers  
Lewis, Peter  
Matsen, Jeff  
McCormick Jenny  
Moggill Honey  
Mumford, Dave & Wendy  
Naicol P/L  
Sorensen, Glen & Trevor  
Southern Truck Centre  
Tabulam Real Honey  
The Tasmanian Honey Company  
WA Pure Honey  
Watson, Jim

Did you expect your name to  
be listed here?  
Please check your emails for a  
message 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. Work continues on the harmonisation of the movement of live bees within Australia. This has been on the AHBIC agenda for many years now and we are finally getting somewhere. There is a working group formed consisting of the AHBIC Biosecurity Sub-committee and Departmental representatives from the various States and Territories. The first business is to try to see if the notifiable list can be harmonised as much as is possible. We are still working on a five (5) zone system.

The ultimate aim is to have beekeepers, who can prove they are conforming to the Biosecurity Code of Practice, able to provide

certification for health certificates if they are required by a certain State. This will free up time for Departmental staff.

2. With the trend nowadays to have virtual meetings as face to face meetings are not possible, there was one occasion where I participated in one that was especially designed as a virtual meeting. It was the Australian Virtual Hobby Beekeepers Conference held in June. I was able to report on behalf of AHBIC. Great to be able to reach out to beekeepers from all over Australia.
3. Leilani Leyland chose not to stand again for the Executive at our AGM. My thanks to Leilani for her contribution to the Executive over the past four (4) years and also as Chair of the Education Sub-committee. Whilst Leilani has relinquished her role as Chair she is still on the Sub-committee representing BICWA.

Welcome to Danny le Feuvre who was elected as the newest member of the Executive.

Thanks also to Stephen Fewster who was elected as the Deputy Chair and Therese Kershaw who is the other member elected to the Executive.

4. The big migration is on with hives going into almond pollination. I have been told that up to 277,000 hives will be required. The Working Group consisting of State Association representatives, State Department representatives, AHBIC, almond industry and bee brokers has been meeting regularly to make sure that bees can move in and out without beekeepers having to quarantine. My thanks to those on the working group for their hard work.



## **NOTE FROM CEO, Helen Goodall**

Welcome to all the new Friends of AHBIC this month and a big thank you to the continuing Friends!

### **AHBIC AGM**

The AGM was held on Monday 12 July 2021 via zoom due to the ongoing Covid restrictions. Please see page 6 for the AGM Communique.

### **AHBIC Annual Report**

To view the AHBIC 2020/2021 Annual report please visit [our report](#).

### **New R&D Grant**

AHBIC has continued to lobby for funding to support bushfire recovery for the industry. During the month, Minister Littleproud announced a new grant of \$600,000 for research to investigate best practice supplementary feeding and hive management after bushfires. The minister's media release can be found [here](#). This funding supports Theme 3: Hive Husbandry & Health RD&E under the Bushfire Recovery [plan](#) developed by AHBIC and AgriFutures.

### **Almond Pollination**



## **COVID-19 travel between states - information and updates**

As beekeepers travel for Almond pollination, please see the AHBIC website for Covid updates at <https://honeybee.org.au/covid-19-information-and-updates/>. An Industry testing fact sheet on road freight has been uploaded to the website to provide further information. Please keep connected with your State Associations for the latest updates.

### **Please remember to stay connected with AHBIC through social media.**

We have officially launched an Instagram and LinkedIn account!  
Follow us to receive the latest industry news, beekeeping stories, fun facts and more.

**Instagram:** @australianhoneybees

**LinkedIn:** Australian Honey Bee Industry Council

You can also find us on:

**Facebook:** Australian Honey Bee Industry Council

**Twitter:** @AustBee

Do you have some content you would like us to share? Tag us or use #AHBIC for us to see!



## AHBIC Annual General Meeting Communique

The AHBIC Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Monday 12 July 2021 via zoom due to Covid restrictions.

- *The following members bodies were represented at the AGM:*

NSW Apiarists Association  
Queensland Beekeepers Association  
South Australian Apiarists Association  
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association  
Victorian Apiarists Association  
Bee Industry Council of WA  
Honey Packers and Marketers Association of Australia  
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations Inc.  
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association Inc.  
Amateur Beekeepers Association NSW  
Observers were in attendance.

- *AHBIC Executive members*

The meeting elected the following members to the Executive.

- Re-elected Stephen Fewster as Deputy Chair
- Re-elected Therese Kershaw
- Elected Danny Le Feuvre

Continuing Executive members are:

- Trevor Weatherhead AM (Chair)
- Peter Barnes
- Ben McKee

Leilani Leyland after two terms on the AHBIC Executive did not accept to be re-elected. A huge thank you to Leilani for her contribution to AHBIC and the industry.

- *AHBIC membership*

A motion was carried for Crop Pollination of Australian Association to become a new member when the National Council of Crop Pollination Associations is officially de-registered.

- *AHBIC Sub- committees*

Member representatives for the following sub-committees were confirmed:

- Resources – Ian Cane (Chair)
- Biosecurity – Stephen Fewster (Chair)
- Education – Shelia Stokes (Chair)
- Congress – Shona Blair (Chair)

Two new AHBIC sub-committee are to be formed:

- Queen bee and drone semen importation - David Briggs (Chair)
- A sub-committee to investigate a national newsletter

## AHBIC Annual General Meeting Communique *continued*

- *Motions*

A total of eight motions were brought to the meeting by the members and were carried. The motions included AHBIC lobbying to increase the testing of imported honey, the use/impacts of fipronil, development of a National Quality Standard for Apiary products and reinstating of Australian honey promotion nationally. One motion resulted in the formation of the new sub-committee for *Queen bee and drone semen importation*.

- *Presentations:*

*Owner Reimbursement Costs (ORC'S)*

Presentation by Plant Health Australia, Dr Felicity Andriunas. A review of the ORC's will be undertaken.

*Communications*

Presentation by BlueHillpr providing a brief update on the communications work for industry, which includes a brand refresh for AHBIC.

Should you require further information regarding the AHBIC AGM please contact your member body representative.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2022 Nuffield Scholarships now open - [Apply here](#)
- Australian Institute of Company Directors – Governance Foundations - [Scholarships](#)

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

- 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:
  - [Securing pollination for more productive agriculture: Guidelines for effective pollinator management and stakeholder adoption](#)
  - [Final report: Improving biosecurity and better understanding bee health in Australia | AgriFutures Australia](#)
- Farmers, researchers and businesses can now see levy funded research from all the Research and Development Corporations in one location. Please visit [growAG.com](#)

## NEWS

- [Bee Thieves caught up in sting operation](#)
- Dutch honey bees resistant to varroa mite imported to Australia to help guard against the [pest](#)

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATIONS

- The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) advises of the latest notification to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) from Indonesia regarding their expanded requirements for Halal certification of various products. It is understood that this will impact industries who seek to export products to Indonesia so the department is seeking industry feedback regarding this notification. Under the proposed requirements, many products not traditionally viewed as requiring halal certification will now require a Halal certificate to be issued by a Halal Certifying Body, who's duty is to audit and ensure your establishment is complying with appropriate procedural measures to ensure the integrity of the Halal system.

As part of this notification, the department has the opportunity to provide feedback to the competent authority in Indonesia regarding their proposed regulations and hope to incorporate industry feedback within this commentary. Feedback is required by COB Wednesday 4 August 2021. For a copy of the following attachments please email [ahbic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:ahbic@honeybee.org.au):

- [Indonesian Government Regulation 39 of 2021](#) - This is an official translation outlining the requirements that would need to be met for each of the products listed in notification 134.
- [WTO notification 134 of 2021](#) – this is an official translated version, highlighting all the products that will be affected by notification 131.
- Request for comments on the proposed draft Guidelines for Front of Pack Nutrition Labelling. For a copy of the guidelines please email [ahbic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:ahbic@honeybee.org.au) . Comments are to be sent to [codex.contact@awe.gov.au](mailto:codex.contact@awe.gov.au) by **16 August 2021**.
- Trade notice - APVMA has published a Trade Advice Notice (TAN) for the proposed use of dicamba in the product XtendiMax 2 Herbicide with VapourGrip Technology for use on XtendFlex cotton. This document is available for viewing at the following link: <https://apvma.gov.au/node/88511>  
Submissions must be received by the APVMA by close of business on **17 August 2021**
- 2021-41: Plant Export Operations – Updated requirements for food manufacturers exporting to China  
This Industry Advice Notice (IAN) is to advise manufacturers of food exported to China that new Chinese requirements for imported food and overseas food establishments will take effect 1 January 2022. Please click [here](#)



ARE YOU A BEEKEEPER IMPACTED BY DROUGHT, BUSHFIRE AND FLOOD

The following support is available nationally through Hive Aid - funded by Rural Aid:

1 x \$500 country card (pre-paid Visa card) Financial assistance to pay or pre-pay bills to the value of \$1000

### HOW TO REGISTER

All impacted beekeepers, listed as primary producers, are encouraged to register for assistance via:

<https://faa.ruralaid.org.au/farmer-registration>

When registering for assistance, please ensure you indicate you are a beekeeper. All applications are treated with strict confidentiality by Rural Aid.



## EVENTS



### Celebrating the history of beekeeping at the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Bee Congress!

Photo taken in the early 1930's



Florence Turley with her dad, Hubert Turley and his cousin Tom Rawson. They worked together with Florence's brother Edward (Ted), nurturing their honey bees in the Bathurst and Western NSW regions.

Florence married Albert (Alan) Roberts (beekeeper) in O'Connell, 1937. They raised their 11 children in Goulburn. All of their family shared their parents beekeeping passion. Two of their children, Pat and Greg continued as knowledgeable commercial beekeepers in the Southern region of NSW.

Ted moved to Goulburn a central location for his bees, travelling to Termeil, Boorowa and Canowindra. Ted is enjoying his retirement years in Canowindra.

Pat and his wife Wendy and three of their children Therese, Ian and Stephen definitely have honey bees in their blood. Therese married Laurie Kershaw and their children James, Melissa, Matthew and Grant continue on with the honey bee passion and are fifth generational beekeepers on both sides of their parents families.

At the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Bee Congress we will be celebrating the history of beekeeping. If you have any beekeeping history stories and photos that you want to share, please send them through to [abhic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:abhic@honeybee.org.au)

## B-QUAL

Make sure you sign up to B-QUAL – an important quality assurance system! Click [here](#) for more information.



**B-QUAL**  
Your guarantee  
for quality  
and hygiene



[www.bqual.com.au](http://www.bqual.com.au)

## B-QUAL Industry Owned Quality Assurance System

### HOW DOES B-QUAL CERTIFICATION BENEFIT MY BUSINESS?

- Product integrity
- Quality Assurance
- HACCP based certification
- Regulatory Compliance
- Industry best practice
- Biosecurity
- Access to domestic & export markets

**B-QUAL Certification also enables an enterprise to market its product under the B-QUAL logo to show that it meets the B-QUAL Industry Standards**

**Complete your training at home at your own pace!**

**For more information and to obtain a Certification Information Pack contact the B-QUAL Certification team**

[www.bqual.com.au](http://www.bqual.com.au)

**AUS-QUAL Pty Ltd**

**Phone (07) 3361 9200**

**email: [bqual@ausqual.com.au](mailto:bqual@ausqual.com.au)**



AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC.

ABN 63 939 614 424

PO Box 42, Jamison Centre, Macquarie ACT 2614

[ahbic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:ahbic@honeybee.org.au)

Ph: 0402 467 780

[www.honeybee.org.au](http://www.honeybee.org.au)

Friends of AHBIC Voluntary Contribution

Please, help us help you and our industry!

Please complete this form and return by email to [finance@honeybee.org.au](mailto:finance@honeybee.org.au) or PO Box 42 Jamison Centre, Macquarie ACT 2614

Friend Category	Investment	Friend Category	Investment
Platinum Plus	\$60,000 & above	Silver	\$1,000 - \$1,999
Platinum	\$20,000 - \$59,999	Bronze	\$500 - \$999
Gold Plus	\$5,000 - \$19,999	Copper	\$100 - \$499
Gold	\$2,000 - \$4,999	Other	\$0 - \$99

#### Contribution Details

Name: .....

Address: .....

.....State.....Postcode.....

Email: (Please PRINT clearly).....

Phone: ..... Date: .....

#### Payment Method

Amount: \$.....

**1. EFT Deposit (preferred payment method)**

Account Name: Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc

Bank: Bendigo Bank

BSB: 633 000

Account No: 150 976 405

Reference: Please include your NAME as the reference

**2. CHEQUE:** Please post cheque with this form to PO Box 42 Jamison Centre Macquarie ACT 2614

**3. CREDIT CARD:** Online at <https://honeybee.org.au/friends-of-ahbic-voluntary-contribution/>

Please circle YES/NO to the following:

**1. The AHBIC newsletter lists contributors**

i. Publish your name YES / NO

ii. Publish the contribution amount YES / NO

**2. I would like to receive a copy of the monthly newsletter** YES / NO

**Your contribution is gratefully appreciated, thank you**