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Photo - South Australian Apiarists Association Education Day – Almond orchard

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Stay connected with AHBIC

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!



South Australian Apiarists Association Education Day – Equipment used to harvest almonds

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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

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 (10)

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
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

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 (29)

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

Honey in the Garden

Hoskinson, HL & HM

Hum Honey

JBR Bees

Jordan, Corinne

Kennett Apiaries (SA) P/L

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

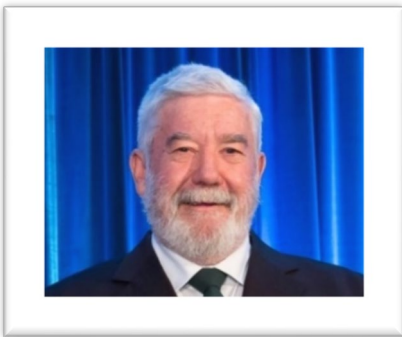
Tabulam Real Honey

The Tasmanian Honey Company

WA Pure Honey

Watson, Jim

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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. With the Covid restrictions now imposed by the various States, AHBIC will again be participating in the working group that was established last year to ensure that beekeepers are able to deliver hives for almond pollination and not have to self-isolate for 14 days when they return to their home State. The working group has had one meeting this year and is now scheduled for another meeting this week. This group consists of the various State Associations, Government representatives from the various States affected, AHBIC, almond industry and some brokers. If you want to keep up to date, our AHBIC website will again have the latest information and your various

State Associations will also be on top of the latest developments.

2. It has been a difficult month with the various Covid outbreaks. I was able to attend the Queensland Beekeepers Association (QBA) conference at Southport. Great program. Helen and I were also able to attend the Open day (field day) run by the Brisbane Branch of the QBA at Beenleigh State High School grounds. Great venue, great weather and great program. Helen and I had an AHBIC stand and were able to meet many of our Friends of AHBIC and, thanks to the help from Brad Jensen, we recruited some more Friends of AHBIC.

3. Helen and I were also able to attend the South Australian Apiarists Association (SAAA) conference at Berri. Great venue and great program. Again it was great to meet up with the many Friends of AHBIC and meet up again with old friends and make new ones. The tour of the almond orchard and processing plant was very enlightening.

4. The intention was that Helen and I would travel from South Australia to attend the conference meetings in Western Australia. However due to Covid restrictions uncertainty, the decision was made not to attend and this has been justified by the bans that have been put in place. It was disappointing that this decision had to be made as we were looking forward to meeting the beekeepers in WA.

5. The AHBIC AGM was to be in Sydney on 12 July but due to all the Covid border restrictions this has been cancelled as a face to face in Sydney and will be virtual. Still on the same day. For people who wish to be observers they will need to register with our CEO Helen so they can receive the login details.

6. With 2022 marking 200 years since the successful introduction of the honey bee to Australia I have heard it said that the reason the honey bee was introduced was for pollination. From what I have researched there is no evidence to support this. I have asked those who say this to give me references for this but, to date, I have not received any.

When you think about that time the crops they grew did not require honey bee pollination i.e. wheat, maize, barley, oats etc. For those few that needed pollination there would have been plenty of native bees around. Also in the various articles in the Sydney Gazette in 1822 there is no mention of pollination, only honey production and swarms. As an example on 1 November 1822 "We congratulate our Readers upon the complete establishment of that most valuable insect, the bee, in this Territory. During the past three weeks, three swarms of young bees have been produced from two hives, the property of D. Wentworth Esq. purchased by him from Captain Wallace, of the Isabella, and placed at his estate at Homebush, near Parramatta. The fragrant scrubs and flowers of Australia are thus proved to be peculiarly congenial to the increase of this insect; and we trust that, in a few years, we shall be able to add honey and wax to our numerous productions." Of note is the spelling of Wallace. In earlier articles it is Wallis.

So if anyone does have any references to pollination please let me now.

7. AHBIC sent a letter of congratulations to Kay Hull for her being made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday honours list. Kay is currently the Chair of AgriFutures Australia.

Life memberships

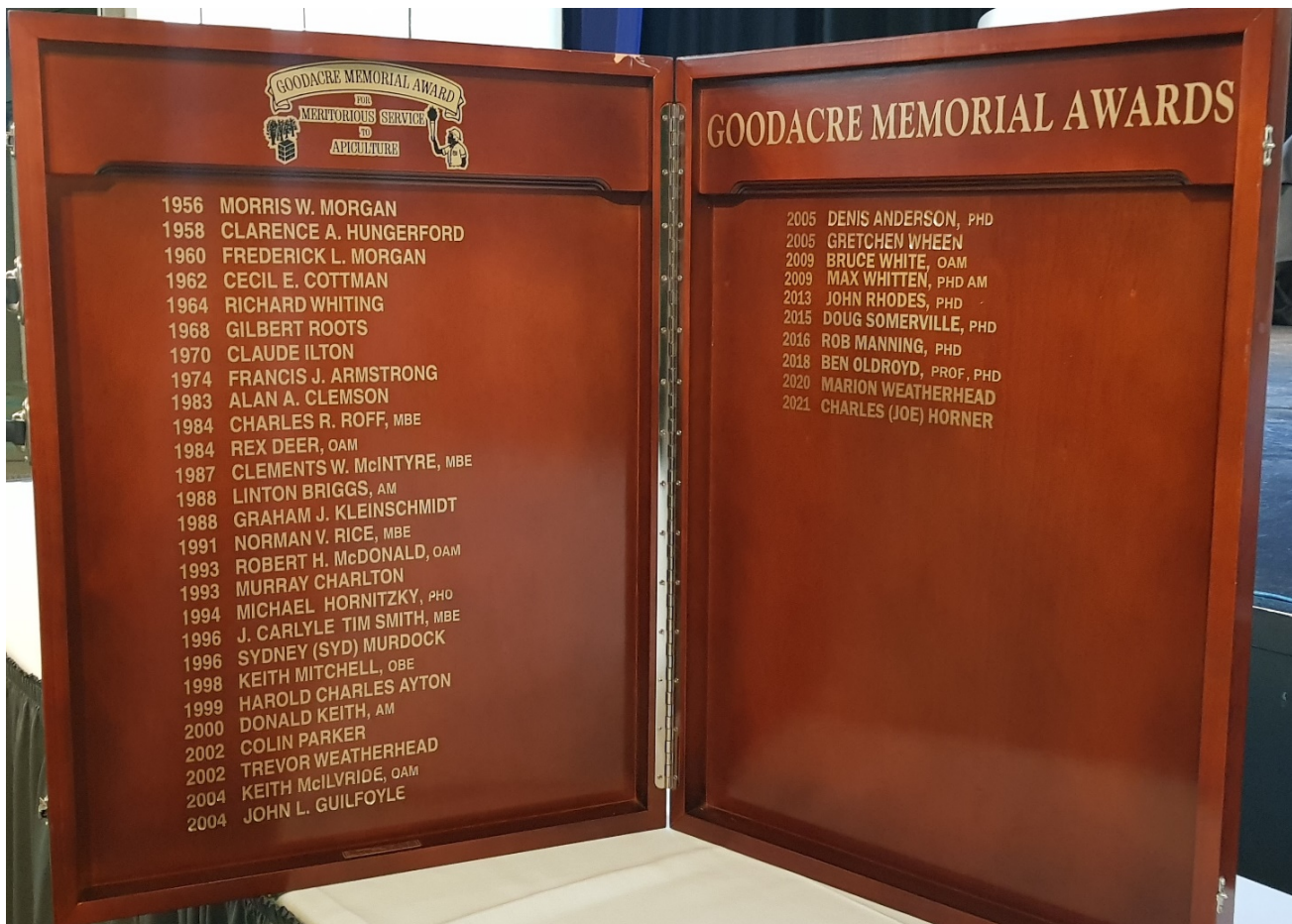
One of the pleasures of going to the different conferences is to see worthy people given life membership of their Association. The following have been given life membership at this round of conferences:-

- Neil Bingley - New South Wales Apiarists Association
- Lindsay Bourke - Tasmanian Beekeepers Association
- Maxine Ewington – Tasmanian Beekeepers Association
- Adrian Jones – Queensland Beekeepers Association
- Robert Dewar – Queensland Beekeepers Association
- Barry Pobke – South Australian Apiarists Association

I am sure that if you know the above, as I do, you will agree that they have been recognised for their valuable service to their various Associations. Congratulations to all. Well deserved.

GOODACRE MEMORIAL AWARD

The Goodacre Award for 2021 was presented to Mr Charles (Joe) Horner at the NSWAA Conference in Tamworth 20 May 2021. The Goodacre Award for 2020 was presented to Marion Weatherhead at the QBA Conference on 4 June 2021. Please note this could not be presented to Marion in 2020 due to Covid – 19. Congratulations to both recipients and it is a great acknowledgement of their contribution to the industry.





NOTE FROM CEO, Helen Goodall

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

AHBIC AGM

The AGM will be held Monday 12 July 2021 via zoom due to the ongoing Covid restrictions.

Observers: If you wish to attend the AGM as an observer, it is a requirement that you register prior to the meeting. **Please note:** If you do not register prior, access to the zoom meeting on the day will not be granted. You can register by emailing myself at ahbic@honeybee.org.au

There will be three positions up for election as follows:

- The Deputy Chair. Stephen Fewster retires from this position and is eligible for re-election.
- Two (2) positions on the Executive. Leilani Leyland and Therese Kershaw retire and are eligible for re-election.

False advertising

AHBIC was made aware through a face book post of the labelling and advertising of 'Pineapple Honey (Vegan)'. The following action was undertaken by AHBIC:

A letter was sent to SA Health Department advising that honey is a prescribed name under the Australian and New Zealand Food Standards Code 2.8.2 and this product did not meet the definition of honey. AHBIC requested that the product be removed from sale and appropriate action be taken with the business regarding false advertising and the sale of the product. The following response was received from SA Health advising that the product as labelled has been removed from sale:

Thank you for contacting SA Health regarding the sale of a product described as "Pineapple Honey (Vegan)" at the Tatiara Work Centre in Bordertown. The matter was investigated and it was found the product was no longer on display for sale within the business. Regardless, the business was educated regarding the requirements of Standard 2.8.2, specifically that the product does not meet the definition of honey therefore if this product is made and sold in the future it must not be labelled or described as honey. As proportionate action has been undertaken this matter is now considered to be resolved.

A complaint was also lodged with the ACCC, no response has been received to date.

Biosecurity

Please be reminded that the Biosecurity Beekeepers online [course](#) is a free course for all beekeepers. The Biosecurity Beekeepers course is delivered by Plant Health Australia through funding from state and territory governments and AHBIC.

APVMA Permit

APVMA [PER90262](#) permit is for the combining of dishwashing liquid (unregistered product) and water for the control of nuisance or diseased bees in various situations. The permit is in force from 14 May 2021 to 31 May 2031 and is for use within all States and Territories.

EVENTS

The Sponsorship and Exhibition prospectus for the 4th Australian Bee Congress is expected to be released in August 2021. In recognition of the support of our Friends of AHBIC, a **pre-release** of the prospectus will be opened to the Friends of AHBIC, who are silver level and above as at the 16 July 2021. Please send your **expressions of interest** to receive a pre-release of the prospectus to:
tradeshow@australianbeecongress.com.au



Remembering and Celebrating Linton Briggs AM

Sat 24th Jul 2021, 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm AEST, The George Kerford Hotel 22 Oak Avenue, Beechworth.

Linton's involvement in apiary industry affairs began in 1955 soon after the formation of the North Eastern Apiarists Association (Victoria) and continued through state and federal levels, enduring to his final years in his capacity as a VAA delegate on timber harvesting resource negotiations and as a Board member of the Wheen Bee Foundation.

Linton made substantial contributions to many industry challenges including, national quarantine facilities at Eastern Creek, formulation of public policies for protecting the nectar and pollen resource base for productive beekeeping, the Patterson's Curse saga, pollination services and the formation and maintenance of industry organisations.

Linton passed away on the 28th of April 2020 and due to Covid 19 restrictions no industry gathering was possible at the time. Proceedings will also be live streamed for those who are unable to travel.

Please click here to [register](#)

Beenleigh Open Day

On Saturday 5 June, the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Brisbane Branch Open Day held its annual Open Day at Beenleigh State High School.

With more than 22 beekeeping trade suppliers, two Q&A expert panels and four specialist presentations, the program attracted a wide range of beekeepers and industry stakeholders from across the supply chain, including many starting out on their beekeeping journey.

Special guests included industry icon Norman Rice, who is a pioneer of queen breeding in Australia. Norm was the first person to commercialise the artificial insemination of queen bees and the first to export packaged bees, sending a shipment to England in 1963.

Occurring annually, this valuable industry event provides an opportunity for beekeepers to connect and share their knowledge.

AHBIC Chair Trevor Weatherhead, and CEO Helen Goodall, were on site for the day, meeting new faces and sharing details about the "Friends of AHBIC" voluntary contribution initiative to secure more support for the future of the Australian beekeeping industry.

HEAR FROM OUR MEMBER – Bee Industry Council of Western Australia

Winter is here and the rain is coming down which is great news for us Beekeepers. The bees are now all tucked up in bed and for most of us it's time to get some maintenance jobs done we have been putting off. Latest news:

- With great regret we postponed the Australasian Honey Bee Conference due COVID restrictions. We understand this has been a huge disappointment for everyone affected, however, hope for its seamless proceedings in May 2022....third time lucky! We will provide an update as soon as information becomes available. The Organising Committee will be in touch with ticket holders soon to organise refunds.
- BICWA welcomes the WA government decision to release a community and industry survey 'The value and use of Western Australia's native forests now and into the future' and encourages everyone to partake. This feedback will influence the Forrest Management Plan (FMP) 2024 – 2033 planning decision. This is the first time the public gets this opportunity - thanks goes to Minister Amber Jade Sanderson for making this possible.

Until next month, stay warm and safe!

Brendon Fewster – BICWA Chair

SCHOLARSHIPS

2022 Nuffield Scholarships now open - [Apply here](#)

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:
[Final report summary](#) : Investigating factors that influence chalkbrood outbreaks in 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



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.

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Friends of AHBIC Voluntary Contribution

Please, help us help you and our industry!

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Gold Plus	\$5,000 - \$19,999	Copper	\$100 - \$499
Gold	\$2,000 - \$4,999	Other	\$0 - \$99

Contribution Details

Name:

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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/>

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