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# Monthly News October 2021

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Bees working tunnels on raspberry pollination  
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**Sponsorship and Trade Exhibition prospectus will be launched soon**





**4th AUSTRALIAN  
Bee Congress**

**CELEBRATING HONEY BEES**

**At the heart of a healthy Australia**

**8 - 11 June 2022**

Rosehill Gardens, Sydney, NSW

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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 (13)

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

#### SILVER (26)

Australian Manuka Honey  
Association Ltd  
Australian Quality Honey (Blue  
Hills Honey)  
Australian Women in Beekeeping  
Club Inc  
Barnes Apiaries  
Bees Neez Apiaries

Boyd Apiaries P/L  
Cooper, Casey  
Desert Breeze Honey  
Eastburn, Murray & Sandy  
Ecrotek  
Gells' Honey Maryborough  
Honey Australia P/L  
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  
Victorian Recreational Beekeepers  
Association  
Warral Apiaries P/L  
Wilson, Colin

#### BRONZE (15)

Archibald Honey P/L  
Arkadieff, Murray  
Australian Honeybee P/L  
Clarke, RK & KM  
Cunial Beekeeping P/L  
Fuller, Steve  
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 (31)

AB's Honey  
Australian Honey.com  
Ballarat Regional Beekeepers  
Bee all Natural  
Bayside Beekeepers Assoc.  
Carpenter, Ian  
Clarke, Michael  
Cooper, Barry  
Costa, Daniel  
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.  
Sedgwick, Peter (Honeyworks P/L)  
Stokes, Peter  
Trigg, Margaret  
Weatherhead, Trevor & Marion  
Wheat, Nathan  
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 2021  
Barton, Keith  
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  
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?  
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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. Had a media enquiry about a honey being made without bees. See <https://asiafoodjournal.com/melibio-introduces-first-plant-based-real-honey/> and <https://www.melibio.com/> We are fortunate in Australia that we have honey as a prescribed name and these fake honeys will get the short shift if they appear here. It never ceases to amaze me that they are promoting this as bee free vegan honey but vegans are more than happy to eat food that is pollinated by honey bees. Keep an eye out and report to AHBIC if you see this anywhere in Australia

2. Work is progressing on making it easier for beekeepers to take hives into Victoria and South Australia by having self-certification. This has been the

aim under the National Bee Biosecurity Program (NBBP) which was agreed to in 2016. A small committee is working on a proposal for a trial using several beekeepers which will be brought back to AHBIC member bodies for consideration.

Currently certification is not required for live bees going into New South Wales or Queensland. Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmanian have other requirements which there is no need to change at the present time.

3. During November there will be the National Agriculture Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> and also Pollinator Week from the 13-21 November. Let AHBIC know if you have something planned.

4. There is an opportunity for any beekeeping businesses in northern Australia to apply for a business grant for your business. See <https://business.gov.au/grants-and-programs/northern-australia-development-program-business-development>

5. Might be of interest to some who also keep stingless bees. I do not see this as a threat to our industry due to the quantity produced, about one kilogram per hive per year, and the price that is charged for the product. <https://agrifutures.com.au/product/optimising-bioactive-content-of-australian-stingless-bee-honey/>





## NOTE FROM CEO, Helen Goodall

Thank you to our Friends of AHBIC for your continued support.

### *AHBIC Members meeting*

A meeting will be held with all our members on 8 November 2021 to discuss current industry issues.

### *Congress*

The Congress sub-committee is busy planning for the 4<sup>th</sup> Australian Bee Congress: *Celebrating Honey Bees - At the heart of a healthy Australia*. The Sponsorship and Trade Exhibition Prospectus will be launched very soon, with our Friends of AHBIC (silver and above) receiving a pre-release of the prospectus in the next week.

### *B-QUAL*

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

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

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:

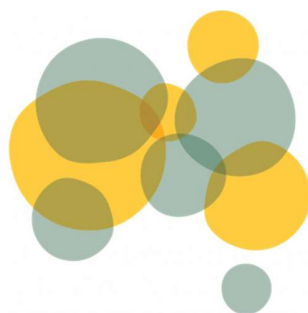
**Facebook:** Australian Honey Bee Industry Council

**Twitter:** @AustBee

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

As covid restrictions ease and travel resumes, we are seeing more events planned. Please see the below events:

- *Apimondia* - The 47<sup>th</sup> Apimondia International Apicultural Congress call for abstract submissions is now open. Please click on the following link  
[47th APIMONDIA | International Apicultural Congress \(apimondia2021.com\)](https://apimondia2021.com)
- Australian Pollinator Week is from 13-21 November 2021. For further information please click [here](#)



**Australian  
Pollinator  
Week.** 13–21  
Nov 2021

- EVOKEAG is being held the 15 March 2022, Sydney. Tickets available [here](#)



Let's bee in the heart of Eurasia

**47th**  
**APIMONDIA**  
International Apicultural Congress  
September 5-10, 2022  
UFA – RUSSIA



## NEWSLETTER

October 2021

### “ABSTRACT SUBMISSION IS OPEN”

on [www.apimondia2021.com](http://www.apimondia2021.com)

Abstracts will be submitted through online system which is available on the congress web page.

### MAIN TOPICS for ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

#### ▶ APITHERAPY

- Promoting and integrating apitherapy into national and international health systems – Current status and regulatory issues.
- Clinical trials with well-defined apitherapeutic protocols – doses, effectiveness, side effects.
- Bee products in human health and nutrition
- Effectiveness of bee products in fighting viral diseases (Covid-19)

#### ▶ BEE BIOLOGY

- Pathogen Spillover and the role of managed bees
- Conserving Apis subspecies and ecotypes
- Nutritional landscape
- Spermatozoa/embryos Cryopreservation for breeding programs
- Apis cerana, stingless bees and other Apis
- Honey bee Genomics- proteomics
- Bee breeding

#### ▶ BEEKEEPING ECONOMY

- Detection and Prevention of Honey Fraud
- Diversifying Income Sources for Beekeepers
- International Honey Market Trends
- Marketing, Branding, Value Chains-Commercial
- Local honey cooperatives
- The impact of COVID-19 on beekeeping profits

#### ▶ BEEKEEPING FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Bees and forests
- Nature Based Beekeeping
- Building livelihoods around bees
- Linking local producers with the buying public
- Local bees, local skills and local experience
- Bees and social endeavours

#### ▶ BEE HEALTH

- The role of pesticides in bee health
- Breeding for Disease /Mite Resistance
- Health of queens/ drones
- Impact of Pests, Parasites and Pathogens on Bees and their control
- Innovations for monitoring colony healthy production
- Honey bee health and nutrition
- Antibiotics and Microbial resistance
- Monitoring and mitigation measures for new invasive species
- Climate change effects on bee health and well being

#### ▶ POLLINATION AND BEE FLORA

- Pollination of crops: how to pollinate and avoid pesticides
- Apis and non-Apis pollination
- Pollinator conservation in agricultural systems
- Characterization and development of floral resources
- Pollination & Flora with Environmental change

#### ▶ BEEKEEPING TECHNOLOGY AND QUALITY

- Methods to detect wax and honey fraud
- New technologies to monitor hives and diseases
- Characterization of bee products
- Quality aspects of all bee products
- Queen rearing/ mating control

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

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#### CONTACT



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*Note: E-mail addresses and social media accounts remains the same as 2021.*





## HEAR FROM OUR MEMBER

### Bee Industry Council of Western Australia (BICWA)

The honey season is well underway and by all accounts bees are healthy and happy. Almond and Avocado pollination has been and still is done by many beekeepers. Necessary biosecurity pollination checks have been undertaken by Biosecurity Officers from DIPRD with everything running smoothly. The honey production has been good so far.

The BICWA board has worked hard to make changes to the current Constitution. Currently, BICWA allows membership to associations and organisations only. We propose to change to a three-tiered membership of Beekeeper members, Alliance Partner members and Friends to BICWA members. Consultation with member organisations has started and invites for feedback requested before the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021. We expect to transition into the new structure by end 2021.

What else happened in October:

- the AGM of the Cooperative Research Center for Honey bee products (CRC HBP) was held in October. The CRC HBP project comes to an end on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The remaining research projects are on track to finish up with the closing date.
- BICWA commented on the DRAFT native vegetation policy for WA, supporting the paper and suggest be involved in all strategy levels – planning, collaboration and coordination.
- Conference date announcement: the postponed Australasian Honey Bee Conference is held on FRI 29<sup>th</sup> and SAT 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022, followed by the Industry Field Day SUN 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022. Watch out for further announcements.

Until next month, happy keeping and don't forget to subscribe to [our webpage](#) and like us on [Facebook](#).

**Brendon Fewster**

BICWA Chair



## EXTENDED WAGE SUPPORT FOR APPRENTICES

- Current: Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements Program – 50% wage subsidy for first year of apprenticeship.
- New: Completing Apprenticeship Commencements Program – 10% wage subsidy for second year of apprenticeship and 5% wage subsidy for third year of apprenticeship.

For further information please visit:

[Boosting Apprenticeship Commencements and Completing Apprenticeship Commencements - Department of Education, Skills and Employment, Australian Government](#)

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

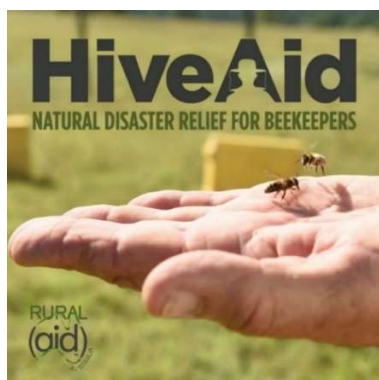
- AgriFutures Australia provides access to a wide range of publications designed to help inform decisions made by Australian rural industries, and to contribute to policy debate on rural issues of national and international significance. Please click [here](#) for recent publications for the honey bee and pollination industry. Including:
- Farmers, researchers and businesses can now see levy funded research from all the Research and Development Corporations in one location. Please visit [growAG.com](http://growAG.com)

## EXTENSIONAUS

- Ensure you make the most of these informative [extensionaus -professional beekeepers](#) resources.

## EXPORT UPDATES

- [Department of Agriculture](#) - 2021-14 - China: Honey and other edible non-prescribed goods: Chinese registration requirements for Australian food establishments from 1 January 2022
- Market Access Advice titled, “European Union: Dairy, Fish, Honey and edible non-prescribed goods: Requirements for hard copy paper health certificates (2021-17)”:  
<https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/export/controlled-goods/non-prescribed-goods/market-access-advice-notice/2021-17>



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

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

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