

# AUSTRALIAN HONEY BEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC

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Myrtle rust on tea tree *Melaleuca quinquenervia*

Photo from <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity/plant/established-plant-pests-and-diseases/myrtle-rust>

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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.**

We urge beekeepers to support those  
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## PASSING OF IAN STEPHENS

A stalwart of the beekeeping industry in Tasmania and Australia, Ian Stephens, passed away last week. There was a private funeral held for Ian. There will be a Memorial Service on Sunday 23 September, 2018 at 1pm in the Mole Creek Hall.

On behalf of the industry we would pass on our condolences to Shirley and the family. I will put in more about Ian's life after the Memorial Service on 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## VEGAN HONEY

AHBIC is still awaiting actions by either the New South Wales Food Council or the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on our complaint about the vegan honey.

The ACCC advised they were not going to take any action but note it on their files. AHBIC has asked the ACCC to reconsider and are awaiting their response.

Not sure what is happening with the NSW Food Council. I have reported two (2) instances in the past week where this product is still for sale in health food shops in Ballarat and Castlemaine in Victoria.

To say that AHBIC is very disappointed with the response from either the NSW Food Council or the ACCC would be an understatement.

## GIANT HONEY BEE – *APIS DORSATA*

I received this information from the Chief Plant Protection Officer (ACPPPO). Looks like another good find.

*This email is to inform you of a recent Biosecurity Entry Point Detection of the giant honey bee, Apis dorsata on board a commercial vessel from Singapore. The incident appears to be under control with risk well managed.*

*The crew on the vessel had detected the swarm of approximately 200–300 bees on the 7<sup>th</sup> August whilst the ship was at the port of Singapore. It was subsequently treated at sea with a knockdown and washed from the vessel. The department was notified by the crew on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 about the detection and so on-arrival into Brisbane on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2018, the vessel was met by a biosecurity officer with a pest controller on standby.*

*The officer conducted an inspection of all external superstructure, open decks, and visible cargo, with no further detection of live bees. Approximately 40 dead bees were collected from under the matting on the bridge wing where the swarm was originally located. On 20 August 2018, a sample of the bees was received by department entomologists who identified the bees as Apis dorsata (giant honey bee) with there being no obvious queen or external mites present in the sample.*

*The discharged cargo from the vessel received a heightened level of surveillance and the vessel is expected to berth in Sydney on 21 August where heightened surveillance of any discharged cargo will also be carried out.*

## MELBOURNE INTERCEPTION

The Melbourne interception has now been concluded.

## ASIAN BEES IN DARWIN

Ian Zadow and Stephen Fewster spent a week in Darwin helping out with the surveillance and also talking with the Department about the next steps to take. At this time there are no bees being found foraging in Darwin. Just some stingless bees.

The Exercise Bee Prepared will be held in Darwin on 20 September. I will be attending to represent AHBIC in the exercise.

Whilst there I will be consulting with Jenny Shanks for PHA who runs the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program (NBPS) and the NT Department about how the NBPS can be run in the NT. Unless you have been to the NT, it is hard to comprehend that beekeeping there is totally different to beekeeping in other parts of Australia. Having sentinel hive at the port is not easy due to the lack of suitable bee flora in the area.

As Darwin is one of our high risk areas for the introduction of exotic bees, it is important that we do all we can to help the NT put in place a program that suits their conditions and also provides us with maximum protection.

## AGM DATES

Annual conferences for 2019, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

New South Wales Apiarists Association	16 & 17 May -
Victorian Apiarists Association	4,5 & 6 June -
South Australian Apiarists Association	13-14 June -
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	TBA
Queensland Beekeepers Association	TBA
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	5 July - Launceston
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	6 July - Launceston

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

<b>Application no.:</b>	116229
<b>Product name:</b>	Arysta LifeScience Imidacloprid 350 SC Insecticide
<b>Active constituent/s:</b>	350 g/L imidacloprid
<b>Applicant name:</b>	Arysta Lifescience Australia Pty Ltd
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	005 225 507
<b>Summary of use:</b>	For the control of greyback and childers canegrub in sugar cane and silverleaf whitefly in various vegetable crops
<b>Date of registration:</b>	9 August 2018
<b>Product registration no.:</b>	86628
<b>Label approval no.:</b>	86628/116229

Application no.: 116455  
Product name: Venturi Insecticide  
Active constituent/s: 240 g/L methoxyfenozide  
Applicant name: Adama Australia Pty Limited  
Applicant ACN: 050 328 973  
Summary of use: For the control of lightbrown apple moth on various crops and various lepidopteran pests  
Date of registration: 9 August 2018  
Product registration no.: 86724  
Label approval no.: 86724/116455

Application no.: 116040  
Product name: Adios Insecticide  
Active constituent/s: 36 g/L abamectin  
Applicant name: Arysta Lifescience Australia Pty Ltd  
Applicant ACN: 005 225 507  
Summary of use: For control of a range of mites and insect pests in apples, blackcurrants, capsicums, citrus, hops, ornamentals, pears, tomatoes, soybeans, strawberries, and various vegetables  
Date of registration: 13 August 2018  
Product registration no.: 86560  
Label approval no.: 86560/116040

Application no.: 116041  
Product name: Immador 350SC Insecticide  
Active constituent/s: 350 g/L imidacloprid  
Applicant name: Ruralco Holdings Limited  
Applicant ACN: 009 660 879  
Summary of use: For control of grey back and childers canegrub in suger cane and silverleaf whitefly in various vegetable crops  
Date of registration: 17 August 2018  
Product registration no.: 86561  
Label approval no.: 86561/116041

## **AUSTRALIA – INDIA ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP**

Advice has been received of a seminar to be held on Wednesday 5 September, 2018 from 9am to 11am at Portside Centre, Level 5, 207 Kent Street, Sydney. There is no charge and you must register by Monday 3 September, 2018.

For more information see

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/EventViewBookingDetails.aspx?Bck=Y&EventID=25396&m=0|0#/event>

## **MYRTLE RUST ACTION PLAN**

AHBIC's attention was drawn to the Myrtle Rust Action Plan draft which was put out for comment. It can be seen at [http://www.apbsf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Myrtle-rust-action-plan\\_accessible.pdf](http://www.apbsf.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Myrtle-rust-action-plan_accessible.pdf)

Although we did not have a lot of time AHBIC was able to put together a response and submit it by the due date.

For those who are not familiar with myrtle rust it is a fungus that affects the plants of the Myrtaceae family which contain a lot of the plants that beekeepers rely on. Examples are plants in the Eucalyptus, Corymbia, Leptospermum, Melaleuca and Syzygium genus. It was first found in Australia in 2010.

It remains to be seen what effect myrtle rust will have on our industry.

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