



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

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VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to AHBIC are GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

AHBIC acknowledges the **beekeeper suppliers** who contribute via their packer/queen bee supplier to AHBIC.

We urge beekeepers to support those Packers/Queen Bee Breeders who contribute to AHBIC.

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEENBEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

The following list recognises contributions received since 1 December 2012

There are a few other contributors – some wishing to remain anonymous and some not indicating their wishes

AB'S Honey
Adams, Richard
Australian Queen Bee Exporters
Barnes Apiaries
Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc
Blair-Hickman, R & R
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Buntine, Robert
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Capilano Honey Ltd
Cotton, A J &
Cutts, Neville
Davey, RE
Daybreak Apiaries
Dewar Apiaries
Dunlop, PG & RD
Enslin, Darren
Ewington, P & M
Faithfull, Mark

Gells Honey
Glasby, Garry
Green, Lionel
Hoskinson, HL& HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Lagoutatzis, Nikolaos
Lees IP & LD
Leo, Victor
MacGibbon, Kevin
McDonald, RG
Morabito, Bruno
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
Papworth, F & E
Pobke, Barry
R. Stephens

Ringin, Bill
Roberts, Glenn
Roberts, I J & J H
Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc
Ruge, RJ & VA
Saxonbee Enterprises - Rod Pavy
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee
Triantafillopoulos, Stavros
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Wescobee Limited
Williams JW & MA
Zadow Apiaries

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LATEST ON HONEY LEVY REFORM AND INCREASE

The latest details from the Industry Working Group (IWG) on this are now on the AHBIC website. Go to <http://honeybee.org.au/programs/honey-levy-reform-and-increase/>

Information has been sent out to member bodies of AHBIC. The IWG is currently working on the draft Code of Practice for Bee Health Management and the overarching National Biosecurity Program. A consultation workshop is being planned for late February in Melbourne to consult industry and further develop the draft Code of Practice and Program before they are presented at the round of state conferences.

SENATE INQUIRY

I have been advised of an Inquiry by the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee. The title of the Inquiry is "Future of the Beekeeping and Pollination Service Industries in Australia". Details can be found at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/Beekeeping

All are invited to put in a submission and to encourage others in the beekeeping and pollination dependant industries to also put in a submission.

AHBIC has written to those members of Plant Health Australia that are dependent in some way on honey bees for pollination to alert them to the Inquiry and urge them to put in a submission.

AHBIC will be putting in a submission.

Please note that the closing date for submissions is 7 February.

CONFERENCE DATES

There has been a change to the dates for the New South Wales Apiarists Association conference and the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association conference.

These are the dates as I have them at present.

Queensland Beekeepers Association	12 – 13 June	Toowoomba
New South Wales Apiarists Association	8 - 9 May	Narrabri
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	30 - 31 May	Launceston
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	6 June	Perth
South Australian Apiarists Association	19-20 June	Old Reynella
Victorian Apiarists Association	7 – 8 July	Melbourne
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA	
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA	
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA	
Federal Council of Australian Apiarists' Association	9 July	Melbourne
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	9 July	Melbourne

AGM

In the last newsletter I gave details of the AHBIC AGM. Please note that the closing date for the cheapest accommodation closes on 31 January, 2104. This means you have only one month to book to get the cheapest rate. I have published the rates again.

Accommodation at Mantra Tullamarine Hotel:

Executive Studio Single Share (1 person) including breakfast for 1	This modern hotel room has en-suite bathroom (shower only) with granite tiles from floor to ceiling. Bedding can be either a king bed or two single beds.	28 sqm	Book before 31 January 2014: \$145.00 Book before 31 March 2014: \$155.00 Bookings after 01 April 2014: \$165.00
Executive Studio Twin Share (2 people) including breakfast for 2	This modern hotel room has en-suite bathroom (shower only) with granite tiles from floor to ceiling. Bedding can be either a king bed or two single beds.	28 sqm	Book before 31 January 2014: \$155.00 Book before 31 March 2014: \$165.00 Bookings after 01 April 2014: \$175.00
Melrose Suite Single Share including breakfast for 1	Modern and stylish, the Melrose suites feature a separate lounge, private balcony, king size bed and an en-suite bathroom with a separate spa bath.	48 sqm	Book before 31 January 2014: \$210.00 Book before 31 March 2014: \$220.00 Bookings after 01 April 2014: \$230.00
Melrose Suite Twin Share (2 people) including breakfast for 2	Modern and stylish, the Melrose suites feature a separate lounge, private balcony, king size bed and an en-suite bathroom with a separate spa bath.	48 sqm	Book before 31 January 2014: \$220.00 Book before 31 March 2014: \$230.00 Bookings after 01 April 2014: \$240.00

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

The following chemicals have new product names registered, or are new chemicals, in recent APVMA gazettes. Beekeepers will know the dangers of these chemicals but they are now sold with different brand names that you may not be familiar with. They are:-

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS BASED ON NEW ACTIVE CONSTITUENTS

Product Name: Dupont Exirel Insecticide

Active Constituent/s: 100 g/L cyantraniliprole

Applicant Name: Du Pont (Australia) Pty Ltd

Applicant ACN: 000 716 469

Summary of Use: For control of sucking and chewing insects in cotton

Date of Registration: 29 November 2013

Label Approval No: 64103/54110

For this chemical see also

http://www.apvma.gov.au/registration/assessment/docs/prs_cyantraniliprole_october_2013.pdf

where the following warning is given on page 50:-

PROTECTION OF LIVESTOCK

Toxic to bees. Will kill foraging bees directly exposed through contact during spraying and while spray droplets are still wet. May harm bees in hives which are over-sprayed or reached by spray drift. Beekeepers who are known to have hives in, or nearby, the area to be sprayed should be notified no less than 48 hours prior to the time of the planned application so that bees can be removed or otherwise protected prior to spraying.

Product Name: eChem Bifenthrin 100 EC Insecticide

Active Constituent/s: 100 g/L bifenthrin

Applicant Name: eChem (Aust) Pty Limited

Applicant ACN: 089 133 095

Summary of Use: For the control of *Helicoverpa* spp. in cotton, tomatoes, lucerne seed crops, navy beans; *Carpophilus* beetle in stone fruit (except cherries); certain species of mites in bananas, cotton and tomatoes; longtailed mealy bug in pears; banana rust thrips in bananas; mirids in cotton; whitefly in tomatoes; redlegged earth mite, blue oat mite, *Bryobia* mite, webworm and brown pasture looper in faba beans, subterranean clover, clover, canola, wheat, barley, field peas, lupins and lucerne; vegetable weevil in canola and certain species of wireworms in cotton and sugarcane; fig longicorn in grapes and citrus leaf eating weevil in citrus

Date of Registration: 28 November 2013

Label Approval No: 69549/61100

Product Name: Apithor Hive Beetle Harborage Insecticide

Active Constituent/s: 0.48 g/kg fipronil

Applicant Name: Ensystex Australasia Pty Ltd

Applicant ACN: 102 221 965

Summary of Use: For the control of small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in honey bee hives

Date of Registration: 9 December 2013

Label Approval No: 66708/54227

This now means that Apithor is registered for use Australia wide. The previous AHBIC registration had restrictions. Apithor will now be able to be used for the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program in Tasmania and the Northern Territory where small hive beetle is not currently found.

SUPPORTING AHBIC

As a New Year's resolution, I would urge those beekeepers that do not make a voluntary contribution to AHBIC to do so. As can be seen by the list on page 1, we have a loyal but small band of beekeepers that make their voluntary contribution to AHBIC. There are others who have asked that their name be not published. To those on the list and those who have asked to remain anonymous, AHBIC says thanks.

AHBIC relies on voluntary contributions to do its work for the beekeeping industry in Australia. There are many issues that AHBIC is currently addressing.

So please consider making a voluntary contribution to AHBIC. There is the form at the end of the newsletter that you can use to make a voluntary contribution.

QUEEN BEE LEVY

The AHBIC proposal to set the queen bee levy at zero had been sent out to all the queen bee levy payers. I have been following up on those who did not reply and have a couple more to go. So far all those who have replied, or I have been successful in contacting, have been in favour of setting the rate at zero.



A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Best wishes for a safe and prosperous 2104

PERSONAL PROPERTIES SECURITIES REGISTER

I had an article from the Queensland Country Life on the Personal Properties Securities Register in the November newsletter.

The following is an email I received which may be of interest to beekeepers.

Important Australian Government information about the **Personal Property Securities Register** (PPSR) – an online register introduced on 30 January 2012 that protects your business when buying, selling or leasing out property including valuable goods, stock, vehicles, machinery, office equipment, crops and livestock – almost anything except real estate.

Are you selling on terms, such as retention of title, or leasing out valuable goods?

Registering your interest in goods which you haven't been paid for can help you to recover the debt **if your customer doesn't pay or becomes insolvent.**

The two-year grace period to register any interests not yet registered is about to end!

ACT NOW to register any outstanding pre-PPSR interests on the Personal Property Securities Register before the grace period ends on 31 January 2014.

**Register NOW
or risk losing out!**

Is your business buying valuable second-hand items?

You can also check the Personal Property Securities Register to see if that second-hand machinery, equipment, vehicles, stock or other valuable used item you want to purchase is debt-free and safe from repossession. Doing a search to check **before you buy** is low cost, easy and immediate.

Anyone can use the PPSR.

For more information about the PPSR, the grace period, or to search or register an interest, visit www.ppsf.gov.au

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TAX INVOICE/RECEIPT

Name:

Address:

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

Phone: Date:.....

Yes I wish to support my industry

Up to 50 hives = \$50.00 51 and over hives = \$1.00 per hive

Please circle your preference

yes / no Please publicise my name on the front of the AHBIC Newsletter

yes / no I would like to receive the AHBIC Annual Report

yes / no Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (*email preferred*)

Your contribution can be paid by **CHEQUE** (or Money Order) or **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

CHEQUE \$ Please include this form with your Cheque or Money Order.

DIRECT DEPOSIT: \$.....

When paying by Direct Deposit please -

- ◆ quote your Name as the **Reference**
- ◆ email your details (as above) to ahbic@honeybee.org.au

Account Name: Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc
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*Thank you for supporting AHBIC to continue supporting your industry at a national level.
It is gratefully appreciated.*

Please return this form to AHBIC - by post or email - so your contribution can be recorded correctly