



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 January 2014

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

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Australian Queen Bee Exporters
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Covey Bees
Davey, Bob
Dewar Apiaries
Enslin, Darren
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Faithfull, Mark
Gells Honey
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Lees, Ian
MacGibbon, Kevin
McDonald, RG
Magor, RR
Masters, N & S
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
Heritage Honey
Panda Honey – honey buyers
Pobke, Barry

Pure Bendigo Gold Honey
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Roberts, Glenn
Roberts, I J & J H
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SEASON GREETINGS

On behalf of the AHBIC Chairman, Ian Zadow, and the AHBIC Executive we would pass on the compliments of the season to all beekeepers and their families and hope it is a relaxing time. There has been rain in some areas so we hope that 2015 will be a good year for you.

LATEST ON HONEY LEVY REFORM AND INCREASE

The final drafts of the Biosecurity Program and the Code of Practice have been compiled. They are available on the AHBIC website www.honeybee.org.au Beekeepers are invited to make comments via their State Association. State Associations are encouraged to hold meetings at which the Biosecurity Program and Code of Practice can be discussed.

A final meeting of all AHBIC member bodies is planned for April next year where final comments will be accepted and the final document then drawn up.

The final document will be presented to State conferences next year.

EXCITING NEWS

The Australian Queen Bee Breeding Group (AQBBG) has recently had the breeding stock in its program tested for hygienic behaviour. The testing gave some very exciting news with some of the stock showing high hygienic behaviour. The results can be found at <http://honeybee.org.au/programs/queen-bee-breeding/>

Some of the open mated stock, which is in Tasmania, was also tested and this again showed some great results with results on the same website.

The AQBBG is making stock available in the New Year. Details on the website.

GREEN PAPER ON AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS

AHBIC has put in a submission to this process. We will now have to wait and see what happens.

EXPORTS OF HONEY TO JAPAN

The Free Trade Agreement with Japan has been formally signed and the quotas and reduced tariffs on honey come into effect from 15 January 2015.

Details on how to apply can be found at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ag-food/quota/japan-honey.pdf>

The Japanese financial year is from 1 April to 31 March. So for the remainder of this Japanese financial year the quota will be 13 tonnes. That is the full first year quota of 80 tonnes divided by the number of full months in the remainder of the financial year i.e. 2 months.

Initially there will be no charge for the quota until the full review of levies and charges is finished.

If you are exporting you will still need to obtain the necessary export documentation plus other certification required e.g. health certificates or Certificate of Origin.

INQUIRY INTO THE BEEKEEPING AND POLLINATION INDUSTRIES

To date the Government response has not been forthcoming. AHBIC is awaiting the response so we can then look to working with the Committee to have the recommendations enacted.

APIMONDIA 2015

Details for Apimondia 2015, which is being held in South Korea, are available on the Apimondia website www.apimondia2015.com

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.:	59066
Product name:	Pyrinex Super Insecticide / Miticide
Active constituent/s:	400 g/L chlorpyrifos (an anti-cholinesterase compound), 20 g/L bifenthrin
Applicant name:	Adama Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN:	050 328 973
Summary of use:	For the control of certain insect pests of tomatoes, sugarcane, cotton and field crops in specified situations.
Date of registration/approval:	4 November 2014
Product registration no.:	68781
Label approval no.:	68781/59066
Application no.:	56861
Product name:	Poncho Plus Insecticidal Seed Treatment
Active constituent/s:	360 g/L Clothianidin, 240 g/L Imidacloprid
Applicant name:	Bayer Cropscience Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	000 226 022
Summary of use:	For control of various insect pests in canola, forage brassica, maize, sweet corn, sorghum, sunflower and pasture
Date of registration/approval:	6 November 2014
Product Registration no.:	67779
Label Approval no.:	67779/56861
Application no.:	62555
Product name:	Imtrade Tyranex 500 SL Insecticide & Nematicide
Active constituent/s:	500 g/L trichlorfon (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name:	Imtrade Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	090 151 134
Summary of use:	For the control of a wide variety of insects pests
Date of registration/approval:	13 November 2014
Product registration no.:	70118
Label approval no.:	70118/62555
Application no.:	59382
Product name:	AC Emporium 500 Seed Treatment
Active constituent/s:	500 g/L fipronil
Applicant name:	Axichem Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	131 628 594
Summary of use:	For the control of various pests in canola, rice, sorghum and sunflowers, and to protect seedlings from attack from black field earwig in sorghum and sunflowers
Date of registration/approval:	25 November 2014
Product registration no.:	68919
Label approval no.:	68919/59382
Application no.:	100573
Product name:	PHOENIX C FLOWABLE SEED DRESSING
Active constituent/s:	4 g/L Cypermethrin, 150 g/L Triadimenol
Applicant name:	ADAMA Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN:	050 328 973
Summary of variation:	To change the product name of registered product from FARMOZ PHOENIX C FLOWABLE SEED DRESSING to PHOENIX C FLOWABLE SEED DRESSING
Date of variation:	30 October 2014

Label approval no.: 51860/100573
Application no.: 100575
Product name: Anthem 100 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 100 g/L Fipronil
Applicant name: Sherwood Chemicals Public Company Limited
Applicant ACN: N/A
Summary of variation: To change the product name from RADISSON 100 INSECTICIDE to ANTHEM 100 INSECTICIDE
Date of variation: 3 November 2014
Label approval no.: 69556/100575

Application no.: 100626
Product name: Sinon Catcher 18 EC Insecticide/Miticide
Active constituent/s: 18 g/L abamectin
Applicant name: Sinon Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 102 741 024
Summary of variation: To change the product name from Sinon Catcher 18 EC Insecticide/Miticide to Binton 18 EC insecticide/ Miticide
Date of variation: 5 November 2014
Label approval no.: 68927/100626

Application no.: 100161
Product name: Sumitomo Samurai Systemic Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/kg clothianidin
Applicant name: Sumitomo Chemical Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 081 096 255
Summary of variation: Variation to label restraints and critical comments to include bee protection statements
Date of variation: 6 November 2014
Label approval no.: 60687/100161

Application no.: 61140
Product name: Accensi Fipronil 200 SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/L fipronil
Applicant name: Accensi Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 079 875 184
Summary of use: For the control of various insect pests in asparagus, bananas, brassicas, cotton, forestry, ginger, wine grapevines, mushrooms, pasture, potatoes, sorghum, sugarcane and swede
Date of registration/approval: 2 December 2014
Product registration no.: 69567
Label approval no.: 69567/61140

Application no.: 62874
Product name: Protege Insecticidal Seed Treatment
Active constituent/s: 500 g/L fipronil
Applicant name: Crop Care Australasia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 061 362 347
Summary of use: For the control of redlegged earth mite in canola and false wireworm in sorghum and sunflowers and for the protection of sorghum and sunflower seedlings from attack by black field earwig
Date of registration/approval: 5 December 2014
Product registration no.: 70278
Label approval no.: 70278/62874

Application no.: 53527
Product name: Mainman 500 WG Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/kg flonicamid
Applicant name: Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha, Ltd
Applicant ACN: N/A
Summary of use: For the control of aphids and mealybug in apples, aphids and mirids in cotton, aphids and silverleaf whitefly in curcubits and aphids in potatoes
Date of registration/approval: 5 December 2014
Product registration no.: 66373
Label approval no.: 66373/53527

TURKISH HONEY

I have made enquiries of the New South Wales Department of Health on the status of our complaint and they advise me that there is only one person handling labelling complaints and it is hoped that that person will be able to attend to our complaint in the New Year. Complaints are handled on a priority basis and our complaint is not regarded as a high priority.

I have not heard anything back from the ACCC re our complaint with them.

Just a reminder that if you do see some honey out there that you have suspicions of its origin or content please send me the details.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

AHBIC will be holding its AGM on Saturday 4 July 2015 at the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club at Penrith. This will follow the NSWAA conference. More details on the AHBIC AGM later. Annual conferences for 2015 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	11 & 12 June - Cleveland
New South Wales Apiarists Association	2 & 3 July - Penrith
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	29 & 30 May - Smithton
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	February
South Australian Apiarists Association	18 & 19 June - Nuriootpa
Victorian Apiarists Association	10 & 11 June - Bairnsdale
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	4 July - Penrith

BIOSECURITY BILL

The Biosecurity Bill 2014 and supporting legislation was introduced into the Federal Parliament on 27 November, 2014. Similar legislation had been introduced in the previous Parliament but lapsed when the election was called.

Details can be found at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/bsg/biosecurity-reform/new-biosecurity-legislation>

The Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee had the legislation referred to it and submissions need to be in by 16 January, 2015. Details are at http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Rural_and_Regional_Affairs_and_Transport/Biosecurity_2014

If there are points that you believe should be included in the AHBIC submission please let me know.

ITALIAN BEEKEEPER NEEDS HELP

With small hive beetle (SHB) turning up in Italy, an Italian beekeeper has been asking how we deal with SHB here in Australia. I have been providing him with information and he has asked if it is possible to come to Australia to work with a large Australian beekeeper to see how SHB is handled. He runs 500 hives and would like to come from October 2015 to January 2016.

If you are interested please contact the beekeeper directly. His details are:-

Riccardo Maggenti

Email riccardo.maggenti@yahoo.it

YOUNG BEEKEEPERS MEETING

I have been passed on details of the 6th international meeting of young beekeepers in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia from 09 – 12 July 2015. It is for a team of three aged between 12 and 16 and must be accompanied by an adult. If you want further details I can send them to you.

SWAPPING PATCHES

Gary Templeman from Western Australia is interested in having contact with any beekeepers who are interested in swapping or selling their embroidered club patches.

You can contact Gary at zoilagtemp@yahoo.com.au

DEPLOYMENT OF MONITORING HIVES

Sneaking into Australia through northern ports just got harder for exotic bees and pests, with the installation of a network of 20 hives monitored by mobile phone cameras and sensors.

The hives have been deployed as part of a national trial by the National Bee Pest Surveillance Program (NBPSP) in Brisbane, Gladstone, Weipa and Darwin to help protect our borders from pests like the Varroa mite, which has devastated honey bee populations in other countries.

These monitoring hives have been developed by Dr. Cheryl McCarthy from the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba. Many would have seen Cheryl's presentations at conferences over the past couple of years.

DOWNSIDE TO EXPORTING TO CHINA

In the National Rural News of 15 December, 2014 there is a report of an exporter of Wagyu beef saying he is not going to export to China anymore because of counterfeiting of his product. Apparently this is not an isolated case.

With the new Free Trade Agreement with China, I would imagine that honey could be one product that could be the subject of products being sold as Australian honey when they are not. See the report at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-15/nrn-chinese-counterfeits-for-monday/5961030>

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