

Monthly **NEWS**



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To: The Australian Honey Bee Industry

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Happy Christmas and
wishes for a bountiful 2018

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AUSTRALIAN HONEYBEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC

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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
Packers, Queen Bee Breeders, Equipment Manufacturers/Suppliers who contribute to AHBIC.

**The following list recognises contributions received
since 1 January 2017**

Thank you to all our contributors. AHBIC appreciates your ongoing support

A number of Honey Producers have generously given a voluntary contribution but wish to remain anonymous

HONEY PRODUCERS

Abbott, B & Proudford, R
Anderson, Cedar
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Beechworth Honey Pty Ltd
(on behalf of some honey
producers)
Bees Neez Honey
Blair, Shona
Bliss, Stephen
Brenton, Daryl
Clifford, Ray
Cooper, Barry
Cooper, Casey
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Davey, Robin
Davies Apiaries
Dewar, Robert & Melissa
Faithfull, Mark
Gells Honey Maryborough
Glasby, Garry
Grizzly Bear Apiaries
Hooper, Ben (Hooper
Honey)
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Jones, Bryn

HONEY PRODUCERS

Jones, Daniel
Kennett, Joshua
Klinger, Craig
LeFeuvre, Danny
Lukas, Barbara
MacGibbon, Kevin
Masters, Neil & Sharon
McDonald, Peter
McDonald, Robert
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
NT Bees (Aust)
Plum, Len & Susan
Rohrlach, T & A
Ruge Honey
Saxonbee Enterprises
Shaw, Robert
Stokes, Peter
Valkenburg Apiaries
Walkabout Apiaries
Watson, James
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Western Honey Supplies
Zadow, Ian & Mel

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Blue Hills Honey
Bourke, Lindsay
Clifford, David
Heritage Honey
Honeyworks Pty Ltd
R.Stephens
The House of Honey

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AB's Honey
Beechworth Honey Pty Ltd
Bendigo Honey Pty Ltd
Capilano Honey Ltd
Gustare Honey Australia
Pty Ltd
Honeylife Australia
Superbee Honey Factory

QUEEN BEE BREEDERS

RL Dewar - Bee Build
Gerdt, Jody

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Amateur Beekeepers Asn of NSW Inc
Bayside Beekeepers Assoc Inc
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers Society
Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers Inc
Ipswich & West Moreton Beekeepers
Assoc Inc
Northside Beekeepers Assoc Inc
Rotary Club of Caulfield

BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER/SUPPLIER

Flow hive
Hornsby Beekeeping Supplies
Quality Beekeeping Supplies
Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies

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SEASON GREETINGS

As 2017 comes to a close, reflection on the season so far will be good for some and not for others. Typical primary production.

Hopefully things will get to “normal” and we will see our beekeepers prosper.

Thank you to those who have worked for the industry in this past year. Your efforts are appreciated by those who benefit. Hopefully others will step forward and ease the burden for those willing few.

On behalf of the AHBIC Executive I wish you and your families all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

LOSS OF STEPHEN DAVIES

Most of industry would now be aware of the tragic passing of Stephen Davies from Western Australia who was killed in a truck accident. Footage can be seen at

<https://www.facebook.com/gwn7news/videos/2019459468070392/?ref=tahoe>

Stephen had been a big part of the Western Australian beekeeping industry for many years now. We pass on our condolences to the family.

DAVE ALDEN

Dave Alden has retired from AgriFutures Australia, formerly known as Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation. Dave was the Program Manager there for many years and has been an integral part of the Honey Bee and Pollination Advisory Panel.

Who can forget Dave’s modelling at the AHBIC dinner a few years back. A hidden talent.

Dave told me that he and his wife are off hiking in many parts of the world. We wish him all the best for the future.

EXTENSION OF THE KIA FOR ASIAN BEES

Following the detection of Asian bees (*Apis cerana* Java genotype) at Silkwood in October 2017 the Known Infested Area (KIA) has shifted south by about 30 kilometres. Silkwood is about 100 kilometres south of Cairns. This was not unexpected.

There is still a distance of around 200 kilometres from Silkwood to Townsville where our eradication of *Varroa jacobsoni* has moved into the proof of freedom stage. Some of the country between Silkwood and Townsville is dry sclerophyll forest where I believe the Asian bee will not be able to spread as quickly as it has been able to do in the wetter, more luxurious areas between Cairns and Silkwood.

AGM DATES

Annual conferences for 2018, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

South Australian Apiarists Association	17 May -
WA Farmers Federation – Beekeepers Section and BICWA	25-26 May - Perth
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 May - Launceston
Victorian Apiarists Association	31 May – 1 June -
New South Wales Apiarists Association	26 June – Gold Coast
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	1 July – Gold Coast
Queensland Beekeepers Association	TBA
Honey and Packers Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 112652
Product name: Huilong Chlorothalonil 720 SC Fungicide
Active constituent/s: 720 g/L chlorothalonil
Applicant name: Huilong Agrochemicals Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 165 921 031
Summary of use: For the control of fungal diseases on almonds, apricots, bananas, carrots, celery, cherries, faba beans, grapes, onions, peaches, peanuts, peas, plums, potatoes, tomatoes, turf and vegetables
Date of registration: 20 November 2017
Product registration no.: 85213
Label approval no.: 85213/112652

Application no.: 112686
Product name: Profeng Lambda-Cyhalothrin 250 CS Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
Applicant name: Profeng Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 156 055 533
Summary of use: For the control of certain insect pests in cotton, barley, wheat, and various field crops
Date of registration: 23 November 2017
Product registration no.: 85230
Label approval no.: 85230/112686

Application no.: 112719
Product name: Starlet 100EC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 100 g/L bifenthrin
Applicant name: Ruralco Holdings Limited
Applicant ACN: 009 660 879
Summary of use: For the control of a number of insect pests in various agricultural crops
Date of registration: 23 November 2017
Product registration no.: 85244
Label approval no.: 85244/112719

Application no.: 112935
Product name: AgProtect Alpha-Cypermethrin 100 Duo Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 100 g/L alpha-cypermethrin
Applicant name: Agprotect Australasia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 621 073 023
Summary of use: For the control of insect pests including heliothis (helicoverpa spp.) on various crops, red legged earth mite and blue oat mite on certain field crops and pastures, and certain pests on fruit and vegetable crops
Date of registration: 1 December 2017
Product registration no.: 85324
Label approval no.: 85324/112935

Application no.:	112646
Product name:	Fipforce Aqua Termiticide & 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 distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'FIPFORCE 100 g/L SC TERMITICIDE & INSECTICIDE' to 'FIPFORCE AQUA TERMITICIDE & INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation:	14 September 2017
Product registration no.:	63789
Label approval no.:	63789/112646

Application no.:	110831
Product name:	Warden 100SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	100 g/L fipronil
Applicant name:	Adama Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	050 328 973
Summary of variation:	To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'WARDEN RESIDUAL TERMITICIDE' to 'WARDEN 100SC INSECTICIDE' and to extend use to include control of argentine stem weevil, mole crickets and funnel ants in turf
Date of variation:	22 November 2017
Product registration no.:	67463
Label approval no.:	67463/110831

Application no.:	108781
Product name:	Dupont Benevia Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	100 g/L cyantraniliprole
Applicant name:	Du Pont (Australia) Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	000 716 469
Summary of variation:	To extend use to include control of various insect pests in bulb vegetables, potatoes and strawberries and to amend advice in relation to type of adjuvant
Date of variation:	29 November 2017
Product registration no.:	66684
Label approval no.:	66684/108781

The 'bee' all and end all: the importance of rapid hygienic behavior testing in bees

In the latest best practice video developed by the Honey Bee & Pollination Program, one of Australia's most respected apiarists has encouraged honey producers to adopt rapid hygienic behavior testing in an effort to limit pest and disease incursions.

In the fifth episode in the series, Lindsay Bourke from Australian Honey Products in Launceston, Tasmania, explains his technique for testing bees for hygienic behavior, and the importance of the practice.

"Everyone should be doing it; guessing is not good enough," Mr Bourke said.

"A bee with rapid hygienic behavior gets less American foul brood and they will also be set up to be able to detect Varroa destructor compared to a bee that doesn't have it," he said.

“Biosecurity is important to our company also because we know that healthy bees will produce more honey and of a better quality.

“We all want queens who have less brood diseases, and they’re the ones that have rapid hygienic testing.”

In the video, Mr Bourke demonstrates step-by-step how to apply liquid nitrogen to the brood. This practice temporarily freezes the brood allowing a beekeeper to then test the percentage of cells the bees uncap.

“If 95 per cent of the brood tested is uncapped 24 hours later, then that indicates a wonderful queen to breed from,” Mr Bourke said.

AgriFutures Australia Program Manager for Research and Innovation, Dr Melanie Bradley, said protecting industry biosecurity and bolstering healthy queen bee breeding lines is a crucial focus for industry.

“The honey bee and pollination sector is acutely aware that Varroa is very much on our doorstep,” she said.

“Anything that can be done to ensure a healthy and profitable pollination sector must be considered.”

To watch the video go to: <https://youtu.be/AhhYLbmk9Mo>

For more information, go to: <http://www.agrifutures.com.au/rural-industries/honey-bee-pollination/>

AUSTRALIAN MANUKA HONEY ASSOCIATION

*We have now formally created the **Australian Manuka Honey Association** (AMHA) establishing it as the leading national body for the production and promotion of Manuka honey in Australia.*

Our mission statement is simple:

<i>To protect and promote the global appeal and awareness of Manuka honey produced in Australia.</i>
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AMHA objectives are to:

- *Foster the growth of our local Manuka honey industry and the sale of Australian Manuka honey internationally*
- *Provide authenticity to all Australian produced Manuka honey*
- *Support scientific research of Australian Manuka honey and its uses*
- *Increase the knowledge and understanding of the properties of Australian Manuka honey*
- *Restrict international naming or market rights to Manuka honey*

- *Protect and promote Australian Leptospermum species plant material*
- *Represent Australian Manuka producers and packers through one common organisation*
- *Advocate for the interests of our industry in administrative and legislative matters*

The first and most important action we are taking as the AMHA is to defend the AUSTRALIAN RIGHT TO USE THE NAME “MANUKA”.

At present we are engaged in defending an attempt by New Zealand which is trying to trademark the word “Manuka” exclusively for themselves. See the attached letter as an example of the work currently being carried out.

Manuka (Leptospermum spp.) is a native Australian plant genus that evolved in Australia. Manuka is a descriptive term for something that is found in both Australia and New Zealand.

The group has assembled a panel of industry authorities including leading scientific experts, the Honeybee Co-operative Research Centre (CRC HBP), Australian Government Intellectual Property (IP) Officials, the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) and a legal team to lead the charge in protecting Australia’s right to promote its native Manuka honey.

Our collective mission is to formally oppose any attempts to monopolise international naming or market rights, support each other and promote the Australian Manuka industry.

We need your help urgently: *By joining the AMHA now you can help fund this important initiative.*

Please log onto the AMHA website www.manukaaustralia.org.au and complete the Membership application.

Many thanks

Paul Callander
Chairman
Australian Manuka Honey Association Ltd



CHRISTMAS RISK ASSESSMENT

All employees planning to dash through the snow in a one horse open sleigh, going over the fields and laughing all the way are advised that a **Risk Assessment** will be required addressing the safety of an open sleigh for members of the public.

This assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly where there are multiple passengers. Please note that permission must also be obtained in writing from landowners before their fields may be entered.

To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we would request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.

Benches, stools and orthopedic chairs are now available for collection by any shepherds planning or required to watch their flocks at night. While provision has also been made for remote monitoring of flocks by CCTV cameras from a centrally heated shepherd observation hut, all users of this facility are reminded that an emergency response plan must be submitted to account for known risks to the flocks.

The angel of the Lord is additionally reminded that, prior to shining his/her glory all around, s/he must confirm that all shepherds are wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to account for the harmful effects of UVA, UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.

Following last year's well-publicized case, everyone is advised that Equal Opportunities legislation prohibits any comment with regard to the redness of any part of Mr. R Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr. R Reindeer from reindeer games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those found guilty of this offence.

While it is acknowledged that gift bearing is a common practice in various parts of the world, particularly the Orient, everyone is reminded that the bearing of gifts is subject to Hospitality.

Guidelines and all gifts must be registered. This applies regardless of the individual, even royal personages. It is particularly noted that direct gifts of currency or gold are specifically precluded, while caution is advised regarding other common gifts such as aromatic resins that may evoke allergic reactions.

Finally, in the recent instance of the infant found tucked up in a manger without any crib for a bed, Social Services have been advised and will be arriving shortly.

Enjoy the holiday season.

Taken from EHS Safety News America

EHS News, Workplace Safety, and OSHA Updates for the Safety Professional



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