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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 February 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

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THIRD AUSTRALIAN BEE CONGRESS

As I advised previously the registrations are now open. We have received a good response so far. So if you haven't registered as yet remember that early bird registrations close on 6 April, 2018. Also some events have limited numbers so you need to register early so as to avoid disappointment.

Remember that there is also the honey show for delegates. So make sure that you put some of that great honey you have in a bottle for the show. Entry form and details on the website.

There will also be a photographic competition with class details coming out soon.

So if you have any queries check the website www.australianbeecongress.com.au

BUMBLE BEE IN NSW

On 9 February 2018 the New South Wales Department of Primary Industries were advised of a suspicious bee, thought to be a bumble bee, which had been collected 2 years previously at Denistone, Sydney.

Subsequent examination identified it as a female large earth bumble bee (*Bombus terrestris*).

NSW DPI does not believe that this detection represents an incursion for the following reasons:

- 1) the submitter has stated that she has not seen any evidence of bumblebees in Denistone since her partner captured the specimen two years ago.
- 2) Prompt surveillance by volunteer beekeepers over two weekends in the vicinity of the report (the street and surrounding streets and the local area) has uncovered no evidence of an established bumblebee population.
- 3) A call for general surveillance was sent out to 6500 registered beekeepers in NSW and to members of the North Shore Beekeepers Association and Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW the same day that DPI was alerted to the detection. Additionally, DPI facebook posts reached over 2000 people. Significant public interest has peaked. No positive detection has resulted from this general surveillance programme.

So at this stage there is no reason to suspect that there has been an incursion and it will be recorded as a notification. It is thought that this single bee came as a hitchhiker on a vehicle or goods.

We thank NSW DPI for their swift response and the volunteer beekeepers for their time and effort.

NEW ZEALAND BEEKEEPERS CONFERENCE

The Apiculture New Zealand National Conference will be held in Blenheim in the South Island from 22-24 July 2018. Australian beekeepers are invited to attend.

Full details are on their website at <http://apicultureconference2018.co.nz/>

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 - Ballarat
New South Wales Apiarists Association	26 June – Gold Coast
Queensland Beekeepers Association	27 June – Gold Coast
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	1 July – Gold Coast
Honey and Packers Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA

The New South Wales Apiarists Association and the Queensland Beekeepers Association have advised that their meetings will be only for members. This is understandable as there will be mostly business for members with no quest speakers as the Congress has the speakers.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 113345
Product name: Tirem 200 SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name: Turf Culture Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 117 986 615
Summary of variation: To reduce uses to exclude certain vegetables
Date of variation: 24 January 2018
Product registration no.: 61094
Label approval no.: 61094/113345

Application no.: 110572
Product name: Melpat Peregrine Agricultural Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 240 g/L methoxyfenozide
Applicant name: Melpat International Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 066 067 507
Summary of use: For the control of lightbrown apple moth on apples and pears (pome fruit), blueberries, citrus, grapevines and kiwifruit; and for the control of various other lepidopteran pests of almonds, apples and pears (pome fruit), avocado, coffee, custard apple, eggplant, longan, lychee, peppers (capsicum and chilli), okra, macadamia and tomatoes
Date of registration: 8 February 2018
Product registration no.: 85425
Label approval no.: 84525/110572

Application no.: 108323
Product name: Aphidex 800 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 800 g/kg pirimicarb (an anticholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Adama Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 050 328 973
Summary of use: For control of various aphids on a range of crops
Date of registration: 15 February 2018
Product registration no.: 83468
Label approval no.: 83468/108323

Application no.: 109761
Active constituent/s: Propoxur
Applicant name: Joy Harvest Holding Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 130 503 829
Summary of use: For use in agricultural chemical products
Date of approval: 8 February 2018
Approval no.: 84134

Application no.: 111792
Active constituent/s: Metiram
Applicant name: Zhejiang Yingxin Chemical Co. Ltd
Applicant ACN: N/A
Summary of use: For use in agricultural chemical products
Date of approval: 14 February 2018
Approval no.: 84933

CANADA - BEE PRODUCTS – PROPOSAL TO INACTIVATE LISTINGS TO EXPORT EDIBLE AND INEDIBLE PRODUCTS

In 2010, an AQIS Notice was issued for the export of edible and inedible honey-bee products to Canada and the EU.

The AQIS Notice required establishment listing by the department in the establishment register (ER) and ongoing compliance with B-QUAL.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR), who have now taken over the AQIS role, have advised:-

“We are therefore proposing to inactivate the two listings in ER, and therefore remove the requirement in the attached AQIS Notice to comply with B-Qual, for producers/packers to export edible and/or inedible honey bee products to Canada.”

If anyone wants further details let me know and I can forward the full details and the original AQIS notice to you.

HONEY BEE (*APIS MELLIFERA*) COLONY HEALTH AND PATHOGEN COMPOSITION IN MIGRATORY BEEKEEPING OPERATIONS INVOLVED IN CALIFORNIA ALMOND POLLINATION

An interesting article which takes a little bit of comprehending.

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0182814>

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