



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 February 2014

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

AB'S Honey
Anderson, Stuart
Australian Organic Honey Company
Australian Queen Bee Exporters
Barnes Apiaries
Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Beswick Bees
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Buntine, Bob
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Capilano Honey Ltd
Dr Nicholas Chantler AM
Clifford, Ray
Cotton, A J & McDonald, MA
Covey Bees
Dewar Apiaries
Enslin, Darren

Ewington, Peter and Maxine
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
R. Stephens
Ringin, Bill
Roberts, Glenn
Roberts, I J & J H
Rotary Club of Caulfield Inc
Saxonbee Enterprises - Rod Pavy
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
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Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
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LATEST ON HONEY LEVY REFORM AND INCREASE

As per the last newsletter, please have a look at the AHBIC website www.honeybee.org.au to see the latest drafts of the Code of Practice and Biosecurity Program.

Also on the site is a record keeping template, a feedback form and where to send the feedback form plus how the honey bee biosecurity arrangements will work.

You are invited to send your comments through to your State Association so they can collate the responses.

There will also be a mail out to all beekeepers in some of the States informing them of the draft Code of Practice and Biosecurity Program.

POST ENTRY QUARANTINE FACILITY

The new post entry quarantine facilities at Mickleham in Victoria are currently under construction. For importing queen bees, this will take the place of Eastern Creek in Sydney.

To see how much progress has been made, please visit the Post Entry Quarantine GovSpace website at: <https://postentryquarantine.govspace.gov.au> to see a time-lapse video showing pictures of the site from May till November 2014.

To see this progress in photos, have a look at the new [photo gallery](#) which contains monthly photos of the progress at each of the compounds. Check back every month to look at the progress of these buildings through 2015.

WHITE PAPER ON AGRICULTURAL COMPETITIVENESS

AHBIC has put in a submission to the Agricultural Competitiveness Taskforce from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet. This Taskforce has been charged with developing the papers. AHBIC has been informed it is not expected there will be any public hearings so now we need to await the next paper. Hopefully the beekeeping industry will be recognized in that paper.

EXPORTS OF HONEY TO JAPAN

The Department of Agriculture website is up and running. It is <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-food/meat-wool-dairy/quota/japanquotas>

AHBIC and the Honey Packers and Marketers Association of Australia (HPMAA) have been active in trying to make this information available to those who may be exporting to Japan. AHBIC realises that there may be some exporters who are not known to us or the HPMAA. If you supply honey to a person who has exported to Japan, please let them know about the website so they can obtain the information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR BEN OLDROYD

Back in October, 2014 Ben received an award for which I am sure all beekeepers will join AHBIC in congratulating Ben on. The following is from the University of Sydney School of Biological Sciences' page.

"In a ceremony at NSW Government House, [Professor Ben Oldroyd](#) received a 2014 [NSW Science & Engineering Award](#). Ben won the 'Excellence in Biological Sciences (Ecology, environmental, agricultural and organismal)' prize for his work on behavioural genetics and the evolution of social behaviour.

The NSW Science and Engineering Awards are given annually and acknowledge the state's leading researchers in science and engineering for innovative work that generates economic, health, environmental or technological benefits for New South Wales.

Ben has made significant contributions to our understanding of how honey bee societies are regulated and policed, and how they evolved. He is also heavily involved with the Australian beekeeping industry, helping beekeepers breed better, healthier strains, and providing scientific advice on matters ranging from quarantine and the problems of feral bees.

He has shown that sterility has a genetic basis and identified related genes. His work on the evolution of sociality is particularly profound, because it has united the disparate fields of theoretical population biology and molecular biology. Ben's ground-breaking work on feral bee populations includes providing the only reliable estimates of feral colony distributions across South East Australia, based on an ingenious genetic sampling technique.

Ben's breeding techniques are now widespread in the Australian beekeeping industry, enhancing productivity. His book, titled 'Asian Honey Bees: Biology, Conservation and Human Interactions', published by Harvard University Press, is the authoritative text on the subject."



Professor Ben Oldroyd (right) being presented with his award by the New South Wales Governor Hon. David Hurley

INQUIRY INTO THE BEEKEEPING AND POLLINATION INDUSTRIES

Still no response from the Federal Government on the report from this Inquiry. AHBIC continues to ask when it will be ready as we wish to make sure that the recommendations are followed up. We need to learn from the 2008 Inquiry when we did not follow up the recommendations.

NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR WA

Lucy Radzikowska resigned last year as the Executive Officer for the Western Australian Farmers Federation – Beekeepers Section. Lucy had been very efficient in that role and we wish her well for the future.

Maddison McNeil has now been appointed as the Executive Officer for the Beekeepers Section. We welcome Maddison to our industry. If you need to contact Maddison her email is MaddisonMcNeil@wafarmers.org.au

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 61384
Product name: Pondus Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 480 g/L thiacloprid
Applicant name: Cheminova Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 110 199 169
Summary of use For the control of various pests in pome and stone fruit
Date of registration/approval: 22 December 2014
Product registration no.: 69664
Label approval no.: 69664/61384

Application no.: 62881
Product name: Maestro 200SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/L fipronil
Applicant name: Nufarm Australia Limited
Applicant ACN: 004 377 780
Summary of use For the control of various insects pests in asparagus, bananas, brassicas, cotton, forestry, ginger, wine grapes, potatoes, sorghum, sugarcane and swede
Date of registration/approval: 22 December 2014
Product registration no.: 70280
Label approval no.: 70280/62881

Application no.: 100267
Product name: Suprathion 400 EC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 400 g/L methidathion (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Adama Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 050 328 973
Summary of variation: To change the product name from 'FARMOZ SUPRATHION 400 EC INSECTICIDE' to 'SUPRATHION 400 EC INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation: 15 December 2014
Label approval no.: 55599/100267

Application no.: 61126
Product name: Assurant 200 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/L fipronil
Applicant name: Sherwood Chemicals Public Company Limited
Applicant ACN: N/A
Summary of variation: To change the product name from 'SHERWOOD FIPRONIL 200 INSECTICIDE' to 'ASSURANT 200 INSECTICIDE' and to add the use pattern for control of ants in turf situations
Date of variation: 16 December 2014
Label approval no.: 66873/61126

Application no.: 101008
Product name: Adama PBO 800 Insecticide Synergist
Active constituent/s: 800 g/L piperonyl butoxide
Applicant name: Adama Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 050 328 973
Summary of variation: To change the product name from 'Farnoz PBO 800 EC Insecticide Synergist', to 'Adama PBO 800 Insecticide Synergist'
Date of variation: 17 December 2014

Application no.: 100294
Product name: Patron Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 440 g/L burprofesin
Applicant name: Cheminova Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 110 199 169
Summary of variation: To change the product name from 'CLAP INSECTICIDE' to 'PATRON INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation: 22 December 2014
Label approval no.: 62616/100294

Application no.: 58890
Product name: Cobalt Advanced Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 300 g/L chlorpyrifos (an anticholinesterase compound), 15.4 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
Applicant name: Dow Agrosiences Australia Limited
Applicant ACN: 003 771 659
Summary of use: For control of certain pests in a range of broad acre crops
Date of registration/approval: 12 January 2015
Product registration no.: 68678
Label approval no.: 68678/58890

TURKISH HONEY

I have heard back from the New South Wales Department for Health re our complaint against Garden Honey. They said:-

“I agree that this product cannot be called Honey based on the ingredients. As such, we will take appropriate measures to ensure that the product is either re-named or discontinued from supply in NSW.”

When I received this I queried if it would apply to the product being sold in States other than NSW. The answer was:-

“As the importer, the Code requirements apply to all products they import, regardless of which state they on-supply.”

So hopefully this product will be off the shelves. Please let me know if you see it anywhere. Also please keep your eyes open for any other products that do not conform to labelling.

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	2 July - Penrith
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	4 July - Penrith

BIOSECURITY BILL

AHBIC has put in a submission to the Senate Committee Inquiring into this Biosecurity Bill.

BEES AND HI-VIS CLOTHING

I have had a query asking if bees are attracted to Hi- vis clothing, in particular the green/yellow and the orange. Also has anyone had any reactions to navy blue?

Please let me know if you have had any experiences.

BEEKEEPERS INSPIRE FASHION DESIGN

The last thing I imagine beekeepers would believe is that they can inspire fashion designs. This link was posted on a beekeeping chat page. Does this mean the price of veils goes up or can you have you own designer label veil??????

<http://tinyurl.com/kwo934q>

AQBBG BREEDING PROGRAM

AHBIC owns the Australian Queen Bee Breeding Program (AQBBG). It needs support from beekeepers to keep it going. With recent testing showing that the program has desirable genetic qualities in the form of the cleaning genes, beekeepers can avail themselves of breeding stock to raise their own queens. Go to <http://honeybee.org.au/programs/queen-bee-breeding/> to see the history of the evaluations that have been carried out over the years.

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