



# *Monthly* **NEWS**

**To: The Australian Honey Industry**

**From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director**

**JUNE 2013**

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(S) OR QUEENBEE SUPPLIER'S NAME APPEAR ON THIS LIST? IF NOT, THEN ASK 'WHY NOT?' AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2012-2013 GRATEFULLY RECEIVED**

ABS Honey	Den Hollander, JE	Langan, Marg	Siacchi, Colin
Adams, Richard	Dewar Apiaries	Lees IP & LD	Sinclair, Dr Nigel
Ashby, KP & MA	Dinh Vu, Long	Lockley, Beverley	Smit, J & C
Ashelfor Pure Aussie Honey	Doncaster Bee Club	MacGibbon, Kevin	Smith, RD & WW
Auckett, John	Doyle, Anthony	McAlister, Ross	Spencer Family
Barson, Jillian	Droutsas, Bill	McDonald, M A	Stokes, Peter
Baumholzer, RK	Edmonds, John	McDonald P & M	Sutherland, Karen
Beechworth Honey P/L	Ellis, Declan	McDonald, RG	Tasmanian Beekeepers
Beswick Bees	Enslin, Darren	McDonald, R & M	Association
Billington, Steven	Ewington, P & M	McGlew, GC	Thompson, G
Blair-Hickman, R & R	Faithfull, Mark	McLaren, Jane	Triantafillopoulos, Stavros
Blake, Barry	FCAAA	Merrett, Anthony J	Trigg, Margaret
Bliss, Stephen	Fountain, Peter	Miller, Clem	Ulek Honey
Bole, Peter	Geelong Honey Pty Ltd	Milne, HL & PA	Vu, Long & Kim
Bourke, Lindsay	Geelong Beekeepers Club	Morgan, Trevor	Vaile, Graham
Brennan, John	Gells Honey	Nairn, Mal	Van der Woode, Lowie
Brooks, Graham	Gillies, Hugh	Niacol Pty Ltd	Van Essen, K
Buntine, Robert	Glasby, Garry	Norcic, John	Watson, James
Bush Honey -	Green, Lionel	Ophion Pty Ltd	Watson, Maurice
(Midgley Family)	Grosso, Joe	Papworth, F & E	Weatherhead, T & M
Buzzies Bee Juice	Hartje, MM	Pluschke, Doug	Weerona Apiaries
Camelite Monastery	Hobday, David	Pobke, Barry	Wescobee Limited
Camilleri, Michael	Hoskinson, HL & HM	Pritchett, Bruce	Williams JW & MA
Capilano Honey Ltd	Howard, LP & PJ	Proebstl, Investments	Wisken, Ian
Clarke, Zoe	Ipswich/West Moreton	R. Stephens	Wythe, EC & HS
Clifford, Ray	Beekeepers Association	Richter, Phil	Zadow Apiaries
Constantelos, Stan	Jeremenko, Steve	Ringin, Bill	Zuchowski, Janusz
Cotton, A J &	Jones, Daniel	Roberts, Glenn	
Crabb, David	Kee, Michael	Roberts, I J & J H	
Cutts, Neville	Kelly, AV	Rose, Doug	
D'Amico, John	Kennett, JL & KA	Saxonbee Enterprises-	
Dawes, Chris John	Kininmonth, Ian	Rod Pavy	
Davey, RE	Lagoutatzis, Nikolaos	Schard, Peter	

**The above list recognises contributions received since 1 May 2012**

**Thank you to all our beekeeper contributors some of whom have asked to remain anonymous.  
AHBIC appreciates your ongoing support.**

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## AGM

The annual general meeting is being held in Perth on 6 July. The venue is:-

Country Comfort Intercity Hotel & Apartments  
249-263 Great Eastern Highway  
Belmont WA 6014  
Phone 1300 272 132 for reservations

<http://www.countrycomforthotels.com.au/perth/country-comfort-inter-city-hotel-perth/perth-conference-venue/>

The Western Australian Farmers Federation Beekeepers Section is holding their conference the day before, 5 July, to which we would encourage all AHBIC delegates to attend. A joint dinner will be held that night. You should have already put in your registration forms if you attending but in case you have not they are again at the end of this newsletter. Pre registration is important for catering purposes.

## HONEY BEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY

I have copied this off the RIRDC website <http://www.rirdc.gov.au/research-programs/animal-industries/honeybee>

- **Position vacant**

The RIRDC Honeybee Advisory Committee provides advice on the RD&E priorities for the Australian Honeybee industry and currently consists of four members and a RIRDC Senior Research Manager.

Three of these Committee members have a primarily scientific background and one member has a primarily industry background. RIRDC is seeking an additional industry member to be appointed to the Advisory Committee.

Those with an industry background interested in applying to be a member of the RIRDC Honeybee Advisory Committee must apply by 31 July 2013.

An application form is available from, and must be submitted to, RIRDC's Margie Heath. For enquiries or to submit an application email [margaret.heath@rirdc.gov.au](mailto:margaret.heath@rirdc.gov.au) or phone 02 6271 4145

## NATIONAL HONEY BEE DAY

Successful days were held in Perth, Melbourne and Brisbane.

### Western Australia – from Leilani Leyland

The weather was perfect warm but cloudy, a huge improvement on last year.

We estimate 5,000 (~7000) people came through and experienced the festival. We had a few tents one with various flyers on Biosecurity, recipes from Wescobee/Capilano, Jarrah brochures, House of Honey, Bees Neez etc. A Honey tasting tent with “Honey Week” honey for tasting – Jarrah, Goldfields Mallee and Redgum just in 250gm jars very well received. Guilfoyles had a display of their products. Deb had Gilbert the bee buzzy game which the kids thoroughly enjoyed trying to trace the hoop over the metal outline without it buzzing.



The WA Apiarist Society demonstrated frame and box building. Scitech had lots of activities for the children, bee colouring in, face painting. CIBER had a live bee display as well as information panels on the walls of the tents about the industry and importance of bees (these were used at Scitech through the week prior where we had a beekeeper and a scientist plus honey tasting from 11-2 each day). Dave and Rupert had their trucks and demonstrated how their different cranes worked lifting boxes on and off.



A bit of fun with a light the smoker competition. Firstly to demonstrate Dave, Rupert, Rob Manning, Dan Dowsett and Scott Martin (WAAS) showed how it was done and then the public were invited to have a go with the beekeepers as their mentors. The winner of each round (two) won a smoker donated by

Guilfoyles. This proved to be lots of fun. The Ag Dept sent two reps and Sean Bryce was there from Dept of Environment.

Guilfoyles also donated a bee hive which was raffled as a door prize. I did a talk on ‘Not Just Honey’, Dan Dowsett on ‘Beginning in Bees’ and Dave on ‘Biosecurity’.



## Queensland – from Marion Weatherhead



Despite rain and showers, about 4,000 people came over the weekend. Most were families wanting to show their children about all things agricultural so the beekeeping fitted well into this scenario.

The QBA had displays of information, honey in cooking, some equipment construction and honey tasting.

Queensland held their day in conjunction with Moo Baa Munch which Agforce had invited the Queensland Beekeepers Association (QBA) to participate in. This is held in the grounds of the Corinda State High School which is in one of the suburbs of Brisbane. Corinda is different in that it has a strong agricultural course at the school and beekeeping is one part of it.



## Victoria – from Bernie Heinze

The Honey Week celebrations were held at the Collingwood Children's Farm on Sunday 28 April, 2013.

The following were the order of the day:-

- 1 Demonstration of honey extraction.
- 2 Bee dance for children to perform. Dance track marked on grass with kids wagging their bottoms.
- 3 Honey tastings
- 4 As the hives are separated from the people area and we have kids' bee suits and gloves, children may be present when we open up the hives. This can be viewed from the safety of a window in our building.





- 5 A free barbecue
- 6 Face painting of children's faces as bee faces.
- 7 A panel of bee drawings with holes for people to place their faces to be photographed as a bee.
- 8 Hay bales as seats
- 9 Demonstration of frame making

Thanks to Barry Copper for the Victorian photos.

## AGM ELECTIONS

Lindsay Bourke has indicated he will be stepping down at this upcoming AGM so we will need to appoint a new Chairman.

Eddy Planken resigned as Deputy Chairman. There will need to be a new Deputy Chairman appointed.

The two year term of Ian Zadow and Rod Pavy as Executive members has expired. They are eligible for re-election. If Trevor Weatherhead is appointed as Executive Director, he will need to resign from the Executive and there will be a one year term to complete by an elected person.

Please consider accepting nomination to one of these positions.

## NEW CHEMICAL – SULFOXAFLOX

I had a visit from an Entomologist from Dow Agri Sciences who have a registration application in with APVMA for sulfoxaflox. It has been registered in the US, Canada, Korea and China. Dow are concerned that as it is a systemic and put in the neonicotinoids group the reputation of the neonics will be put on this new chemical.

Some points about this chemical are:-

- It is listed in the group 4 neonicotinoids
- It is a foliar spray
- It is toxic to bees for the first three (3) hours until it dries
- It has a half life in soil of around 7 days
- It can be detected in pollen and nectar but trials have shown that it has no effects on foraging bees or hive health
- It is aimed at sap sucking insects

There are more details on this chemical at:-

[http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/csb\\_page/updates/2013/sulfoxaflor-decision.html](http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/cb/csb_page/updates/2013/sulfoxaflor-decision.html)

<http://newsroom.dowagro.com/press-release/dow-agrosciences-receives-us-epa-registration-sulfoxaflor>

Rob Annetts from Dow Agri Sciences will be giving a presentation at the upcoming AHBIC AGM.

## **LOOKING FOR WORK**

The following has been received:-

From: Peyré Nicolas [mailto:nicolas.peyre17@gmail.com]

My name is Nicolas PEYRE and I'm a young 27-year-old French beekeeper. Currently, I'm training to get my degree in beekeeping on December the 13th, in 2013.

I'm contacting you on behalf of Henri Clément- who intervened in APIMONDIA in Montpellier in 2009- and also of Gilles Ratia who is the managing director of APIMONDIA.

I'm looking for a full-time job and I'd like to spend a part of the beekeeping season in your country, with a professional beekeeper, a queen rearer more particularly.

My father and my grandfather being both beekeepers, I have a lot of experience in that field and I want to take the family business and specialize in queen rearing.

However, before settling permanently, I would like to get some experience abroad and take advantage of the season difference between us to discover and learn other methods of beekeeping and rearing.

I can be available from December 15 th, 2013 to March or April.

I'm not asking for a big pay. I just want to work and have a place to sleep since my only goal is to learn and offer help.

We will talk later about the details concerning the plane ticket, the visa and the accomodation.

The family farm has existed since 1951 in the South of France . It mainly deals with honey production and has 1000 beehives.

I'm looking forward to receiving an answer from you.

Yours sincerely.

## **BULK PROPOLIS CAPSULES**

I had a call from Jason Kelly looking for a bulk supply of propolis capsules. If you are interested call him on 0422 313 514.



## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

The Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) publish the new chemicals registered. There are a couple of links I found but you may want to do some more research if you could be affected. No doubt some beekeepers may come across these.

<b>Product Name:</b>	Sinon Catcher 18 EC Insecticide/Miticide
<b>Active Constituent/s:</b>	18 g/L abamectin
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Sinon Australia Pty Limited
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	102 741 024
<b>Summary of Use:</b>	For the control of pest mites on pears, apples, tomatoes, citrus, hops, strawberries and ornamentals, and for the control of pest mites and native budworm on cotton
<b>Date of Registration:</b>	7 June 2013
<b>Label Approval No:</b>	68927/59396

See <http://pmep.cce.cornell.edu/profiles/extoxnet/24d-captan/abamectin-ext.html> for information.

<b>Product Name:</b>	Apparent Onslaught Insecticide
<b>Active Constituent/s:</b>	200 g/L fipronil
<b>Applicant Name:</b>	Apparent Pty. Ltd.
<b>Applicant ACN:</b>	143 724 136
<b>Summary of Use:</b>	For the control of various insect pests in bananas, brassicas, cotton, wine grapevines, mushrooms, pasture, potatoes, sorghum and sugarcane
<b>Date of Registration:</b>	27 May 2013
<b>Label Approval No:</b>	68751/59011

Note this is a new product name for fipronil.

## ASIAN BEES

After today (30 June), the Transition to Management Plan (T2M) for the Asian bees is finished. This means that the Federal Government will no longer have any input into the current incursion except for continuing to try to keep the area around the port of Cairns free so as to be able to quickly get on top of any new incursion that may occur. This work is being carried out by Commonwealth DAFF Northern Australian Quarantine Strategy staff in Cairns. Let us hope we do not get any more incursions. One is enough.

There are still some research projects under the supervision of RIRDC that will be ongoing with some final results not in until June, 2014.

The Queensland Government is passing responsibility to their Apiary officers as the Cairns team is no longer in place.

The issue of having a Control Area in place is still not resolved. It is my considered opinion this needs to be there to protect our current live bee exports to Canada. Dr. Jeff Pettis from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) made it quite clear at the New South Wales Apiarists Association conference in May this year that the USDA will need some Control Area in place before they would consider re-opening the import of live bees from Australia.

The Queensland Department have agreed not to rescind the current Restricted Area until this matter is resolved. We thank them for this as I believe that when we move to a Control Area then we must have continuity from the Restricted Area to the Control Area. Any gap would be an excuse for the US to again not resume importing live bees from Australia.

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<p><b>Yes I wish to support my industry</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Up to 50 hives = \$50.00      <input type="checkbox"/> 51 and over hives = \$1.00 per hive</p> <p><small>Please circle</small></p> <table><tr><td><div>yes / no</div></td><td><b>Please publicise my name on the front of the AHBIC Newsletter</b></td></tr><tr><td><div>yes / no</div></td><td><b>I would like to receive the AHBIC Annual Report</b></td></tr><tr><td><div>yes / no</div></td><td><b>Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (<i>email preferred</i>)</b></td></tr></table>		<div>yes / no</div>	<b>Please publicise my name on the front of the AHBIC Newsletter</b>	<div>yes / no</div>	<b>I would like to receive the AHBIC Annual Report</b>	<div>yes / no</div>	<b>Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (<i>email preferred</i>)</b>
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**CHEQUE** \$ ..... Please include this form with your Cheque or Money Order.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT:**

**Account Name:** Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank, Maroubra Junction, NSW.

**BSB:** 062 198

**Account No:** 1022 2090

**When paying by Direct Deposit**

please \* **quote your Company / Name as the Reference**  
and \* **email your details** (as above) to: [ahbic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:ahbic@honeybee.org.au)

*Thank you for supporting AHBIC to continue supporting your industry at a national level.  
It is gratefully appreciated.*



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## 2013 Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Country Comfort Intercity Hotel & Apartments,  
249 -263 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6014

### Registration Form

*(for Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July ONLY)*

**Registration includes - Morning & Afternoon Tea and Lunch**

*Please circle* **AHBIC Delegate**

**Cost: Free**

**Non Delegate**

**Cost: \$60.00 (includes GST)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please have Registration and Payment to AHBIC  
by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

#### Payment by Cheque

*(please include this form)*

*Please make cheque payable  
to AHBIC and post to:*

**P.O. Box 4253  
Raceview Qld 4305**

#### Payment by Direct Deposit

*(please post OR email this form to AHBIC)*

**Bank: Commonwealth Bank**  
**Account Name: AHBIC**  
**BSB No: 062 198**  
**Account No: 1022 2090**  
**Please use your NAME as REFERENCE**

#### **Registration & Payment:**

- **WAFarmers Beekeepers AGM and Industry Dinner** (at above venue) on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July requires registration & payment to:  
WAFarmers – Phone: 08 9486 2100 Email: [reception@wafarmers.org.au](mailto:reception@wafarmers.org.au)
- **AHBIC Meeting** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, requires registration & payment to AHBIC



# REGISTRATION

## Beekeepers Annual General Meeting

Friday 5 July 2013

Country Comfort Inter City Perth

249 – 263 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104

ABN: 75 877 985 228



**PLEASE REGISTER BY 25 JUNE 2013 to:**

Mrs Melanie Tolich, WAFarmers Federation, PO BOX 6291 East Perth, WA 6892

E: [melanietolich@wafarmers.org.au](mailto:melanietolich@wafarmers.org.au) P: 08 9486 2100 F: 08 9361 3544

Please retain a copy for tax purposes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

WAFarmers Conference Friday 5 July 2013      Number attending    Amount

Member	\$40	_____	_____
Non Member	\$50	_____	_____
Industry Dinner	\$80	_____	_____
Payment at the door (\$10 extra)	\$10	_____	_____
<b>Total Payment (Inc. GST)</b>		_____	_____

### Names of Persons attending:

Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner: \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Dietary Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Please tick the appropriate payment option:

☐ A cheque written out to 'WA Farmers Federation' is enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Accommodation Available at venue (Please contact the hotel direct)** Country Comfort Inter City Hotel and Apartments, 249 – 263 Eastern Highway, Belmont, WA; Phone: 08 9478 0888 (speak to Ms Rina and quote "WAFarmers Beekeepers Conference"; Reservations:

[Reservations.intercityperth@countrycomforthotels.com](mailto:Reservations.intercityperth@countrycomforthotels.com); Prices: Deluxe \$189 Q or K; Studio - \$214 Q or K; Townhouse - \$356 3 bed, 2 bath, laundry, kitchen, lounge/dining, carport, separate entry.