



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 QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

The following list recognises contributions received since 1 November 2016

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

Abbott, Brian & Robin Proudford
AB's Honey
Amateur Beekeepers Asn of NSW Inc
Anderson, Cedar
Australian Organic Honey Company
Badger Head Bees
Bayside Beekeepers Association
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Bendigo Honey Pty. Ltd.
Blair, Shona
Blue Hills Honey
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Brenton, Daryl
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, David
Clifford, Ray
Cooper, Barry
Cooper, Casey
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Davey, Robin
Davies Apiaries
Dewar, Robert & Melissa
Enslin, Darren
Faithfull, Mark

Flow Hive
Gells Honey Maryborough
Gerdts, Jody
Glasby, Garry
Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers
Society
Gold Coast Regional Beekeepers Inc.
Grizzly Bear Apiaries
Gustare Honey Australia P/L
Heritage Honey
Honeylife Australia
Honeyworks Pty Ltd
Hooper, Ben
Hornsby Beekeeping Supplies
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Bryn
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, Joshua
Klingner, Craig
Le Feuvre, Danny
Lukas, Barbara
Masters, Neil & Sharon
MacGibbon, Kevin
McDonald, Peter
McDonald, Robert
Morgan, Trevor

Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
Northside Beekeepers Association Inc.
NT Bees (Aust)
Panda Honey – honey buyers
Plum, Len & Susan
Quality Beekeeping Supplies
R. Stephens
RL Dewar- Bee Build
Rohrlach, T & A
Rotary Club of Caulfield
Ruge Honey
Saxonbee Enterprises
Shaw, Robert
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
The House of Honey
Trigg, Margaret
Valkenburg Apiaries
Watson, James
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Western Honey Supplies Pty Ltd
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CERTIFICATE III IN BEEKEEPING

Skills Impact have received a grant to look at the Certificate III in Beekeeping. A preliminary meeting was held with State Associations and AHBIC representatives on 11 October. The meeting examined the competencies in the Certificate and many useful changes were suggested.

There is now an opportunity for others interested in the Certificate III in Beekeeping to have input. Go to <http://www.skillsimpact.com.au/agriculture/training-package-projects/apiculture-bees-project/> There you will be able to register your interest plus register to attend a face to face consultation workshop.

RETIREMENT OF MARGARET BLUNDEN

I see in the Honeybee News that Margaret Blunden is retiring as Editor of Honeybee News.

In her farewell Margaret refers to when she began with the Australian Honey Board back in 1984. I would be one of few in the industry today who remembers this.

A couple of other points that Margaret did not mention in her farewell was that when the Australia Honey Board was wound up, industry moved its activities to the Australian Horticultural Council. Margaret worked there and her experience from the Australian Honey Board days was invaluable as we worked in an environment that was not always friendly towards the beekeeping industry.

Another of Margaret's long lasting legacies is the work she did for Apimondia in Melbourne in 2007. If you have a satchel from the Melbourne Apimondia and you are still using it today, like I am, then thank Margaret. Who has one of those bee ties that were sold at Apimondia? Also thank Margaret. Margaret was responsible for obtaining the merchandise that we sold at Apimondia. Notably there was no junk.

Margaret was also helping out in the AHBIC office over many years and did a lot of good work there.

So Margaret, as you settle into retirement with Bruce, can I, on behalf of AHBIC, thank you for your work for the industry.

ROADMAP FOR INSECT POLLINATORS

The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) have released the Roadmap for insect pollinator risk assessments in Australia. It can be found at <https://apvma.gov.au/node/27556>

The APVMA is in the process of implementing the labelling for risk mitigation for pollinators for new chemistry and at chemical review (<https://apvma.gov.au/node/10916>). As noted we are currently expecting to publish the environment component to the fipronil review in the 3rd quarter of the 17/18 financial year. This will include consideration of the labelling as outlined in the roadmap.

FORMATION OF AN AUSTRALIAN MANUKA HONEY ASSOCIATION

There is much activity in the formation of the Australian Manuka Honey Association (AMHA). There have been several articles in the press. See <https://thewest.com.au/business/agriculture/not-cool-bro-nz-producers-want-name-rights-to-our-manuka-honey-ng-b88641004z> and <https://www.pressreader.com/australia/the-west-australian/20171027/281934543199632>

Peter McDonald has taken over the role as AHBIC observer with the AMHA.

If you are interested in joining the AMHA contact Paul Callander at pc@manukalife.net.au

AGM

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

WA Farmers Federation – Beekeepers Section	4 May -
South Australian Apiarists Association	17 May -
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 May -
Victorian Apiarists Association	31 May – 1 June -
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	1 July – Gold Coast
New South Wales Apiarists Association	26 June – 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.: 111536
Product name: Submarino Lambda 250 CS Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
Applicant name: Submarino Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 616 055 559
Summary of use: For the control of certain insect pests in cotton, barley, wheat and various field crops
Date of registration/approval: 28 September 2017
Product registration no.: 84842
Label approval no.: 84842/111536

Application no.: 112666
Product name: Uptown Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 440 g/L buprofezin
Applicant name: Farmalinx Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 134 353 245
Summary of use: For the control of red scale and white louse scale, jassids (leafhoppers) and longtail, citrus and citrophilous mealybugs in citrus crops; mealybugs in grapes and pears; mealybugs and scales in persimmons, custard apples and passionfruit and mango scale in mangoes
Date of registration/approval: 28 September 2017
Product registration no.: 85223
Label approval no.: 85223/112666

Application no.: 111445
Product name: Raystar Lambda Cyhalothrin 250 CS Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
Applicant name: Raystar Crop Protection Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 610 946 784
Summary of use: For the control of pests in cotton, barley, wheat and field crops
Date of registration/approval: 28 September 2017
Product registration no.: 84799
Label approval no.: 84799/111445

Application no.: 110316
Product name: Genfarm Imidacloprid 350 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 350 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name: Landmark Operations Limited
Applicant ACN: 008 743 217
Summary of use: For the control of various insect pests in sugarcane, cotton, fruit, vegetables and ornamentals
Date of registration/approval: 9 October 2017
Product registration no.: 84404
Label approval no.: 84404/110316

Application no.: 110165
Product name: Surefire Vista 200SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/L fipronil
Applicant name: PCT Holdings Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 099 023 962
Summary of variation: To include new uses for control of grasshoppers and locusts in pasture and sorghum
Date of variation: 4 October 2017
Product registration no.: 63581
Label approval no.: 63581/11016

Application no.: 107811
Active constituent/s: Diflubenzuron
Applicant name: Arysta Lifescience Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 005 225 507
Summary of use: For use in veterinary and agricultural products
Date of approval: 4 October 2017
Approval no.: 83237

Application no.: 110970
Product name: Farmalinx Energise Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 44 g/kg emamectin present as emamectin benzoate
Applicant name: Farmalinx Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 134 353 245
Summary of use: For control of diamondback moth (cabbage moth) and cabbage white butterfly in brassica vegetables; light brown apple moth and grapevine moth in grapes; and heliothis in capsicum, lettuce, sweet corn and tomatoes
Date of registration/approval: 10 October 2017
Product registration no.: 84630
Label approval no.: 84630/110970

Application no.: 111529
Product name: Submarino Chlorpyrifos 500 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/L chlorpyrifos (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Submarino Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 616 055 559
Summary of use: For the control of insect pests of cassava, cereals, forage crops, fruit, ginger, grapevines, hops, oilseed, pasture, pineapples, sugar cane, and vegetable crops
Date of registration/approval: 20 October 2017
Product registration no.: 84836
Label approval no.: 84836/111529

AUSTRADE SEMINARS

Austrade are conducting a series of seminars on business opportunities in the Middle East, North Africa and Turkey. For details see https://www.austrade.gov.au/Events/Events/mena-connection-seminars?utm_campaign=TRADE-MI-MENA+Connection+Seminar+2017&utm_medium=email&utm_source=TRADE-MI-MENA+Connection+Seminars+2017

BEEKEEPING PhD's AVAILABLE THROUGH CRC

The CRC for Honey bee products is looking for 16 PhDs to investigate a wide variety of projects all related to adding value to the honey bee product.

There has been interest from overseas students but this is an excellent opportunity for students in Australia to become involved in honey bee research. There is a shortage of honey bee researchers in Australia so this could be the start of a great career in honey bee research.

The projects are up on 'Find a PhD' website

<https://www.findaphd.com/search/phd.aspx?keywords=honey%20bee>

CODE OF PRACTICE

Western Australia is about to appoint their Bee Biosecurity Officer (BBO). This will now make BBO's in Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania. South Australia had advertised and offered the position to two (2) different people who declined. South Australia is now to re-advertise and hopefully have someone in place before the end of this year. Queensland is still negotiating with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on a BBO.

The Biosecurity Online Training (BOLT) course on Biosecurity for Beekeepers is up and running. Beekeepers who own 50 or more hives can obtain a token which allows them to do the course for free. Check with your BBO or State Department to find out how you can obtain the token. Beekeepers with less than 50 hives can do the course for a cost of \$20.

As of 23 October, there had been 405 people who had registered for the course with a 72% completion rate. The average time taken to complete the course is 93 minutes. So far the breakdown is 49% hobby beekeepers, 35% commercial and 16% undefined. The undefined ones are people who helped out by enrolling in the early days to trial the course and make sure it ran smoothly.

THIRD AUSTRALIAN BEE CONGRESS

Planning is well underway for the Third Australian Bee Congress to be held on the Gold Coast from 27 – 30 June 2018. The website is www.australianbeecongress.com.au

I hope that you have put this in your diary for next year.

There are opportunities for sponsorships and also for trade show sites both inside and outside.

Sponsorship gives you an opportunity to put your name forward to the beekeeping industry and show that you are supporting your industry. The trade show is an excellent opportunity to showcase your products to the beekeepers who will be attending.

B-QUAL

B-QUAL met recently and Barry Pobke has retired from the Board after 14 years of service. Thank you Barry for your time as a Board member and Chairman.

Three new Board members have been appointed and the full Board is Wayne Fuller, Chairman, Dr. Nicholas Chantler AM, Lindsay Bourke, Don Muir, Martin Drake and Paul Costa.

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