



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 October 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
Badger Head Bees
Bayside Beekeepers Association Inc
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Bliss, Stephen
Blue Hills Honey
Bluebees Producers
Bourke, Lindsay
Buntine, Bob
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, Ray
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Dewar Apiaries
Enslin, Darren
Faithfull, Mark
Gells Honey

Gold Coast Amateur Beekeepers
Society Inc.
Green, Lionel
Heritage Honey
Honeylife Australia
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Hum Honey
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Lees, Ian
MacGibbon, Kevin
McLaren, Jane
Magor, RR
Masters, N & S
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal
Panda Honey – honey buyers

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
Trigg, M
Watson, James
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Willemsen, Dale
Williams JW & MA
Witz, Ron
Zadow Apiaries

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DRAFT POLICY REVIEW FOR IMPORTATION OF DRONE BEE SEMEN



Advice has been received from the Department of Agriculture that the draft policy review of the Importation of Drone Bee Semen is out for comment. It can be found at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2015-16> Comments are due in by 1 December, 2015.

Collecting semen from a drone bee

BEESWAX TO JAPAN

Under the free trade agreement with Japan there is a gradual reduction of tariffs on honey and beeswax.

AHBIC has been advised by Austrade in Japan that in recent times there has been beeswax exported from Australia that did not take advantage of the reduction in tariff. The current tariff is 10.5% down from 12.8 % pre the free trade agreement. The tariff gradually reduces over the coming years until 1 April 2024 when it will be zero.

For more information of the Free Trade Agreement with Japan see <http://dfat.gov.au/trade/agreements/jaepa/pages/japan-australia-economic-partnership-agreement.aspx>

BIOSECURITY FARMER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Lindsay Bourke who was named the Biosecurity Farmer of the Year (Plants). As reported last month this was the fourth year that Lindsay has been a finalist. Truly an amazing record.

B-QUAL

B-Qual meet this month and Dr. Nicholas Chantler from Tasmania has been appointed as a Director. Following the AGM the Board is:-

Barry Pobke – Chairman
Ian Zadow
Wayne Fuller
Dr. Nicholas Chantler
Trevor Weatherhead (Secretary)
Tony Fuchs (Public Officer)

PASSING OF PETER MOLAN

Peter Molan passed away peacefully at his home on 16 September, 2015 aged 71 years.

Peter will be remembered for his great work in bringing manuka honey to the fore in New Zealand. Australia was able to identify that we also have jellybush honey as well as manuka both of which have the same properties.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no:	101975
Product name:	AC Fortifen 100EC Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	100 g/L bifenthrin
Applicant name:	Axichem Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	131 628 594
Summary of use	For the control of helicoverpa spp. in cotton, tomatoes lucerne seed crops, navy beans; carpophilus beetle in stone fruit (except cherries); certain species of mites in bananas, cotton and tomatoes; longtailed mealy bug in pears; banana weevil borer and banana rust thrips in bananas; mirids in cotton; whitefly in tomatoes; redlegged earth mite, blue oat mite, bryobia mite, webworm and brown pasture looper in faba beans, subterranean clover, clover, canola, wheat, barley, field peas, lupins and lucerne; vegetable weevil in canola; and certain species of wireworms in cotton and sugarcane; fig longicorn in grapes and citrus leaf eating weevil in citrus
Date of registration/approval:	7 August 2015
Product registration no:	80940
Label approval no:	80940/101975
Application no:	80093
Product name:	Oztec Chlorpyrifos 500EC Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	500 g/L chlorpyrifos (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name:	Oztec Rural Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	056 693 095
Summary of use	For the control of a wide range of insect pests on fruit, vegetables, oilseed, cotton, cereals, pasture, turf and other situations
Date of registration/approval:	10 August 2015
Product registration no:	80093
Label approval no:	80093/100196
Application no.:	102241
Product name:	Genfarm Methomyl 225 Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	225 g/L methomyl (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name:	Landmark Operations Limited
Applicant ACN:	008 743 217
Summary of use	For the control of insect pests in various crops
Date of registration/approval:	28 August 2015
Product registration no.:	81052
Label approval no.:	81052/102241
Application no:	103486
Product name:	Arysta Lifescience Abamectin Insecticide/Miticide EC
Active constituent/s:	18 g/L abamectin
Applicant name:	Chemtura Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	005 225 507
Summary of variation:	To change the distinguishing product name and the name that appears on the label from 'CHEMTURA ABAMECTIN INSECTICIDE/MITICIDE EC' to 'ARYSTA LIFESCIENCE ABAMECTIN INSECTICIDE/MITICIDE EC'
Date of variation:	11 August 2015
Product registration no.:	63632
Label approval no.:	63632/103486

Application no: 102092
Product name: Confidor Guard Soil Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 350 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name: Bayer Cropscience Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 000 226 02268735
Summary of variation: To extend the use to include the control of various canegrub species and peanut white grub in peanuts and control of silver leaf whitefly in brassicas
Date of variation: 28 August 2015
Product registration no.: 55753
Label approval no.: 55753/102092
Application no.: 102225
Product name: NovaGuard Deltamethrin Duo Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 27.5 g/L deltamethrin
Applicant name: Novaguard Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 153 121 156
Summary of use: For the control of heliothis (*Helicoverpa* spp.) and other specified pests in cotton and various other crops
Date of registration/approval: 7 September 2015
Product registration no.: 81047
Label approval no.: 81047/102225

Application no.: 101867
Product name: EUREKA! Imidacloprid 350 Soil Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 350 g/L imidacloprid
Applicant name: Eureka! Agresearch Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 086 194 738
Summary of use: For use as a soil applied treatment for the control of greyback and childers canegrub in sugarcane and silverleaf whitefly in various vegetable crops
Date of registration/approval: 14 September 2015
Product registration no.: 80878
Label approval no.: 80878/101867

Product name: Apparent Lambda-Cyhalothrin 250 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
Applicant name: Apparent Pty. Ltd.
Applicant ACN: 143 724 136
Summary of use: For the control of certain insect pests in cotton, barley, wheat and various field crops as per the directions for use
Date of registration/approval: 14 September 2015
Product registration no.: 81257
Label approval no.: 81257/102693

AGM

Annual conferences for 2016 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	Townsville
New South Wales Apiarists Association	12 & 13 May - Riverina
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	27 – 28 May
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	TBA
South Australian Apiarists Association	16 – 17 June
Victorian Apiarists Association	8 – 9 June, Wangaratta
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	Townsville

CATEGORISATION

The categorisation process is underway for four of the exotic mites, *Varroa destructor*, *V. jacobsoni*, *Tropilaelaps clareae* and *T. mercedesae*. There is no outcome as yet.

ABARES SURVEY

AHBIC has been in discussion with ABARES re the survey for which Minister Joyce provided the funding. The questionnaire has been finalised and should provide some relevant data for our industry.

ABARES will be contacting beekeepers to take part in the survey. If you are asked, AHBIC would ask that you take the time to be part of the survey. It will be a face to face survey.

ALLERGIES

I came across this PowerPoint on allergies which may be of interest to you. It was given in 2011 by a member of the group who is an anaesthetist.

See <http://www.stratfordbeekeepers.org.uk/Newsletters/AllergyAndAnaphylaxis.ppt>

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

For the financial year ended 30 June, 2015 Australia exported 4,189 tonnes of honey. The top five (5) destinations were China, Malaysia, Philippines, United Kingdom and Hong Kong.

During the same period Australia imported 8,813 tonnes of honey with the top five (5) countries being China, New Zealand, Argentina, Mexico and Brazil.

AUSTRALIAN HONEY WINS AT APIMONDIA

Lindsay Bourke entered his leatherwood honey into the honey competition at Apimondia in Korea last month and won. Congratulations to Lindsay.



BEECONNECTED

Matthew Cossey, CEO of CropLife Australia has sent AHBIC a letter outlining the success so far of BeeConnected. I would hope that beekeepers are using this as it is a very useful tool in helping avoid accidental spraying of bees.

It is great to see the award BeeConnected has received and the fact that it is now to be launched in three countries and five different languages. AHBIC is pleased to have been a part of this program but, as I have said, it is there to be used.

“BeeConnected was launched one year ago on the 25th of September to enable easy and private communication between farmers and beekeepers, helping them to protect bees. In the year since its launch, BeeConnected has seen significant user uptake, received positive reviews, won a prestigious international award, is being rolled out in three countries and, most importantly, is helping to keep Australia’s honeybee colonies the healthiest in the world.

BeeConnected is an award-winning example of what the Australian plant science and agriculture industry, in partnership with the Honey Bee Industry, is doing to keep it this way.

Recently, BeeConnected, as part of CropLife Australia’s Pollinator Protector Initiative, was awarded the Best Stewardship Programme at the prestigious international Agrow Awards in London. Receiving this award is recognition of the global leadership in industry stewardship by CropLife’s members and the significant support of our official supporters.

Australian farmers, contractors and beekeepers are using the application to communicate and collaborate with other users to ensure best-practice pollinator protection. Users receive real-time information about nearby beekeeper presence or crop protection application activity and are able to instantly message other users to help keep Australia’s honeybees healthy while also maintaining their privacy, all from their smartphone device or computer. Without the promotion and support of the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council, the success of BeeConnected would not be possible.

After the success of BeeConnected in Australia, CropLife Australia is launching BeeConnected in countries in three continents, in five different languages, for a number of our international sister organisations and industry alliances. BeeConnected will soon be connecting farmers and beekeepers globally, helping to protect the health of honeybees around the world.”

EL NINO AHEAD?

Weather Bureau issues Climate Outlook for September to November 2015

The outlook for the next three months indicates:

A wetter-than-average spring is more likely in western and central Australia.

Warmer nights likely for most of Australia, with warmer days are likely along the east coast and far southwest Western Australia.

Climate influences include El Niño in the Pacific and record warm sea surface temperatures in the Indian Ocean.

Updated each month, Climate Outlooks provide a key service for many Australian sectors that need to look at the months and season ahead for their planning, such as the resources, agriculture and rural sectors, as well as emergency services.

Climate Outlooks indicate likely temperature and rainfall trends over monthly or seasonal timescales, and are driven by large-scale shifts in the climate such as El Niño or La Niña events.

By contrast, weather forecasts are currently produced out to seven days, and are used in short-term planning.

For more information, or to watch or share the video visit www.bom.gov.au/climate/ahead/

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