



# Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

## May 2015

### 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 May 2014**

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

Anderson, Stuart  
Australian Organic Honey Company  
Australian Queen Bee Exporters  
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  
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  
Heritage Honey  
Hooper, Ben  
Hum Honey  
Ipswich/West Moreton  
Beekeepers Assoc  
Jones, Daniel  
Kennett, JL & KA  
Klingner, Craig  
Lees, Ian  
MacGibbon, Kevin  
McDonald, RG  
McLaren, Jane  
Magor, RR  
Masters, N & S  
Morgan, Trevor  
Naicol Pty Ltd  
Nairn, Mal  
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  
Trigg, M  
Watson, James  
Weatherhead, T & M  
Weerona Apiaries  
Willemsen, Dale  
Williams JW & MA  
Witz, Ron  
Zadow Apiaries

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## **LATEST ON BEE BIOSECURITY PROGRAM AND CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Industry Working Group (IWG) members, Ian Zadow, Craig Klingner and Sam Malfroy have attended a couple of State conferences and are scheduled to give presentations at the remaining conferences over the next month.

Please make sure you read the latest version of the Code of Practice. There is also a version there with tracked changes so you can see where the changes have been made to the previous version. Details are on the AHBIC website.

## **ASIAN BEE DETECTION IN BRISBANE**

It has been reported to me that I may not have made the comments in the April newsletter re the varroa found on the Asian bees in the Brisbane interception as clear as I should have.

The varroa that were found were dead having been killed by the fumigation.

So this means our Australian beekeeping industry's freedom from varroa has been kept intact.

## **B-QUAL BOARD VACANCY**

After many years of sterling service Bill Winner has submitted his resignation from the B-Qual Board. I am sure that all would like to thank Bill for the time he has devoted to this position over the years.

This now means there is a vacancy on the Board. Expressions of interest are invited from anyone who feels they would like to contribute to our industry by being on the B-Qual Board. Please contact Trevor Weatherhead, B-Qual Secretary, by email at [ahbic@honeybee.org.au](mailto:ahbic@honeybee.org.au) or phone 07 5467 2265.

## **APIMONDIA**

Apimondia is not far off now. Details, including the latest newsletters, can be found at <http://www.apimondia2015.com/2015/eng/main.jsp> You are encouraged to attend.

It would seem that they are short on abstracts and thus papers for presentation. If there are researchers in Australia who believe they have some good information to present, please go to the website and look at the abstracts section.

## **PROPOSED AUCTION OF BEE SITES IN NSW**

The auction has proceeded. It is seen that these auctions are not, in the long term, a benefit for our industry here in Australia.

The New South Wales Apiarists Association is following up with Forestry Corporation of New South Wales on this issue and will be putting out information.

The current system that is used in allocating sites has been a tried and proven system which gives some security to beekeepers. An auction system will give no security and has the potential to drive beekeepers out of our industry. This to the detriment of the horticulture and agriculture industries.

## NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

**Application no.:** 100117  
**Product name:** Apparent Methomyl 225 Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 225 g/L methomyl (an anti-cholinesterase compound)  
**Applicant name:** Apparent Pty. Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 143 724 136  
**Summary of use:** For the control insect pests in various crops  
**Date of registration/approval:** 13 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 80047  
**Label approval no.:** 80047/100117

**Application no.:** 101058  
**Product name:** Genfarm Omethoate 290 Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 290 g/L omethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)  
**Applicant name:** Landmark Operations Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 008 743 217  
**Summary of use:** For the control of redlegged earth mite, blue oat mite, lucerne flea pastures, cereals, oilseed and legume crops, and blue green aphid and cowpea aphid on pasture legumes, lucerne, faba beans and vetch  
**Date of registration/approval:** 14 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 80532  
**Label approval no.:** 80532/101058

**Application no.:** 101072  
**Product name:** Genfarm Dimethoate 400 Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 400 g/L dimethoate (an anticholinesterase compound)  
**Applicant name:** Landmark Operations Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 008 743 217  
**Summary of use:** For the control of a wide range of insect pests on fruit trees, certain vegetables, citrus, pastures, cotton, lucerne, peanuts and ornamentals  
**Date of registration/approval:** 14 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 80540  
**Label approval no.:** 80540/101072

**Application no.:** 100199  
**Product name:** Ruler 200 Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 200 g/L fipronil  
**Applicant name:** Grow Choice Pty Limited  
**Applicant ACN:** 069 839 961  
**Summary of use:** For the control of various insect pests in asparagus, bananas, brassicas, cotton, forestry, ginger, wine grapevines, mushrooms, pasture, potatoes, sorghum, sugarcane and swede  
**Date of registration/approval:** 16 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 80096  
**Label approval no.:** 80096/100199

**Application no.:** 60955  
**Product name:** Rotam Allez 350 SC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 350 g/L imidacloprid  
**Applicant name:** Rotam Agrochemical Co., Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** N/A  
**Summary of use:** For foliar treatment for control of various insects of cotton, fruit, vegetables and ornamentals and as a soil applied treatment for a range of insect pests in vegetable crops  
**Date of registration/approval:** 23 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 69506  
**Label approval no.:** 69506/60955

**Application no.:** 101241  
**Product name:** Titan Alpha-Cypermethrin 250 SC Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 250 g/L alpha-cypermethrin  
**Applicant name:** Titan Ag Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 122 081 574  
**Summary of use** For the control of certain insect pests on various field crops and pastures  
**Date of registration/approval:** 29 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 80598  
**Label approval no.:** 80598/101241

**Application no.:** 62504  
**Product name:** suSCon maxi Intel Soil Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 50 g/kg imidacloprid  
**Applicant name:** Crop Care Australasia Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 061 362 347  
**Summary of use** For protection against greyback, negatoria, consobrina and Bundaberg canegrub for 3 years; and Childers and southern one-year canegrub damage for 4 years in sugarcane using sustained control technology  
**Date of registration/approval:** 30 April 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 70098  
**Label approval no.:** 70098/62504

**Application no.:** 62448  
**Product name:** Movento Energy Insecticide  
**Active constituent/s:** 120 g/L imidacloprid, 120 g/L spirotetramat  
**Applicant name:** Bayer Cropscience Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 000 226 022  
**Summary of use** For control of banana rust thrips and banana weevil borer in bananas  
**Date of registration/approval:** 1 May 2015  
**Product registration no.:** 70076  
**Label approval no.:** 70076/62448

**Application no.:** 63450  
**Active constituent/s:** Thiacloprid  
**Applicant name:** Sabakem Pty Ltd  
**Applicant ACN:** 151 682 138  
**Summary of use:** For use in agricultural chemical products  
**Date of approval:** 30 April 2015  
**Approval no.:** 70432

## AGM

The AHBIC AGM is being held on 4 July, 2015 at Penrith. This year the format will be different to other years. Up until lunch time there will be media training for the AHBIC delegates and this will not be open to observers. After lunch delegates will move into the formal part of the AGM and observers will be welcome to attend.

AHBIC can offer lunch and attendance at the afternoon business session for any observers. If you wish to avail yourself of this offer please fill out the form which is included in this newsletter.

This year there are vacancies for the Deputy Chairperson and two Executive members.

## PLANT HEALTH AUSTRALIA

Plant Health Australia has released its Annual Operational Plan for 2015-16. It can be seen at <http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Annual-Operational-Plan-2015-16.pdf>

## ANNUAL MEETINGS

AHBIC will be holding its AGM on Saturday 4 July 2015 at the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club at 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith. This will follow the NSWAA conference on 2 -3 July. More details above. 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	2 May - Perth
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

## CATEGORISATION

Comments on the papers that AHBIC sent out have been received back from the affected parties. These have been examined and the final papers have been prepared taking into account these comments. These documents are just going through a final check before being sent out. Then the Categorisation meeting will be called.

## HONEY MONTH

Many activities have been held during May in conjunction with Honey Month. There will be reports in next month's newsletter and also posted on the AHBIC website. Thank you to all those who have been involved.

## FEDERAL BIOSECURITY BILL

The new Biosecurity Bill has been passed by the Federal Parliament. It is expected to come into effect in about 12 months time.

## NEW SECRETARY FOR QBA

The QBA has a new Secretary, Elise Whittaker. Elise has had some experience with beekeeping being the daughter of the retired Apiary Officer in Queensland, Peter Warhurst.

We welcome Elsie into the industry fold.

## PHA MEETING

AHBIC recently attended a Plant Health Australia (PHA) meeting in Melbourne.

At that meeting there was an Issue Resolution Group (IRG) set up to look at some issues that have arisen regarding owner re-imburement costs in the event of an incursion. AHBIC will be represented on this IRG as an issue has been identified in relation to whether pollination contracts would form part of the owner re-imburements. This issue had been previously raised through Exercise Acari.

## **PROPOLIS RESEARCH**

I have been contacted by a company which is having some research on propolis carried out at a University here in Australia.

The aims of the research are

1. To find out how Australian propolis is different to imported propolis,
2. To find any advantage Australian propolis has over imported propolis,
3. To eventually create the market of Australian propolis and help local beekeepers sell their propolis at a competitive price against imported material.

What they need is

- 2 sponsors from each state of Australia, including Tasmania,
- each sponsor will provide 4kg of propolis from his own apiary (4 kg ideally since the research will run for another 2 years; I think 2kg is the minimum quantity)
- the propolis should be the raw material, not treated by heating or washing (e.g. to remove the beeswax)
- the sponsors will fill out an information form provided by the research team that includes the dates and sites of collection, major tree and honeybee species, rough quantity collected from different hives etc. (they can post whatever quantity they collect along with the information sheet to the research people every month or every 2 months)

If you are interested please contact Nancy Wang at [beehives@vdirect.com.au](mailto:beehives@vdirect.com.au)

## **PROPOSED RELOCATION OF RIRDC**

AHBIC has received a letter from Minister Barnaby Joyce stating that he was proposing to relocate the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) to Albury-Wodonga.

AHBIC had been approached on this matter previously and AHBIC had replied at that time that we could see no advantages to our beekeeping industry by relocating RIRDC.

In reply this time AHBIC pointed out that AHBIC is funded by voluntary contributions from beekeepers and honey packers and we need to be prudent in the spending of our funds. As an exercise the cost of airflights from Brisbane to Canberra and return as compared to Brisbane to Canberra to Albury to Brisbane showed that even with the cheapest fares available AHBIC would be up for an extra \$400 and this did not take account of any extra accommodation as a result of having to make the trip to Albury.

It was pointed out that when we go to Canberra we are able to make visits to many organisations, Government Departments and other agencies. By shifting RIRDC to Albury-Wodonga these economies are not available.

The other worrying aspects was that the Minister said that RIRDC would need to fund the relocation. This would mean that there would need to be the allocation of levies collected to make this possible. This would then mean that there would not be as much money available to fund our research projects.

Other organisations that are being proposed for relocation are the Grains Research and Development Corporation to Wagga Wagga, Fisheries Research to Hobart and the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority to either Armidale or Toowoomba.

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## 2015 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Penrith Panthers Leagues Club

123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith

### Registration Form

(for Saturday 4th July ONLY)

*Please tick one box*

- AHBIC Delegate:** **Morning Session (*Media Training*) for AHBIC Delegates ONLY**  
**Cost:** **FREE** (*includes Morning & Afternoon session, Morning & Afternoon tea & lunch*)
- Non-Delegate:** **Afternoon Session ONLY** (*includes Lunch and Afternoon Tea*)  
**Cost:** **\$30.00** (*GST inclusive*)

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Please have AHBIC Registration and Payment to AHBIC  
by 19 June 2015**

#### Payment by Cheque

Cheque Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**P.O. Box 4253**

**Raceview Qld 4305**

*(please include this form with Cheque)*

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Direct Deposit Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Bank:** **Bendigo Bank**

**Account Name:** **AHBIC**

**BSB No:** **633 000**

**Account No:** **150 976 405**

***Please use your NAME as REFERENCE***

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

#### Registration & Payment:

- **To attend the New South Wales Apiarists Association Annual Conference** (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July) **and Conference Dinner** (at above venue on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>) requires a separate registration & payment to: New South Wales Apiarists Assoc (NSWAA)  
Phone: 02 6373 1435 Email: [info@nswaa.com.au](mailto:info@nswaa.com.au)
- **AHBIC Meeting** on Saturday 4th July, requires **this registration & payment to AHBIC**

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