



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 January 2016

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

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Anderson, Stuart
Australian Organic Honey Company
Ayrleigh Apiaries
Badger Head Bees
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Bees Neez Apiaries
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Covey Bees
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Gells Honey
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Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Bryn and Warren
Jones, Daniel
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Le Feuvre, Danny

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MacGibbon, Kevin
Morgan, Trevor
Nairn, Mal
Northside Beekeepers Association Inc.
Panda Honey – honey buyers
Pavy, Rodney & Gail
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Rotary Club of Caulfield
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Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
Tasmanian Honey Company
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SEASON GREETINGS

I extend to all beekeepers, their families and friends of our beekeeping industry season greetings.

I hope that you were able to take time off and enjoy the company of family over Christmas and that Santa brought you something you could enjoy.

With the New Year I wish you all the best. This past year has been a difficult one for many of our beekeepers and Mother Nature has not been kind. However beekeepers are the eternal optimists and “there is always next year”.

From AHBIC’s perspective there have been many issues that we have had to deal with and this coming year is shaping up as another one where we will need to devote much work to the issues at hand.

AUSTRALIAN MANUKA AS POWERFUL AS NEW ZEALAND MANUKA

Research out of the University of Technology in Sydney has shown that in some cases Australian manuka has at least the same antibacterial properties as New Zealand manuka.

Interestingly Australian manuka honey that was seven (7) years old has been retested and the level of antibacterial properties has not changed.

There is a report on this on the ABC Rural website at <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-29/manuka-honey-antibacterial-australia-new-zealand/8151996>

PAYING THE HONEY LEVY ONLINE

If you are a Honey Levy payer you now have the ability to pay online. AHBIC had been negotiating with the Levies Unit at the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources for the ability to pay online. Previously the only way a return could be sent in was as a hard copy.

Whilst there is a cost initially to our industry, it will be more than made up for over time with no more manual processing of returns.

If you are a levy payer and have not received the information about on-line payments, please let me know and I will forward you the information.

AHBIC would encourage all levy payers to switch to online payments as this will keep down the levy collection costs.

RECORD ALMOND CROP – THANK YOU HONEY BEES

An ABC Rural article is reporting a record almond crop in Australia. See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-09/almond-boom-bonanza/8106566>

So looks like the honey bees have done a good job pollinating the flowers back in August. A win/win for both almond growers and beekeepers.

BEEKEEPERS RUN DOWN

It is unfortunate to report that three beekeepers were deliberately run down at a bee site in the Dalmorton State Forest south of Grafton. For the full report see <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-12-12/beekeepers-struck-by-car-hit-and-run/8111816>



VARROA TRANSFER AT FLOWERS

An interesting report has been published. See <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0167798> which reports how *Varroa destructor* mites can nimbly climb from flowers onto foraging honey bees.

Interestingly there is the reference to varroa being found on cut flowers in the USA which came from the Netherlands.

HONEY EXPORTS TO SAUDI ARABIA

To date no new developments in this area. Will be following up in the New Year.

LIVE BEE EXPORTS TO THE USA

Again nothing new in this area. Will be following up in the New Year.

AGM

Annual conferences for 2017, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

WA Farmers Federation – Beekeeping Section	13 May - Perth
New South Wales Apiarists Association	18 & 19 May - Ballina
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	26 & 27 May - Hobart
Victorian Apiarists Association	7 & 8 June - Warrnambool
Honey Packers and Marketers Association of Aust.	23 June
Queensland Beekeepers Association	29 June – 1 July - Gympie
South Australian Apiarists Association	6 & 7 July- Adelaide
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	8 July - Adelaide
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA

The dates for the South Australian Conference and the AHBIC AGM may change. Will advise when the final information is received.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.:	107672
Product name:	Barmac Fipronil 200 SC Insecticide
Active constituent/s:	200 g/L fipronil
Applicant name:	Amgrow Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN:	100 684 786
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:	29 November 2016
Product registration no.:	83168
Label approval no.:	83168/107672

CATEGORISATION

As far as I know the categorisation of *Varroa destructor* is back with the PHA Board for a decision.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA – CERTIFYING BODIES

AHBIC has received a new Market Access Advice for the Republic of Korea.

If you have not received a copy and want a copy let me know and I will forward.

VIDEO FROM HBRDC

The Honey Bee and Pollination Program in the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) have put out a best practice video on queen bee breeding. It features Lindsay Bourke and Bruce White. It can be seen at <https://youtu.be/X323jDWVvG0>

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