

# Industry update

## November 2018



**Current  
Projects**



**Invested  
in RD&E  
July - Sept  
2018**



**Committed  
to RD&E  
1 July 2018  
onwards**



### AgriFutures™ Honey Bee & Pollination Advisory Panel (L-R):

- Danny Le Feuvre
- Sam Malfroy
- Dr Doug Somerville (Chair)
- Dr Diana Leemon
- Ashley Zamek
- Dr Melanie Bradley (AgriFutures Australia Program Manager)
- Prof Saul Cunningham
- James Kershaw

### Current project: Women in Beekeeping Scholarship 2018 Queen Rearing Workshop

**Project Leader:** Benedict Hughes  
**Organisation:** The Practical Beekeeper  
**Project ID:** PRJ-011592

The Honey Bee & Pollination Program is proud to support the Women in Beekeeping – Queen Rearing Workshop Scholarship, allowing a female beekeeper to attend the annual three day Queen Bee Rearing workshop with The Practical Beekeeper and Bee Scientifics. The workshop will be held in Alphington, Victoria from 23 to 25 November. The scholarship recognises and celebrates the many women who play a significant role in beekeeping and progressing the Australian beekeeping industry. It also encourages the next generation of beekeepers to take their skills to the next level and explore new aspects of beekeeping.

Congratulations to NSW beekeeper, Jacky Bourke, who has been awarded the 2018 scholarship.

### Program team update

- AgriFutures Australia welcomed Annabel Stoddart to the team on Tuesday 30 October. Annabel has been recruited as Program Officer for the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee & Pollination, Pasture Seeds and Thoroughbred Horses Programs.
- Program Manager, Dr Melanie Bradley, will commence maternity leave from Monday 19 November.
- Annelies McGaw will be commencing Monday 26 November as Program Manager for the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee & Pollination, Pasture Seeds and Thoroughbred Horses Programs.

## Current projects

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Progressing implementation of genetic selection in Australian Honeybees

**Principal Investigator:** Robert Banks

**Research Organisation:** University of New England

**Expected Completion Date:** 31 December 2018

**Project ID:** PRJ-010257

Selection and Development of Australian Hygienic Honey Bee Lines

**Principal Investigator:** Jody Gerdts

**Research Organisation:** Bee Scientifics

**Expected Completion Date:** 14 January 2019

**Project ID:** PRJ-009904

Market and Production Potential for Australian Produced Propolis

**Principal Investigator:** Michael Clarke

**Research Organisation:** AgEconPlus Pty Ltd

**Expected Completion Date:** 31 May 2019

**Project ID:** PRJ-010777

Improving Biosecurity Resources and Better Understanding Bee Health in Australia

**Principal Investigator:** Rodney Turner

**Research Organisation:** Plant Health Australia Limited

**Expected Completion Date:** 30 July 2019

**Project ID:** PRJ-010226

Development of honeybee products from a biodiversity hotspot

**Principal Investigator:** Kate Hammer

**Research Organisation:** University of Western Australia

**Expected Completion Date:** 30 September 2019

**Project ID:** PRJ-010313

Active Australian Leptospermum honey: new sources and their bioactivity

**Principal Investigator:** Elizabeth Harry

**Research Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Expected Completion Date:** 28 October 2019

**Project ID:** PRJ-009186

Probiotic development for bees: analyzing gut bacteria in healthy bees

**Principal Investigator:** Murali Nayudu

**Research Organisation:** University Of Canberra

**Expected Completion Date:** 29 February 2020

**Project ID:** PRJ-010825

Honey Bee and Pollination Program Communications 2018-2020

**Principal Investigator:** Megan Woodward

**Organisation:** Cox Inall Communications

**Expected Completion Date:** 29 May 2020

**Project ID:** PRJ-011385

Improving the health of hives used in pollination

**Principal Investigator:** Katja Hogendoorn

**Research Organisation:** University of Adelaide

**Expected Completion Date:** 29 May 2020

**Project ID:** PRJ-010818

Investigating factors that influence chalkbrood outbreaks in Australia

**Principal Investigator:** John Roberts

**Research Organisation:** CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences

**Expected Completion Date:** 30 November 2020

**Project ID:** PRJ-010815

Increasing the value of Australian honey as a health food

**Principal Investigator:** Nural Cokcetin

**Research Organisation:** University of Technology Sydney

**Expected Completion Date:** 1 August 2021

**Project ID:** PRJ-010879

Visit the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee & Pollination Program website to learn more about current projects



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