

Industry update

January 2019



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Current
projects



\$602,516

Invested
in RD&E
January -
December
2018



\$1,182,767

Committed
to RD&E from
1 July 2018

AgriFutures™ Honey Bee & Pollination Program Advisory Panel

- Dr Doug Somerville (Chair)
- Danny Le Feuvre
- Sam Malfroy
- Dr Diana Leemon
- Ashley Zamek
- Prof Saul Cunningham
- James Kershaw
- Annelies McGaw (AgriFutures Australia Manager, Research)

Upcoming events

19-20
Feb

evoke^{AG}, Melbourne

21 Feb

AgriFutures™ Honey Bee
& Pollination Program
Advisory Panel meeting and
RD&E Plan workshop

1 Mar

AgriFutures™ Horizon
Scholarship applications
close

Project spotlight (current): Women in Beekeeping Scholarship 2018 Queen Rearing Workshop

Project Leader: Benedict Hughes

Organisation: The Practical Beekeeper

Project ID: PRJ-011592

In November 2018, The Practical Beekeeper (Benedict Hughes) and Bee Scientifics (Jody Gerdts) delivered their fourth annual queen rearing workshop in Melbourne. This year as part of the workshop the annual Women in Beekeeping – Queen Rearing Scholarship for a female beekeeper to attend was supported by AgriFutures Australia. The successful candidate was Jacqueline Bourke from NSW.

Jacqueline would like to run a small boutique queen rearing operation and was keen to learn new skills that would improve her ability to graft cells and raise queens. Jacqueline noted “Personally, the workshop has given me the confidence to know that the work I’m doing with my own bees is on the right path, plus that with the new skills I have learnt that I can certainly take my work as a small “queen rearer” to the next level.”



Scholarship recipient Jacky Bourke (centre), looking at hives with other queen rearing workshop participants

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Current projects

Women in Beekeeping Scholarship - 2018 Queen Rearing Workshop

Principal Investigator: Benefict Hughes
Research Organisation: The Practical Beekeeper
Expected Completion Date: 17 December 2018
Project ID: PRJ-011592

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

Review of investment in the Honey Bee and Pollination RD&E program-2014-19

Principal Investigator: Michael Clarke
Research Organisation: AgEconPlus Pty Ltd
Expected Completion Date: 19 April 2019
Project ID: PRJ-011631

Review of honey bee levies and fees

Principal Investigator: Michael Clarke
Research Organisation: AgEconPlus Pty Ltd
Expected Completion Date: 19 April 2019
Project ID: PRJ-011643

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: 15 July 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

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

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