



Industry update January 2019



Current
projects



Invested
in RD&E
January -
December
2018



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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