



4th AUSTRALIAN
Bee Congress

CELEBRATING HONEY BEES

8 - 11 June 2022

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Rosehill Gardens, Sydney, NSW

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PROGRAM

(correct at 27th May 2022, subject to change)

Wednesday 8th June

3:00pm – 7:30pm

Registration Desk Open

Exhibitor Bump-in

Grand Pavilion Level 1, Rosehill Gardens

5:30pm – 7:30pm

Welcome Reception

Grand Pavilion Level 2, Rosehill Gardens

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PROGRAM - Day 1

Thursday 9th June

8.00am **Registration Desk & Tradeshow Open**
Grand Pavilion Level 1, Rosehill Gardens

Session 1 **Congress Opening**
Grand Pavilion Level 2 South, Rosehill Gardens

9.00am **Welcome**
Dr Shona Blair, Chair of Congress Organising Committee

9.15am **Plenary Address: The History of Beekeeping in Australia**
Trevor Weatherhead AM, Chair of the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc

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9.45am **Platinum Sponsor Address**
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Session 2 **Bee Tech Competition**
Grand Pavilion Level 2 South, Rosehill Gardens
Chair: Olympia Yarger, GoTerra

9.50am **21st Century trends in Agriculture and how beekeeping can leverage the opportunities**
John Harvey, AgriFutures Australia

10.05am

Bee Tech pitches

New beekeeping technologies will be showcased by 7 competitors in 3-minute pitches – Visit the Bee Tech competitors' displays throughout Congress and vote for the technologies you think will be most helpful for beekeepers.

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& Pollination**

11.00am Morning Tea and Tradeshow

Session 3 Concurrent Session

	<i>3A: Industry updates</i>	<i>3B: Pests, Disease, Biosecurity</i>
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>AHBIC CEO</i>	<i>Dr Diana Leemon</i>
11.30am – 11.50am	Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) national priorities Trevor Weatherhead	AFB barrier system disease management in a commercial beekeeping business Casey Cooper
11.50am – 12.10pm	AgriFutures Honey Bee and Pollination Panel update Prof Ben Oldroyd	Varroa response, State Quarantine Response Teams, and all things bee biosecurity Nikki Jones
12.10pm – 12.30pm	Bushfire Industry Recovery Research update Stephen Targett	Small hive beetle - current and future developments and applications Kevin Farnier
12.30pm – 12.50pm	CRC Pollination Security bid application update Fiona Chambers	AFB E-nose technology research update and commercialisation plans Jessica Bikaun & Dr Julia Grassl

12.50pm Lunch & Tradeshow

Session 4 Concurrent Session

	<i>4A: Flora and bee nutrition</i>	<i>4B: Honey - traceability, authentication and sensory</i>
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Dr Julia Grassl</i>	<i>Dr Nural Cokcetin</i>
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Honey and pollen flora of SE Australia Dr Doug Somerville	Honey authentication using RNA (genetic) markers Dr Sarah Bajan
2.10pm – 2.30pm	CRC Honey Bee Products – nutrition research Clarisa Castanos	Honey fingerprinting (chemistry) Assoc Prof Cornelia Locher

	4A: Flora and bee nutrition (continued)	4B: Honey - traceability, authentication and sensory (continued)
2.30pm – 2.50pm	Honey bee nutrition research update Dr Madlen Kratz	Honey quality and chemistry AgriFutures project update Jamie Ayton
2.50pm – 3.10pm	Floral preferences during almond pollination Karen Santos	Honey – traceability and authentication Sharon Purchase
3.10pm – 3.30pm	When Bee Foundation Bee Friendly Planting Guides Fiona Chambers	An overview of medicinal honey research with an accreditation focus Kathryn Green

3.30pm Afternoon Tea & Tradeshow

Session 5 Concurrent Session

	5A: Bee biology	5B: Medicinal honey
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Dr Tom Gillard</i>	<i>Dr Soumi Paul Mukhopadhyay</i>
4.00pm – 4.20pm	Bee health and cognitive behaviour within honey bees Prof Andy Barron	Antifungal activity of honey Prof Dee Carter
4.20pm – 4.40pm	<i>Apis cerana</i> : Australia's other honey bee Dr Ros Gloag	How bee health impacts honey activity Dr Kenya Fernandes
4.40pm – 5.00pm	Best bees for Asia Pacific conditions and the 5 Pillars of beekeeping Dr Cooper Schouten	Medicinal and active honey Dr Nural Cokcetin

6.00pm - 9.00pm **Trade Show Evening Function**
Trade Exhibition areas, Rosehill Gardens

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PROGRAM - Day 2

Friday 10th June

7.00am -
8.30am

Beekeepers Breakfast

Quiz facilitated by Steve Fuller – and exciting team prizes to be won!
Baguette & Marscay Rooms, Rosehill Gardens

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8.30am

Registration Desk & Tradeshow Open

Grand Pavilion Level 1, Rosehill Gardens

Session 6

Plenary Session

Grand Pavilion Level 2 South, Rosehill Gardens

8.45am

Minister's Address – *The Hon. Dugald MP, Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW*

9.00am

Plenary Address: Honey bee science – *Emeritus Professor Ben Oldroyd, Professor of Behavioural Genetics, University of Sydney*
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9.30am

Plenary Address: Medicinal honey – the history and the science
Dr Nural Cokcetin, Research Fellow, ithree institute, University of Technology Sydney
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10.00am


Morning Tea and Tradeshow

Session 7 Concurrent Session

	7A: Pollination resilience	7B: Education and social enterprise
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Danny Le Feuvre</i>	<i>Dr Diana Leemon</i>
10.30am – 10.50am	The future of temperature sensing in hive auditing Dan Cook	Bees for development/international workers Dr Cooper Schouten
10.50am – 11.10am	Mechanical pollination, what is the future, will it ever replace honeybees? Prof Andy Barron	Accredited Beekeeper Traineeship and Certificate III in Beekeeping delivery Bianca Giggins
11.10am – 11.30am	Nutrition and pollination in protected cropping Dr Sophie Parks	Creative education, teaching kids to be bee citizen scientists Amelie Vanderstock
11.30am – 11.50am	Research in protected cropping systems Carolyn Sonter	TheBeekeeper.org and Flow Hive - funding global pollinator initiatives and beekeeping for development Stuart Anderson
11.50am – 12.10pm	B-Qual – industry owned Quality Assurance updates Wayne Fuller	Training apiary dos/don'ts lessons for recreational beekeeping clubs and groups Dr Kathy Knox
12.10pm-12.30pm	Panel discussion	Sweet Justice – education in youth detention Claire Moore

12.30pm Lunch and Tradeshow

Session 8 Concurrent Session

	8A: Business building and diversification	8B: Queen breeding - Part 1
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Dr Nural Cokcetin</i>	<i>Trevor Weatherhead AM</i>
1.30pm – 1.50pm	Australian propolis properties and research update Dr Trong Tran	2021 Plan Bee beekeeper survey results Dr Nadine Chapman
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Venom collection and processing practicalities James Watts	NZ queen breeding research and practical applications Dr Gertje Petersen <i>Sponsored by</i> 
2.10pm – 2.30pm	Business diversification: Goldfields Honey history Vicki Lockwood	Plan Bee - program overview and key outcomes to date Elizabeth Frost

	8A: Business building and diversification (continued)	8B: Queen breeding - Part 1 (continued)
2.30pm – 2.50pm	How honey sommelier tools advance industry Dr Soumi Paul Mukhopadhyay	Running a commercial queen breeding business – tips and tricks Adrian Grew
2.50pm – 3.10pm	Panel: Commercial beekeeping questions and answers Laurie Kershaw, Casey Cooper, Steve Fuller, Jon Lockwood	Artificial insemination of queens best practice Dr Tom Gillard

3.10pm Afternoon Tea and Tradeshow

Session 9 Concurrent Session

	9A: Land use and climate - impacts on beekeeping businesses	9B: Queen breeding - Part 2
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 2 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Stephen Targett</i>	<i>Trevor Weatherhead AM</i>
3.40pm – 4.00pm	Eucalyptus recovery to flowering after bushfire Dr Brad Law	HortInnovation VSH-stock importation project update Dr John Roberts
4.00pm – 4.20pm	Climate change impact on beekeeper floral resources Assoc Prof Bryan Boruff	Breeding for varroa resistance - the New Zealand experience Rae Butler
4.20pm – 4.40pm	Sustainable Farming Strategy - where do beekeepers fit? Katie McRobert	Australian Queen Bee Breeding Association update Richard Sims
4.40pm – 5.00pm	The future of land management - with beekeepers in mind Linda Wilson	Bee Breeding for Australia book Dr Nadine Chapman

7.00pm – 11.00pm Congress Dinner
Grand Pavilion Level 2, Rosehill Gardens

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PROGRAM - Day 3

Saturday 11th June

8.30am **Registration Desk & Tradeshow Open**
Grand Pavilion Level 1, Rosehill Gardens

Session 10 ***Bee Bites Symposium***
Grand Pavilion Level 2 South
Chair: Ashley Zamek, Hort Innovation

9.00am - **Bee Bites Symposium**
 10.00am Cast your vote as bee and honey researchers present their work in 3 minutes. While People's Choice Award is tabulated and the expert judge panel confer, the lucky door prize will be drawn so first in best chance at winning the raffle!


10.00am **Morning Tea and Tradeshow**

Session 11 ***Concurrent Session***

	11A: Industry Resilience	11B: Pollination
<i>Room</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 1 South</i>	<i>Grand Pavilion Level 1 North</i>
<i>Chair</i>	<i>Peter McDonald</i>	<i>Ashley Zamek</i>
10.30am – 10.50am	'Mate helping mate' mental health check John Harper	Australian Almond Board industry update and future hive needs Tim Jackson
10.50am – 11.10am	1st generation beekeeper lessons Danny Le Feuvre	Pollination brokering for the future, overview of the positives Trevor Monson
11.10am – 11.30am	Succession planning for your business' future Paul Blackshaw	Top issues and applied research needs to solve them Ashley Zamek
11.30am – 11.50am	Top tips for selling a beekeeping business Stephen Targett	Pollination tips and tricks for successful beekeeping Steve Fuller
11.50am- 12.10pm	TBC	Pesticide effects on bees and what the beekeeper can do Prof Andy Barron

12.10pm **Lunch and Tradeshow**

Session 12 Concurrent Session

	12A: Practical Beekeeping	12B: Future Bees
Room	Grand Pavilion Level 1 South	Grand Pavilion Level 1 North
Chair	Steve Cunial	AgriFutures Australia
1.10pm – 1.30pm	Record-keeping to The Code Rod Bourke	New Zealand - Technology to increase hive data, what's in it for queen breeders? Dr Gertje Petersen Sponsored by 
1.30pm – 1.50pm	Pollination logistics for recreational beekeepers Trevor Monson	Australia - Future for bee technology and what it can do for beekeepers Dan Cook
1.50pm – 2.10pm	Refrigerated trucks and best practice hive transport Lindsay Callaway	NZ Mite Tracker App history and application Rae Butler
2.10pm – 2.30pm	Panel: Designing cool rooms for various commercial scales Casey Cooper, Lindsay Callaway, Jacob Stevens	

Session 13 Closing Ceremony

2.30pm – 3.00pm Closing Ceremony

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

5.30pm – 11.00pm **Vivid Lights Harbour Cruise**
Buses depart from Rosehill Gardens (Might and Power Entrance) at 5.30pm sharp and will return to Rosehill Gardens at approx. 11.00pm

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The 3rd Australian Native Bee Conference will be held 11-12 June 2022, also at Rosehill Gardens. For further information, please visit <https://www.anba.org.au/anba-conference/>