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NEWSLETTER

## RENEWAL 2015/2016

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The aim of the B-QUAL Board is to ensure the industry-owned program remains the program of choice for the Australian honey bee industry. It continues to be administered and supported by AUS-QUAL who works closely with the Board.

Our current membership is 102 producers/packers fully certified to the B-QUAL program. It is important that B-QUAL remains current and relevant to today's industry. A recent innovation is the use of the BeeConnected phone APP to make it easier for bee keepers to record operational activities especially at apiary sites.

Some members may be using phostoxin against wax moth infestation. Please be mindful of powdery residues forming that may cause contamination to honey. Other non-toxic options could be considered include freezing boxes and combs.

At this point I would like to inform members that Bill Winner has stood down from the Board of Directors of B-QUAL. I would like to thank him for his valuable contribution over the past 12 years.

With Bill's retirement, Capilano has moved its external auditing services to AUS-QUAL for any on-going certification audits. So far this month almost 20 Capilano audits has been conducted in South Australia with more to continue in 2016.

The Board remains committed to maintaining the integrity of the B-QUAL program and ensuring it remains relevant and beneficial to the industry. Members should visit [www.bqual.com.au](http://www.bqual.com.au) to see the current materials available to all beekeepers participating in B-QUAL.

As Chairman of B-QUAL, I would ask for your cooperation in the renewal process. Please:

1. Make the payment of \$150+GST (commercial beekeepers) or \$60+GST (recreational beekeepers) to B-QUAL Australia Pty Ltd either by cheque or electronic funds transfer; and
2. Mail the remittance advice and payment back to B-QUAL, C/- AUS-QUAL PTY LTD, PO Box 3403, Tingalpa DC, QLD 4173;

If payment of the enclosed invoice is not received by 31<sup>st</sup> November 2015, your membership to B-QUAL may be cancelled.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation for your ongoing support for B-QUAL.

Barry Pobke  
Chairman of Directors  
B-QUAL Australia Pty Ltd

## RECORD BOOKS

- Financial members of B-QUAL may purchase Extracting Record Books and Apiary Record Books from B-QUAL at a cost of \$5.00 + GST.

## PURCHASE OF LOGOS

B-QUAL Logos are available to purchase.

150mm – \$7.00                      300mm – \$16.00

500mm – \$40 (to be pre-ordered)

Contact B-QUAL to place your order.

Newly certified B-QUAL participants will receive 1 x 150mm sticker free with the certification documents.

## USE OF THE B-QUAL LOGO

B-QUAL certification relates to honey produced under the Rules and Standards of the Program. The use of the B-QUAL logo is therefore restricted to certified members of the Program and the honey that they produce.

Certified members may only use the logo in association with honey produced by them. Certified honey packers must segregate B-QUAL honey from other honey.

At certification, members of B-QUAL are automatically granted access to use the logo on certified product produced by them.

For more information, contact the B-Qual administration office on **1800 630 890**.



# B-Qual Audit Request

Please send completed form to:

AUS-QUAL Pty Limited,  
PO Box 3403, Tingalpa DC, QLD 4173  
Fax to 07 3361 9222.

## Contact Details

Business Name _____	ABN/ACN _____	
Contact Person : _____		
Phone: _____	Fax: _____	Mobile _____
Email address: _____		
Postal Address: _____		
Town/city: _____	State _____	Postcode: _____
Location Address _____	Postcode: _____	

## Location Map

**Please draw a rough map to assist the auditor in reaching you (attach another page if required)**

## Assessment Details (Please return this form)

*Ideally, your B-Qual audit should take place when honey is being extracted, but if you are not extracting this does not stop your audit being progressed. The audit does not require a visit to your apiary site/s.*

When do you expect to be ready for your B-Qual Audit? Call **1800 630 890** if you would like to discuss.

Please nominate a month that would best suite your operation to have an audit conducted.

Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominate a specific date that suits you: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / 20

## B-QUAL PRIVACY STATEMENT

The information being collected may be personal information. B-Qual collects this information for the purpose of providing and assisting B-Qual improve its program. Any personal information that is collected by B-Qual is for that purpose only. B-Qual respects the privacy of individuals. Generally B-Qual does not release personal information. However, in response to a legal requirement, in an emergency or in exceptional circumstances the Chairperson may at their discretion authorise the release of personal information. In all other circumstances the B-Qual privacy policy governs the collection, the use and disclosure of personal information.