



B-QUAL NEWS

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THE AG GUIDE

The AgGuide - Honey Harvesting and Extracting is now included as part of the B-QUAL Training Manual to assist small-scale recreational or commercial beekeepers. The 75 page guide outlines the best practice for transporting honey from the hive to the extracting facility and includes key principals for the design, construction and cleanliness of the premises. Purchase a copy of this guide through Tocal College or the NSW Government online shop.



CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Thank-you for your ongoing support and involvement in B-QUAL. B-QUAL is in its 15 year of operation and is the only industry owned and operated Quality Assurance program for beekeepers and processors in Australia.

In the past 12 months, the program has continued to develop with new members coming on board from across Australia and has included a renewed training program that is more user friendly including the use of the AgGuide – Honey Harvesting and Extracting from Tocal College.

As an industry body, it is important we are proactive in ensuring the honey and honey products are underpinned by a modern and to date Standard that meets the needs of the consumer and the industry as a whole. On this point, can I ask that you continue to promote B-QUAL as the industries QA Program and welcome any feedback from members to assist and improve the Standard moving forward.

Barry Pobke

Chairman of Directors

Feedback should be forwarded to: bqual@ausqual.com.au



INTRODUCING THE NEW B-QUAL WEBSITE



Many thanks to Steve Tollis of Sunny Coast Websites for doing a fantastic job in updating the B-QUAL Website. Since the introduction, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of applications for the B-QUAL program. It's bright and easy to navigate and we encourage all accredited beekeepers to take a look. www.bqual.com.au

TRAINING NEWS

A new B-QUAL training manual was developed in early 2017 for B-QUAL by Dr Nicholas Chantler AM. The approved supplier manual has been updated and the training modules have been adjusted to be more user-friendly.

The Honey Bee Disease Management Barrier Systems reference guide has also been added to the training program.

ANNUAL FEES

The B-QUAL annual fees remain unchanged at \$165 including GST for commercial and \$65 for recreational beekeepers. Please ensure you pay your annual fees by 1st December 2017 to ensure your membership is renewed.

PROMOTING B-QUAL

The Directors of B-QUAL have been out and about, attending various state conferences and forums to further promote the B-QUAL program. Bee on the lookout for B-QUAL advertisements, now appearing in The Australian Honey Bee News and The Australasian Beekeeper.



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