

AUSTRALIA'S HONEY BEE BIOSECURITY & SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS

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Improving national biosecurity outcomes through partnerships



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Plant biosecurity system

Protecting agriculture and the environment



PRE-BORDER



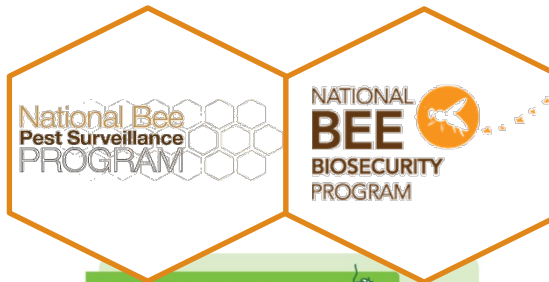
- Analysing pest risks associated with proposed imports
- Inspecting, verifying and auditing overseas exporters
- Undertaking pest surveillance overseas
- Developing international standards
- Building capacity overseas
- Anticipating pest threats by gathering global pest intelligence
- Negotiating export market access
- Maintaining the Manual of Importing Country Requirements (MICO) and Export Documentation System (EXDOC) to facilitate exports



AT THE BORDER



- Inspecting and monitoring arrivals of people, cargo, mail and plant products
- Raising awareness of plant pests and movement restrictions
- Imposing biosecurity measures at ports
- Encouraging the reporting of suspected new pests by port workers and importers
- Protecting Australia's north from exotic pests with the Northern Australia Quarantine Strategy (NAQS)
- Enforcing border restrictions
- Isolating newly arrived plant material in post-entry quarantine
- Prioritising exotic pests to target with preparedness and prevention activities



POST-BORDER



- Preventing the spread of regionalised pests
- Conducting surveillance for early warning of incursions of exotic pests
- Eradicating exotic pests under the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed
- Managing risks under the control of everyday Australians
- Encouraging the reporting of anything unusual
- Managing established pests
- Maintaining the ability to diagnose plant pests
- Maintaining emergency response capacity
- Responding to environmental threats with the National Environmental Biosecurity Response Agreement
- Protecting farms with on-farm biosecurity measures
- Managing pest fruit flies on a national basis
- Managing weeds



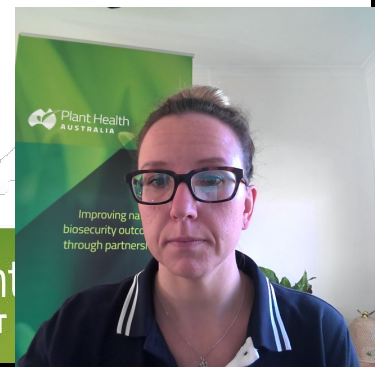
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Fostering partnerships to work collaboratively to strengthen Australia's biosecurity system

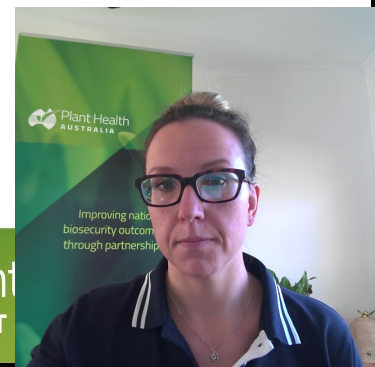
- Co-ordinate strong partnerships that minimise pest impacts, boosting industry productivity and profitability while enhancing market access.
- Bringing together plant industry stakeholders to share biosecurity responsibility.
- Biosecurity partnerships = producers, governments & the wider community.
- Not-for-profit company to service our 58 members.



Why plants & bees



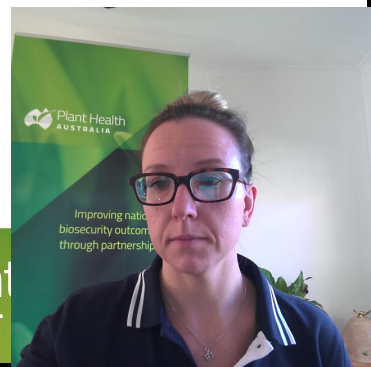
- Manager, Bee Biosecurity and Surveillance
- Coordination of national industry and Government programs aimed at safeguarding Australia's honey bee industry
- Fortunate to work with animal biosecurity and plant biosecurity divisions within all Australian governments



National Bee Pest Surveillance Program

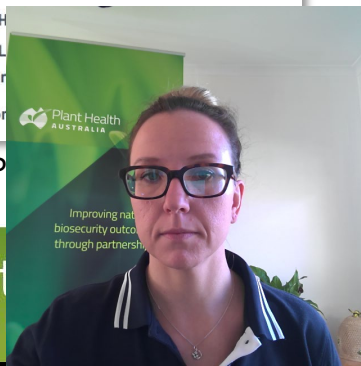
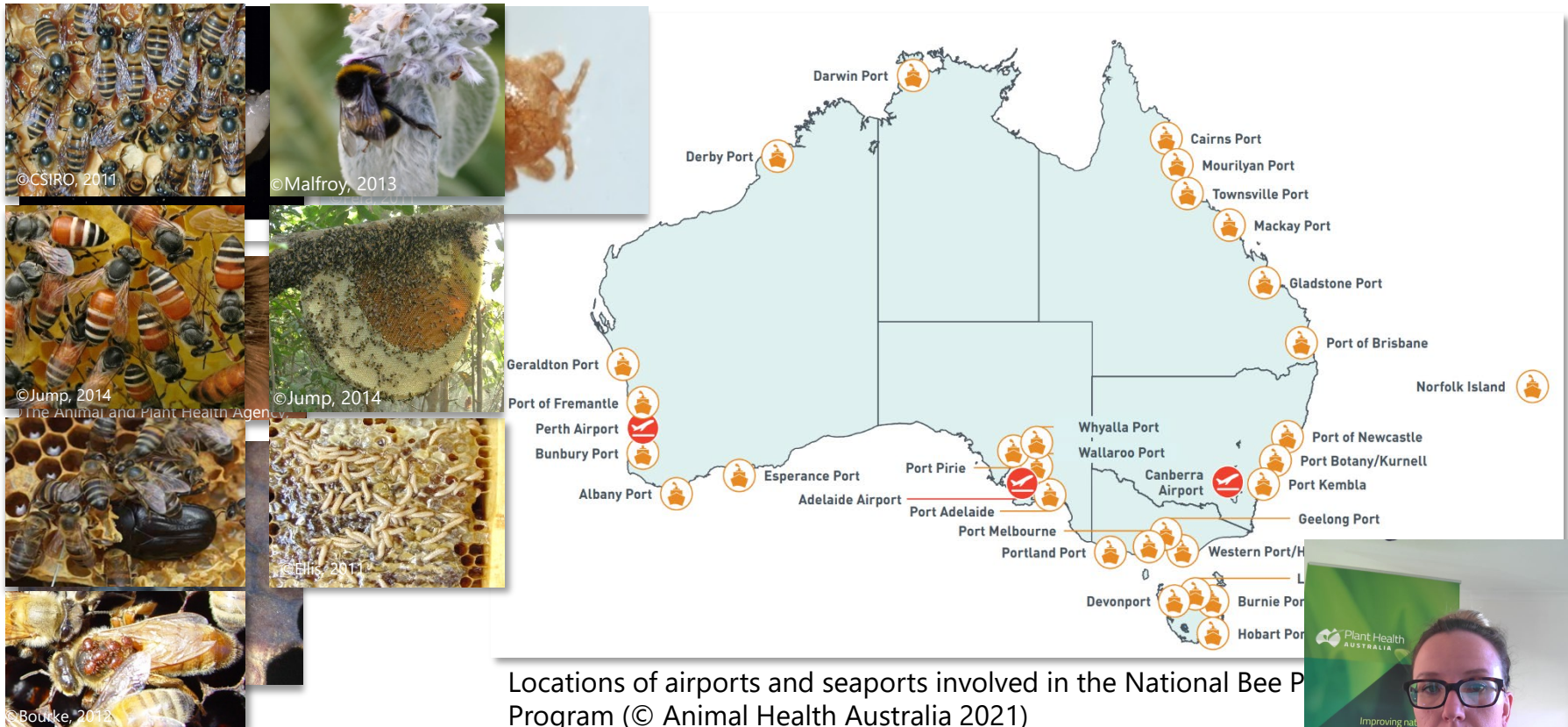
Safeguarding industries

- Aims to early detect the arrival of new pest/diseases before they have the chance to establish and spread widely.
- Joint-funding = pollination-reliant industries, honey bee industry and the Australian Government.



Operations

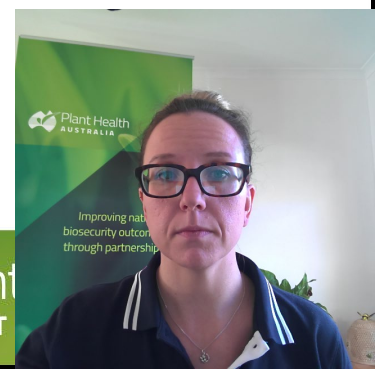
- At least 20 government staff + 25 beekeepers involved.
- Operates at the 32 high risk locations.
- Targets **18 (including European honey bees) pests and diseases.**



Achievements from 2016 to 2021

	2016	2021
Sentinel hives	123	172
Rainbow bee-eater locations	0	2
Standard catchboxes	53	210
Remote catchboxes	0	28
Floral sweep netting locations	13	21

- ❖ At least 28,000 surveillance records
- ❖ 27,715 total absences
- ❖ 293 total records for the presence of established pests



National Bee Biosecurity Program

Preparing the industry

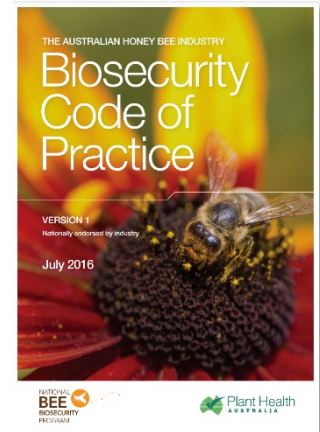


- Industry consists of 30,000 registered beekeepers.
- Around 669,000 hives.
- Mostly hobbyists in urban areas.
- Almond industry hires at least 270,000 hives.
- Honey bee industry produces between 20,000 and 30,000 tonnes of honey annually.
- Top ten honey producing countries in the world.



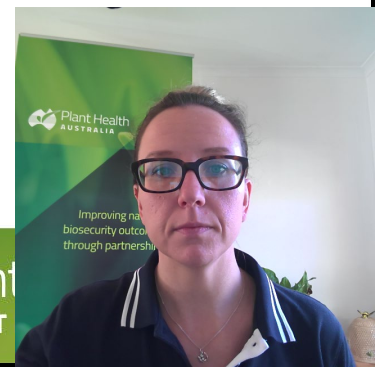
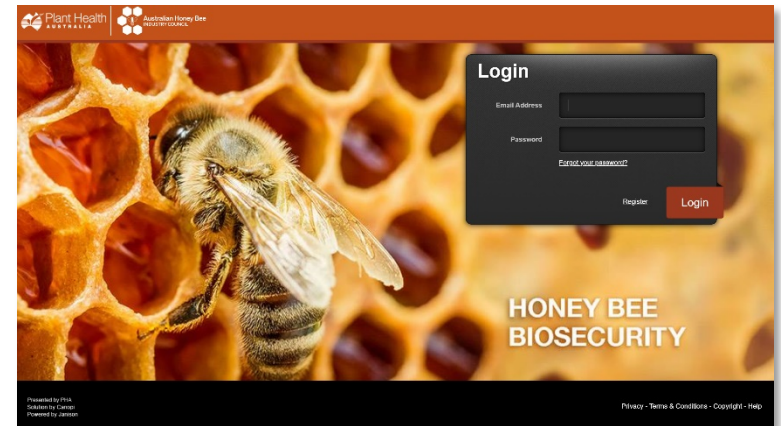
National Bee Biosecurity Program

- The Australian Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity Code of Practice.
- Improve the management of established pests and diseases.
- Bee Biosecurity Officers
 - Providing training
 - Education and resources
 - Biosecurity obligations
 - Code compliance



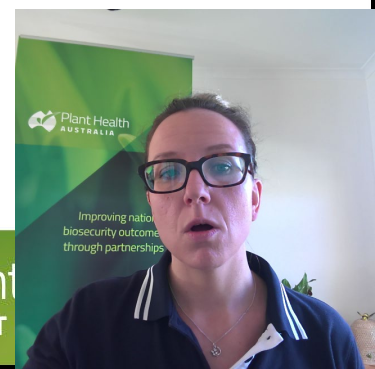
Program training

- **Biosecurity for Beekeepers** OnLine Training
 - Why biosecurity is important
 - Describes the main pest threats to bees
 - Shows how to check hives for signs of pests and diseases.
- Training (every 3 years) is a requirement.
- Since course available
 - 3,080 completed
 - 1,636 new enrolments



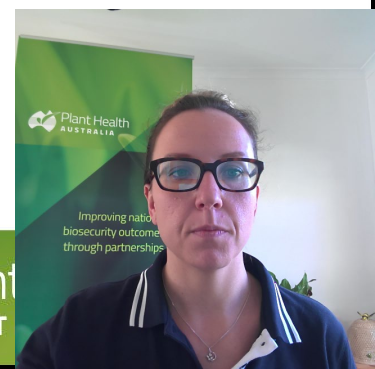
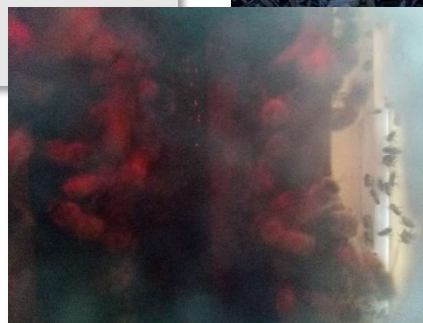
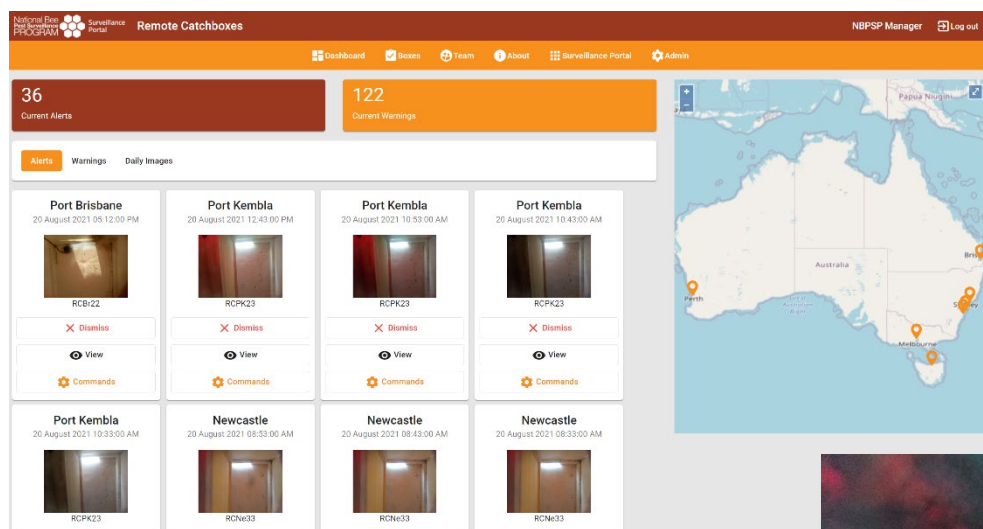
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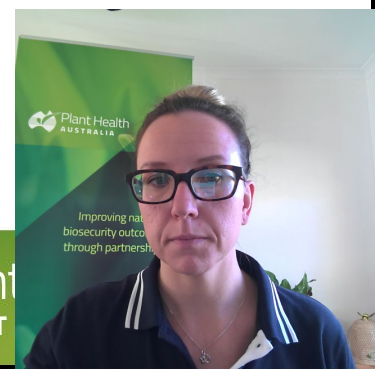
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- Improving diagnostics
 - exotic virus diagnostics & development of National Diagnostic Protocol
 - Molecular tests for detection multiple targets
 - Rapid field diagnostic tools
 - eDNA



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- Development of a targeted National Sugar Shake & American Foulbrood Programs



NSW GOVERNMENT dpi.nsw.gov.au

October is AFB Awareness Month

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF AMERICAN FOULBROOD IN AUSTRALIA

**INSPECT
TEST
NOTIFY
ACT.**

NOTIFY WHERE?  NSW DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES (02) 9741 4790

TO NOTIFY NSW DPI OF AN AFB DETECTION OR TO SEEK ADVICE CALL (02) 9741 4790 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON AFB VISIT www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity-bees

Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW STERITECH BNSKA



NSW GOVERNMENT Department of Primary Industries

April is Sugar Shake Month

Bee Alert!

CHECK YOUR BEES USING THE SUGAR SHAKE TEST HELP DETECT AN EXOTIC PEST INCURSION EARLY

**SHAKE, INSPECT
CALL IF YOU SUSPECT**

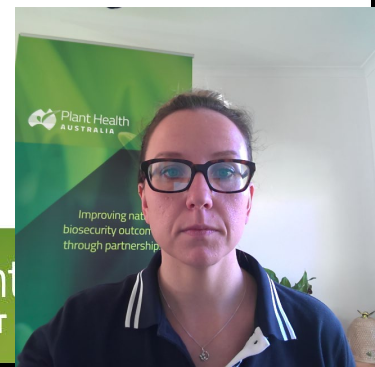
External bee parasites such as varroa, tropilaelaps mite and braula fly have not been detected in NSW

IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL CALL THE EXOTIC PLANT PEST HOTLINE FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/biosecurity-bees



Further information

- Australia's plant biosecurity system and information on our work with the Australian honey bee industry
 - <https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/national-programs/national-plant-biosecurity-status-report/>
 - <https://animalhealthaustralia.com.au/industry-publications/>
- Information on the bee biosecurity and surveillance programs
 - <https://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au/national-programs/honey-bees/>
- *Biosecurity for Beekeepers* online course
 - <https://beeaware.org.au/training/>
 - Contact Plant Health Australia
- Further resources and information
 - <https://beeaware.org.au/>
 - <https://www.biosecurity.gov.au/individual/beekeeper>





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