

National Bee Biosecurity Program (NBBP) steering committee

Bee Biosecurity Officers

The Steering Committee was provided with an update of the activities undertaken by the Bee Biosecurity Officers (BBOs). They continue to actively raise awareness of the Code of Practice (the Code) to support beekeepers maintain healthy beehives and manage outbreaks of American foulbrood (AFB). BBOs also encourage commercial and non-commercial beekeepers complete the free *Biosecurity for Beekeepers* online course which has been developed to explain the importance of biosecurity, and provide information on the main pest threats to bees, including how to check hives for signs of pests and diseases. The BBO network has welcomed Jessica Bikaun as the new WA BBO.

For more information about your Bee Biosecurity Officer visit: [Bee Biosecurity Officers | Plant Health Australia](#)

National Sugar Shake Campaign

The Committee continued discussion regarding roll-out of a national Sugar Shake Campaign, being proposed for March – May each year. Several states already promote a sugar shake awareness month as a means of encouraging beekeepers to complete one of the two hive inspections outlined in the Code of Practice. The Committee will continue discussions to determine requirements and support for a national Sugar Shake campaign for potential implementation next year.

For more information on the biosecurity program and the Code of Practice visit: [National Bee Biosecurity Program | Plant Health Australia](#)

The Steering Committee

The Committee includes representatives from the Australian Government, the state and territory government, the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC), and Plant Health Australia (PHA). It was formed to oversee the National Bee Biosecurity Program and support Bee Biosecurity Officers, as well as providing guidance and support for jurisdictional implementation and industry assistance with The Honey Bee Biosecurity Code of Practice.