



Whangarei Bee Club INC

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Plant-of-the-Month *Contributed by John Beauregard*

Second in a series of short articles of interest to Northland beekeepers, especially non-commercial beekeepers



Image from www.weedbusters.org.nz

Loquat (*Eriobotrya*) is a fast-growing introduced sub-tropical tree growing to about 8 metres. The summertime fruit is a great favourite of native pigeons. Northland Regional Council, Weedbusters and DOC list loquat as a problem species. The highly viable seeds are dispersed by birds and will establish in many

situations including disturbed landscapes and native bush margins.

Honey bees are avid for any source of nutrition at this time of year and loquat flowers can supplement early winter nectar stores if your hives are in an area where the trees are common. Riverside, Whangarei, seems to be one such location.

<http://www.weedbusters.org.nz/weed-information/eriobotrya-japonica/59/>

"Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand," RS Walsh, published by the National Beekeepers Assn, is a principal source of information. The club's library holds a copy of this very useful title. The web references provide excellent photographs, some of which are from proprietary sources such as plant shops. The writer has no connection to any of these sources.

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Upcoming Events and Notices

Important Reminders:

AGM

7 May 2016

Come along for this year's general meeting. See you there☺

This Club Day

7 May 2016

Same place, same time
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AGM Agenda:

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Reading of last year's AGM minutes
- Finance Report
- Auditor's Report
- President's Report (provided by the executive committee)
- Election of Officers
- Nomination of Honorary Auditor
- Moving Forward as a Club
- General Business

APICULTURE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016 19th-21st June

BEE BUSINESS

SCIENCE: HEALTH: TRADE



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Mānuka Basics



Image and content from nzpfolsen.com

With demand for Manuka honey high, the interest in Manuka establishment for honey production is also increasing.

Last year, a significant proportion of the land that was established in trees under the Afforestation Grant Scheme was planted in Manuka.

A summary of the basic requirements and recommendations for Manuka establishment has been compiled as a starting reference point for landowners considering establishing Manuka on their land.

- 20 hectares is the minimum area recommended by Manuka Farming NZ for growing Manuka and producing high quality Manuka honey economically.
- The recommended stocking rate is 1100 stems/hectare – trees planted at a spacing of 3m by 3m.
- Manuka seedlings selected to produce high UMF factor honey from Manuka Farming NZ are \$0.75/seedling. This is for all the current cultivars, freight is an additional cost.

- On weedy sites or recent cutover sites a pre-plant spray will usually be required before the seedlings are planted. At least one post-plant weed spray will also be required.
- Pest control to minimise browse from deer, goats, possums and hares needs to be considered. Stock must be excluded from the planted area.
- Manuka can be planted on flat, rolling and steep land.
- Manuka plantations are eligible for funding under the [Afforestation Grant Scheme](#)(AGS). The AGS provides \$1,300/hectare to successful applicants towards the establishment of trees on their land in return for the first 10 years' worth of carbon credits. Applications for the next AGS funding round open on 27th April for land which is to be planted in 2017.

Cultivar selection is highly important in establishing a successful Manuka plantation. Manuka Farming NZ can provide expert advice on the selection of cultivars to best suit your site location, terrain, block size and goals. For more information refer to their website www.manukafarmingnz.co.nz.

The establishment phase is crucial to the success of any plantation and it is essential that the planting and associated operations are performed to best practice standards and managed well to maximise the investment and minimise risk. PF Olsen is an experienced forest manager with knowledge in the establishment of Manuka in many areas of New Zealand. This is enhanced by our newly formed [partnership](#) with Manuka Farming NZ.

PF Olsen can provide plantation management services to landowners and can also assist with AGS funding applications for landowners looking to establish trees in 2017.

For further information on Manuka establishment or AGS funding applications please email [Kimberly Evison](#) at PF Olsen, or phone 07 921 1010.

Sites to check out

- Aphid problem http://m.nzherald.co.nz/wairarapa-times-age/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503414&objectid=11627218
- Kanuka honey <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/7941648/1/honeylab-medicalgrade-kanuka-honey-a-vanguard-for-pharmaceutical-honey-industry>
- Breeder's poisoned hives <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/78973711/breeder-faces-wait-before-he-knows-why-his-bees-died>
- Manuka Doctor + Kardashians = \$\$\$ <http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/beauty/78693306/Kourtney-Kardashian-partners-with-Kiwi-skincare-brand-Manuka-Doctor>

ApiNZ

Club Day

The National Beekeepers Association (NBA) has recently changed its name and adopted a new Constitution. As of April 1, 2016, the NBA is now Apiculture New Zealand (ApiNZ).

We are now seeking nominations for the election of ApiNZ's inaugural Board of Directors.

We are well aware that the apiculture industry has links to many agri-sector organisations and industries, members of which may want to stand as a candidate in the ApiNZ election, nominate a candidate, or even vote for a candidate.

Hence our sending this notice to you. You may like to circulate it within your organisation / industry and wider networks to make people aware of the impending ApiNZ elections, and give them the opportunity to be involved.

In order to stand, nominate or vote, people do have to be fully paid-up members of ApiNZ by Monday, May 9.

Nominations for nine elected representatives opened Wednesday, April 20, and of those nominated to the ApiNZ Board; one will represent the non-commercial beekeeper sector, four will speak for the commercial beekeeper sector, and four will be the market sector's voice.

More details about the election process, and copies of the relevant documentation, are available at <http://apinz.org.nz/> or electionz.com/apiculturenz.

If you have any questions about the above, or any aspect of the election process, please contact ceo@apinz.org.nz or <mailto:info@apinz.org.nz>.

(Daniel Paul, Chief executive Apiculture New Zealand)

Whareora Hall

Bring:

10.15am

- Cash for the produce table
- Produce for the produce table
- Your loyalty card to show at the door
- Bee suits

Directions

From SH1, turn off to *Kensington*. Turn left into *Mill Road*, then right at *Whareora Rd*. Keep on *Whareora Rd* until it joins *Pataua North Rd* and carry on for a few more minutes. The hall is on the right. Park on hall side of road.

Financial Information

Plus income from

Membership fees	1,185.00
Book sales	45.00
Interest received	14.04
Hive sales	300.00
Training	90.00
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	12,428.78

Less expenditure

Hall hire	65.00
Licences	47.44
Club day provisions	196.10
Website costs	3,783.50
Bank fees	4.30
Audit fee	420.00
RWT on interest	4.63
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	4,520.97
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Total balance at 20 April 2016	<u><u>7,907.81</u></u>

Made up of

Operating account	1,491.21
Savings account	6,416.60
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	7,907.81
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Call for contributions

If you would like to make a contribution to this newsletter, we invite you to email your submission to wbccommunication@gmail.com

For this month's contribution:
Thank you
to
John

