

Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 4th April 2024

Next Club Day: 4th May 2024

Whareora Hall 10.00am

What to bring:

- Your **Membership card** to show at the door
- **Cash** for the produce table, **produce** for the produce table
- **Library books** you have borrowed
- **Bee suit** (Club has some for members to use also)

Directions: From SH1, turn off to *Kensington*. Turn left onto *Mill Road*, then right at *Whareora Road*. Keep on this road until it joins *Pataua North Road* and continue for a few more minutes.

The hall is on the right. Please **do not** park on the road, use the paddock adjacent to the Hall when the car park is full.

Tairāwhiti conservationist discovers new mānuka species

A new species of mānuka has been confirmed in Tairāwhiti 20 years after being discovered by East Coast conservationist Graeme Atkins.

Atkins, who says he has a knack for spotting different plants in the taiao (environment), came across what is now known as *Leptospermum Tairawhitiense* on the East Cape.

AGM Meeting: 4th May 2024

The WBC AGM will be held at the May Club Day.

We are calling for **nominations** for the club committee and executive roles, we need Club President nominations

AGENDA

Apologies.

Approval of last AGM minutes.

Finance Report.

Reviewer's Report.

President's Report.

Election of Officers.

General Business.



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Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	Volunteers needed
Set up in Kitchen 9am & Set up Lunch	
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	

All these jobs are easy and require very little time and effort, please sign up on the roster at Club Day. A big "THANK YOU" for your help.

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Tai's Frame Cleaning Service
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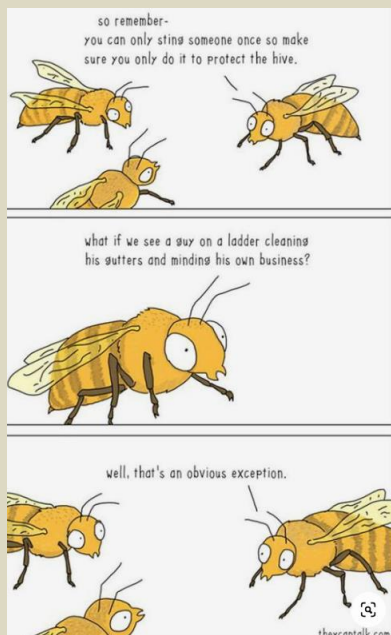
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News from last Club Day

<p>Club Day – 2nd March 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome! Bulletin Dearth and preparing for winter Door Prize Draw Members talk Nic Nac's Section Lunch Hive Time Note: Hand out roster for names <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Bulletin</p>  <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Bulletin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need a new president! Who is interested? The NZ Beekeeper magazine will be online from April <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Bulletin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varroa reminder – Hives should all be in the process of being treated. Treat after honey harvest. Good time for disease checks <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>
<p>Dearth</p> 	<p>Dearth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does it mean? Dearth is when nectar producing plants are no longer blooming and there is no significant amount of nectar coming into the hives any more. <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Preparing for winter</p> 	<p>Preparing for winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wintering down should be done in autumn (march – May) after honey harvest. The importance of wintering down cannot be over emphasized. If not done properly, the hives may not survive. Ensure hives have enough food to last through the winter. Do not feed hives once they have clustered – they wont take up the food and it can attract pests. <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>
<p>Preparing for winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drones will begin to be evicted once the temperatures drop below 18C If hives need to be fed, use 2:1 sugar:water to stimulate storage (maintenance feeding) Pollen feeding in autumn can help the bees build up body proteins for winter <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Preparing for winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are all your hives queenright? How can we help weaker hives? Disease checks – All hives should have a thorough AFB and disease check completed, usually during or after honey harvest. Pack down hives – Any boxes that don't have much in them, bees or food, reduce down to appropriate size for amount of bees. What else do you do for your bees? <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Preparing for winter</p> <p>Pest control</p>  <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Preparing for winter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2 main pests are mice and wasps. Reduce the entrances to help prevent robbing. Wasp bait such as vespas or Hawkys can help reduce wasp numbers. Mouse bait under hives or in apiary can reduce numbers. Placing the queen excluder between the bottom board and the brood box can act as a mouse guard for the hive. <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>
<p>Member Talk Time Q&A Box</p>  <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Nic Nac's Section</p> 	<p>Next Club Day</p> <p>6th April</p> <p>TBC</p> <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>	<p>Hive Time (when lunch is packed away)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New to Beekeeping- Back of Hall (Empty Hive)- learn basics Active Hives- Outside behind container Please take care with hazards Wear protective clothing if you choose Veils available upon request We welcome children, but your children are your responsibility please <p><i>'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'</i></p>



Learn to taste honey like a pro

Specifically designed for NZ varietal honey, this 3-day immersive training will introduce you to the art and skill of honey sensory analysis. The curriculum will be consistent with the time honoured, respected Italian National Register training for Honey Experts and will inspire you to enter the diverse and exciting work of honey appreciation.

The course is primarily designed for beekeepers, packers, and honey technicians for quality assessment, but also offers invaluable insight for chefs, food writers, nutritionists or passionate foodies. Training will be conducted by Maureen Conquer, ApiNZ National Honey Competition Senior Judge.

Dates: Wed 10 April to Friday 12 April, 9am-5pm

Location: 417 Mt Eden Rd, Central Auckland

Course Fee: \$900 (ApiNZ members), \$1000 (non-members)

To register, email: info@apinz.org.nz Places are limited, so act now to secure your spot.

For further information about the course, email: maureen@wildforage.co.nz



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Videos

[When Is Dearth? | Identifying dearth for the new beekeeper.](#)

[How urban beekeeping network Honeyfingers is showcasing the importance of bees | Gardening Australia](#)

Got Questions? webpage

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a newbie beekeeper, there always seems to be plenty more to learn about apiculture and honey.

Visit our new [Got Questions? webpage](#) to ask a beekeeping, bee science or honey question, or to browse expert answers to some other people's ponderings.

AFB Recognition course

Nick Watkins is holding his last AFB Recognition course for the region on the 20th of April.

This will be for both the full course and refresher, details below.

WHANGAREI – 20 April, 9am – Whangarei
RSA – 16 Hannah Street – Whangarei

[Register here](#)

The Seduction of the Honeybee book

A new photography book, *The Seduction of the Honeybee* offers a fascinating glimpse into the world of bees.

As well as vibrant and other-worldly UVIVF (ultraviolet-induced visible fluorescence) photographs, the book is brimming with research from leading bee experts.

The photographer behind the book is Craig P. Burrows, whose work has been published in *National Geographic*, *Wired*, and used by Apple for use on their operating systems.

Craig P. Burrows speaks to Jesse from California, [click on title to hear interview](#).

Auckland lecturer buzzing as she heads to the US to study bees

An Auckland computer scientist is buzzing with the prospect of using artificial intelligence to better understand honey bees.

Auckland University of Technology senior lecturer Dr Mahsa McCauley won a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship to carry out a research exchange at an American university this year to trial integrating AI into beekeeping to help advance the sector.

NZ honey industry aims to double exports by 2030

New Zealand's honey industry has unveiled an ambitious goal to double exports in the next six years as forecasts predict significant growth in the sector.

Apiculture NZ chief executive Karin Kos said that the strategy, unveiled at the Beehive earlier this week, was about resetting the ambitions for the industry.

Sharing love of bees a privilege

Comvita bee and nature advocacy lead Noelani Waters describes her role, educating people on bees and honey, as a privilege.

"Bees make people light up. They are fascinating and full of magic, and I hope to inspire greater advocacy and awareness of these critical creatures through the lens of science and engaging storytelling," Waters says.

Financial Statement

Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 20 Feb2024

Operating Account	10,218.54
Savings Account	<u>35,417.33</u>
Total Funds	45,635.87

Plus Income From

New Members	770.00
Hives & Bee equipt sales	170.00
Renew Memberships	-
Book sales	135.00
Interest-01	109.38
	<u>1,184.38</u>
	46,820.25

Less Expenditure

Bank Fees	1.60
RWT -acct01	49.22
Club Day Expenses	166.10
Bookkeeping Costs	247.50
Web Site - OnLine designs	50.60
Whareora Hall Hire	80.00
Xero - Monthly Sub	61.24
	<u>656.26</u>
	46,163.99

Total Balances as at 20 March 24

Operating Account	10,686.50
Savings Account	<u>35,477.49</u>
	46,163.99

Other News and websites to check out

[McClay drives May Day start for EU trade deal](#)

[Asian hornet warning as bee-killers could bring 'ecological nightmare' to UK](#)

[Sweet indicative offer for Comvita shares](#)

[Detection of braula fly in NSW poses issues for beekeeping industry](#)

[Invasive Asian honey bees' survival may help researchers save threatened native species](#)

[A gentle tap to the hive can reveal health of honeybee colonies, study confirms](#)

[Beekeepers can now check hives without upsetting the residents](#)

[Broome beekeeper reeling after hundreds of thousands of bees poisoned with insecticide Fipronil](#)

[New research could help honeybees fight off their worst enemy](#)

[Honey bees are surprisingly abundant, research shows – but most are wild, not managed in hives](#)

[Beekeeping How to](#)

[Beekeeper stung by thieves taking dozens of hives](#)

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All you budding writers out there, we are looking for contributions to the monthly newsletter. It can be a one-off article or an ongoing piece. If you have something to add, then please email it to wbccommunication@gmail.com



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