



"HELPING BEEKEEPERS KEEP BEES"

Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 5th August

Next Club Day: 2nd September

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.

August Club Day

We have Dwayne Hill from the AFB Management Agency coming to talk and we will also have the local AP2 hive inspectors come too so everyone can meet the people doing inspections.

We have also extended an invitation to the members of the Waipu bee club to join us as it will be a good opportunity for the importance of inspecting of AFB for our community and area.

See you all on Saturday 5th August

We need you!

The Club needs someone to update our WBC website. The general set-up of the site is all sorted. We need someone to update names and numbers of people to contact and to be able to add the newsletter each month.

Please let one of the committee members know at club day if you are the person to help with this.

Apiarist's Advocate

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Bee at Club Day to WIN!!

Each Club Day we will be holding a prize draw for members to enter. The prize will be an empty hive consisting of:

Hive base, full depth box with 10 frames, hive mat and lid.

Rules: To enter, you **MUST** be present at club day.

We will also be selling hive kitsets for \$60 to members.

Club Day Duty Roster

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

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.

News from last Club Day

Club Day Summary 1st July 2023

Mike Nogowczyk gave a very interesting presentation on the making of mead. He was ably assisted by Karin and Morgan, as well as award winning mead samples supplied by Geoff.

Many thanks to Mike for an interesting and informative presentation.



Nic Nacs

- Morgan showed us a polystyrene queen rearing nuc and demonstrated from Revolutionary Bee Keeping a single frame honey extractor.
- Bob mentioned that Mark Laybourn's queen rearing equipment may be up for sale soon.



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2023 Apiculture New Zealand National Honey Competition winners

Supreme overall winner: Jarved Allan, The Mānuka Collective.

Click on title to see more winners

Video: Honey Hunters vs Bees and Tigers | Ganges | BBC Earth

In the Ganges Delta sits the largest mangrove forest on earth; six times the size of Greater London. The forest is home to thousands of giant Asian honey bees, and the liquid gold that they make. Honey vendors need to collect this honey to make a living, but with the dangers posed by the bees and other inhabitants, the task is a risky one.

Click on title to see video.

How Scion scientist Stephanie Sopow is saving trees and the bees

A Rotorua scientist has been recognised for her work in helping to discover a biological control for an exotic pest that was destroying a “critical source” of pollen and nectar for honey bees.

Scion forest entomologist Stephanie Sopow was awarded the Peter Molan trophy for exceptional contribution to apiculture science at Apiculture New Zealand’s annual conference, which hosted 700 delegates from the apiculture industry at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre in June.

Click on title to read more.



Beekeeping Today Podcast

The podcast for the latest beekeeping news, information and entertainment for today's beekeeper. Hosts Jeff Ott and Kim Flottum bring you interviews and commentary helping you become a more informed and knowledgeable beekeeper. Click on title to read more.

Bees Knees

Honey, lemon, and gin make the perfect cocktail!

Ingredients

1/4 cup honey; 1/4 cup hot water

50mL gin; 25mL honey syrup; 25mL lemon juice

- For honey syrup: In a liquid measuring cup, combine the honey and hot water. Whisk to combine, cool. Refrigerate until ready to use.
- For the cocktail: In a cocktail shaker, combine the gin, honey syrup, and lemon juice with ice. Cover and shake vigorously for about 10 seconds. Strain into a chilled coupe class and serve with a lemon twist or edible flower.

Tip: The honey syrup recipe makes enough for 8 cocktails. You can store it in the fridge for up to 2 weeks. It can also be used as a sweetener for iced tea or lemonade!



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Other News and websites to check out

[Pacific biosecurity program to protect Australian and local bees from killer pests](#)

[Crafting honey and art from bees](#)

[Honey Made by Ants Could Protect Against Bacteria and Fungi](#)

[Urban beekeeping project works to restore honey bee populations with hives all over Washington, D.C.](#)

[Sweet deal: Mānuka honey exporter Comvita rallies on after Singapore acquisition](#)

[US honeybees suffer second deadliest season on record](#)

[Bees waking up earlier due to climate change could affect pollination, study says](#)

Call for contributions

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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