

## Upcoming Events and Notices

**This Club Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Next Club Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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.



### December Club Day

Bring a plate to share in some festive joy this club day.

We will have a general discussion on beekeeping and show some videos. Along with the usual Member's Talk time and Nic Nac section.



### Club Day Duty Roster

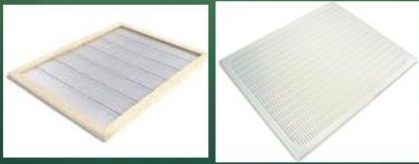
Set Up Hall From 9am	Jim Rentoul
Set up in Kitchen 9am & Set up Lunch	Sue & Lorna
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

## Excluder or not?



'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

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## Videos



'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

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## Harvesting Honey



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## Requeening



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## Bulletin

- ⌘ December Pot-Luck Bring a Plate
- ⌘ AFB Recognition Course 11<sup>th</sup> November
- ⌘ Roster for club day jobs
- ⌘ Facebook - Whangarei Bee Club
- ⌘ Honey extraction and packing plant on "All about Auctions"

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## Prize Draw



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## Club Day - 4<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- ⌘ Swarm Control reminder
- ⌘ AFB Recognition course
- ⌘ Honey Flow & Harvesting Honey
- ⌘ Nic Nac's Section
- ⌘ Members talk
- ⌘ LUNCH
- ⌘ Hive Time & Split?
- ⌘ Note: Hand out roster for names

'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

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## Swarm control reminder



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## AFB Recognition Course



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## AFB Recognition Course

- ⌘ Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- ⌘ Barge Park Meeting rooms
- ⌘ Full course and Refresher
- ⌘ Register at [AFB.org.nz](http://AFB.org.nz)

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## Honey Flow



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## Supers

- ⌘ Time to put supers on!



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## Nic Nac's Section



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## Hive Time

(when lunch is packed away)

- ⌘ 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



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### Beekeepers take a win on audit shift

Beekeepers are celebrating a victory over the Ministry for Primary Industries after it dropped requirements for them to conduct an expensive and arduous audit process twice a year, reducing it back to a single annual audit.



### **FRAME CLEANING**

Tai's Frame Cleaning Service \$1.50 per frame.  
For more info contact Tai Pullen 020 415 815 64  
[taipullen9@gmail.com](mailto:taipullen9@gmail.com)  
516 State Highway 1 Otaika Whangārei

Otaki Buzz Club donate hives to Hawkes Bay  
When Cyclone Gabrielle hit Hawke's Bay no one could have anticipated the way it affected the local bees.

More than 178 hobbyist hives were flooded or swept away, and without their hives the bees had nowhere to go.

### Comvita helping Piha and Hawkes Bay rebuild

A seaside community ravaged by Cyclone Gabrielle and a honey and health products company have come together to address the village's challenges in the wake of the storm.

The residents of Piha, west of Auckland, and Comvita, a producer of mānuka-based wellness products, along with Pest Free Piha, Auckland council, and landscape designer and Piha local Xanthe White worked together to produce 600 native seed patties and plant them on slips.

### Deadly parasite varroa mite behind predicted feral bee die-off

Varroa mite has forced the euthanasia of hundreds of millions of European honeybees by authorities since it was detected at the Port of Newcastle in June last year.

While a transition from eradication of the deadly parasitic mite to management will enable beekeepers to treat infested hives, feral bees in Australia are expected to vanish, possibly within three years.



# Financial Statement

## Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 20 Oct 23

Operating Account	44,670.26
Savings Account	413.88
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>45,084.14</b>

### Plus Income From

New Members	
Renew Memberships	330.00
Interest-01	1.58
	<u>331.58</u>
	<b>45,415.72</b>

### Less Expenditure

Bank Fees	1.60
ASB - RWT - 01	0.71
Web Site - OnLine designs	50.60
Whareora Hall Hire	80.00
L Child - Club Day Pizzas	157.00
S Young = Club Day Milk	4.50
Xero - Monthly Sub	61.24
	<u>355.65</u>
	<b>45,060.07</b>

Total Balances as at 20 Nov 23

Operating Account	44,645.32
Savings Account	414.75
	<u>45,060.07</u>

# Other News and websites to check out

[Beekeeping Theories Debunked: The Real Buzz on Honeybee Insulation](#)

[Beekeepers take a win on audit shift](#)

[A new way to help honey bees](#)

[Warm weather is swarm weather: what to do when you encounter a swarm of bees](#)

[Me Today suffering from worldwide honey glut, lower demand](#)

[Why bees are swarming in Auckland right now](#)

[Taranaki beekeepers sending hives to Hawkes Bay beekeepers](#)

## 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](mailto:wbccommunication@gmail.com)



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