



## Monthly Newsletter

Issue 193 February 2021

### Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Next Club Day: 6<sup>th</sup> March

#### 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 carry on 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.

#### February Club day guest speaker

The February guest speaker will be Ashley Mortensen.

Ashley began her career as a zookeeper and picked up beekeeping as a hobby. Later she pursued graduate studies in apiculture, which led her to her current role as a senior scientist in the Bee Biology and Productivity Team at Plant and Food Research.

#### Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Set up in Kitchen 9am and Set up Lunch	
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	

All of 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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### Save the date: 2nd NZ Honey Bee Research Symposium announced

Organisers have confirmed that the 2nd NZ Honey Bee Research Symposium will run on Wednesday 23 June 2021 at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre, prior to the ApiNZ Conference. Last year's online event in September attracted 70 researchers and beekeepers from across the country where a wide range of research was shared and discussed. The organisers will put out a call for presentations in the next two months. ApiNZ will advertise the announcement, which will provide detail on submission and registration.

ApiNZ has started a social media campaign to raise awareness of the risks of tutin and to remind beekeepers of the need to follow the rules to ensure all honey is safe. We will be sharing [posts](#) over the next two months and we encourage you to share these widely amongst other beekeepers. If you would like a hard copy of the Tutin information sheet printed by ApiNZ and MPI, please email: [info@apinz.org.nz](mailto:info@apinz.org.nz)

### Detector dogs could save beekeepers millions of dollars

Training dogs to sniff out the bacterial disease American Foulbrood (AFB) in beehives could save New Zealand's beekeeping industry several million dollars a year.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is contributing \$50,000 through Sustainable Food & Fibre Futures (SFF Futures) towards a one-year, \$95,000 training project.

Read more [HERE](#)

### APICULTURE NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE & TRADE EXHIBITION

We are pleased to confirm the 2021 Conference will be held on Thursday 24 June to Saturday 26 June 2021 in Rotorua at the Rotorua Energy Events Centre.

Conference programme [HERE](#)

Speakers [HERE](#); Register [HERE](#)

### A New Zealand festival dedicated to bees

What's the buzz?

February 14th, 2021 will see the township of Matakana, just north of Auckland, host New Zealand's first Festival dedicated to honey and bees. More info [HERE](#)

### [ScientificBeekeeping.com](#) (Randy Oliver is a guest speaker at the 2021 NZ Apiculture Conference)

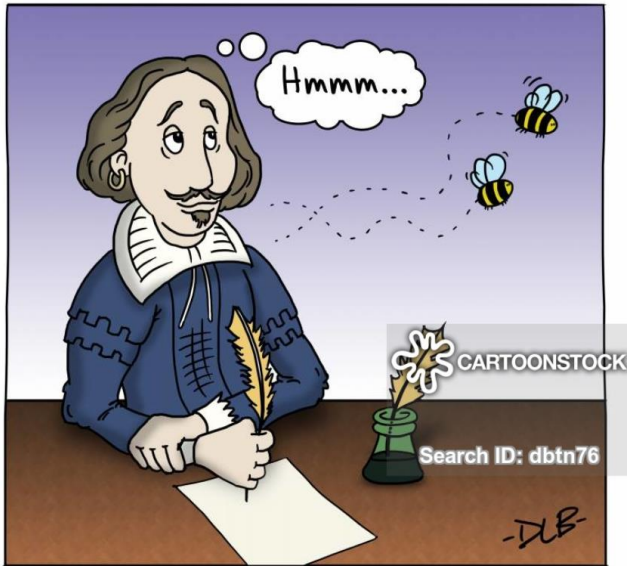
#### *Beekeeping Through the Eyes of a Biologist*

Randy Oliver has attempted to distil 50 years of beekeeping experience into a short set of instructions for starting out with bees in the Sierra Foothills. His website page provides some quick step-by-step notes for your first year of beekeeping, written specifically for those starting with a nucleus hive or package bees purchased from me, but generally applicable.

[Here](#) is a brief visual of hive management responsibilities in the Northern California Foothills. If you live somewhere else, the timing of the honey flow and length of winter may differ.

Apiarists Advocate January Issue [HERE](#)

## The Last Laugh By Derek Brettle



## Other News and websites to check out

["Knife-edge" honey prediction for local producers](#)

[Kiwi study hopes to use dogs to save bees, honey industry from deadly disease](#)

[Honey exporter caned for British ad's health claims](#)

[Neighbours at war: Beekeeper blocked from accessing farm](#)

[Beekeeping's rise: Why swarms of Kiwis have taken it up post-lockdown](#)

[Call for more strict glyphosate-use guidelines after Japan's honey warning](#)

[Japan threatens to stop importing NZ honey after detecting weed killer](#)

[Japan warns it will block NZ honey shipments if glyphosate limits breached](#)

['Distressing' find as myrtle rust spreads to Waitākere Ranges](#)

### 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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