

## Upcoming Events and Notices

**This Club Day: 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Next Club Day: 1<sup>st</sup> July**

### 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.

### June Club Day

Nick, our Club President, will be doing a frame waxing demonstration.

If you have any **spare wax** that you are willing to donate for this then please let Nick know by email [mattersville@outlook.com](mailto:mattersville@outlook.com) text or call 02102981621

Even if you have wax scrapings, we will be able to render it on the day to use for waxing the frames. Please bring your buckets of wax scrapings or any clean rendered wax to club day. Thank you.

### WBC Website

The Club needs someone to take over updating the website from Paul. This does not involve a great deal of work. Mostly adding the newsletters and updating phone numbers etc.

Please let Nick or one of the committee members know on club day if you are willing and able to take this small job on.



### Club Day Duty Roster

<b>Set Up Hall From 9am</b>	Club Members
<b>Set up in Kitchen 9am &amp; Set up Lunch</b>	Sue Young & Lorna Child
<b>Wash up Kitchen from Lunch</b>	Sue Young & Lorna Child
<b>Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30</b>	Club Members

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.

[Apriarists' Advocate](#)

[eMagazine May](#)

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# News from last Club Day

## Club Day Summary 6th May 2023

This club day we had the annual honey competition as well as our AGM. We were lucky enough to have Maureen and Heather as our judges, ably assisted by Muriel and Vince.

The AGM and the judging began at 10-00am.

## AGM

We had the required quorum and the AGM proceeded. Nick as President ran his first AGM for the club, with Vince as Secretary taking the minutes. Paul presented the financials for WBC and NPH on behalf of Barbara.

Barbara has stood down after many years as the club's (pro bono) accountant. She has been of great service to our club over many years and will be hugely missed. We are now looking at hiring a bookkeeper, essentially to do Barbara's work.

We also welcomed Natasha Cordiner as our new Treasurer to replace Heather. As we know, Heather has also been of great service to our club and made a strong team working with Barbara. We've been lucky with those two. Heather will remain on the committee and continues with other roles she is involved with.

Thank you, Natasha for putting your hand up for the Treasurer's role.

Other changes to the committee are:

Maree Maddock officially joined the committee. Maree will be one of the three NPH directors.

Adrian Tonks, Dave Pennington and Paul Martin are standing down – thanks again Paul for the huge effort you've put in over the years for this club. Thank you, Adrian and Dave for the work you've put into the Extraction Plant to help get it in shape. There were no new nominations.

## Videos

While the judging was going on Nick showed us two Mark Goodwin videos – Dr Goodwin is a scientist at Plant & Food Research specialising in honey bee and hive health, and the pollination services these colonies provide.

First video talked about the pros and cons of taking one brood box or two through winter and issues related to that choice: one box requires more careful management; wintering two boxes may leave the bottom box empty; how to store supers; rotation of brood comb frames; being prepared for the honey flow in your area (October to February/March in our region).

Second video talked about issues related to feeding sugar syrup:

- He sees it as a thing to do in Spring to stimulate brood numbers. He is looking at it from a pollinators point of view
- Warm syrup is better than cold
- Under or over-feeding is a problem
- The syrup can easily ferment so don't leave it in too long. Additives can promote fermentation. If they haven't used the syrup in a week throw it away
- Hive Alive is a seaweed-based supplement used for Spring stimulation. It also helps to stop fermentation. Once you start feeding in Spring you can't stop – you need to support the growing brood numbers until the flow starts
- Don't feed too much to weak colonies
- Can use dry raw / white sugar over winter. Be careful with non-white sugars (they must not contain molasses)
- Evening is the best time to put the syrup in the feeder (fewer robbing scouts around)
- The new type of top feeders with corner entry are very good.
- Target 2:1 (sugar: water) in Winter (67 brix). Target 1:1 in Spring (50 brix) for queen laying stimulation. Note that brix values are a measure of the soluble solids content of a solution.

# News from last Club Day (continued)

We will look at getting a guest speaker this year to discuss floral sources in our region.

## Honey Competition

Nick thanked our sponsors for donating their generous prizes. We had 39 entries across all sections.

Congratulations to Nick Watkins and Morgan Clair – this year’s major prize winner and runner up! Congratulations also to Ashok Unka who won the People’s Choice award with his granulated light honey entry.

Our international honey judge Maureen commented that the standard of honey entrants was generally high. It pays to present your entry correctly. Also, it would be useful for the ‘novelty wax items’ and the ‘honey-based products’ to come with a story so judges get to know more about them. Maureen also suggested for next year’s competition we expand the honey-based section to include ‘honey beverage’. She said this was a popular section in many honey competitions and would include mead and other honey brewed products such as beer.

Here are the competition results.

Whangarei Bee Club

### HONEY SHOW RESULTS 2023

CLASS 1. GRANULATED HONEY DARK		Max = 200
1	<u>Vincent Lane</u>	POINTS 186
2	<u>Ashok Unka</u>	POINTS 185
3	<u>Karin De Beer</u>	POINTS 182.5
CLASS 2. LIQUID HONEY DARK		
1	<u>Stuart Hamilton / Karen Luxton</u>	POINTS 189
2	<u>Tilasmi Lu</u>	POINTS 149.5
3		POINTS
CLASS 3. GRANULATED HONEY MEDIUM		
1	<u>Vincent Lane</u>	POINTS 190
2	<u>Shane Stanners</u>	POINTS 188.5
3	<u>Beverley Bristowe</u>	POINTS 181
CLASS 4. LIQUID HONEY MEDIUM		
1	<u>Morgan Clair</u>	POINTS 191
2	<u>Suzie Scourfield</u>	POINTS 182.5
3	<u>Karin De Beer</u>	POINTS 175.5
CLASS 5. GRANULATED HONEY LIGHT		
1	<u>Jon Luxton</u>	POINTS 176
2	<u>Ashok Unka</u>	POINTS 168.5
3	<u>Tilasmi Lu</u>	POINTS 156
CLASS 6. LIQUID HONEY LIGHT		
1	<u>Nick Watkins</u>	POINTS 195
2	<u>Nick Watkins</u>	POINTS 186.5
3	<u>Beverley Bristowe</u>	POINTS 181.5
CLASS 7. CREAMED HONEY		
1	<u>Suzie Scourfield</u>	POINTS 180
2	<u>Brian Clancey / Natasha Cordner</u>	POINTS 174
3		POINTS
CLASS 8. HONEY BASED PRODUCT		
1	<u>Geoffrey Guild</u>	POINTS
2	<u>Lily Kalis</u>	POINTS
3	<u>Karin De Beer</u>	POINTS
	<u>Ella Kalis (highly commended)</u>	
CLASS 9. WAX NOVELTY		
1	<u>Karin De Beer</u>	POINTS
2	<u>Lily Kalis</u>	POINTS
3		POINTS
<b>WINNER OF CUP</b>	<u>Nick Watkins</u>	POINTS 195
<b>WINNER OF SHIELD</b>	<u>Morgan Clair</u>	POINTS 191
<b>3rd Overall</b>	<u>Vincent Lane</u>	POINTS 190
<b>4th Overall</b>	<u>Stuart Hamilton / Karen Luxton</u>	POINTS 189
<b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE</b>	<u>Ashok Unka</u>	POINTS



Geoffrey's Mead was a WINNER!



Nick won the Cup for highest points awarded. Congrats!





## Hello Whangarei Bee Club

We are an agricultural tour company based in Palmerston North. Our travel company colleagues in Australia have put together a tour to Apimondia 2023 for the Australian beekeepers and they have asked to invite our New Zealand beekeepers and associations to join them. We feel that beekeeping is such an important industry that needs to grow and be protected, we are happy to extend this invitation.

Chile is hosting this international event focusing on sustainable beekeeping from the south of the world. There are pre and post congress tours in Chile and Argentina, and the event brings the international beekeeping fraternity together to discuss the main issues in the sector.

Apimondia Chile has been years in the making and this congress provides a wonderful opportunity to meet with colleagues whilst visiting these fascinating destinations in South America. Flights are not included; however we are able to assist with these. [Details here](#). If you require further information, please do contact me.

Thank you in advance and we hope to see some of our New Zealand beekeepers on tour to Apimondia.

Kind regards, Jane [jane@farmandleisuretours.nz](mailto:jane@farmandleisuretours.nz) Manager: Farm & Leisure Tours [www.farmandleisuretours.nz](http://www.farmandleisuretours.nz)

## Apiarist's Advocate eMagazine & website

In June (following the publishing of our June eMagazine and online stories) we will fire up the printers on our Winter '23 print magazine. It will be 50 pages of the best of Apiarist's Advocate's stories from the first 6 months of 2023 and therefore packed with content to interest the apiarists of your club.

Could you circulate this email to club members to gauge their interest and advise them of the club-member discounts available? That is, if more than one member of your club places an order we will apply the multiple-copies-ordered discount to all (that is \$25 for orders of multiple copies, as compared to \$29 for individual).

Accessing the discount will be simple – there is a field on the [online order form](#) which asks 'Are you a beekeeping club member?' where beekeepers can advise of their club membership. Whether your members wish to read Apiarist's Advocate online and via free PDF 'eMagazine' or [order](#) a bi-annual print magazine, we invite all to enjoy the content. More details about the print magazine are available [here](#)

And if you wish to advise of any topics or subjects for stories, then please email: [editor@apiadvocate.co.nz](mailto:editor@apiadvocate.co.nz)

Happy beekeeping! Regards, Patrick Dawkins **Editor – Apiarist's Advocate eMagazine & website**

## From Club Members Melva & Hilton Ward...

Our bees are loving our [Dombeya](#) flowers. We have two trees planted close to our hives. They are good for bees as they flower from autumn and well into winter with bees gathering pollen and nectar. Apparently Dombeya produce large amounts of nectar. It is semi tropical but grows easily from a cutting in Northland NZ.

Melva & Hilton will bring some cuttings to club day if anyone is keen to try to grow it (I am!).

You can also email them at:  
[spindrift11@gmail.com](mailto:spindrift11@gmail.com)

Thanks Melva & Hilton. Check out their great photos





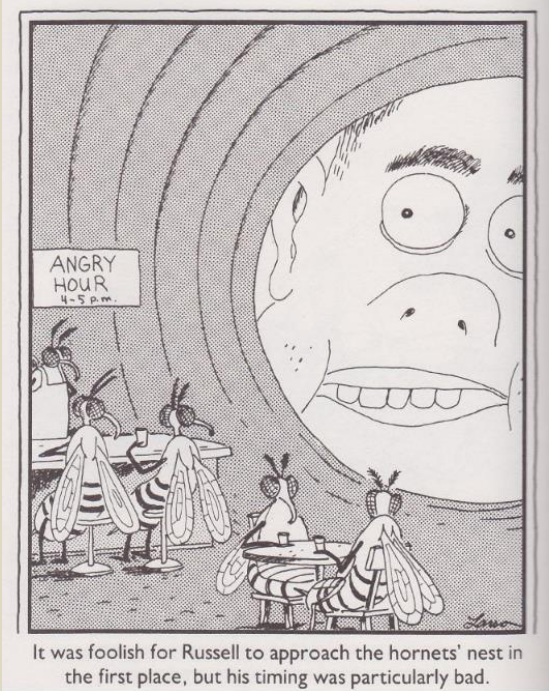
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Tai's Frame Cleaning Service \$1.50 per frame.  
 For more info contact Tai Pullen 020 415 815 64  
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 516 State Highway 1 Otaika Whangārei

8 Types of Honey Bees and How to Identify Each

While there are over 20,000 species of bees in the world, when most people think of bees, honey bees come to mind. However, many do not know that there are actually eight different species of honey bees. They range in size, colouring, and behaviour. These bees are essential factors in the pollination cycle and are the only insect that produces a food edible to humans: honey. Click on the title to follow the link to find out more.



[New Zealand mānuka honey producers lose trademark bid](#)

The mānuka honey industry has been dealt another blow - it has lost its bid to trademark the term 'Manuka Honey' in New Zealand.

Backed by the wider honey industry and government, The Mānuka Honey Appellation Society has been working to protect the term so that only honey from New Zealand can be called mānuka since 2015.

It argues mānuka is a Māori word and a distinctive product of New Zealand.

But the Australian Manuka Honey Association has been appealing the effort in multiple markets - saying honey produced there can also be called mānuka.

In a just released decision, the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand found the society's certification mark bid did not meet necessary requirements.

Another article [here](#)

[World Bee Day 20 May](#)

We all depend on the survival of bees

Bees and other pollinators, such as butterflies, bats and hummingbirds, are increasingly under threat from human activities.

Pollination is, however, a fundamental process for the survival of our ecosystems. Nearly 90% of the world's wild flowering plant species depend, entirely, or at least in part, on animal pollination, along with more than 75% of the world's food crops and 35% of global agricultural land. Not only do pollinators contribute directly to food security, but they are key to conserving biodiversity.

To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

[6 surprising things about bees on World Bee Day](#)

# Financial Statement

Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 20 March 23

Operating Account	39,654.18
Savings Account	408.89
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>40,063.07</b>

**Plus Income From**

New Members	220.00
Interest-01	1.33
	<u>221.33</u>
	<b>40,284.40</b>

**Less Expenditure**

Bank Fees	1.20
ASB - RWT - 01	0.60
AFB - Year 23/24 Fee	53.82
Web Site - OnLine designs	50.60
Whareora Hall Hire	80.00
L Child - Club Day Pizzas	189.79
Coastal Accounting - Review Accounts	1,207.50
Xero - Monthly Sub	71.15
	<u>1,654.66</u>
	<b>38,629.74</b>

Total Balances as at 20 May 23

Operating Account	38,220.12
Savings Account	409.62
	<u>38,629.74</u>

# Other News and websites to check out

Plant to help the bees this World Bee Day

Honey production down after cold season may be good news for beekeepers

1st Pacific Islands Bee Congress – will be held in Nadi, Fiji next month

DEADLY STING IN GABRIELLE’S TAIL

New Zealand-UK free trade agreement comes into force at end of May

FREE TRADE

Kiwi exporters count down the day until NZ-UK Free Trade Agreement kicks off

## 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)



Thanks to all contributors of the Newsletter



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