

Monthly Newsletter

Issue 190 November 2020

Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 7th November

Next Club Day: 5th December

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.



Keep an eye out – it's swarming season!

November Club Day Speaker

Keegan Blignaut

([Manuka Health](#) Regional Apiculture Manager-Northern)

Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	Isabell & Dwayne
Set up in Kitchen 9am and Set up Lunch	Bev, Murie
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	Bev, Murie
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

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.

News from last Club Day

Farmlands Discount

- Take your current WBC membership card to any Farmlands store
- Get club discount on purchases
- You pay at point of sale

'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

Spring Splits

- Don't have to do
- May decrease your honey production this season
- Good way to increase numbers
- One way to control swarming

'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

Spring Splits

- Make sure you do AFB check first!
- Plan beforehand
 - Boxes, base, lid, top mat, drawn out frames. QUEEN
 - Varroa treatment

'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

Spring Splits

- Need:
 - At least 2 frames of capped emerging brood (1/2 full for nuc)
 - 2 frames of bees
 - At least 1 frame of honey + pollen
 - At least 2 drawn frames

'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'

Spring Splits- Queens

- Mated Queen -overwintered or spring?
- Virgin Queen
- Queen Cell
- Graft
- Pauper Split

'Helping Beekeepers Keep Bees'



Mated Queens \$50; Virgin \$12; Cells \$7 (all prices inc GST)
Cells will have to be collected. We are happy to supply small numbers of either Carniolan or Italian. Bryce and Craig Gibbons
Bryce 094352598 0211084621 Craig 0210337807



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Glyphosate testing on NZ honey exports to Japan

Exporters will have received a notification from MPI on New Zealand honey exported to Japan. The notification highlighted that Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) has reviewed its imported food monitoring programme and has expanded glyphosate testing to honey. It went on to remind exporters of the need to meet Japan's maximum residue level (MRL) for glyphosate (0.01mg/kg), and encouraged exporters to have a management plan to ensure exported honey meets Japan's MRL. This move follows recent publicity around glyphosate residues in our honeys which gained international media and consumer interest.

Japan tests over 370 different aspects of food products at the border (run by MHLW). In our discussions with MPI, ApiNZ understands that they don't test everything but do random samples. We will be staying in close contact with MPI to see how this plays out and what additional support our members may need from our regulator.

Primary Industries New Zealand Summit and Awards will be held on **23 & 24**

November at Te Papa in Wellington. Entitled 'Supporting the Adaptation of New Zealand's Primary Industries to the Future' the two-day summit has sessions on sustainable land-use and adapting to future demands on farming practices, including a presentation on the potential of New Zealand farming without glyphosate. For the full agenda and details on how to register click [here](#) ApiNZ members are entitled to a \$100 discount on the registration fee. To access the discount, enter the promotional cod MOK8KS when [booking online](#). (Please note the discount will only work for one registration at a time, so if it doesn't work initially try again later).

Marketing support for exporters

Made with Care, a marketing campaign for New Zealand's food and beverage products, was launched earlier this week. The campaign is being led by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise with the aim of raising the profile of New Zealand food brands in overseas markets. As part of this campaign, [a set of marketing tools](#) have been created which are free for exporting companies to use when promoting their brand. More information about the campaign can be found [here](#). The video created for this campaign can be viewed [here](#).

[What award-winning Kiwi businesses learnt from operating in a pandemic](#)

It has been a tumultuous year for New Zealand businesses.

Adjusting to managing teams in Zoom meeting rooms, shoring up supply chains and finding a work-life balance in lockdown were just some challenges New Zealand business leaders had to tackle when Covid-19 changed the world overnight.

Stuff asked Kiwi businesses that had previously been celebrated for their growth how they stayed on track through an ever-changing "new normal".

[Mānuka honey company Comvita has 'strong' start to new year](#)

Mānuka honey company Comvita says trading has continued to improve in the first quarter of its new financial year as it seeks to turn around its performance after two years of losses.

Chief executive David Banfield, who took over in January, told the company's annual meeting in Paengaroa on Thursday that Comvita had a "strong" start to the new financial year, which commenced on July 1.

Financial Statement

Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 20 September 2020

Operating Account	22,060.68
Savings Account	404.99
Total Funds at 20th September 20	<u>22,465.67</u>

Plus Income From

CEW hirs Suits	50.00
Print Cards Kamo Garden Club	100.00
Garage Sale Payments	436.00
Membership Fees-New	1,215.00
Membership Fees	240.00
	<u>2,041.00</u>
	24,506.67

Less Expenditure

Bank Fees	1.60
Web Site - OnLine designs	42.55
Whareora Hall Hire	80.00
Pizza's & Milk, Biscuits,	
Name Cards & Holders, Engrave Cup Shield	385.37
	<u>509.52</u>
Total Balance at at 20th October 2020	<u><u>23,997.15</u></u>

Made up of

Operating Account	23,592.16
Savings Account	404.99

Other News and websites to check out

[Study may help boost high-grade honey production](#)

[Building up potential of bumblebees](#)

[Police bust honey gang who stole expensive honey from health food stores across Yorkshire](#)

[On par with manuka? Aboriginal Ngooka honey aims for premium positioning](#)

[Australian beekeepers livelihoods on the line as they defend their use of term manuka](#)

[Apiarist's Advocate – October Issue](#)

[Latest Bee news from The Independent](#)

[Chatham Islands' freeze dried honey offers unique culinary experience](#)

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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