



Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 1st October

Next Club Day: 5th November

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.

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Honey Competition. The open day was a great success. Special thanks to our judges Maureen Conquer and Heather Rye.

Results and some pictures are on the next page.

Apiarists Advocate – Latest News

Read the latest articles on Beekeeping in New Zealand [here](#)

Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	Volunteers needed
Set up in Kitchen 9am & Set up Lunch	Bev Bristowe; Lorna Child
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	Bev Bristowe; Lorna Child
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	George Strickland

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.

A reminder that WBC has a Facebook page open to all members. If you click on this [LINK](#), you will need to put in your membership number and we will approve your request. A great forum to ask questions and see what is going on in other people's hives.

News from last Club Day

Congratulations to the Honey Competition Winners – Results are below

Many thanks to Maureen and Heather for judging and thanks to everyone who entered

Whangarei Bee Club

HONEY SHOW RESULTS September 2022

CLASS 1. GRANULATED HONEY DARK

Max = 200

1	<u>26 KARIN DE BEER</u>	POINTS	<u>191.5</u>
2	<u>39 ADRIAN TONKS</u>	POINTS	<u>190.5</u>
3	<u>8 SUZIE SCOURFIELD</u>	POINTS	<u>189</u>

CLASS 2. LIQUID HONEY DARK

1	<u>4 DEAN OGDEN</u>	POINTS	<u>194.5</u> (1)
2	<u>12 JASON NEUHOLD</u>	POINTS	<u>189</u>
3	<u>45 DEAN OGDEN</u>	POINTS	<u>186</u>

CLASS 3. GRANULATED HONEY MEDIUM

1	<u>46 PAUL MARTIN</u>	POINTS	<u>192.5</u> (2)
2	<u>34 GEOFFREY GOULD</u>	POINTS	<u>191.5</u> (4)
3	<u>49 VINCENT LANE</u>	POINTS	<u>190</u>

CLASS 4. LIQUID HONEY MEDIUM

1	<u>11 JASON NEUHOLD</u>	POINTS	<u>190.5</u>
2	<u>29 BEVERLEY BRISTOWE</u>	POINTS	<u>188</u>
3	<u>10 JASON NEUHOLD</u>	POINTS	<u>183</u>

CLASS 5. GRANULATED HONEY LIGHT

1	<u>25 KARIN DE BEER</u>	POINTS	<u>192</u> (3)
2	<u>43 BRIAN CLANCY</u>	POINTS	<u>189</u>
3	<u>28 BEVERLEY BRISTOWE</u>	POINTS	<u>188.5</u>

CLASS 6. LIQUID HONEY LIGHT

1	<u>9 JASON NEUHOLD</u>	POINTS	<u>188.5</u>
2	<u>—</u>	POINTS	<u>—</u>
3	<u>—</u>	POINTS	<u>—</u>

CLASS 7. WAX NOVELTY

1	<u>24 KARIN DE BEER</u>
2	<u>5 ELLA KALIS</u>
3	<u>31 LILY KALIS</u>

CLASS 9. CREAMED HONEY

1.	38 ADRIAN TONKS 189
2.	7 SUZIE SCOURFIELD 173p

CLASS 8. HONEY BASED PRODUCT

1	<u>6 ELLA KALIS</u>
2	<u>37 ANNA NOALL</u>

Highly commended - 23 Karin de Beer

17 Mike Fox

30 Lily Kalis

WINNER OF CUP DEAN OGDEN POINTS 194.5

WINNER OF SHIELD PAUL MARTIN POINTS 192.5

3rd Overall KARIN DE BEER POINTS 192

4th Overall GEOFFREY GOULD POINTS 191.5

PEOPLE'S CHOICE 43 BRIAN CLANCY POINTS —

2nd SUZIE SCOURFIELD



Beekeeping equipment for sale

I purchased Bee Keeping equipment in 2018 prior to joining the club ready to start my beekeeping adventure with some bees when I was ready. What I ended up doing was buying an additional whole hive including bees which did not survive very long (this totally put me off keeping bees. It wasn't AFB as I had it checked, but that was an old hive which I disposed of and put the other equipment in storage). This in combination with my own health issues & house moves has unfortunately meant that my bee keeping endeavours never really made it off the ground so most of the equipment is either "as new" or in very good condition. We are about to move house again and I have finally come to terms with the fact that although I love Bees, Beekeeping is not for me, hence I am looking to sell it.

I have roughly priced this equipment from the Ecrotek website and (inc GST) this would currently cost around \$1100 to buy new (plus postage/freight). I would preferably like to sell it altogether so I think offers around \$750 would be reasonable.

It is basically everything needed to get started except the bees, which is why I thought maybe one of your club members might be interested.

We are currently located in Ruakaka, but I can bring it to Whangarei if anyone is interested

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Tradition is sometime deeply weird

The caretaker of the royal beehives containing approximately 1 million charges performed an unusual ritual upon Queen Elizabeth's death - he informed each hive of the news. The weird nugget comes via the Daily Mail, which interviewed royal beekeeper John Chapple. "I drape the hives with black ribbon with a bow," he said. "You knock on each hive and say, 'The mistress is dead, but don't you go. Your master will be a good master to you.'" Chapple did this for the hives - bedecked in black bows - at Clarence House as well as Buckingham Palace. As it turns out, the ritual is rooted in tradition, explains Vanity Fair. Centuries ago, people came to believe that if bees were not told about their master's death, they would stop making honey. Read more [here](#)

Any of members interested in placing some hives on my property at Whatitiri? The property is 80 acres. Very good access to the site being all flat and 20 metres from the sealed road. All weather access. Any interested people please call me, Brian Trimmer 0274761044 Email: btrimmer@xtra.co.nz

I would love to offer my property to anyone in the club who may want to place a few hives for their use. We have many manuka, a large veggie garden and 32 fruit trees. We are located 4 km from Whareora Road on Mt Tiger. There is a large flat area just off our drive that would be perfect for some hives. Please contact me know if you are keen.

Name: Richard Burgoyne 02108197616
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FRAME CLEANING

Tai's Frame Cleaning Service \$1.10 per frame.
For more info contact Tai Pullen 020 415 815 64
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516 State Highway 1 Otaika Whangārei

AFB checks

Trevor Clifton is available for AFB checks; he does charge for this service.
Email: puwerahoney@gmail.com Ph: 4329511 or 0274330155

Hives for Sale:

Stuart Hamilton has 45 hives for sale (\$350 – \$400/hive).
Ph: 021 488 770 stujhamilton@xtra.co.nz



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Dr Jonathan Cox – Manuka honey

For centuries, mānuka honey has been known for its antibacterial, anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties.

Now UK researchers have discovered it can help soothe serious drug-resistant lung conditions.

Listen and read more [here](#)

AFB Recognition Courses

We are providing non-DECA holders with the opportunity to attend an AFB Recognition course and pass the test as a pre requisite for applying for a Disease Elimination Conformity Agreement (DECA).

For more information about our AFB refresher courses – [CLICK HERE](#)

Varroa driving colony losses in New Zealand

Bee colonies naturally die over winter due to the pressures of the season, and beekeepers have been surveyed annually since 2015 to record these losses. The percentage of colonies that die over winter has increased every year since then. While problems with queen bees were previously the main issue to which beekeepers attributed losses, 2021 was the first year in which beekeepers identified the parasitic varroa mite as the main cause. You can read the article [here](#).



How a Northlander translated an 1849 te reo Māori book about bees into English

Telling the stories of the North is a passion for te reo Māori translator Joy Ngaropo-Hau, whose recent work has included unravelling the mysteries of a 173-year-old text on bees and beekeeping. Read more [here](#)

The recent news about the discovery of a [new bee parasite](#) in New South Wales is a timely reminder that biosecurity needs to be top of mind for our industry, whether hobbyist or commercial beekeeper. It appears the fly was discovered as part of Australia's varroa mite monitoring following an alleged illegal hive movement from Victoria. We do not have this parasite in New Zealand.

There is a good factsheet on the Braula fly on MPI's website as well as a good image of the fly [here](#). It presents a reminder that any sightings of potential pests should be reported to MPI as soon as possible on its Exotic Pests and Diseases Hotline 0800 80 99 66.

Discussions of potential threats in New Zealand also came up in the recent ApiNZ Biosecurity Focus Group meeting (see article below) with MPI providing an excellent update on its steps to prevent foot and mouth disease entering New Zealand, following Indonesia's recent outbreak. While foot and mouth does not impact bees directly, a question from the group was the potential impact on hive movement in the unlikely event it entered New Zealand. Current thinking is that people (and hive) movement would not be restricted but that good biosecurity practices would need to be implemented.

ApiNZ, with the support of the Biosecurity Focus Group and farming groups has prepared a [biosecurity checklist](#) that is a good reminder of what we mean by best practice actions and worth reviewing as we enter the new season.

Financial Statement

More information next month

Other News and websites to check out

[Current responses to varroa mite outbreak in Australia](#)

[New Zealand about to be hit with a pollen explosion](#)

[Bee health important to us all](#)

[Beekeepers anxious over state of hives in cut-off areas of Tasman-Marlborough region](#)

[Another court win for Roundup](#)

[Bee parasite discovered in NSW after alleged illegal hive transport](#)

[Taiwan's new technique takes honey to new levels](#)

[Could manuka honey solve superbug crisis?](#)

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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