

## Upcoming Events and Notices

**This Club Day: 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Next Club Day: 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**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.



### April Club Day

Vince and Tony will be hosting this month's meeting. They will hold a general discussion about beekeeping and what is going on in the hives this month. Come ready with your stories and questions.

### News on the Extraction Plant.

The Plant is up and running. Email [wbccommunication@gmail.com](mailto:wbccommunication@gmail.com) with how many supers you have and whether you can extract during the week or only at weekends. You will be doing the work under instruction. We are still sorting out the documentation. This year its \$10 / super.

**Groundbreaking New Zealand product set to tackle yellow-legged hornets | NZ Government**  
Biosecurity New Zealand is deploying a new tool in the fight against the yellow-legged hornet in Auckland.

Mike Inglis, commissioner north, says the agency will soon be using a locally developed protein-based insecticide bait that has proven extremely successful on wasps and is expected to be effective against the hornet.

### Apiarist's Advocate

#### Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
Set up in Kitchen 9am & Set up Lunch	
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	
Pack up / Clean Hall From 12-30	

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.



# Beekeeping News from NZ and around the world.....

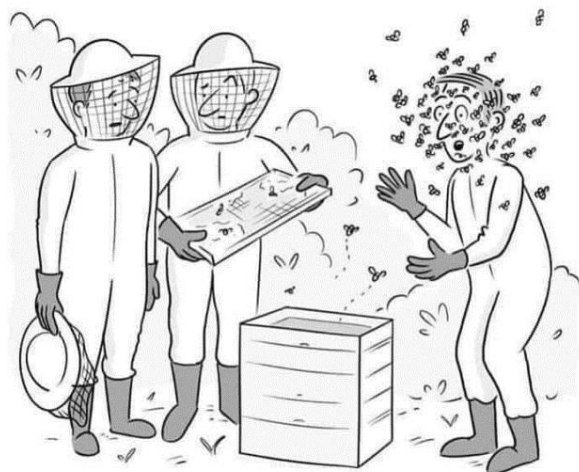
## Is honey good for you? Can it speed recovery if you're sick or injured?

Do the claims about honey for specific health problems and injuries stack up to science?

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War in Iran plays havoc with exports  
Bringing containers full of produce back to New Zealand could be the best option for some exporters unable to get them to their intended destination in the Persian Gulf following the attacks on Iran.

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"I told him as an expert in the field I strongly recommend wearing it, but he just kept bringing up his 'rights'."

## Master Guide – Beekeeping For Beginners

Starting a beehive and taking care of it is a lot of fun. It's all exciting, from unpacking your new beekeeping suit to pouring (yes, pouring) your new bees into your hive. One of the first steps in starting a beehive is acquiring package bees, which are a convenient way to introduce bees to your new hive.

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## Millions in Funding Moves AFB 'Vaccine' a Step Closer

The potential of an American foulbrood (AFB) preventative treatment or 'vaccine' for New Zealand beehives got another big step closer recently, with Dr Heather Hendrickson's lab at the University of Canterbury (UC) awarded a share of almost \$9 million to further their research into the use of bacteriophages to control AFB pathogens. What will it mean for the ABAtE (Active Bacteriophages for American Foulbrood Eradication) project? Who else will benefit? And when might beekeepers see a treatment available for their hives? We speak to Dr Hendrickson to find out.

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## Honey as a superfood: can it really heal wounds, fight superbugs and provide sweet relief for coughs?

Humans have been consuming honey for thousands of years. The ancient Egyptians and Greeks used it as a sweetener, but also a treatment for burns. Hippocrates, often referred to as the "father of medicine", championed the sticky stuff – mistakenly – for purposes as varied as contraception and baldness.

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## Importing queen bees won't solve Canada's beekeeping problems

Every spring, Canadian beekeepers await the arrival of queen bees crucial to their industry. The queens that populate Canadian bee colonies through the season largely do not come from Canada at all.

Canada imports approximately 260,000 to 300,000 queen bees annually from warmer regions like Hawaii, California, Chile and New Zealand because it cannot meet domestic demand.

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## Financial Statement



## Other News and websites to check out

Local council dealt with 34 complaints about bee poo in last two years

Bush hives dying, beekeepers challenged as treatment-resistant varroa mites spread

AgriLife Extension to host Beekeeping Field Days in April and May

World's No. 2 honey producer Türkiye to host 2027 'Beekeeping Olympics'

Wet winter may be behind 'devastating' bee losses

The serious science behind mānuka honey's health benefits

Forever chemicals may threaten European honey bee colonies in Australia

Replacing pollen with 'granola bars' is good for honey bees

### Call for contributions

If you would like to contribute articles, recipes, photos or any other content for the newsletter we would love to hear from you!!

If you have something to add, then please email it to [wbccommunication@gmail.com](mailto:wbccommunication@gmail.com)



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