

## Upcoming Events and Notices

**This Club Day: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Next Club Day: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2025**

### 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.



### December Club Day

A reminder that December 7<sup>th</sup> will be our last club day of the year and our Xmas tradition is to bring a plate to share. No pizzas will be ordered that day.

See you all Saturday!

### Queens For Sale

Bryce Gibbons has queens for sale.

Queens are \$50 plus GST for both Italian and Carniolan.

Also, nucs at \$220 plus GST

Phone Bryce 0211084621 or Craig 0210337807



### Club Day Duty Roster

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

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.



## News from last Club Day

The Open Day last month was a great success.

Thanks to everyone who supported the club by turning up, running a stall, and advertising this event to their communities.

Photos below



### Hives For Sale

K & S Partnership have just finished pollination at home and are also wanting to reduce hive numbers so have hives for sale now.

These hives are two full depth boxes - 1 brood box and one honey super, wooden floor and metal lid. They also come with queen excluder, hive mat and feeder. They are AFB clear and Varroa treated with oxalic acid.

For club members we are asking \$200 plus gst. These hives are ready to go and have some honey already. Karen Luxton and Stuart Hamilton

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# APICULTURE

NEW ZEALAND

## AFB PMP Annual Report 2023/24

The Management Agency's 2023/24 Annual Report is now available.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

In this report, you'll find updates from the NPMP Change Programme, AFB hotspot maps, the sector's joint AFB elimination efforts, and a recap of our achievements for 2023/24.



## New honey industry report

A new report on the New Zealand honey industry was published this week by Coriolis Research. The report is an update on a similar study published in 2012. The extensive insights provided give a broad overview of the opportunities that exist for New Zealand to grow our honey exports. As part of the analysis the report also identifies the industry's strategic missteps which have contributed to the current supply and demand imbalance and its implications on prices. Among them, the lack of a unified industry body and a weak regulatory framework are two that the NZ Honey Industry pointed to, and ApiNZ is currently working to address.

The report can be read [here](#)

## Fair Go: Honey producer battles Wellington Council over farmers' market stall

Husband and wife producers of Grafter's Honey, Sam and Vanessa Pegg, say they have been pushed out of Wellington's popular Harbourside Market to allow another honey producer "a monopoly". Fair Go reporter Gill Higgins investigates. Click on title to read more.

## Mānuka honey exporter says China trade trip cause for optimism

A mānuka honey exporter says a recent trade trip to China gives cause for optimism that recovery is on the way for the ailing sector.

A decade ago, mānuka honey was characterised by terms like "gold rush", and new beekeepers proliferated, the cost of hives exploded and there were many reports of hive thefts.

But in 2020 the shine left the sector. A big honey supply season coincided with Covid which disrupted export markets.

Product was left un-sold in sheds, many newer businesses closed down. Click on title to read more.



## Inevitable spread of varroa mite prompts concern for food security and prices

Honey bees pollinate \$4.6 billion worth of food in Australia, but with the inevitable spread of a parasitic mite and the eventual predicted wipe-out of the feral bee population, farmers are warning of an impact at the check-out.

Researchers have previously predicted feral bees will succumb to varroa mite in coming years, which will see demand from pollination-dependent fruit and vegetable producers steeply rise — posing a significant threat to Australia's food productivity.

## FRAME CLEANING

Tai's Frame Cleaning Service \$1.50 per frame.  
For more info contact Tai Pullen 020 415 815 64  
[taipullen9@gmail.com](mailto:taipullen9@gmail.com)  
516 State Highway 1 Otaika Whangārei



# Financial Statement

## Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 20th October 2024

Operating Account	11,067.59
Savings Account	35,989.83
Total Funds	47,057.42

### Plus Income From

New Members	550.00
Book sales	90.00
Hives & Bee equipt sales	35.00
Renew Memberships	395.00
Event proceeds- Open day	320.00
Interest-01	121.54
	1,511.54
	48,568.96

### Less Expenditure

Bank Fees	4.00
RWT - acct01	54.69
Monkey survey	49.00
Club Day Expenses	18.60
Deposit for Cheers hireage reimbst	(100.00)
Open day expenses	1,858.29
Phone-Committee	20.00
Web Site - OnLine designs	50.60
Whareora Hall Hire	80.00
Bookkeeping	180.00
Xero - Monthly Sub	64.69
	2,279.87
	46,289.09

Total Balances as at 20 November 2024

Operating Account	10,232.41	
Savings Account	36,056.68	
	46,289.09	0.00

# Other News and websites to check out

## Apiarist's Advocate

Why we need bees in urban spaces

Feast to famine leaves honey industry in crisis

A Kiwi industry abuzz: how mānuka honey is finding its sweet spot again

The busy life of beekeepers

Beekeeper living the sweet life at Bluff Station

Fight against fake honey heats up

Trade mission to China nets \$340mill export boost

Beekeepers halt honey awards over 'huge fraud' in global supply chain

## 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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