

Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day: 6th July

Next Club Day: 3rd August

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.

Hi everyone. Thank you to those who turned up for the May club day with AGM. Unfortunately, we didn't have the required quorum (40 members). We had 26 attendees.

The committee decided that because of the public holiday associated with the June club day we would cancel that meeting and make the July club day our AGM.

July Club Day

WBC AGM Agenda 6th July 2024

Welcome.

Apologies.

Approval of last AGM minutes.

Finance Report.

Reviewer's Report.

President's Report.

Election of Officers.

General Business.



Club Day Duty Roster

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

Help needed for all the club day duty roster jobs. Thank you for your support.

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.

Hello Beekeepers,

My name is Gareth Moyle and I am a commercial beekeeper in the Hawkes Bay.

I am emailing you with a brand-new product that is new to New Zealand, and in fact the world!
And proudly made in NZ!!

I have designed a repair piece for the broken tags or lugs on your bee frames.

The repair can be done in the field or back at the workshop and takes about 30 seconds. I call this FRENZ... FFrame ENDZ.. - designed to repair the damaged end of the bee frame.

FRENZ are sold in 2 convenient sized carry bags that will not rupture or break open on the floors of your trucks!

Bag sizes include 24 or 48 FRENZ, all stainless screws as well as a SQ1 drive bit. (All you will need is a small, toothed hand saw, a drill and 2mm drill bit and a bit driver.) I use the Bahco 16-point hand saw and a Bosch driver.

FRENZ are specifically designed for repairing frames.

No more discarding of valuable waxed out frames – save money- and support sustainable bee keeping practices in NZ - REPAIR AND REUSE

FRENZ are compatible with both Manley and Hoffman frames - wooden or plastic. Website details are <https://www.frendz.co.nz/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all! Thank you for your time...

Willowbank Apiary Ltd ph: 021 499 443

Kia ora Members! Urgent Request!

We need nominations for a President, Vice President, and a Treasurer.

We also need more committee members as Heather, a long-standing committee member is standing down at this AGM. We need someone to take over the membership admin and someone to replace Heather doing the meet and greet on club day.

Please consider putting your name forward as we need these roles filled for the club to continue.

We will accept nominations on Club Day.



FRAME CLEANING

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



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Honey has a plan and is sticking to it.

Farmers Weekly's [front-page article](#) last week would have readers believing the end is nigh for the New Zealand honey-producing industry. But that is far from the case.

That is not for a moment to deny the very real pain being felt by beekeepers around the country. The combination of high operating costs and honey prices below expectations have taken their toll on many.

[Read more here](#)

AFB PMP Newsletter

Welcome to the third issue of The Management Agency's quarterly newsletter. These newsletters will provide you with a glimpse of the various functions within our organisation.

In this issue, catch up with what The Management Agency team has been focusing on for the first half of this year for AFB elimination and some handy reminders. Also our most recent industry announcement which discusses swab testing and spore levels.

[Click here to read the newsletter.](#)

[Click here to read the industry announcement.](#)

Niha Long
General Manager

Bee doing Yoga



Case Study : Counting honey bees and varroa

Over the first couple of weeks in March 2019, the Pollination and Apiculture team at PFR monitored varroa (Varroa destructor) infestations in their beehives before applying autumn treatments. This was done using sticky boards and alcohol washes.

[Click here to read their findings](#)

Apiarist's Advocate **June 2024**

THE BEELISTENER
Apiary News & Jane's
Essay on Beekeeping.

The hornet has landed: Scientists combat new honeybee killer in US

In early August 2023, a beekeeper near the port of Savannah, Georgia, noticed some odd activity around his hives. Something was hunting his honeybees. It was a flying insect bigger than a yellowjacket, mostly black with bright yellow legs. The creature would hover at the hive entrance, capture a honeybee in flight, and butcher it before darting off with the bee's thorax, the meatiest bit.

[Read more here](#)

Financial Statement

Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Opening Bank Balances as at 20 March 2024

Operating Account	10,686.50
Savings Account	35,477.49
Total Funds	46,163.99

Plus Income From

New Members	440.00
Hives & Bee equipt sales	30.00
Renew Memberships	-
Book sales	
Interest-01	135.59
	605.59
	46,769.58

Less Expenditure

Bank Fees	2.40
RWT -acct01	61.02
Club Day Expenses	184.50
Bookeeping Costs	67.50
Web Site - OnLine designs	50.60
Whareora Hall Hire	80.00
Xero - Monthly Sub	61.24
	507.26
	46,262.32

Total Balances as at 20 April 2024

Operating Account	10,710.26
Savings Account	35,552.06
	46,262.32

Other News and websites to check out

The secret life of bees

Family marks 90 years in honey

Researchers develop a technique to authenticate the origin of Western Australia's honey

Honey bees can sniff out this kind of cancer

MPI boosts honey sector with \$309,000 for industry overhaul

Beekeepers continue to struggle with low profits, burden of pests

Cyclone rebuild delivers sweet results

David Beckham shares beekeeping tips with King Charles

A sour taste for beekeepers

Team effort changed busy bee industry: apiculturist

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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