

## Upcoming Events and Notices

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

**Next Club Day: 1<sup>st</sup> June**

### 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.

### WBC AGM Agenda 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Welcome.

Apologies.

Approval of last AGM minutes.

Finance Report.

Reviewer's Report.

President's Report.

Election of Officers.

General Business.



### Kia ora Members! Urgent Request

We need nominations for a **President** and a **Treasurer**.

Email [wbccommunication@gmail.com](mailto:wbccommunication@gmail.com) if you or another member you know would be up for these roles

We will accept nominations on Club Day.

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### Club Day Duty Roster

Set Up Hall From 9am	Volunteers Needed
Set up in Kitchen 9am & Set up Lunch	Sue Young & Lorna Child
Wash up Kitchen from Lunch	Sue Young & Lorna Child
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.

### 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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## Digital Beekeepers: Building a Better Future from From: simpleapps2Go <[simpleapps2go@gmail.com](mailto:simpleapps2go@gmail.com)>

Hello!

I am an amateur beekeeper like my son as well. Since I have many friends that make a living in beekeeping.

I've realized that this sector might need a solution aimed at professionalization and embracing the digital. Since I have knowledge and experience on digital products, I've developed a digital solution for beekeepers, simple and easy to use.

So I'm contacting you to introduce the Android mobile application, aimed at professionalization and embracing the digital beekeeper, which was developed in conjunction with local beekeepers (Portugal) with the aim of helping beekeepers track and manage their activities efficiently and intuitively.

You can find the App at Google Play Store, Bee2go.

The application is currently available for free download and free to use till the end of May. For small beekeepers, with up to 10 hives, it will remain free indefinitely. I am looking to gather feedback to see if it meets the needs and to make the necessary improvements.

Bee2Go is an innovative tool that simplifies hive management, allowing beekeepers to focus on what really matters: the health and productivity of their bees. It would be great if 1 or 2 beekeepers of your community try it out and see if it fits your needs.

I believe that collaboration with your association could be extremely beneficial for both parties. By sharing our application among your members, we can help a significant number of beekeepers improve their management practices and, consequently, increase the productivity and sustainability of beekeeping.

As I am open to discussing possible forms of collaboration that may be of interest to your association and its members, should you be interested.

Thank you very much for your attention, and I eagerly await a possible collaboration.

Best regards,

João Jorge

### A taste sensation

Last week's three-day Honey Sensory Analysis Workshop saw seven eager participants test their taste buds with over 100 different honey varieties from around New Zealand and the Pacific.

Course coordinator Maureen Conquer says basic tasting techniques and how to recall and record tastes were the foundation of the course. She says good records are vital for training a honey taster's memory and helping them make decisions in the pack house or field.

Attendees were particularly interested in the horizontal tastings – the same variety grown in different areas and vertical tastings – the same honey from the same site over different years evaluating how honey taste changes as it matures.

The field trip to Comvita's wellness lab in Auckland was another highlight of the course, says Maureen. The variety of backgrounds around the table - laboratory technicians, beekeepers and packers – made for interesting discussion, Maureen says. Although some attendees had done the Italian honey sommelier course, none had done a course specifically designed for New Zealand honeys.

The positive feedback and enthusiasm of the participants has encouraged Maureen to repeat the course in the future.

If you are interested in attending a future course, please email: [info@apinz.org.nz](mailto:info@apinz.org.nz)



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## **NZ BeeKeeper journal now free and online**

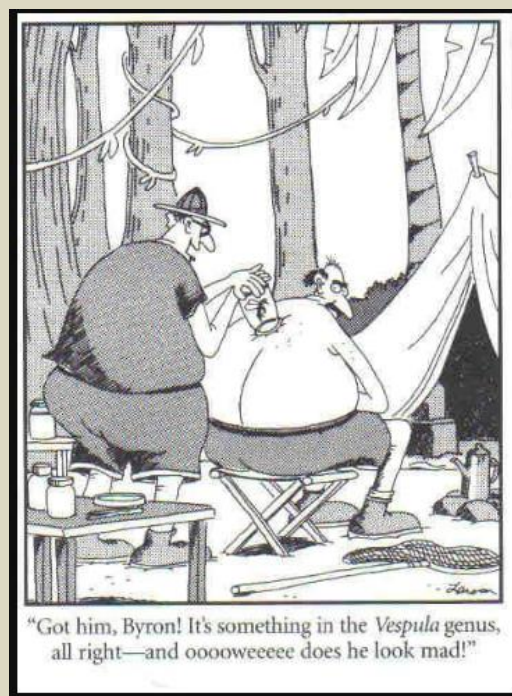
For sustainability reasons the New Zealand BeeKeeper journal is no longer being printed in hard copy form. All members will receive a quarterly email with a link to the journal. It can be viewed online via FlippingBook or downloaded as a printable pdf document.

All four issues of the journal are now available free of charge to anyone. If you have colleagues or friends that may be interested, they can subscribe to receive the quarterly email via the [link here](#).



## **ApiNZ membership**

Renewing members can purchase their ApiNZ 2024/25 membership via [this link](#) or email: [memberships@apinz.org.nz](mailto:memberships@apinz.org.nz) with any queries or to discuss payment arrangements.



## **NZ Honey Market Update March 2024**

The ApiNZ Science & Research Focus Group had a productive meeting on Monday including an update from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). The Science & Research Focus Group plays an important role in ensuring that bee health is a consideration in the work EPA does, from submissions on new pesticide treatments, to labelling of product, to making sure the public know how to protect bees if they need to use chemicals.

One of the issues the group has regularly raised is the lack of data on pesticides and chemicals from a use and volume perspective. We were pleased to hear that the EPA is looking to update its importers and manufacturers notice, proposing to make it mandatory to report on the volumes of active ingredients in pesticides including agriculture pesticides. While this has taken too long, given it was a recommendation made by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment several years ago, there is a clear recognition that “you can’t manage, what you don’t measure.” Those were welcome words to the scientists in the room who have been pushing for better data for many years.

You can read more about EPA’s work, including useful information on pollinator protection [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

New Zealand scientists developing laser to kill pests ravaging honeybee colonies

EU trade deal finally over the line

Buzzing success

Gentle hive tap can reveal health

Comvita's soothe trial on lepteridine mānuka honey

Mites gnaw into honey industry's wellbeing

Perspectives on wellbeing among commercial beekeepers in New Zealand

What makes NZ honey so special

Luxon puts his money where his mouth is with Southeast Asia visit

Mentoring generates hive of export potential

### 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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