



Whangarei Bee Club INC

Newsletter

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The future of NZ's mānuka industry

New Zealand's honey industry is expanding, quickly, driven by significant international growth in demand for mānuka honey and associated products. The opportunities for New Zealand are potentially immense and the implications are international.

As demand exceeds supply, bee keepers and honey producers need more mānuka-rich sites for their hives. There are opportunities for investors, land owners and businesses to respond to market growth with products, services and new technologies. And there are also challenges and questions: *how can the validity of the product, and confidence and sustainability of the market be ensured, and can the industry's structure support this rapid growth?*

The Mānuka New Zealand 2016 conference, held at Hawera's TSB Hub event venue on 17 February 2016, brought together industry experts from around the nation to provide an update on the state of the mānuka industry and a forum to discuss current opportunities and challenges to assist development.

Mānuka New Zealand 2016 set out to spark conversations that could drive the industry forward to its fullest potential.

Visit the site below to find out more information and keep the conversation going!

Adapted from

<http://business.taranaki.info/list.php/page/manuka-2016>

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Upcoming Events and Notices

This Club Day

5 March 2016

Same place, same time

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- president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and membership coordinator.

Next AGM

May 2016

Nominations for positions on the next executive committee will take place. If you are interested in joining the committee, the positions include:

Gold Members

Membership prices for Gold members is \$40 a year. To qualify as a Gold member, you must be 70 years of age at the time your annual subscription is due for renewal.

Honey Industry – Food Safety and RMP Awareness

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER

Course date: 10 March 2016

Location: Masterton

Start time: 9am

The course is designed to provide basic understanding of the regulatory environment of Bee Products in NZ with an emphasis on RMP requirements

Contact training@asurequality.com to register your interest or for immediate confirmation, go online to register at www.asurequality.co.nz

Course cost: \$335.00 + GST per person



Our current menu at the monthly Bee Club meetings consists of sausages and chips. Please consider the following matters and you will be given the opportunity to cast your vote at the next Club meeting:

- 1) Would you prefer to continue with the current menu or do you have other suggestions?
- 2) Would you prefer to eat before hive time or after?

Note: There is no need for a subscription increase to cover the continued supply of sausages/chips etc. We are in budget.

News to check out

- Mānuka Recall
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/77340132/evergreen-life-recalls-manuka-honey-products>
- Wanted: Varroa mites for research
<http://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/374110/wanted-varroa-mites-research>
- Virus killing bees caused by humans: Study
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/science/76660861/virus-thats-killing-honeybees-caused-by-humans-study>

Whareora Hall 10.15am

Bring:

- Cash for the produce table
- Produce for the produce table
- Your loyalty card to show at the door
- Bee suits

Directions

From SH1, turn off to *Kensington*. Turn left into *Mill Road*, then right at *Whareora Rd*. Keep on *Whareora Rd* until it joins *Pataua North Rd* and carry on for a few more minutes. The hall is on the right. Park on hall side of road.

Financial Information

Whangarei Bee Club Incorporation

Bank balances as at 20 January 2016

Operating account		3,968.70
Savings account		<u>4,396.27</u>
Total funds at 20 January 2016		8,364.97
Plus income from		
Membership fees	2,370.00	
Book sales	135.00	
Interest received	8.40	
Donation	10.00	
		<u>2,523.40</u>
		10,888.37

Less expenditure

Hall hire	65.00	
Licences	47.44	
Membership cards	55.80	
Hive costs	253.71	
Club day provisions	136.59	
Progress fee on website	862.50	
Bank fees	0.70	
RWT on interest	2.77	
		<u>1,424.51</u>
Total balance at 20 February 2016		<u><u>9,463.86</u></u>
Made up of		
Operating account	5,061.96	
Savings account	4,401.90	
		<u><u>9,463.86</u></u>