



**NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**of NEW ZEALAND (INC.)**

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PRESIDENT

Mr W.A. Clissold - Gore

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr M.G. Stuckey - Auckland

MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Representing the North Island:

Mr I. Berry - Havelock North  
Mr A.D. Lorimer - Hamilton

Representing the South Island:

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Introduction

1982 has been a year of significant changes in the beekeeping industry, the finalisation of the winding-up of the Honey Marketing Authority, the commencement of the new Co-operative, relaxation of export control on honey, being just some of the major events.

The Annual Conference was held in July at Waitangi, with the Northland Branch acting as hosts. Approximately 50 delegates attended this Annual Conference, continuing the trend of declining numbers of delegates attending. Nonetheless it was a most successful and constructive Conference.

Contact has been maintained with beekeepers at Branch meetings and field days by the various Executive Committee members, who are spread throughout both major islands of New Zealand, thereby ensuring coverage of the country as a whole.

Membership

For 1982 the Association's membership was 1,006 which shows an increase over the previous year. Of these members, 601 were ordinary members with less than 50 hives and 405 were commercial members with more than 50 hives.

Membership of the fifteen Branches throughout New Zealand is as follows:

	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>U/50 Hives</u>	<u>Total</u>
Northland	28	36	64
Auckland	27	92	119
Waikato	55	89	144
Bay of Plenty	21	29	50
Poverty Bay	6	17	23
Hawkes Bay	13	43	56
South Western Districts	44	118	162
Nelson	21	18	39
Marlborough	7	10	17
West Coast	16	9	25
Canterbury	62	41	103
South Canterbury	24	15	39
North Otago	15	10	25
Otago	38	48	86
Southland	28	26	54
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	405	601	1,006
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1981 figures	390	567	957

At the annual meeting of the Far North Branch early in the year, it was decided that the Branch should go into recess as there were no nominations forthcoming for the positions of President and Secretary, and the Branch membership was added to that of the Northland Branch.

Also during the year, the Auckland Branch which had gone into recess in 1976 was re-established, and members in the Auckland area who had been included in the roll of the Waikato Branch were placed on the roll of the Auckland Branch.

### Number of Beekeepers in New Zealand

As at 31 May 1982, there were 6,042 beekeepers registered with the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, compared with 5,578 in 1980/81, an 8.3% increase.

The under-50 hive range is still the fastest growing group with 5,568 beekeepers, an increase of 8.6%. The over-50 hive group increased by 20 to 474 beekeepers, a 4.4% increase. Of the 5,568 under-50 hive beekeepers, only 601 are members of the Association and it is hoped that many more will be attracted to membership by a continued public relations effort. It is essential that these hobbyists are aware of the dangers of disease in the NZ Beekeeping Industry and that they are made aware of their responsibilities in maintaining high standards of hive health.

### Honey Production

The honey crop for the 1981/82 season was 6,495 tonnes, 2,280 tonnes being produced in the South Island, and 4,215 tonnes in the North Island. This is a reduction of 436 tonnes compared with a production of 6,931 tonnes for the whole country the previous season.

The South Island production was the lowest since 1967 and was 1,400 tonnes down on 1980/81. Canterbury was the area most severely affected by drought and in this area some hives produced barely enough honey for the bees to live on.

### "New Zealand Beekeeper"

This quarterly journal dealing with technical matters and industry affairs continues to be sought, not only from our own members, but also from beekeepers overseas.

Mr Trevor Walton and staff at Agpress have maintained the very high standard which has come to be expected for this publication, and the Association would wish to record thanks to Mr Walton, his staff and all contributors to the journal for their assistance in this regard.

### The Honey Marketing Authority

The Under-Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Rex Austin, has agreed on behalf of the Minister to the winding-up of the Honey Marketing Authority. The Government Legal Office is now dealing with the preparation for the winding-up of the Authority and it is hoped that the formalities will be finalised within the next few months.

### Education

A brochure, "The Story of Bees and Honey", was donated to the Association by the Honey Marketing Authority. The Association wishes to record its thanks to the HMA for this pamphlet which has received a considerable amount of interest from schools and similar institutions. The pamphlet is available to all interested people for a small charge.

Approval was given to the purchase of a video cassette on brood diseases of the honey bee, and also a 24 colour slide series of bee diseases for teaching purposes.

Various book donations had been received during the year for the Library, which has assisted in the growth of the number of items available. Borrowers included not only beekeepers themselves but several from outside the industry, notably the Broadcasting Corporation, and various Community Colleges. It is hoped that a comprehensive catalogue of material available will be produced in the near future.

Support in principle has been given to the establishment of a National Training Centre in beekeeping at Telford.

The Education Sub-Committee has met on several occasions and has been working in close co-operation with the Education Department in relation to the possibility of the establishment of Educational Programmes.

#### Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

The Association would wish to once again place on record its appreciation of the work carried out by officers of the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries. It is with regret that the Association notes the loss of Mr Grahame Walton from the industry as a result of his appointment as Chief Advisory Officer (Extension) in the Ministry. The position of Chief Advisory Officer (Apiculture) disappears and with it one person from the Apicultural section of the Ministry.

Mr Murray Reid, the Apicultural Advisory Officer in Hamilton, takes over the national responsibility for beekeeping. We look forward to a close association with Mr Reid.

Southland beekeepers were delighted with the appointment of Mr Cliff van Eaton to the position of Apicultural Advisory Officer in Gore. Mr van Eaton had spent some time in the area earlier and his appointment was welcomed.

Mr Pat Clinch continues to work unceasingly for the industry and his work, particularly in relation to pollination in kiwifruit, is of the utmost importance to both the beekeeping and horticultural industries. His work in monitoring insecticides is also of great value to the industry.

#### Pesticides Board

The Agricultural Chemicals Board will become the Pesticides Board in early March 1983.

Section 35 of the Apiaries Act will be rescinded and replaced by more comprehensive regulations with particular emphasis on the use of pesticides which bear the label approved by the Board with the words "Toxic to Bees".

Mr Ian Berry continues as the Association's representative on the Pesticides Board. He was appointed to replace Mr Paul Marshall on the Agricultural Chemicals Board following Mr Marshall's resignation.

#### Hive Levy Amendment Bill

This Bill was introduced to amend the Hive Levy Act 1978 which authorises the collection of a levy on beehives from beekeepers with over 50 hives. The income from the hive levy was used to finance

certain activities of the Honey Marketing Authority as well as the National Beekeepers' Association. As it is proposed to dissolve the HMA, this Bill repeals the references to the Authority in the principal Act.

### Hive Levy

In the spirit of the "price freeze", the Executive Committee decided not to apply to the Minister for an increase in the Hive Levy for 1983 although it has remained at the same figure for several years now. The portion of the hive levy income previously used by the HMA has helped in some measure to off-set the considerable rise in costs due to inflation but it is unlikely that this will continue as considerable inroads have been made into the Association's moderate reserves.

### Finance

It is pleasing to report a net surplus for the year of \$2,622. However, this has largely been achieved by the increased income from the hive levy grant - up from \$23,000 to \$34,150.

Association expenses have risen by about 17% from \$44,580 to \$52,115 which was in line with the annual inflation rate. Increases in Conference expenses, Executive Meetings costs, reflect the increased costs in the travel industry. The administration fee paid to the Pork Industry Board was not increased this year but will be increased in the forthcoming year, providing the restrictions are eased with a more substantial effect in the 1984 year.

The net cost of the journal continues to rise. The Executive are always conscious of this but relate this cost to the important membership benefit that the publication provides.

The 1983 budget provides for a breakeven situation of income and expenditure of \$55,000.

### Executive Committee

There was no Executive Committee election this year. Mr Clissold and Mr Cloake were the retiring South Island members and indicated that they were willing to stand for re-election. No other nominations were received for the vacancies so they were reappointed to the Executive. Mr Marshall who resigned from the Executive Committee was replaced by Mr A.D. Lorimer by appointment of the Committee as no nomination for the vacancy was received.

The Executive Committee met four times during the year in March, July, September and December.

Mr Clissold was re-elected President for the 1982/83 year and Mr Stuckey as Vice-President.

In his address to the 1982 Conference, Mr Clissold particularly mentioned the importance of beekeeping to the growing kiwifruit industry, and the need for co-operation between beekeepers and kiwifruit growers. He stressed that, because of this, beekeeping could become more migratory and the need for disease control was more important than ever. He also expressed thanks to Mr Marshall for his work during four years on the Executive Committee, and particularly for the two years during which as President much of the work leading to the dissolution of the Honey Marketing Authority was undertaken. Mr Marshall had also been the Association's

representative on the Agricultural Chemicals Board. The Conference endorsed these comments.

In his address to the Conference, Mr M. Gould, Assistant Director-General, Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, said that with the demise of the HMA a big gap had been left in the national scheme of things and that the future role of the National Beekeepers' Association needed some further consideration.

In September, Mr Steuart Goodman was appointed Secretary of the Association. Mr Goodman is Executive Office (Administration) with the Pork Industry Council.

#### General

This year has been a very busy one for all those involved in the industry.

It has witnessed the initial year of the industry co-operative which promises to be a most efficient and effective organisation. Approaches have been made to the NZ Honey Producers' Co-operative for the provision of samples and prices to QANTAS for individual glass jars of honey for use by passengers on their aircraft - thus avoiding any dangers of disease from the importation of overseas honey.

The Tourist and Publicity Department has been made aware of the needs of beekeepers in the development of the Beautiful New Zealand planting proposal. Concern had been expressed to the Kiwifruit Authority about uncertainty created by the possible development of an artificial pollinator.

The Annual Conference agreed on pursuing a policy of continuing education of farmers, nurseries, Catchment Boards, orchardists, local bodies and the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries into the necessity of encouraging the preservation and planting of nectar and pollen bearing trees and shrubs.

With the advent of C.E.R., the Association will be constantly on the alert for any attempts to relax present controls on importation of bees, honey and pollen.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE  
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1982

<u>1981</u>		<u>1982</u>
\$		\$
	<u>INCOME</u>	
5253	Subscriptions	7556
23000	Hive Levy Grants (Note 4)	34150
2446	Interest	2143
6619	Journal Income - Advertising	8245
1597	" " Subscriptions	<u>1732</u>
182	Library	72
472	Miscellaneous (Note 2)	469
-	Publications	<u>379</u>
<u>39569</u>		<u>54746</u>
	<u>LESS EXPENSES</u>	
925	Administration Fee	9000
828	Audit Fee - 1982	750
-	Short provided 1981	210
2032	Capitation to Branches	2758
	Conference Expenses:	
1936	Accommodation	3168
2941	Travel	3233
4877	Sundry	<u>191</u>
	Executive Meetings:	
857	Accommodation	1225
3891	Travel	5503
4847	Sundry	<u>235</u>
70	Grant, General	-
	Journal:	
10684	Printing	12825
16127	Editorial Fee & Sundry	<u>7506</u>
107	Library	63
2740	Postages & Tolls	1719
800	President's Honorarium	960
1488	Printing & Stationery	1755
652	Sundry (Note 3)	504
131	Depreciation	105
-	Provision for Bad Debts	<u>405</u>
<u>14580</u>		<u>52115</u>
5011)	Net Surplus (Deficiency)	2631
<u>95</u>	Transferred to Library Fund	<u>9</u>
<u>5106)</u>	Net Surplus (Deficiency) to Accumulated Fund	<u>2622</u>

The Notes on pages 3 to 4 form an integral part of these financial statements.



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1982

<u>1981</u> \$	<u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u>	\$	\$	<u>1982</u> \$
140	Conference Fund			140
226	Dormant Branches (Note 5)			299
227	Library Fund			236
590	Seminar Fund			590
250	Travel Bursary Fund			250
11957	General Fund at 1.1.82		6851	
-	Hive Levy Suspense Account (Note 4)		<u>3305</u>	
			10156	
(51 )	Plus Excess of Income over Expenses 1982		<u>2622</u>	<u>12778</u>
<u>8284</u>				<u>14293</u>
	These are represented by:			
7736	Cash in hand and Bank		15	
3000	Short term investment - BNZ		5375	
211	POSB Milton		232	
-	Countrywide Building Society		9608	
2697	Sundry Debtors	3083		
(50)	Less provision for doubtful debts	<u>(455)</u>	2628	
<u>591</u>	Air New Zealand Bulk Air Account		<u>(123)</u>	
<u>14185</u>				17735
	<u>Less:</u>			
3339	Sundry Creditors		3691	
3305	Hive Levy Suspense Account (Note 4)		-	
-	Prepayments		126	
<u>291</u>	Subscriptions in Advance		<u>177</u>	<u>3994</u>
<u>6935</u>				
<u>7250</u>	Net Current Assets			13741
	Other Assets are:			
500	Library (at valuation)		422	
<u>534</u>	Publications (saleable)		<u>130</u>	
<u>1034</u>				552
<u>8284</u>				<u>14293</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General accounting policy:

The general accounting policies recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on an historical cost basis have been followed in the preparation of these financial statements.

Particular accounting policies:

The following particular accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of earnings and financial position have been applied.

Fixed assets and depreciation:

Office Furniture

Prior to the year ended 31 December 1981 fixed assets were valued at cost and depreciated according to the diminishing value method of depreciation; however in the year ended 31 December 1982, these assets, because of their low residual value, were entirely written off.

Library

Prior to the year ended 31 December 1982, this asset was written down to a nominal value of \$500. The asset is now being depreciated on the straight line basis at a rate of 20% per annum which is estimated to write off the cost of the asset over its natural life.

Investments

All investments are valued at cost.

Available publications

Prior to the year ended 31 December 1982, the sole publication - Nectar and Pollen Sources of New Zealand - was included at cost of publication less sales. The selling price is fixed to cover production costs. However in the current year stocks have been valued at 10 cents each.

Sundry Debtors

All doubtful items have been eliminated in stating accounts receivable.

Changes in Accounting policies

There have been no significant changes in accounting policies applied by the Association during the period covered by these financial statements

2. MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Insurance Commission	\$469	\$141
Donations	-	250
Miscellaneous	-	81
	<u>\$469</u>	<u>\$472</u>

3. SUNDRY EXPENSES

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>
Legal expenses	\$85	\$200
Apimondia	390	240
Bank charges	9	8
Royal NZ Institute of Horticulture	20	20
Executive Photograph	-	108
Miscellaneous	-	76
	<u>\$504</u>	<u>\$652</u>

4. The Minister of Agriculture in a letter dated 26 November 1981 advised the Association that he has approved pursuant to Section 9 (6) of the Hive Levy Act the payment to the Association of all monies collected by way of the hive levy up to and including the 1982 year.

5. During the year, the Auckland Branch of the Association came out of recess and the sum of \$226 held on its behalf was refunded to the Branch. The sum of \$299 is now held on account of the Far North Branch which went into recess during the current year.

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REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

We have audited the financial statements set out on pages 1 to 4 in accordance with accepted auditing standards, and have carried out such procedures as we considered necessary.

In our opinion, the financial statements give, under the historical cost convention, a true and fair view of the financial position of the Association at 31 December 1982 and of the surplus for the year ended on that date.

*Barr, Burgess & Stewart*

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Wellington, New Zealand  
10 March 1983