

Te Miere o Rauru Kii Tahī

Kii Tahī Ltd and Te Kaahui o Rauru are excited to share an apiculture training and development initiative in association with Land Based Training. The objectives of this initiative are:

- Identify, develop and retain qualified, skilled beekeepers in our region.
- Establish a network of Ngāa Rauru Kii Tahī beekeepers and bee-entrepreneurs.
- Foster opportunities for local employment and career development in the beekeeping and honey production industry.
- Participate in the active management of Kii Tahī Ltd beehives.

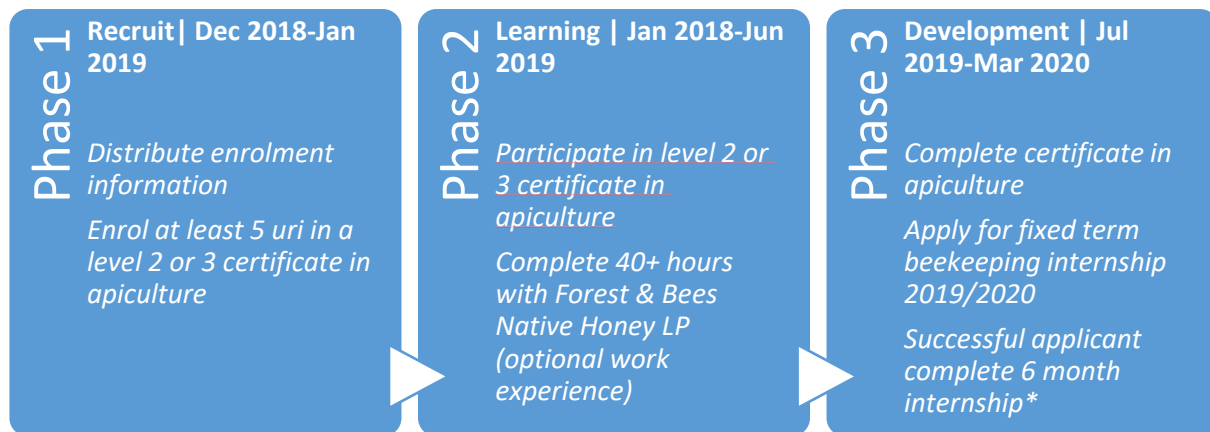
He aha ai?

Beekeeping and honey production, especially mānuka honey, are priorities for iwi in our region.¹ Due to high consumer demand and premium prices for mānuka honey, economic returns and employment gains are substantial.

Establishing a successful honey industry may benefit from iwi, hapuu and whanau forming a cooperative to ensure higher returns. Furthermore, trained beekeepers help to retain skilled workers and entrepreneurs in the region².

Te nui o Rauru

We discovered in our recruitment for a Bee Intern earlier this year that there are some gaps in training and development so we stepped back to assess the situation and approach it differently. We know there are a number of uri who are either interested in training or are active already in Beekeeping practice. Similarly, we know as an iwi we are hardworking, we innovate and have a natural curiosity to learn new skills. We have three phases to this initiative.



*Unsuccessful applicants will be offered further work experience with Forest and Bees Native Honey LP and other Beekeeping operations over the 2019/2020 season

¹ Te Pae Tawhiti Manawatu-Whanganui Māori Economic Development Strategy | 2016-2040

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Ka whai maatauranga

The primary goal is to have at least 5 people enrolled and supported through a level 2 or level 3 programme in 2019. A secondary goal is to connect these people with Forest and Bees Native Honey LP and other Beekeeping operations in the region through work experience.

Land Based Training provide Level 2 and Level 3 apiculture courses in Whanganui and have reserved at least 5 placements across their available courses for us.

- Level 2 and 3 Full-time 22 weeks (every day)
- Level 3 Part-time 44 weeks (one night a week)

Full time courses start 21 January 2019 for a duration of 22 weeks, Land Based Training suggest entering at Level 2 and progress to Level 3 to complete both in one year. Both levels include a mix of theory and practical learning time. Part-time course also starts in January 2019 for a duration of 44 weeks.

If you miss the January intake there are also other intakes in June/July for full time course participants.

In support of our objectives, Kii Tahi Ltd intend to part-fund fees associated with Level 3 and course related costs, there are no fees for Level 2.

Ka whai hua

Forest and Bees Native Honey LP manage hives that are owned by Kii Tahi Ltd. They have a Beekeeper Intern position available for at least one person to progress to following completion of Level 3 Certificate.

The internship is a full-time position of **Beekeeper Intern**. The Beekeeper Intern will report to Forest and Bees Native Honey LP Manager. The position intends to support with all duties necessary to oversee the health of the bee colonies and the production of honey in accordance with company plans, as directed by the Manager. Applications for this opportunity will open in August 2019.

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