Our Privacy Statement

1. Collection of Your Personal Information
Honey and Bees New Zealand collects personal information from you on this application form to process and manage your membership.

2. What Information We Collect
We collect your:

- Company name and primary contact person name
- Contact details (physical and postal address, phone number, and email address)
- Beekeeping profile details (e.g. hobbyist status, commercial operation, hive numbers, if applicable)
- Payment transaction details for your annual fees.

3. Why We Collect It
The lawful purpose for collecting this information is to run our society effectively.
Specifically, we use it to:

- Process your membership application and manage your account
- Send you community updates, newsletters, and industry information
- Maintain accurate records of our regional beekeeping network
- Comply with our official reporting obligations as an incorporated society (if applicable)

4. What Happens if You Choose Not to Provide It
Providing this information is completely voluntary. However, if you choose not to provide the required contact or registration details, we will be unable to process your application or admit you as a member of Honey and Bees New Zealand.

5. Sharing and Disclosure
We value your privacy and will never sell or rent your personal details.
Your information will only be shared outside the organization if:

- We use a secure third-party processor to handle payments or dispatch newsletters
- You give us explicit permission (e.g., choosing to list your details on a public member directory)
- We are required to do so by New Zealand law

6. Storage and Security
Your data is securely stored in our password/2FA-protected cloud database and accessible only to authorized committee members. We will only keep your information for as long as you remain a financial member, after which it will be safely destroyed or anonymized.

7. Your Rights to Access and Correction
Under the New Zealand Privacy Act 2020, you have the absolute right to request a copy of any personal information we hold about you. You can also ask us to correct it if it contains errors. To exercise these rights, or to raise a privacy concern, please contact our designated Privacy Officer at info@honeyandbees.nz