

# TONGUE TEASERS

We try it before you buy it

Four Brothers Reserve Raw Honey by Sweettree is local – it comes from that area between Hamilton and Raglan, on the deviation. It's runny honey. You can buy it from the Vitality Bee Products stall at the Hamilton Farmers' Market on Sundays.

Reporter Rob Kidd tasted carefully, then said:

"It's good. I've got a bit of a sore throat and it's sliding down nicely. I can con myself into thinking it has medicinal qualities, which is always good."

Reporter Aimie Cronin thought it was delicious.

"I'm a big fan of honey. I don't really taste what makes it expensive – it just tastes like supermarket honey."

She obviously hasn't checked the prices of most supermarket honey lately.

Reporter Louise Risk had trouble slicing the bread. But once she did, said:

"It is good – nice and smooth. I reckon it would be really good in lemon honey drinks."



"It's nice and thick. That's a good start," said reporter Belinda Feek. "Nice and smooth – you know sometimes honey is quite grainy? Good honey – better than that hard stuff that you have to dig for."

Maryanne Twentyman cut a dainty slice, smeared it with honey, cut it carefully in half, tasted just as carefully, then said:

"It's really strong. I'm not a fan of manuka honey, even though I know it's really good for you. And this one's true to its name – it's definitely really raw. I'm not a fan."

Chief sub editor Judith Taane was the last in the queue.

"Very rich, strong flavour. I love it. I don't like mild, sweet honeys. This has got some flavour through it that I find very moreish."

A 500g jar will cost you \$12. You can also buy it online at [www.sweettreehoney.co.nz](http://www.sweettreehoney.co.nz) (Vitality Bee Products is rebranding itself) or at various retailers around the region. They're listed on the website.