

## **ApiNZ Science and Research Focus Group Meeting February 2022 Update for members**

### **Focus Group review**

The group received an update on the findings of the focus group review and had a discussion on options for future directions for the group. An update on progress with implementation of the recommendations of the review was also given.

Martin Laas was elected as the new chair of this group as Barry Foster has decided to step down as the chair from May 2022. Barry will remain a member of the focus group.

Megan Grainger, a honey scientist based at Waikato University, has accepted an offer to join the focus group.

### **Apiculture 2022 Conference**

The science symposium at the 2021 conference was very successful. There will also be a science symposium at the 2022 conference. The group also discussed a proposal to have a panel of New Zealand scientists to support the international speakers at the 2022 conference. The purpose for having these scientists would be to help conference attendees to relate the international research to the situation in New Zealand. Options for members of these panels were discussed.