

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2023

**Please note programme is subject to change*
ROTORUA ENERGY EVENTS CENTRE

THURSDAY 29 JUNE - Day One

Time	Topic
7.30am	Registrations & Exhibition Booths Open Bacon Butties provided compliments of <i>Ecrotek</i>
8.30am	Mihi Whakatau and Conference Opening <i>Nathan Guy, ApiNZ Chair</i> <i>Councillor Karen Barker, Rotorua Lakes Council</i> <i>Hon Todd McClay, MP for Rotorua and National Party Agriculture Spokesman</i>
9.05am	Premium Sponsor address <i>Alex Turnbull Chief Executive, Mānuka Health</i>
9.10am	Keynote address and panel discussion ‘All about COLOSS – a global network to promote honey bee health and wellbeing.’ <i>Dr Peter Neumann, Institute of Bee Health, Switzerland (via live stream)</i> Followed by New Zealand panel discussion with: <i>Dr Pike Stahlmann-Brown, Principal Economist and Research Priority Area Leader at Manaaki Whenua (Land Research) and</i> <i>Dr Oksana Borowik, NZ COLOSS Representative and commercial beekeeper</i>
10:15am	Morning Tea
10.45am	Keynote address and panel discussion ‘What’s going on with queens?’ <i>Prof. David Tarpy, Department of Applied Ecology, North Carolina State University, USA</i> Followed by New Zealand panel discussion with: <i>Frans Laas, Director Betta Bees Research and</i> <i>Carlos Zevallos, Head of Apiary Development, Comvita</i>
12.00pm	Lunch Includes ApiNZ National Honey Competition Awards ceremony at 12.35 <i>Sponsored by Kiwi Labels Ltd</i>
	<i>Honey available for tasting in the Honey Room after 1pm</i>
1pm	The impact of severe weather events on the apiculture sector - Sharing the lessons learnt from Cyclone Gabrielle A panel discussion with beekeepers from affected regions: <i>Barry Foster (Gisborne/Tairāwhiti)</i> <i>Oksana Borowik (Coromandel)</i> <i>Richard Kidd (Northland)</i>

1.45pm	<p>AFB Pest Management Update <i>Clifton King, National Compliance Manager, AFB Pest Management Agency</i></p>
2.15pm	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
<p>SEMINAR SESSIONS</p>	
3.00pm to 3.45pm	<p>SCIENCE SEMINAR & PANEL DISCUSSION - AUDITORIUM ‘Adding value to New Zealand’s bee products using innovative science.’</p> <p>This panel discussion will explore the use of science to add a value to food products looking at what other industries and countries have achieved. The panel will then discuss what science we can use in New Zealand to achieve the same success with our own bee products.</p> <p>Panellists include: <i>Zac Robinson, Cofounder/Co CEO, Arepa</i> <i>Barry Foster, Beekeeper/owner, Tawari Apiaries</i></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Megan Grainger</i></p> <p>BETTER BUSINESS SESSION – HILL LABS ROOM – Running a beekeeping business in tough times – Resilience – Succession planning</p> <p>Panellists include: <i>Russell Marsh, commercial beekeeper</i> <i>Steve Jackson, non-commercial beekeeper and accountant</i> <i>Marc Gascgoine, dairy farmer (via Farmstrong)</i></p>
3.45pm to 4.30pm	<p>SCIENCE SEMINAR & PANEL DISCUSSION - AUDITORIUM Varroa what we currently know and where do we need to go.</p> <p>An interactive panel discussion discussing the current challenges faced by beekeepers managing varroa, what current tools are available to manage varroa better and what do we need to do as an industry to manage varroa successful in the future.</p> <p>Panellists include: <i>Carlos Zevallos, Comvita (beekeeper perspective)</i> <i>Hayley Pragert, MPI (government perspective)</i> <i>Michelle Taylor PFR (research perspective)</i> <i>Phil Lester, VUW (research perspective)</i></p> <p>HONEY SESSION – OPUS INTERNATIONAL ROOM “The Art of Tasting Honey”</p> <p>A hands on introduction to the art of sensory analysis and honey appreciation.</p> <p>Led by National Honey Judge Maureen Conquer</p>
4.30pm to 6.30pm	<p>NZ Beeswax Trade Buzz Swarm function to be held in Trade Buzz Arena</p>

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME 2023**FRIDAY 30 JUNE - Day Two**

Time	Topic
7.30am	Registrations & Exhibition Booths Open Bacon Butties provided compliments of <i>Ecrotek</i>
8.00am	Apiculture NZ AGM – HILL LABS ROOM
9.15am	Keynote address ‘Coming out of Winter’ <i>Prof. David Tarpy, Department of Applied Ecology, North Carolina State University, USA</i>
10.15am	Morning Tea
10.45am	Keynote address ‘The biology and control of Small Hive Beetle’ <i>Dr Peter Neumann, Institute of Bee Health, Switzerland (via live stream)</i>
11.15am	Taking on Varroa mite – an insight into how Australia is dealing with the arrival of this insidious pest <i>Danny Le Feuvre, Chief Executive of the Australia Honey Bee Council</i>
12.00pm	Lunch Includes ApiNZ National Photography Competition Awards ceremony at 12.35 <i>Sponsored by NZ Beeswax</i>
1pm	‘The government you want vs the government you’ll get – prospects for the 2023 election’ <i>Patrick Smellie, Editor and co-founder of BusinessDesk</i>
1.45pm	The Market Session – industry panel discussion ‘What’s driving international demand for NZ honey?’ A panel of market experts will share insights into what the year (and years) ahead might look like for different honey categories in different markets. The panelists will also offer thoughts on how beekeepers can best respond to the changing demands on exporters from overseas customers. <i>Sean Goodwin (The Mānuka Collective)</i> <i>Rebecca Margetts (Taylor Pass Honey)</i> <i>Katherine Brundell (Oha Honey)</i> <i>Facilitator: Campbell Naish (UMFHA)</i>
2.30pm	Afternoon tea

SEMINAR SESSIONS

3.00pm

MPI PANEL DISCUSSION AND UPDATE FOR THE APICULTURE INDUSTRY - AUDITORIUM

MPI Panel includes:

Leone Basher and Ursula Egan, Market Access

Claire McDonald, Mānuka Honey Science Definition

Duncan Lash, New Zealand Food Safety reassessment and regulatory work

VARROA SENSITIVE HYGIENE WORKSHOP – HILL LABS ROOM

‘How beekeepers can identify and retain varroa resistance traits in their own bee populations’

Rae Butler and Linda Newstrom-Lloyd from the Varroa Resistance Breeding project

3.45pm

International Keynote Speakers Q & A - AUDITORIUM

Dr Peter Neumann, Institute of Bee Health, Switzerland (via live stream)

Prof. David Tarpy, Department of Applied Ecology, North Carolina State

4.35pm

Conference Close – ApiNZ Board Chair Nathan Guy

6.30pm

GALA DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT

Sponsored by The Mānuka Collective

Venue: Rotorua Energy Events Centre