

Conference Programme 2019

Please note schedule is subject to change

Thursday 27 June 2019

7.30am	Registrations Open Bacon Butties. Compliments of Ecrotek	
8.30am - 8.55am	Opening Ceremony Powhiri	Bruce Wills, Chair Apiculture New Zealand Hon Todd McClay, MP for Rotorua Hon Steve Chadwick, Mayor of Rotorua
8.55am	Opening Address	Minister of the Crown (to be confirmed)
9.05am - 9.15am	Premium Sponsor Address	John Kippenberger CE Manuka Health
9.15am - 10.15am	Varroa Destructor Feeds on Bee Blood and Two Other Alternative Facts	Dr Sammy Ramsey Keynote International Speaker, USA
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning Tea	
10.45am - 11.30am	The Biology of Mating	Dr Juliana Rangel-Posada Keynote International Speaker, USA
11.30am - 12.00pm	Been there, done that: Lessons learnt in becoming a leading global marketer of New Zealand wine	Chris Yorke, New Zealand Wine Industry
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Lunch Practical Demonstrations from outside exhibitors including AFB Detector dogs	
1.00pm - 4.30pm	Seminars	

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
1.00pm - 2.30pm	<p>Science Discussion</p> <p>Chair: John Mackay</p>	<p>Looking After You and Your Business</p> <p>Tips on looking after your;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical fitness - Ron Vail, local GP • Mental wellbeing (Gerard Vaughan, based on the Live Well, Farm Well programme) • Financial fitness, particularly when times are tough (Russell Marsh, ApiNZ Board member) 	<p>Soapbox</p> <p>Applications being considered: Email jude@corporatevenues.co.nz</p>

2.30pm - 3.00pm Afternoon Tea

	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3
3.00pm - 4.30pm	Science Discussion continues	The People Side Brush up on your people skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to develop capable people and retain them • Understanding the importance of giving people the right information, tools and knowledge so you're less hands-on and they can do their jobs safely. • Getting the balance right with safety documentation and breaking down the barriers to Health & Safety Presenters include key industry HR people, and relevant Government agencies including immigration NZ and Worksafe NZ	Feeding supplements and how to set up a monitoring trial in your operation. Practical tips on feeding supplements for bee health and hive strength and how to set up an evidence-based trial for your operation Presenters include Ricki Leahy, ApiNZ Board member, Nick Taylor, NZ Beeswax (Megabee) and Dr John McLean, member of ApiNZ's Science and Research Focus Group
4.30pm - 6.30pm	Cash bar networking		All delegates and exhibitors welcome
6.00pm - 8.00pm	Roast Dinner Buffet		Sudima Hotel, Lake Rotorua

Friday 28 June 2019

7.00am - 8.00am	Yoga on site		
7.30am	Registrations Open		
	Bacon Butties. Compliments of Ecrotek		
8.00am - 9.30am	ApiNZ AGM		Apiculture New Zealand Board
9.30am - 10.15am	The AFB Controversy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Beekeepers' view point – what's right, what's wrong - Dogs and AFB - Where your money's being spent - Compliance and outcomes - Emerging technology - Is independent governance of the AFB PMP a better model? 		Speakers on AFB, including a free and frank open discussion and debate from the floor
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning Tea		
10.45am - 11.30am	The AFB Controversy – continues with a final summary of discussions		
11.30am - 12.00pm	Could we breed a better bee? Improving New Zealand's honey bee stocks through science and industry cooperation.		Dr Peter Dearden, Otago University FutureBees NZ
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Lunch		

12.35pm - 1.00pm	ApiNZ National Photo Competition Awards Ceremony Sponsored by Ecrotek	Class Winners announced (People's Choice Supreme Award winners will be announced at Gala Dinner)	
1.00pm - 4.30pm	Seminars		
	Room 1		
	What's going on with the honey market?	Room 2	
	Has the bottom fallen out of the market? What's happening overseas?	Drivers of Honeybee Colony Losses	
1.15pm - 2.45pm	What you need know about the challenges of our market today What's the long term view? Is there a solution and who pays?	Dr Sammy Ramsey Keynote International Speaker, USA	
	Panel and session facilitated by Sean Goodwin, ApiNZ Board member	Age Polyethism in honey bees Dr Juliana Rangel-Posada Keynote International Speaker, USA	
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea		
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	All about Mānuka honey	Integrated pest management	Considering pollination – the options, opportunity and challenges
	A practical industry discussion on Mānuka honey including developments with plantations; marketing your honey overseas; practical tips on labelling, and how to read your test results.	Taking an integrated pest management approach with a focus on organic miticides	Panel and session facilitated by Dennis Crowley, ApiNZ Board member
3.15pm - 4.45pm	Panel of experienced market operators; plantation operators (Stephen Lee, Mānuka Farming New Zealand) and Laboratory experts (Terry Braggins, Analytica)	Panel will include experienced beekeepers and scientists including Don Macleod, member of ApiNZ's Science and Research Focus Group and Michelle Taylor, Plant and Food Research	
4.45pm - 6.30pm	Ecrotek Trade Buzz Swarm In function to be held in Trade Buzz Arena	All delegates encouraged to attend	
6.15pm - 7.00pm	Speciality meeting	ApiNZ Hub & Club members	

Saturday 29 June 2019

7.00am - 8.00am	Yoga on site	
7.30am - 8.30am	Registrations open Bacon Butties. Compliments of Ecrotek	
8.30am - 9.15am	Tropilaelaps Mites: A Fate worse than Varroa	Dr Samuel Ramsey, Keynote International Speaker USA
9.15am - 10.00am	Factors affecting the Reproductive Quality of Queens and Drones	Dr Juliana Rangel-Posada Keynote International Speaker, USA
10.00am - 10.30am	Morning Tea	
	Main Plenary	
	Update from Joint Industry/MPI Manuka Honey Science Steering Group (MHSSG) on the programme of work including:	Dr Claire McDonald, MPI Tony Wright, ApiNZ Board member
10.30am - 11.15am	- Monitoring the ongoing performance of the definition with the aim of ensuring it remains fit for purpose; - Developing generic sampling guidelines for honey - Establishing a honey reference collection for the ongoing scientific study of New Zealand honeys. - Further evaluating the stability of chemical and DNA markers (current and potential), in the MPI manuka honey definition.	
	General update from MPI	Paul Dansted, Director Food Regulation, NZ Food Safety/MPI
11.15am - 11.30am	Protecting the term Mānuka Honey Mānuka Honey Appellation Society's update on trademark certification.	John Rawcliffe, Mānuka Honey Appellation Society
11.30am - 11.45am	Looking at DNA-informed queen selection for increased varroa control	Dr James Sainsbury, Plant & Food Research
11.45am - 12.00pm	Small Hive Beetle – future risks to New Zealand's apiculture industry	Dr Ashley Mortensen, Plant & Food Research
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Lunch	
12.30pm - 1.00pm	ApiNZ National Honey Competition Awards Ceremony Sponsored by Kiwi Labels Ltd	Class Winners announced (Supreme Award winners announced at Gala Dinner)
1.00pm - 4.45pm	Seminars	

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1.15pm - 2.45pm	An opportunity to hear about and discuss industry research trends with international speakers Dr Sammy Ramsey and Dr Juliana Rangel-Posada	Beekeeping basics Hear from the experts on how to get the most out of your bees Panel discussion with experienced beekeepers including John Berry, John Bassett and Deanna Corbett	Organic Management of Bees and the delicious result, organic honey Alisha Taff, USA
2.45pm - 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea		
3.15pm - 4.45pm	Understanding tree biology Linda Newstrom-Lloyd, Trees for Bees How to capture that perfect shot Bring your photos and cameras and learn from a professional photographer Tracey Scott, Professional Photographer	Honey bee viruses and emerging pathogens Get an insight into honey bee viruses and what's on the horizon Panel discussion with John Mackay of dnature, and Richard Hall, Senior Scientist, MPI	
6.15pm	Buses depart for the Skyline Gondola	Pick up from Novotel, Millennium & Sudima Hotels	
6.30pm-7.00pm	Gala Dinner pre-dinner drinks	Meet in foyer of Skyline Gondola before taking Gondola up to restaurant	
7.00pm	Seated for dinner at Stratosfare Restaurant		