



Conference Programme

Wednesday 15th May

Pre-conference Events

- 10.00am **Pre-conference Golf at Springlands Golf Club**
Kindly sponsored by BASF
- 5.30pm **Manufacturing Networking Event**
SCION Innovation Centre, Titokorangi Drive,
Whakarewarewa Rotorua
- 7.30pm **Free Evening for Delegates**

Thursday 16th May

- 8.00am **National Executive Meeting**
- 8.00am **Registration Opens**
- 8.30am **First Timers Briefing**
- 9.00am **Conference Opening**
- 9.10am **Crafting the Future: Meeting Tomorrow's demands for our Industry**
CEO's Update - Rachel Barker
- 9.40am **Capturing Business Opportunity with Upstream Innovation**
Jess Mitchell, Designally
- 10.10am **Closing the Loop: Circular Economy Programme Updates 2023 - 24**
Katy Constance, PNZ Circular Economy Manager
- 10.20am **Morning Tea**
Kindly sponsored by Blender
- 10.45am **Bioplastics and Global Trends in Polymer Development**
Alec Foster, SCION
- 11.15am **Benefits of Additive Manufacturing / 3D Printing: from prototypes to production**
Bruno Le Razor - Fi Additive
- 11.45am **Funding for the Future of Plastic Technologies - Accessing the R&D Tax Incentive**
Nick Inskip, Callaghan Innovation
- 12.15pm **Lunch**
Kindly sponsored by Premium Tooling China
- 1.00pm **Industry 4.0 Smart Factory Showcase**
Powering your future with Industry 4.0 innovations
- 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea**
Kindly sponsored by exSource
- 3.30pm **Ancient Wisdom and Modern Solutions**
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- 4.30pm **Day 1 Sessions Close**

Thursday 16th May

Gala Evening

- 5.30pm **Pre-dinner Drinks and Canapes**
- 6.30pm **Seat for Gala Evening**
- 6.35pm **Competenz Training & Apprentice of the Year Awards**
- 7.00pm **Buffet Dinner**
- 8.00pm **Plastics New Zealand Presentations**
- 8.30pm **Quiz Night**
- 11.00pm **Prize Giving**
- 12.00pm **Function End**

Competenz 

Friday 17th May

- 9.00am **Conference Opening Day 2**
- 9.05am **Looking for the light at the end of the tunnel and hoping it's not a freight train**
Cameron Bagrie, Bagrie Economics
Kindly sponsored by TCL Hunt NZ
- 10.00am **Plastic Manufacturing: an energy management journey**
Karen Orr - EECA, Dwayne Carroll - Aliaxis
- 10.30am **Morning Tea**
Kindly sponsored by PIL
- 11.00am **Panel Session: Education & Vocational Skills**
Hanga-Aro-Rau, Competenz, The Learning Wave, UoA
- 11.30am **Minister for Small Business & Manufacturing**
Honourable Andrew Bayly
- 12.00pm **Industry Issues Part 1**
Group Session
- 12.30pm **Lunch**
Kindly sponsored by Chemiplas NZ
- 1.15pm **Industry Issues Part 2**
Group & Split Session
- 2.10pm **Endeavor Fund: Shaping a circular market system for plastics in NZ**
Dr Julia Fehrer, Professor Johan Verbeek, UoA.
- 2.30pm **National AGM**
- 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea**
Kindly sponsored by Willis Towers Watson
- 3.30pm **Your Attitude Determines Your Altitude**
Tony Christiansen
- 4.25pm **Conference Official Close**

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Post Conference

- 7.30pm **Post Conference Dinner**
TBC, Eat Street (Own Cost)