





Victorian Apiarists' Association

119th Annual Conference 30th May - 1st June 2018 Program

	Wednesday 30th May
7.00 - 10.00 pm	Hospitality Evening Light Supper proudly sponsored by SCHÜTZ AUSTRALIA PTY LTD
	Thursday 31st May
7.30 - 8.30 am	Registration Welcoming cup of tea proudly sponsored by Redpath's Beekeeping Supplies
8.30 - 8.35 am	Commencements and Apologies. A minute's silence will be observed in memory of industry members deceased during 2017/2018.
8.35 - 8.45 am	Confirmation of the 2017 Annual Conference Minutes (taken as read). Declaration of Executive Council members for 2018/2019. Call for notice of motions.
8.45 - 8.50 am	Financial report and Annual Statement of Accounts - Ms Kerrin Williams, VAA Treasurer.
8.50 - 9.00 am	VAA Inc President's overview - Mr Kevin MacGibbon, VAA President.
9.00 - 9.30 am	Department of Economics, Development, Job, Transport and Resources update - Mr Daniel Martin, Apiary Officer and Ms Jessica Hartland, Bee Biosecurity Officer.
9.30 - 10.00 am	AgriFutures Update (Formerly RIRDC) - Dr Dianna Leeman, Honey Bee and Pollination Program Advisory member.
10.00 - 10.30 am	Morning Tea Proudly Sponsored by Bec's Beehive
10.30 - 11.30 am	Professor Boris Baer, Department of Entomology University of California.
11.30 - 12.30 pm	Notice of motions - Constitutional changes and General Business

12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lunch - Competition entries close at 1.00pm
1.30 - 2.00 pm	Official opening and Acknowledgment of Country -
2.00 - 3.00 pm	Ms Jody Gerdts Principal researcher and educator at Bee Scientifics.
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea Proudly Sponsored By Capilano Honey Pty Ltd
3.30 - 4.30 pm	Bees Freeze: Towards an Understanding of Honey Bee (<i>Apis mellifera</i>) Embryo Cryopreservation. Associate Professor Peter Temple-Smith, Education Program in Reproduction and Development, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Monash University.
4.30 - 5.00 pm	Notice of motions - Constitutional changes and General Business
	Thursday 31st May Evening Session Sponsored by Tojo Packaging
7.30 - 10.00pm	"Beekeeping in Argentina" - Prof Norberto Garcia, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL SUR in Bahia Blanca, Argentina
	Friday 1st June
7.30 - 8.30 am	Registration Welcoming cup of tea proudly sponsored by Monson's Honey
8.30 - 8.45am	B-Qual- Update – Mr Don Muir.
8.45 - 9.00 am	Resources Committee Report - Mr Ken Gell, VAA Resources Chairman.
9.00 - 10.00 am	"Honey Adulteration" - Prof Norberto Garcia, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DEL SUR in Bahía Blanca, Argentina
10.00 - 10.30 am	Flow Hive - Stuart Anderson, Flow Hive Co-inventor.
10.30 - 11.00 am	Morning tea Proudly sponsored by Prestige Stainless
11.00 - 11.30 am	Australian Honeybee Industry Council Annual Report – Mr Peter McDonald.
11.30 - 11.45 am	Update from Apicultural Industry Advisory Committee - Ms Judy Leggett, AIAC Chairperson.
12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lunch.

1.30 - 2.30 pm	Deformed Bee Wing Virus -Ms Rhiannon Burns Research Assistant, World Mosquito Program (Monash University)
2.30 - 3.00 pm	Mr Owen Bassett - Director, Forest Solutions Pty Ltd.
3.00 - 3.15 pm	Election of President and two Vice Presidents
3.15 - 3.45 pm	Afternoon tea Proudly Sponsored by Blue Bees.
3.45 - 4.15 pm	The Wheen Bee Foundation – Ms Fiona Chambers, CEO.
4.15 - 5.00 pm	Notice of motions - Constitutional changes and General Business
	Friday 1st June
7.00 - 11.00pm	Annual Dinner, Competition Winners Announced Raffle Draw and Annual Auction

	Victoria Room 1 - Alternative Program Friday 1st June
9.00am - 5.00pm	Biosecurity for Beekeepers on-line training course - Ms Jessica Hartland DEDJTR
10.00 - 10.30 am	"Tyre Inflation System" - with Chet from AIR CTI
10.30 - 11.00 am	Morning tea
11.00 - 11.30 pm	"Stainless steel products for the Hobby beekeeper" - David from Prestige Stainless
11.30 - 12.30 pm	Flow Hive – Mr Stuart Anderson Q&A Session
12.30 - 1.30 pm	Lunch
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3.15 - 3.45 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.45 - 4.15 pm	Silicomb™ An innovation of Hasson Hive™ for the harvesting and handling of honey -Mr Seamus Hasson, Hasson's Hives Australia Pty Ltd.
4.15 - 5.00 pm	Beekeeping Q & A with Mr John Edmonds

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