





# Victorian Apiarists' Association

## 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference 30<sup>th</sup> May - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 Program

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

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

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

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

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