

Victorian Apiarists' Association

120th Annual Conference 4th to 6th June 2019 Program

	Tuesday 4th June
7.00 - 10.00 pm	Hospitality Evening Proudly Sponsored by – Goodes Honey Light Supper proudly at no charge All Welcome
	Wednesday 5th June
7.30 - 8.30 am	Registration Welcoming cup of tea and coffee - proudly sponsored by Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies
8.30 - 8.35 am	Commencements and Apologies. A minute's silence will be observed in memory of industry members deceased during 2018/2019.
8.35 - 8.40 am	Confirmation of the 2018 Annual Conference Minutes. (taken as read) Declaration of Executive Council members for 2019/2020. Call for notice of motions.
8.40 - 8.45 am	Financial report and Annual Statement of Accounts - Ms. Kerrin Williams, VAA Treasurer.
8.45 - 8.55 am	VAA Inc President's overview – Mr. Aris Petratos, VAA President.
8.55 - 9.30 am	Agriculture Victoria update – Mr Joe Riordan, Apiary State Wide Specialist Ms. Jessica Millar, Bee Bio Security Officer
9.30-10.00 am	Chain of Responsibility – Mr. Greg Hough, Mass Management
10.00 - 10.30 am	Morning Tea Proudly Sponsored by - Bec's Beehive
10.30 - 11.00 am	Supercharge your bees with Genetics – Dr. Robert Banks University of New England
11.30 -12.00pm	Almond Bloom and Pollen Collection in Robinvale - Ms. Elizabeth Frost N.S.W. Department of Primary Industry.
12.00 - 12.15 pm	Progress Report Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association
12.15 - 1.30 pm	Lunch – Competition entries close at 1.00pm
1.30 - 2.00 pm	Official opening and Acknowledgment of Country

2.00 - 2.30 pm	Pollinating Diversity and Plants that Enhance Almond Pollination - Ms. Lee Hannah
2.30 - 2.45 pm	Resources Committee Report - Mr. Robert McDonald VAA Resources Chairman
2.45 - 3.00 pm	Developments in the Manuka Industry – Mr. Peter McDonald Australian Manuka Honey Association
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea Proudly Sponsored By - Capilano Honey
3.30 - 4.30 pm	Enhancing and balancing the gut microbe in bees on various crops – Ms. Amy Paten CSIRO
4.30 - 5.00 pm	Apprenticeships and Training - Danielle Lloyd – Prichard Tocal Agricultural College
5.00 - 5.15 pm	Leadership Training - Mr. Reece Cameron
	Wednesday 5th June 2019 Evening Session Sponsored by Blue Bees
7.00 - 7.10 pm	Preparing Bees for Pollination – Mr. Trevor Monson
7.10 - 7.20 pm	How to get started in Beekeeping – Mr. Peter Smith
7.20 - 7.30 pm	Tree Identification and Local Resources – Mr. Ron Robinson and Mr. Jon Williams
7.30 - 7.40 pm	Identification of Bee Disease, Biosecurity and The Barrier System - Ms. Jessica Millar and Mr. Joe Riordan Agriculture Victoria
7.40 - 7.50 pm	Introducing a Queen – Mr. David Briggs
7.50 - 8.00 pm	Swarm Control – Mr. Don Whitehead
8.00 – 8.10 pm	Insurance and Apiary Code of Practice – Mr. Aris Petratos
8.10 - 8.20 pm	Handling of Stickies – Mr. Eric Smith
8.20 - 8.30 pm	Wintering Bees – Mr. Rob McDonald
8.30 - 8.40 pm	Honey Labelling – Ms. Moss McCallum
8.40 - 8.50 pm	Wiring a frame – Mr. Mike Love
8.50 - 10.30 pm	Individual sessions of questions and answers with all the speakers With supper provided at No Charge

	Thursday 6th June
7.30 - 8.30 am	Registration Welcoming cup of tea and coffee proudly sponsored by - Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies
8.30 - 8.45 am	Australian Honeybee Industry Council Annual Report – Mr. Peter McDonald Chairperson and Ms. Sarah Paradise CEO
8.45 - 9.00 am	B-Qual Update – Mr. Don Muir
9.00 - 9.30 am	AgriFutures Update – Dr Dianna Leemon Honey Bee and Pollination Program Advisory member.
9.30 - 10.00 am	Environmental Effect on Pollinating Insects – Dr. Aimee McKinnon
10.00 - 10.30 am	Morning tea Proudly Sponsored by – Steritech
10.30 - 11.00 am	Current Trends in Apiary Chemical Regulation - Mr. Steven Field Chemical Operations Agriculture Victoria
11.00 - 11.30 am	Importance of Controlling Small Hive Beetle- Dr. Dianna Leemon Honey Bee and Pollination Program Advisory member.
11.30 - 12.00 pm	Ecology of the Mallee
12.00 - 1.30 pm	Lunch.
1.30 - 2.00 pm	Business Succession Planning- Mr. Nigel McGuckian Rural Finance Corporation
2.00 - 2.45 pm	Honey Testing – Dr. Liz Barbour CEO CRC 4 Honeybee Products
2.45 - 3.00 pm	Election of President and two Vice Presidents
3.00 - 3.30 pm	Afternoon Tea Proudly Sponsored By - Capilano Honey
3.30 - 4.15pm	Varroa Resistant Bees - Dr Emily Remnant University of Sydney T.B.C
4.15 - 5.00 pm	Notice of motions and General Business
	Thursday 6th June
7.00 - 11.00pm	Annual Dinner, Competition Winners announced, Raffle Draw and Silent Auction

Program subject to change without prior notice