

Victorian Apiarists' Association Inc

“Climate Change and Forest Management – Looking to the Future.”

121st Annual Conference - 19th to 21st May 2022 Program

2022 Annual General Meeting - 1.00 p.m., Friday 20th May 2022

Venue: York on Lilydale – Cnr. York & Swansea Roads, Mt. Evelyn. Vic.

“World Bee Day is Every Day for Members of the VAA”

	Thursday 19th May
7.00 – 10.00 pm.	Hospitality Evening: Meet and Greet for all participants Proudly Sponsored by VAA Melbourne Section . <i>Light Supper provided. All Welcome but must register.</i>
	Friday 20th May: Yarra Valley Conference Room <u>Competition entries to be handed in when you book-in please</u>
8.00 – 9.00 am.	Check in: Collection of Conference satchels & Welcome refreshments Proudly Sponsored by Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies
9.00 – 9.05 am.	Acknowledgement of Country Rebecca Dileo
9.05 – 9.10 am.	Welcome to the Conference Phil McPherson , VAA President
9.10 – 10.00 am.	Bee Industry Resilience Program Almond Poisoning Kit Duncan-Jones Steven Field Farm Business Resilience, AgVic Chemical Standards, AgVic
10.00 – 10.30 am.	Morning Tea in Yarra Valley room Proudly Sponsored by Goode's Honey
10.30 – 11.00 am.	Official Opening
11.00 – 11.30 am.	Regional Forestry Agreement Ian Cane
11.30 – 12.00 noon	Forest Restoration Project Caitlin Cruikshank
12.00 – 1.00 pm.	Lunch in Yarra Valley Room
1.00 pm.	2022 Annual General Meeting
3.00 (subject to AGM timing)	Afternoon Tea in Yarra Valley room Proudly Sponsored by Hive and Wellness
3.30 – 4.00 pm.	Purple Hive Project Vimana Tech
4.00 – 4.30 pm.	Pollination – What is in your beehive? Trevor Monson – Almond Pollination Broker
4.30 – 5:00 pm.	Board Effectiveness Program // Powerful Pollinators & Bee Friendly Farming Fiona Chambers - When Bee Foundation CEO
5.30 pm.	Casual Bistro tea – at own cost – book your table if staying on
7.00 – 10.00. pm.	Panel Presentation: “Beekeeping Then and Now” Chair: Peter McDonald Panel: Ian Cane , Matt Lorenz , Stephanie Parsons
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**Saturday, 21st May: Yarra Valley Conference Room
Day Two – Commercial Stream**
(Delegates may attend either room providing there is sufficient seating)

8.00 – 9.00 am.	Check in: Collection of Conference satchels & Welcome refreshments: Proudly Sponsored by Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies
9.00 – 9.30 am.	A.H.B.I.C. Report Trevor Weatherhead A.M. – A.H.B.I.C. Chair
9.30 – 10.00 a..	Melbourne Polynator - Certificate 3 in Beekeeping Gary Paterson – Food, Fibre & Animal Industries, Melbourne Polytechnic Elsa Demetriou – Strategic Partnerships, Melbourne Polytechnic
10.00 – 10.30 am.	Morning Tea in Yarra Valley room Proudly Sponsored by Ezyloader Stafford Engineering Pty Ltd
10.30 – 11.00 am.	Agriculture Victoria Update Joe Riordan, Nikki Jones, Paige McDonald & Ally Driessen
11.00 – 11.30 am.	Young Offenders Bee Training, Malmsbury Claire Moore , Sweet Justice
11.30 – 12.00 noon	AgriFutures Australia Update Jonathon Monson , AgriFutures Australia Advisory Panel Member
12.00 – 1.00 pm.	Lunch in Yarra Valley room
1.00 – 1.30 pm.	Queen Bee Breeding Dr. Jody Gerdts Agricultural Ecologist & Managing Director, Bee Scientifics
1.30 – 2.00 pm.	Adaptations to climate change in Victoria's forests Dr. Rebecca Ford , Research Scientist, DEWLP
2.00 – 2.30 pm.	Biosecurity Tips and Tricks Ally Driessen , Bee Biosecurity Officer Nikki Jones , Leading Apiary Officer, Agriculture Victoria
2.30 – 3.00 pm.	VAA Resources Committee Report Ken Gell , Chairman
3.00 – 3.30 pm.	Afternoon Tea in Yarra Valley room Proudly Sponsored by AIR CTI
3.30 – 4.00 pm.	New Technology for Beekeeping Simon Mildren , HiveKeeper, CEO
4.00 – 5.00 pm.	General Business Issues, discussions and suggestions from members
7.00 – 11.00 pm.	V.A.A. Annual Dinner in Yarra Valley Room Three course Dinner (Drinks at bar prices) Entrée Proudly Sponsored by Kelvin Trading Pty Ltd. Competition Winners announced. Raffle Draw and Auction

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**Saturday 21st May: Bellbird Conference Room
Day Two - Recreational Stream**
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8.00 – 9.00 am.	Check in: Collection of Conference satchels Welcome refreshments: Proudly Sponsored by Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies
9.00 – 9.05 am.	Acknowledgement of Country Rebecca Dileo
9.05 – 9.10 am.	Welcome to Conference James Doery
9.10 – 10.00 am.	What is a Beekeeper? John Edmonds
10.00 – 10.30 am.	Morning Tea in Yarra Valley room Proudly Sponsored by Ezyloader Stafford Engineering Pty Ltd.
10.30 – 11.00 am.	Getting into Beekeeping Janet Conos & Louise Tyler
11.00 – 11.30 am.	How a hive works: components & construction Mike Love, VAA Melbourne Section Chair
11.30 – 12.00 noon	Biosecurity: Pests and Diseases Knowledge Nikki Jones , Leading Apiary Officer, Agriculture Victoria Ally Driessen , Bee Biosecurity Officer, Agriculture Victoria
12.00 – 1.00 pm.	Lunch in Yarra Valley Room
1.00 – 1.30 pm.	Preparation & Management of hives for almond pollination. Joe Riordan , Senior Apiary Officer, Agriculture Victoria Ally Driessen , Bee Biosecurity Officer, Agriculture Victoria
1.30 – 2.00 pm.	How to get the most out of your beekeeping journey Simon Mildren, HiveKeeper, CEO
2.00 – 2.30 pm.	Flow Hives 101 Michael Johnson, The Basin Backyard.
2.30 – 3.00 pm.	Beekeeping after the beginning John van Weeghel
3.00 – 3.30 pm.	Afternoon Tea in Yarra Valley room Proudly Sponsored by AIR CTI
3.30 – 4.00 pm.	Re-queening – When, Where & How David Briggs
4.00 – 5.00 pm.	“Where To From Here?” Beekeeping groups, gaining experience, reference materials, and more. Panel: Q&A Session – questions from the floor
7.00 – 11.00 pm.	V.A.A. Annual Dinner in Yarra Valley Room Three course Dinner (Drinks at bar prices) Entrée Proudly Sponsored by Kelvin Trading Pty Ltd. Competition Winners announced. Raffle Draw and Auction

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