



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE – DAY 1

Thursday, 18th MAY 2023

Penrith Panthers Rugby League Club, 123 Mulgoa Road, Penrith NSW

8:00 – 9:00 am	Registration / Member Check-In
9:00 – 10:00 am	Welcome – Steve Fuller, NSWAA President
	Apologies Minutes Silence for Passed Members
	Minutes 2022 AGM (as read) Business Arising from 2022 AGM Minutes Presentation of 2022-23 Financial Report Presidents Report (as read) Nominations for Executive Council Scrutineers appointed Poll Declared Open
	Official Opening – Dr John Tracey – Deputy Director General, Biosecurity and Food Safety, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI)
10:00 – 10:10 am	Platinum Speaker presentation – Beewise Australia
10:10 – 10:30 am	Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC) – Stephen Targett – AHBIC Chair
10:30 – 11:00 am	Morning Tea - sponsored by Hornsby Beekeeping Supplies
11:00 – 11:35 pm	DPI Varroa Response – Dr Satendra Kumar – DPI Director Plant Biosecurity, Product Integrity
11:35 – 11:50 pm	Varroa eDNA research – Dr. John Roberts – Senior Research Scientist, Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)
11:50 – 12:30 pm	Key Note Speaker – Dr Samuel Ramsey - Varroa mites make 'fat bees skinny bees' – sponsored by Ecrotek
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Key Note Speaker - David Mendes – Project Apis mellifera board member US industry-funded forage, Varroa and mite tolerance breeding research - sponsored by Dalrymple View Apiary Supplies
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Varroa monitoring with US industry - Emily Noordyke – DPI Plan Bee Technical Officer
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Pacific Labour Scheme – Dr. Cooper Schouten – Southern Cross University
2:30 - 2:45 pm	Honey bee nutrition – Dr Madlen Kratz – DPI Honey Bee Industry Development Officer
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Clover4Bees – Dr Richard Hayes – DPI Senior Research Scientist
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Almond Board Australia (ABA) – Tim Jackson – ABA Chief Executive Officer
3:15 - 3:30 pm	Berries Australia – Rachel Mackenzie – Executive Director
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Bushfire Industry Recovery Package projects – Dr. Kenya Fernandes – University of Sydney Microbiologist
4:00 pm - close	General Business
5:30 – 7:30 pm	TRADE EXHIBITION EVENING – sponsored by Lockwoods Beekeeping Supplies



2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CONFERENCE – DAY 2

Friday, 19th MAY 2023

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8:00 – 8:30 am	Registration / Member Check-In
8:30 – 8:45 am	National Parks Update
8:45 – 9:00 am	BPASS & Crown Lands - Nick Geoghegan – <i>DPI Program Coordinator Apiculture Resource & Niki McHugh</i> – <i>Customer Service Coordinator, Apiary Sites</i>
9:00 – 9:10 am	AgriFutures grant: I.D. & develop tech for improved hive performance – Aidan Whitby
9:10 – 9:20 am	AgriFutures – A Snap Shot – Steve Fuller – <i>AgriFutures Advisory Panel Member, NSWAA Pres.</i>
9:20 – 9:30 am	Accredited education & training - Kelly Lees – <i>DPI Honey Bee Education Officer</i>
9:30 – 10:00 am	Key Note Speaker – Dr Nadine Chapman - <i>Research Fellow, University of Sydney</i> Resilient beekeeping – breeding for Varroa resistance – sponsored by Australian Rainforest Honey
10:00 – 10:30 am	Morning Tea - sponsored by Hornsby Beekeeping Supplies
10:30 – 11:15 am	Key Note Speaker – Dr Samuel Ramsey - Understanding the Mysterious Tropilaelaps Mite
11:15 – 11:45 am	Genomic testing for Varroa – Professor Alexander Mikheyev – <i>Australian National University</i>
11:45 – 12:10 pm	Plan Bee after Varroa – Elizabeth Frost – <i>DPI Technical Specialist Bees</i>
12:10 – 12:20 pm	Marcus Oldham – Zac Alcock – <i>2022 NSWAA Attendee, NSWAA Executive Councillor</i>
12:20 – 12:30 pm	Announcement of Marcus Oldham Nominee for 2023 and 2024 Ratification of 2022-23 Financial Report Announcement of closing of votes for 2023 Executive Council
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 1:45 pm	Driving consumers' honey desire – Dr. Soumi Paul Mukhopadhyay – <i>DPI Sensory & Consumer Science Researcher</i>
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Honey chemistry analysis results – Dr. Jamie Ayton , <i>DPI Chemist</i>
2:00 – 2:15 pm	Varroa pest management research, gaps- Dr. Mary Whitehouse – <i>Macquarie Uni</i>
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Record keeping commercially – Matt Skinner – <i>NSWAA Executive Councillor</i>
2:30 - 2:50 pm	NSW compliance - Greg Vakaci – <i>DPI Director Compliance and Integrity Systems</i>
2:50 – 3:00 pm	Bee Biosecurity update – Rod Bourke – <i>DPI Bee Biosecurity Officer</i>
3:00 – 3:30 pm	Flood assistance – Rural Assistance Authority
3:30 pm - Close	Notices of Motion General Business Announcement of Executive Council
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks Function - sponsored by Hive & Wellness Australia Pty Ltd
7:00 pm	ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER - sponsored by Varroa Easy Check ANNUAL CONFERENCE DINNER ENTERTAINMENT – Darren Carr – sponsored by HD Process NZ Ltd LIVE AUCTION