



**73rd ANNUAL Conference**  
 Rutherford Hotel, Nelson  
 4-5 May 2017

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The 4th – 5th May 2017 saw the New Zealand Plastics Industry celebrate their 73rd Annual Conference in Nelson, New Zealand with over 100 attendees.

The South Island Branch were conference hosts for this exciting event, held at the Rutherford Hotel in the heart of sunny Nelson.

Special thanks must go to our valued Sponsors and Trade Table participants who make these events possible. Special mention to EECA Business who were our principal sponsor for this event.



The conference theme was “Energise Your Business- a theme built around Energising your business from within in times of rapid change. The delegates were able to take away from this event strategies and concepts to help in dealing with change to meet future challenges— a few choice morsels they could take home to implement in their businesses and contribute to their ongoing success.

This theme was actively supported by the quality and expertise of the speakers — both professional speakers and those from successful companies providing examples of what they did or are currently doing. The Trade Tables also promoted a range of tangible benefit programs available to Plastics New Zealand Members.



*Key Reasons Delegates gave for Conference meeting their expectations*

*Networking*

*Keeping Abreast of Industry Issues*

*Socialising*

*Update on PNZ activities*

*Education & Personal Development*

*Ways to improve my business*





*“Incentive to revisit energy savings opportunities. ‘Answer by Asking’ will become a tool in future”*

**In the Feedback surveys from Delegates, 100% considered that the quality and content of the 2 day programme was relevant to their business and personal development.**

Keynote Speakers impressed with their presentations on ways to energise your business with new ways of thinking and strategies to meet the challenges in the current times of rapid change.

Delegates appreciated the updates on key Economic, Environmental, Industry Training (with Competenz) and R&D and Technology topics.

Copies of all available speakers presentations can be downloaded from the Members section of [www.plastics.org.nz](http://www.plastics.org.nz)



*Philip Wilson—Nelson Pine*

*“It can show how little things can improve the business—environmentally and financially!”*



*Dave Wild*

*Futurist —Smith & Wild  
“Dave was thought provoking and took us outside comfort zones*

*Pic Picot—Pics Peanut Butter  
“Pics enthusiasm and showing how to build brand awareness”*



*Bernard Hickey - Financial Journalist*

*“Bernard gave us great Insight into the current NZ Work Situation”*

*“Really enjoyed it!  
Didn’t expect the learnings!”*

*“Lots of challenges but annual conference is a great place for a quick catch up on the pulse of the Industry”*

During the Gala Evening on Friday 5th May, Competenz presented 2 special awards — Training Company of the Year and Apprentice of the Year

## Training Company of the Year



This years finalists for Training Company of the Year were Sistema Ltd and Marley New Zealand Ltd (Christchurch).

Winners of the Award were Marley New Zealand Ltd.

## Apprentice of the Year



This years finalists for Apprentice of the Year were David Bollmann of Marley NZ Ltd, Ryan Firn of Alto Packaging Ltd (Hamilton) and Niall Presland-White of Convex Plastics Ltd (Auckland).

Winner of the Award was Niall Presland-White of Convex Plastics Ltd.

## Special Presentation

John McGregor (Competenz) was awarded a special recognition from Competenz on his retirement for his commitment and efforts



to the Plastics Industry and particularly his valued service, enthusiasm and dedication to the apprentices under his care.

## Recognition of Service

Ray Pryor was recognized at this years conference for his long service and contribution to the Plastics Industry on his retirement. We thank Ray for his dedication and efforts throughout the years.




Morris Watson was recognized at this years conference for his magnificent effort in attending 45 annual PNZ conferences in a row without missing one. Morris has been a major supporter of the



Industry for many years and we look forward to seeing him take up the challenge he has issued himself—50 Annual Conferences!



The “Electric Shock” Costumed Gala Evening was held on Friday evening with Competenz as sponsor.

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A great evening was had by all as delegates caught up with old friends, networked and danced the night away to “Cover Me”.

