



74th **Conference**
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The 17th – 18th May 2018 saw the New Zealand Plastics Industry celebrate their 74th Annual Conference in Rotorua, New Zealand with over 100 attendees.

The Waikato Branch were conference hosts for this exciting event, held at the Novotel Rotorua Lakeside Hotel in the heart of Rotorua.

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 Collaboration for Success – creating a sustainable future for plastics manufacturing in NZ. Presentations highlighted how rapid technology changes, digital globalisation and environmental pressures are converging at an accelerating pace to create both opportunities and threats for our industry. Attendees also heard about changes to employment relations, the challenges of recruiting and training as the workforce ages and new compliance requirements.

Delegates were able to take away new thinking, strategies and concepts on ways forward that they could apply in their business. Collaboration with EECA on energy management, Scion on bio based materials and specialised testing, Competenz on new training initiatives and recruitment, Callaghan on smart business practices and clever thinking to find new innovations with global reach and PNZ on plastics and the environment are all part of the solution. These were supported by practical case studies from leading industry players – Sistema (automation), Bonson's (energy monitoring) and Flight Plastics (energy monitoring, the circular economy and PET Recycling). Over 90% of surveyed attendees indicated a high or very high likelihood of applying information and knowledge gained at Conference in the next 3 to 6 months.

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

*Education & Personal
Development*

*Keeping Abreast of Industry
Issues*

Socialising

Update on PNZ activities

Ways to improve my business





Cam Calkoen

*“Inspiring, Beyond Excellent.
Awesome Cam!”*



*Andrew Patterson - Financial
Journalist*

*“Showed that there might be
other products that we can
improve or add technology to”*

*“Focus on Change. Focus on Sustainability and
the current and upcoming environmental
issues that will impact the industry”*

**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.**

Huge thanks to SCION for hosting the delegates for a site visit on
Thursday 17th May. It was deemed by delegates to be an extremely
worthwhile and highly valued learning experience, with many of them
expressing their admiration for the knowledge, passion and
enthusiasm of the SCION staff.



Copies of all available speakers presentations can be downloaded from
the Members section of www.plastics.org.nz

*“The focus on technology and automation is
very topical and hearing where the market
is going is very interesting*

*“Passionate, energetic and knowledgeable
speakers talking about relevant subjects”*



Oliver Jensen—Sistema Ltd
*“Great talk on the benefits of
automation and how a large
company really went about
implementing it”*



Elias Kanaris
*“The relevance of people in the
industry. Better management of
employer/employee relations”*

Training Company of the Year



This years finalists for Training Company of the Year were Elastomer Products Ltd and Sistema Ltd.

Mathew Vandy (Competenz) & Mark Field — Elastomer Products Ltd— Training Company of the Year Finalist



Winners of the Training Company of the Year Award were presented during conference on Thursday 17th May.

The Winner was Sistema Ltd.

Mathew Vandy (Competenz) & Oliver Jensen — Sistema Ltd — Training Company of the year Finalist & Winner

Apprentice of the Year



This years finalists for Apprentice of the Year were Regan Dixon of Iplex Pipelines NZ Ltd, and Robyn Rawson of Profile Polymers Ltd.

Mathew Vandy (Competenz) & Regan Dixon — Iplex Pipelines Ltd— Apprentice of the Year Finalist.



Winner of the Apprentice of the Year Award was presented at the Competenz Sponsored Gala Evening on Friday 18th May.

The winner was Robyn Rawson from Profile Polymers Ltd.

John McGregor (ATNZ/Competenz) & Robyn Rawson — Profile Polymers Ltd— Apprentice of the Year Finalist & Winner.



The “Dress for Success” Costumed Gala Evening was held on Friday evening with Competenz as sponsor.

Competenz 

Skills for industry

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

