

# RISE UP

OVERCOMING OUR CHALLENGES  
77TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE | 4-5TH MAY 2023

## Conference Programme

### Wednesday 3rd May

Pre-conference Events

- 10.00am **Pre-conference Golf at Waitikiri Golf Club**  
*Kindly sponsored by BASF*
- 5.30pm **Manufacturing Networking Event**  
Milton Street Substation
- 7.30pm **Free Evening for Delegates**

### Thursday 4th May

- 8.00am **National Executive Meeting**
- 8.00am **Registration Opens**
- 8.30am **First Timers Briefing**
- 9.00am **Conference Opening**
- 9.15am **Viva Energy Australia Principal Sponsor**  
Richard Xin, Viva Energy Australia
- 9.45am **Disaster Recovery - Overcoming the Challenges**  
Robert Michael, Tru Design Plastics
- 10.10am **Insurance for the Plastics Industry  
- common issues**  
Michael Brown, Willis Towers Watson
- 10.30am **Morning Tea**  
*Kindly sponsored by AspectPT*
- 11.00am **Plastics NZ Update**  
Rachel Barker, CEO  
Katy Constance, Circular Economy Manager  
Simon Wilkinson, Environmental Projects
- 11.45am **Plastics Innovation Fund**  
Kirsteen Pitkin-Douglas, MfE
- 12.00pm **Lunch**  
*Kindly sponsored by PIL*
- 1.00pm **Industry 4.0 – People led automation**  
Sarah Ramsey, United Machinists
- 1.30pm **Climate Change and Decarbonising Your  
Business**  
Allan Birch, Tadpole
- 2.15pm **Afternoon Tea**  
*Kindly sponsored by ES Plastics*
- 2.45pm **Rise Up: Overcoming Challenges**  
Dr Lucy Hone, NZIWR
- 4.15pm **Day 1 Sessions Close**  
*Coffee Cart kindly sponsored by Ravago NZ*

### Thursday 4th May

Gala Evening

- 5.30pm **Pre-dinner Drinks and Canapes**
- 6.30pm **Seat for Gala Evening**
- 6.35pm **Competenz Training & Apprentice of the Year  
Awards**
- 7.00pm **Buffet Dinner**
- 8.00pm **Plastics New Zealand Presentations**
- 8.30pm **Live Dance Band - Mirrors**
- 11.00pm **Function End**  
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### Friday 5th May

- 9.00am **Conference Opening Day 2**
- 9.05am **State of the NZ Economy**  
Tony Alexander, Economist
- 10.00am **Managing Manufacturing with MES Software**  
Bob Dedekind, AspectPT & Lance Wyatt, PACT Group
- 10.30am **Morning Tea**  
*Kindly sponsored by Willis Towers Watson*
- 11.00am **Industry Issues**  
Combined and Sector Groups (Break out Sessions)
- 12.30pm **Lunch**  
*Kindly sponsored by TCL Hunt*
- 1.30pm **Lessons Learnt in Product Stewardship**  
Amber Maisey, Maisey Group
- 2.00pm **Plastics Circularity - Embedded Carbon and  
Feedstock Certification**  
Matthew Withy, TCL Hunt
- 2.30pm **AGM**  
*AGM prize kindly sponsored by Element Raw Materials*
- 2.45pm **Afternoon Tea**  
*Kindly sponsored by TCL Hunt Ltd*
- 3.00pm **Recycling Technology Session**  
Simon Mathewson, Licella; Paul Wilton, Plastoil;  
Emir Melkic, EREMA; Rob Wilson, EcoCentral
- 3.45pm **Winners I've Know**  
Phil Gifford
- 4.45pm **Conference Official Close/Prize Draws**  
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### Friday 5th May

Post Conference

- 7.30pm **Post Conference Dinner**  
Castro's, Riverside Markets (Own Cost)