



## INNOVATION & RESILIENCE IN THE NZ PLASTICS INDUSTRY

79TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE • 15-16TH MAY 2025

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# Welcome to Auckland!

**Thank you for joining us at the Plastics New Zealand 79th Annual Conference being held at the Ellerslie Event Centre, in Auckland on 15th– 16th May 2025.**

Plastics New Zealand and the Auckland Branch are your official hosts and would like to welcome you to the Auckland region. Our thanks to our sponsors for helping to make this event possible.

This pack contains some basic information to assist you with your visit and to make the conference a more interesting and satisfying experience.

## Delegates Registration

Registration opens on Thursday 16th May at 8.00am in the Exhibitors Lounge, Guineas Rooms, Top Floor of the Ellerslie Stand, at the Ellerslie Event Centre. Please pick up your delegates pass and registration pack. The Auckland Branch Committee will be on hand to pass on any information and answer any questions you may have.

Please ensure that you wear your delegate pass during conference. Contained within this is your link to the Conference programme. The main Conference Plenary Sessions are being held in Guineas 1, catering and exhibitors are in the Exhibitors Lounge (Guineas 2 & 3).

## Briefing For First-time Attendees

All first-time conference attendees are invited to attend a Briefing at 8.30am in the Exhibitors Lounge (Guineas 2). This Briefing will give you an outline of what to expect and inform you of any additional information you may require. Please join us for this short session to help ensure that your Conference experience is enjoyable.

## Notices

There will be a noticeboard kept in the Exhibitors Lounge at the Plastics NZ area during conference and any relevant information, changes in details, lost property etc. will be posted here. Please ensure that you check the board daily.

## Conference Plenary Sessions

Delegates are encouraged to participate fully and attend all Plenary sessions. These will take place in Guineas 1.

## Parking at the Ellerslie Event Centre

The main parking for the Ellerslie Event Centre is now located in the centre of the racetrack. This is **Free Parking** for those attending events at the Ellerslie Event Centre.

Please enter at 16 Derby Downs Place (Off Ladies Mile), drive through the tunnel and continue on the road until you reach the carpark that is located within the racecourse infield. Once you have parked your car, head on foot to the pedestrian tunnel which will guide you safely beneath the racetrack to reach the event centre. (Please do not cross the racetrack itself). It's about a 200m walk from the carpark to the Ellerslie Stand (the white building) which will be the first building you will come across.

- If you have deliveries or require mobility parking you can still access the grounds via the main entrance at 100 Ascot Road, Remuera (Greenlane Roundabout). There is a small amount of parking available.
- If approaching on the motorway from the city, exit at the Tecoma Road offramp (next offramp past Greenlane exit), follow the signs to turn (left, right, left) onto Ladies Mile.
- If approaching on the Motorway from the south, exit at the Panmure-Ellerslie exit, drive through the Ellerslie Village and turn right (after the pedestrian crossing) onto Ladies Mile.

## Accommodation - Novotel Ellerslie

For those of you who have indicated to us that you will be staying, accommodation has been booked for you in the hotel. You will be sent a confirmation email this week.

Please check into the hotel as per normal — you will need to present a credit card. On your departure from the hotel all other additional room expenses (including breakfast) are required to be settled directly with the hotel.

Please note: Check in time is from 2pm. Check out time is 10.00am

## Hotel Parking - Paid Parking

Parking is at your own expense.

Hotel Parking (Paid – Parking machine is located in the hotel car park \$20/night) is on a FIFS basis at the hotel. There is further parking (paid) available approximately 100m away (\$7.50/24hr period)

The hotel is a short 400m walk from the Ellerslie Event Centre.



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## Events & Catering

Information in this section covers catering and the evening events.

### Special Catering Needs

If you have any special catering needs (ie vegetarian, gluten intolerant, Halal etc.), could you please let us know immediately if you have not already done so.

### Morning Tea/Afternoon Tea/Lunch

Morning tea, lunches and afternoon teas will be served in the Exhibitors Lounge in Guineas 2 & 3. All Delegates & Exhibitors are invited to attend these. These have been kindly sponsored by Blender, Willis Towers Watson, Alchemy Agencies and the Auckland Branch.

### Coffee Cart

A coffee cart will be available on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May located in the foyer outside the lifts. This is kindly sponsored by Tricon Energy New Zealand

### Networking Afternoon Tea Event - Friday 16th May

At the conclusion of the Friday afternoon conference plenary sessions and the close of conference, we will be undertaking a networking afternoon tea event.

Please join us in the exhibitors lounge for a bite to eat and a refreshing beverage, where we will undertake the Passport draw.

This event is kindly sponsored by Ravago NZ.

## 79th Annual Conference Gala Dinner - Thursday 15th May

This year's Gala Dinner is being held in Tote on Ascot, the gorgeous historic building set in the grounds of the Ellerslie Racecourse. It is situated in front of the Ellerslie Stand.

This event is kindly sponsored by

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Join us in your best "Las Vegas – Anything Goes!" costume (optional) for the Conference Gala Dinner from 6.00pm, kindly sponsored by Competenz. This event will include Industry Awards & Presentations, a buffet dinner and an entertaining casino evening.

Dress up as much or as little as you like, in your favourite Las Vegas themed costume. (A list of costume suggestions is at the end of this document)

PLEASE NOTE: This event does not start until 6pm. There is a gap of 1 hour between the end of the plenary sessions and the start of the evening's entertainment. If you are looking to fill in the time we would recommend gathering in the Hotel Bar at the Novotel Ellerslie, which is situated a short walk of 400m away. (The same location where those Delegates who have booked accommodation will be staying).

The event will begin with drinks on arrival from 6.00pm, before you will be asked to be seated. Please choose your seats with friends (A number of tables will be reserved at the front for special guests). After a formal welcome and Competenz Award Presentations, dinner will commence from 7.00pm.

After dinner Plastics New Zealand presentations will follow, before the entertainment begins courtesy of Las Vegas Functions and your hosts the Auckland branch.

Experience a night of excitement, and entertainment, try your luck at the casino tables, and raise your glass to a night of fun and fortune.

Prizes are up for grabs and the Auckland branch will be awarding best costume prizes.







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### Pre-conference Golf - Wednesday 14th May 2025

Time: Tee off 12.00pm

Venue: Howick Golf Club, 32 Musick Point Road,  
Bucklands Beach, Auckland

Separate information will be sent out to all registered golfers detailing the golf draw for the day.

Dress Code: Collared shirt (blade & mock collars are acceptable), Casual/golf trousers, casual/golf shorts, or golf skirts. Denim clothing is not permitted.

Golf shoes (soft spikes only). Flat soled athletic/ running shoes are acceptable

### And finally ....

If you have any questions prior to or during the conference please don't hesitate to ask myself or one of the Auckland Branch Committee Members.

On behalf of Plastics New Zealand and the Auckland Branch we hope that you enjoy this year's conference and look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

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## 79th Annual Conference Gala Dinner

**Thursday 15th May 2025**

**'Las Vegas - Anything Goes' Themed Event Casino Night**

### Here are some starter 'Las Vegas' costume ideas

- Showgirl
- Highroller
- Casino Dealer/Croupier
- Poker Player
- Cocktail Waitress
- Tour Guide
- Tourist
- Tacky Tourist
- Cabaret Dancer
- Rat Pack
- Frank Sinatra
- Dean Lewis
- Mafia Boss
- Flapper Girl
- Gangster
- Magician
- Siegfried & Roy
- Sequins!
- Celebrities!
- Neon Raver
- Boxing Champ
- Carnival of Venice
- Hockey Enthusiast (Vegas Golden Knights)
- Roller Disco Diva
- Pool Party Chic
- Gladiator
- Egyptian
- Pirate
- Medieval
- Gold Miner
- Alien
- Cowboy
- Space Cowboy
- Elvis
- Marilyn Monroe
- James Bond
- Madonna
- Adele
- Celine Dion
- Lady Gaga
- Britney Spears
- Austin Powers
- Fembot
- The Hangover Crew (Wolf Pack)
- Oceans 11
- Dodgeball
- Bad Ink
- CSI
- Pawn Stars
- Quickie Weddings
- Wedding Chapel Themes
- Neon Signs
- Playing Cards
- Dice
- Roulette Wheel
- Slot Machine
- Casino Themes
- The Strip
- Madame Tussauds
- The Stratosphere Tower
- Mojave Desert
- Lake Mead
- Grand Canyon
- Red Rock Canyon
- Las Vegas Motor Speedway

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