

# PLASTICS NZ

NEW ZEALAND'S INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



## ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



## ABOUT US

Plastics New Zealand is the Industry Association representing plastics businesses across the country. Our membership includes a wide variety of companies from plastics processors, importers, re-processors, raw material and machinery suppliers to tool makers, designers, brand owners and retailers.

Our role covers a range of activities including working with Government and other parties to ensure discussions on plastics are evidence-based, championing plastics training and educating key stakeholders, connecting and developing the plastics community, and driving the transition to a circular plastics economy.

## OUR NORTH STAR

A capable, sustainable, and respected plastics industry in New Zealand, enabled through collective capability, credible practice, and a unified industry voice

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## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2025-2026

Plastics NZ is governed by a board consisting of a mix of representative positions, such as Branch Presidents and Sector Group Chairs, and elected positions. Any Corporate Member (manufacturer, recycler, raw material supplier or service supplier) can be nominated to serve on the Executive.

**National President**

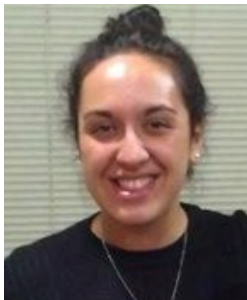
Bob Gutsell  
Pact Group

**Acting Vice President &  
Auckland Branch President**

Simon Yandall, TCL Hunt

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Chair**

William Dickinson  
KChem

**Waikato Branch  
President**

Melanie Maxwell  
Avient

**Wellington Branch  
President**

Matthew Smith  
Axiam Plastics

**Environment  
Committee Chair**

Ally Hopwood  
Pharmapac

**Corporate Supplier  
Representative**

Sam Dennis  
KChem

**PIPA NZ Chair**

Alan Shore  
Ravago NZ

**EPS Sector Group  
Chair**

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Expol

**IR Committee Chair**

Roxanne Mason  
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Amber Maisey  
Maisey Group



## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE 2025-2026



**Elected Rep**  
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**Elected Rep**  
Robert Michael  
TruDesign Plastics



**Elected Rep**  
Sarah Brown  
Pact Group



**Ex-Officio Member**  
Greer Larsen-Compton  
Packaging Forum

### Vacant Board Positions:

- Immediate Past President
- Training Committee Chair
- South Island Branch President

Our thanks to the following for their service during the 2025-2026 period:

- Outgoing South Island Branch President, Mike Draper of Talbot Technologies
- Incoming South Island Branch President, Frank Soli of Expol (resigned)
- Training Committee Chair, Cam Thompson of Lane Plastics (resigned)
- Training Committee Chair, Chris Williams of Pack Tech Moulding.(resigned)

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE @ MAY '26

Ally Hopwood

Marc Gaugler

Rodney Bennett

Gavin Fong

Vitalii Furt

Michael Basagre

Gemma Burnside

Theunie Rushmer-Wiid

Pharmapac (Chair)

Bioeconomy Science Institute

Bonson

PlusPac Packaging

TCL Hunt

Hi-Tech Packaging

3R Group

Extrutech

The Environment Committee is supported by  
Katy Constance, Environmental Affairs  
Manager at Plastics NZ





## AUCKLAND BRANCH @ MAY '26

Simon Yandall

Kevin Cross

Sam Dennis

Abbie Watson

Ben Blakley

Cam Thompson

David O'Connor

TCL Hunt (President)

TCL Hunt (Vice-President)

KChem (Immediate Past President)

Wadding Solutions

Imagin Plastics

Lane Plastics

Avient

The Committee also thanks John Bennet from Dynex who has retired.



## WAIKATO BRANCH @ MAY '26

Melanie Maxwell

Murray Jorgensen

Ian Baines

Jeremy Warnes

Stu Cundy

Dylan Ranstead

Mathew Bell

Whetu Awatere

Adair Hobbs

Avient (President)

Profile Polymers (Immediate Past President)

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Bioeconomy Science Institute

Primaplas

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## WELLINGTON BRANCH @ MAY '26

Matthew Smith

Richard Latta

Simon Jones

Libby Clout

Richard Whitmore

Axiam Plastics (President)

Leda Extrusions (Immediate Past President)

Thermoplastic Engineering

Leda Extrusions

Uniplas





## SOUTH ISLAND BRANCH @ MAY '26

### *Vacant Position*

Mike Draper  
Stephen Bain  
Guy Steel  
Chris Williams  
Brian Moyna  
Mark Field

### *President*

Talbot Advanced Technologies (Immediate Past President)  
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Packtech Moulding  
Elastomer Products  
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## EPS SECTOR GROUP @ MAY '26

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Sandy Bannerman  
Andy Crump  
Ken Rowley  
Bernard McGillen  
Peter Coleman  
Spring Humphreys  
Sam Singh  
Vitali Furt  
Graham Attwood

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EPS Foam  
Hope Moulded Polystyrene  
Barnes Plastics  
Bondor  
Polymer Agencies  
Ixom  
Interplas Agencies  
EnviroNZ  
Koolfoam  
TCL Hunt  
Loyal Expanz



## PIPA NZ @ MAY '26

Alan Shore  
Frank O'Callaghan  
Vanessa Lanegra  
Stacey Miller  
Petr Sudoma  
Reiner Gruen  
Annika Behnert  
Brian Storie  
Blair Telfer

Ravago NZ (Chair)  
Iplex Pipelines  
Aliaxis Group  
Waters and Farr  
PS Engineering  
Agru NZ  
Agru NZ  
Interplas Agencies  
Watercare Services





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kia ora koutou,

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the past year.

This AGM marks the completion of my second year in this role and

would normally see me hand over the reigns to

the Vice President. You may be aware that we have operated for

most of the last 2 years without a Vice President, and thanks to

Simon Yndall who has taken on the role of Acting Vice President for the last few months,

we now have one to elect at this AGM. The runway was a bit short for him to slide into the

President's role this early, so I have agreed to remain in the role if elected for another 2

years, as is constitutionally allowable. Having said that, I must have been having fun because

2 years slid by extremely quickly!



## Operating Environment

2025 continued to present a challenging landscape for the manufacturing sector. Our members have navigated ongoing economic pressures, workforce constraints, and an increasingly complex regulatory environment. Despite these headwinds, the resilience and innovation demonstrated across our industry has been both evident and encouraging.

## Board Focus and Member Value

Throughout the year, the Board remained firmly focused on ensuring Plastics New Zealand delivers practical, tangible value to its members. Our efforts have centred on four key pillars:

- Advocacy – representing member interests in regulatory and policy discussions
- Capability Building – strengthening skills and training across the sector
- Industry Connection – fostering collaboration and knowledge sharing
- Environmental Leadership – supporting credible, practical sustainability initiatives

This focus has ensured that our resources are directed toward initiatives that deliver the greatest impact for members.

## Strengthening Industry Capability

A major priority this year has been the development of industry capability, particularly in training and workforce development.

We have:

- Continued delivery of plastics-specific training programmes aligned to industry needs
- Actively engaged in vocational education reform discussions, advocating for outcomes that support our sector
- Progressed planning for 2026, including the transition of work-based learning to a Private Training Entity (PTE)

A major challenge and setback for this piece of work has been the difficulty in maintaining a long-term chair for this committee due to the pressures and conflicting commitments experienced by our volunteer Chairs. The board has decided to recruit a Learning & Development Specialist to lead this piece of work from mid-2026. It's critical that as the



time gets closer for us to select a PTE that we are clear on what curriculum needs to be taught to best setup the future of our industry, so we can select the PTE best suited to our needs.

This future-focused approach reflects our commitment to ensuring the plastics industry has the skilled workforce required to remain competitive and sustainable.

### **Sustainability and Environmental Leadership**

Taking control of the narrative about our sustainability as an industry remains a critical area of focus for Plastics New Zealand and our members.

During the year, we:

- Relaunched Operation Clean Sweep, strengthening accountability and introducing enhanced audit processes
- Continued to support practical circularity initiatives
- Maintained active engagement across environmental and sustainability programmes relevant to our industry
- Commissioned an independent production team to showcase what Plastic Recycling is currently being undertaken in NZ

Again, it was challenging to maintain momentum in this area as we temporarily lost Katy, our Environmental Affairs Manager, to maternity leave mid-year. Thanks to the efforts of Rachel, Ally Hopwood & the Environmental Committee, Simon and Nicola from Wilkinson Environmental, and Nikki from Square One, we managed to keep some of that momentum going in Katy's absence. Thankfully Katy returned from Maternity Leave in February and has kicked right back in where she left off.

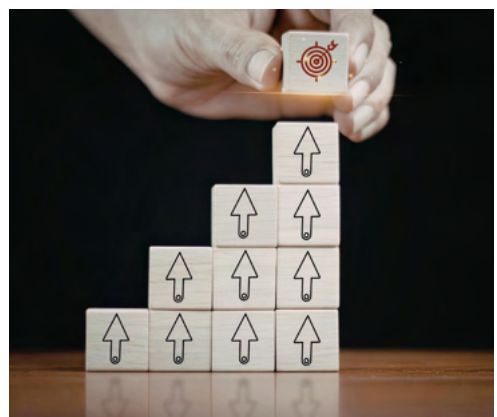
These initiatives are designed to ensure our sector demonstrates leadership in ensuring our products and materials are kept from landfills, waterways and oceans and to emphasise our commitment to filling the gaps in the circular economy.

### **Strategic Alignment and Organisational Focus**

The Board has also continued refining Plastics New Zealand's strategic priorities and organisational reporting. This work ensures:

- Clear alignment between strategy and delivery
- Efficient use of resources
- Strong focus on areas of highest member value and industry impact

This disciplined approach positions the organisation well to respond to both current challenges and future opportunities.



### **Looking Ahead**

As we move into 2026, it is clear that many of our members continue to operate under significant commercial and operational pressure. Ongoing geopolitical instability, supply



chain uncertainty, cost pressures and broader economic conditions are creating a challenging environment across much of the sector. The Board remains intent on ensuring Plastics NZ continues to prioritise practical industry support, with focus firmly on the future of the industry. Key areas of investment and attention will include:

- Training and workforce development - stepping up our efforts, including establishing and embedding the PTE model, and refreshing the training curriculum to be more relevant for modern learners, and our industry needs.
- Industry resilience - supporting members to navigate market and regulatory changes, not to mention the current madness in the Middle East!
- Raising industry visibility - ensuring plastics manufacturing is recognised for its essential role and positive contribution, as a sustainable provider of products and employment to help with to the everyday lives of New Zealanders.
- Targeted investments in capability, advocacy, and environmental initiatives on behalf of members

We remain strongly committed to working together, to continue to strengthen the industry and position ourselves for long-term success.

### **Closing**

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing commitment of our members, the contributions of the Board, and the dedication of the Plastics New Zealand team.

I'd especially like to thank Will Dickinson for work with the Board over the last 2 years and specifically Chairing the AFR Committee in the absence of a Vice President. Will steps away at this AGM to get ready to welcome his first child into their family.

In a challenging environment, your engagement and support are what enable this organisation to deliver real value. Thank you for your continued involvement and commitment to the future of our industry.

Ngā mihi nui,

Bob Gutsell  
National President (Board Chair)  
Plastics NZ



## CEO'S REPORT

Tēnā kotou katoa. Warm greetings to you all!

If I had to sum up 2025-2026 in one word, it would probably be 'complex'.

The year never really settled into a steady rhythm. Just as parts of manufacturing started showing signs of recovery, new geopolitical pressures created disruption and continued pressure on costs and investment decisions. Rather than the recovery year anticipated, for many it's felt more like a lesson in learning to operate in a constant state of flux.

That said, one thing that continues to impress me is the adaptability of our sector. New Zealand plastics manufacturers are incredibly good at quietly solving problems. Most of the public never sees the complexity sitting behind the products and packaging they use every day, but over the last year I've again seen just how much practical capability exists across our membership.

The biggest disruption of the year has come from the conflict in the Middle East and the impacts on our supply chains due to New Zealand's structural exposure to direct imports and those from Asia, which relies heavily on Middle Eastern feedstocks. Quite frankly, if you had told me at the start of 2026 that I would end up in national security discussions with government officials about supply chain risks linked to plastics and petrochemicals, I would have laughed. However, in mid-March that became the reality between Plastics NZ and the all-of-government supply chain response team.

Thankfully, to date, we have avoided major systemic shortages. However, the pressure on supply chains was very real, and continues to persist while the Strait of Hormuz remains effectively closed. While the impact has been variable depending on a business's exposure to ethylene- and propylene-based polymers, all companies have seen increases in material costs, freight and insurance. Those most impacted have also faced increased allocation, uncertainty around forward availability and significant working capital pressure. If the conflict continues, these pressures seem likely to spread across the broader sector, with lack of cashflow posing a credible risk for purchasing sufficient material stocks to meet requirements.

Plastics NZ has worked hard to ensure our sector voice is clearly heard at the highest level of government during their response to Middle East-related supply chain disruptions. One of the ongoing challenges has been helping decision-makers understand that systemic risk doesn't always appear as dramatic nationwide shortages. In our highly interconnected systems, disruption in a small number of companies quickly creates wider consequences for many of our essential and economically important sectors.

Plastics tend to sit quietly in the background of modern supply chains until something goes wrong. Then everyone suddenly notices very quickly.





I want to take the opportunity to give our raw materials distributors and procurement teams across the sector a shout out. You have been real heroes over the last few months – quietly and tirelessly working all hours to source the materials that have kept the industry going. While there have been some physical shortages, and some very near misses, these have been relatively few due to your hard work. It has been a remarkable effort under very challenging conditions, and both the industry and New Zealand owe you a genuine thank you!

It has been clear for the last few years that vocational training and workforce capability are of critical importance for the industry. With an aging workforce, we need a stream of highly competent talent entering the industry to carry us into the future. This has been a major focus as the ongoing vocational education reforms continue to create both uncertainty and opportunity for sectors like ours. Plastics NZ actively engaged in vocational education consultations, ensuring the needs of our industry were heard, both by the officials at the Tertiary Education Commission and the Minister for Vocational Education, Penny Simmonds. We also engaged with Hanga Aro Rau, our workforce development council, and Competenz throughout the year on workforce needs and capability development.

The Plastics NZ training committee also began a review of plastics qualifications, unit standards and materials, with a view to identifying where the education is not fulfilling employer's expectations in terms of learner competency. This review will be ongoing through 2026 and 2027, with a training resource engaged to drive this process. As a smaller manufacturing sector, we cannot afford to simply sit back and hope the system works itself out. If we want high quality qualifications, strong training pathways and future workforce capability, our industry needs to stay actively engaged in shaping the system. Especially as work-based-learning is being moved from a government agency to private training entities.



International engagement was also a focus during 2025. Thanks to our friends at the American Chemistry Council, I had the opportunity to attend the INC-5.2 negotiations for the United Nations global plastics treaty in Geneva. While negotiations were not successfully concluded during the session, the trip was still incredibly valuable. It strengthened relationships with MfE and MFAT officials, provided useful insight into the direction of international discussions and reinforced the importance of New Zealand continuing to engage constructively and pragmatically in these conversations.

Interestingly, one of the strongest themes coming through internationally was the growing recognition that solving plastic pollution requires more than regulation alone. Capability, infrastructure, governance and practical implementation matter just as much.



Environmental expectations also continue to evolve rapidly, both locally and internationally. During the year, Plastics NZ continued progressing the upgraded Operation Clean Sweep programme, shifting from a one-off audit model toward a more robust framework focused on ongoing accountability and continuous improvement. The results of both the audits and self-assessments carried out over the last year have highlighted that the majority of companies had improvements to make in ensuring they were not leaking raw materials to the environment. The ongoing annual focus will help ensure a strong OCS programme and the environmental accountability of participating companies.

Alongside this, we continued broader work across circularity, recyclability and environmental capability building. The team also continued supporting members through technical queries, regulatory engagement, events, training and day-to-day industry support. What continues to stand out to me is that environmental progress and manufacturing capability are deeply linked. Good environmental outcomes do not happen by accident. They require practical systems, operational discipline, investment, viable end markets and businesses capable of delivering solutions at scale.

Internally, Plastics NZ has continued refining its own focus and direction. Over the last few years, the organisation has gradually evolved from being primarily reactive toward becoming more strategically focused on areas of highest member value. During the year, the Board and team spent considerable time reviewing priorities, governance systems and where Plastics NZ can deliver the greatest collective impact for members. We are still a relatively small organisation doing a very wide range of work, so focus and prioritisation matter. Probably more than ever. See the following pages for more on our 'next steps' in regard to forward strategy.

I would like to sincerely thank our members, National Executive, Branches, Committees, Sector Groups and wider stakeholders for their ongoing support, expertise and willingness to contribute throughout what has been another demanding year. I'd also like to acknowledge the Plastics NZ team. Despite being small in number, they consistently deliver an extraordinary amount of work across advocacy, training, environmental programmes, events, member support and industry engagement.

Looking ahead, I don't think the operating environment is going to get simpler any time soon. But I remain optimistic about the long-term future of New Zealand manufacturing and the plastics sector more broadly.

What gives me confidence is the practical capability that exists across this industry. Even under pressure, our sector continues to adapt, solve problems and keep moving forward. Plastics NZ will continue working to ensure the industry has a strong voice, practical support and credible leadership as we navigate whatever comes next.

Cheers

Rachel Barker  
CEO, Plastics NZ  
May 2026



# STRATEGIC DIRECTION (2026-2027)

## Our North Star

*A capable, sustainable, and respected plastics industry in New Zealand, enabled through collective capability, credible practice, and a unified industry voice*

This reflects the long-term direction Plastics NZ is working toward and provides a clearer framework for prioritisation and decision-making.

The operating environment facing the plastics industry has become increasingly complex, with ongoing geopolitical disruption, workforce capability challenges, evolving environmental expectations and growing public scrutiny. At the same time, Plastics NZ remains a relatively small organisation operating across a broad and highly diverse industry.

The Board has therefore agreed a more focused strategic direction for 2026-2027, prioritising areas where collective industry effort can deliver the greatest impact for our members and the wider sector. While Plastics NZ will continue responding to emerging issues and supporting members across a wide range of activities, greater emphasis will be placed on maintaining strategic discipline, prioritisation and measurable industry value.

### **1. Supply Chain Resilience & Industry Response**

The ongoing impacts of the Middle East conflict and broader global instability have reinforced the importance of practical industry resilience.

A major focus for Plastics NZ during 2026 will remain supporting members through supply chain disruption, material availability challenges, cost pressures and broader industry resilience risks. This work will continue to focus on practical industry needs and maintaining operational continuity across the sector.

While engagement with government remains important, the priority is ensuring members receive timely information, coordinated support and practical advocacy that helps industry respond effectively to rapidly changing conditions.

Importantly, this work will remain responsive to the evolving situation and scaled appropriately as conditions change.

### **2. Training & Industry Capability**

Industry capability remains one of the most critical long-term priorities for the sector.

With an ageing workforce, ongoing vocational education reform and increasing technical complexity across manufacturing and sustainability requirements, Plastics NZ will continue prioritising work to strengthen workforce capability and training outcomes.



This includes:

- Ongoing review of plastics qualifications and associated materials
- Engagement with vocational education reform processes, including selection of an appropriate Private Training Entity (PTE) to deliver plastics qualifications.
- Strengthening industry involvement in training system design
- Improving alignment between training delivery and employer expectations
- Supporting clearer workforce pathways into the plastics industry

The Board's view is clear: long-term industry capability cannot be left entirely to external systems. The industry itself must remain actively engaged in shaping practical, fit-for-purpose training outcomes.

### **3. Sustainability & Circularity**

Environmental credibility and practical sustainability performance remain critical to maintaining the industry's long-term licence to operate.

For 2026-2027, Plastics NZ's primary strategic sustainability focus will be the continued strengthening of the Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) programme, including:

- Increasing participation and certification
- Strengthening accountability and continuous improvement
- Reducing pellet, flake and powder loss to the environment

The Board intentionally prioritised OCS as a key area where Plastics NZ can drive practical, industry-wide outcomes with measurable impact.

Alongside this, Plastics NZ will continue supporting broader environmental and circularity initiatives across the sector including:

- Environmental policy and regulatory engagement
- Operation Clean Up Week activities
- Environment Committee support
- Support for EPS Product Stewardship working group
- Broader industry capability building around sustainability and circularity.

This work reflects the view that long-term environmental progress requires practical systems, industry participation, viable end markets and ongoing collaboration across the value chain.



#### **4. Visibility, Public & Media**

Public understanding of plastics and manufacturing remains highly variable, despite the sector's importance to modern life, essential services and the wider economy.

Plastics NZ will continue working to improve understanding of the role plastics play in New Zealand through constructive media engagement, industry storytelling and proactive communication.

The goal is not simply promotion, but improving the quality and balance of public discussion around plastics, manufacturing, sustainability and circularity.

This work also supports broader objectives around workforce attraction, public trust and regulatory understanding.

#### **Member Engagement & Collective Voice**

Strong member engagement and a unified industry voice underpin all areas of Plastics NZ's work.

Rather than operating as a standalone strategic priority, member connection, industry coordination and collective advocacy are recognised as foundational elements that enable effective action across capability, sustainability, resilience and visibility.

This includes:

- Active engagement with members across the value chain
- Committees, sector groups and working groups
- Industry information sharing
- Coordinated advocacy and stakeholder engagement
- Ensuring diverse member perspectives continue to inform Plastics NZ priorities and positions.



## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

**Katy Constance, Environmental Affairs Manager**

It has been an interesting year for plastics and sustainability. The [Kantar Better Futures 2026 report](#) shows that while consumers continue to care deeply about environmental issues, the cost of living has become the dominant lens through which they view sustainability. Brand loyalty is currently low as shoppers look for value, yet they still expect businesses to lead on climate and waste.



Meanwhile, our sector is navigating a shifting landscape of global regulations, such as the [EU's new packaging regulations](#) (PPWR), while simultaneously managing supply chain volatility. The impacts are nuanced: while demand for local recycle may increase, economic sustainability is under pressure, and our ability to deliver essential products for healthcare and food safety remains a complex balancing act. At the same time, the public and councils remain highly focused on plastic leakage, reinforcing the need for the rigorous site management practices we champion.

Against this complex backdrop, Plastics NZ has remained focused on our Environmental and sustainability initiatives. The following report outlines our key projects and progress over the past year.

### Overview

It has been a year of evolution and significant learnings for Plastics NZ's environmental workstreams. Following my return from maternity leave in February 2026, I have been energised by the progress made in my absence and the positive momentum we are carrying into the new year. I want to extend a sincere thank you to Nicola Robertson, from Wilkinson Environmental, and Nikki Withington, from Square One, who managed the Operation Clean Sweep (OCS) and Environment Committee portfolios respectively, ensuring our core sustainability "cogs" continued to turn in my absence.

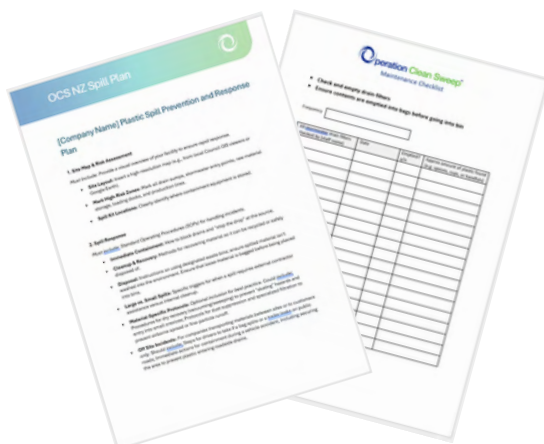


In May 2025, we transitioned OCS from a one-off audit system to a robust three-year re-audit cycle. This shift focuses on long-term accountability, and we have learned a lot from the transition:

- **Audit Activity:** We successfully conducted 26 re-audits and 4 new audits.
- **Continuous Improvement:** We supported 10 sites in completing historical remedial actions to gain certification, while 20 sites completed their new annual self-assessments to retain certification.



- External Recognition: Feedback from both Auckland Council and Environment Canterbury has been positive; Council inspectors have noted they are impressed by the standards maintained at OCS-certified sites.



Looking ahead, we are streamlining the OCS program by digitising self-assessment forms and updating audit checklists for better consistency. We are also developing new resources to help members manage site plans and maintenance schedules. If you have feedback that could help us to further enhance the programme, please shout out! We are driven by our member's needs.

### Environment Committee & Member Engagement

Our commitment to keeping members informed remained a priority throughout 2025/26 with a steady schedule of sustainability newsletters and "Lunch n Learns."

**Digital Revamp:** In early 2026, we transitioned our newsletter to a modern EDM format. This change improves readability and provides us with analytics to ensure we are delivering the content that matters most to you.

**Education:** We kicked off 2026 with an insightful session from Fonterra's Emily Thomas on global regulations and their impact on the New Zealand plastics sector. We are working behind the scenes to plan three more Lunch N Learns for the rest of the year!

**Get Involved:** The Committee is currently looking for new members. If you want to help shape our environmental agenda and assist with planning our annual clean-up week, we would love to have you join our dynamic team.



### Advocacy, Working Groups & Projects

As the regulatory and supply chain landscape continues to shift, I remain a central point of contact for member enquiries regarding material recyclability and end-of-life pathways.



- *EPS Working Group*: Currently our only active working group. A recently lodged funding application is in place to support a project involving Auckland-based sector members, waste management companies, and Council to mitigate EPS loss on building sites and improve recovery. Learnings from this work are expected to support national application in the future.
- *Re:Plastics*: I am currently updating the document with current recycling and reprocessing information and fresh case studies to provide the value chain with practical, modern examples of sustainable plastic use.

### A Call to Action

I am currently back at work three days a week and am here to support you. Your questions and feedback are what drive our focus - whether they lead to a quick answer, the formation of a new working group, or an application for project funding.

If you have sustainability-related questions or are interested in joining the Environment Committee, please reach out to me at [Katy@plastics.org.nz](mailto:Katy@plastics.org.nz).

Kia pai tō rā,

Katy





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## NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

### **H.C. URLWIN AND H.L. LEWIS \***

At the Annual meeting held in Wellington on the 4th November 1964. J.B (Brian) Williamson, National President.

### **J.D.M. FOREMAN \***

At the Bi-Annual meeting held at Wairakei on 5th May 1969. J.H (Harry) Hobin, National President.

### **R. FAULCONBRIDGE \***

At the Annual meeting held in Wellington on the 10th November 1971. A.O (Hap) Hawkins, National President.

### **J.N. HOBIN \***

At the Bi-Annual meeting held at Waitangi on the 1st May 1972. W.R (Wal) Raine, National President.

### **H.G. CALVERT \***

At the Annual meeting held in Wellington on the 1st November 1972. W.R (Wal) Raine, National President.

### **J.J. QUINN \***

At the Bi-Annual meeting held in Wairakei on the 28th April 1975. Barry Blackshaw, National President.

### **W.R. RAINE (FPRI) \***

At the Annual meeting held in Auckland on the 1st November 1978. Rob Poffley, National President.

### **M.S. CALVERT \***

At the Annual meeting held in Queenstown on 24th April 1989. Rob Mouncey, National President.

### **J.W.F. FOREMAN \***

At the Annual meeting held in Rotorua on 28th April 1990. Steve Wilson, National President.

### **A.O. HAWKINS \***

At the Annual meeting held in Wellington on 22nd April 1994. John Tucker, National President.

### **R.J. CAVE**

At the Annual meeting held in Wellington on 22nd April 1994. John Tucker, National President.

### **SIR ROBERTSON STEWART \***

At the Annual meeting held in Auckland on 16th May 1996. Cam Moore, National President.

### **J.H. (HARRY) HOBIN \***

At the Annual meeting held in Auckland on 16th May 1996. Cam Moore, National President.

### **K.J. (JOHN) TUCKER**

At the Annual meeting held in Queenstown on 14th May 1998. Laurie Cranfield, National President.

### **IAN RISTROM \***

At the Annual meeting held in Queenstown on 14th May 1998. Laurie Cranfield, National President

### **COLIN MCGOWAN**

At the Biennial Awards dinner held in Auckland on 11th October 2000. Geoff Bickerton National President.

### **CAM MOORE**

At the formal dinner held at the 2001 Conference in Queenstown, on 17th May 2001. Geoff Bickerton National President.

### **JOHN RICHARDSON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2001 Conference, Queenstown, on 17th May 2001. Geoff Bickerton National President.

### **MORRIS WATSON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2002 conference Taupo, on 23rd May 2002. Geoff Bickerton National President.



# NATIONAL LIFE MEMBERS

## **WARREN WILSON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2003 conference, Wellington on 8th May 2003. Graeme Allan National President.

## **GEOFF BICKERTON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2004 conference, Queenstown on 8th May. Graeme Allan National President

## **ROGER BOWLER \***

At the formal dinner held at the 2004 conference, Queenstown on 8th May. Graeme Allan National President

## **GRAEME ALLAN**

At the formal dinner held at the 2005 conference, Rotorua on 21st May. Steve Wilson National President

## **LAURIE CRANFIELD \***

At the formal dinner held at the 2005 conference, Rotorua on 21st May. Steve Wilson National President

## **TOM THOMSON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2006 conference, Queenstown on 13th May. Steve Wilson National President

## **STEVE WILSON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2007 Conference, Nelson on 12th May. David Brittain National President

## **STEVE HABERSHON**

At the formal dinner held at the 2008 conference, Paihia on 17th May. David Brittain National President

## **DAVID BRITTAIN**

At the 2009 Auckland Branch 50th Jubilee Dinner, Auckland on 19th June. Terry Mischefski National President

## **DENNISE CHAPMAN**

At the formal dinner at the 2010 Conference, Christchurch on 17 June. Terry Mischefski National President.

## **TONY MILLER**

At the formal dinner at the 2010 Conference, Christchurch on 17 June. Terry Mischefski National President

## **TERRY MISCHESKI**

At the formal dinner at the 2011 Conference, Rotorua on 5th May. Ray Pryor National President.

## **KEN SOWMAN**

At the formal dinner at the 2012 Conference, Queenstown on 11th May. Ray Pryor National President.

## **NIGEL DONNE**

At the formal dinner at the 2013 Conference, Wellington on 9th May. Eddie Devine (Jr) National President.

## **RAY PRYOR**

At the formal dinner at the 2014 Conference, Queenstown on 9th May. Eddie Devine (Jr) National President.

## **EDDIE DEVINE (JR)**

At the formal dinner at the 2016 Conference, Wellington on 20th May. Nigel Donne National President.

## **JOHN BENNETT**

At the formal dinner at the 2019 Conference, Queenstown on 17th May. Mark Field National President.

## **MARK FIELD**

At the formal dinner at the 2021 Conference, Wellington on 27th May. Murray Knight National President.

## **MURRAY KNIGHT**

At the formal dinner at the 2023 Conference, Christchurch on 4th May. Abbie Watson National President.

\*Deceased Members



## NATIONAL PAST PRESIDENTS

### 1944 Inaugural Meeting H C Urlwin

|         |                           |                                 |           |               |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 1945    | H.L.Lewis                 | Plastics Moulders (NZ)          | 1977      | R.A.Poffley   | Clearlite Plastics (NZ)         |
| 1946    | H.G.Calvert               | Modern Plastics (NZ)            | 1978      | M.S.Calvert   | Calvert Plastics                |
| 1947-48 | Unknown (minutes missing) |                                 | 1979-80   | J.D.Mason     | Winstone Plastics               |
| 1949    | J.K.Scobie                | NEECO (until 30/9/49)           | 1981      | I.D.Ristrom   | Mainguard Packaging             |
| 1949    | F.G.Davidson              | Universal Mfg Corp HC Urlwin    | 1982      | J.C.Gibb      | Trigon Industries               |
| 1950    | J.D.Foreman               | Plastic Products                | 1983      | J.C.Lindsay   | Consolodated Plastic Industries |
| 1951    | E.J.Mandel                | General Plastics NZ             | 1984-85   | G.W.Rothwell  | WR Grace (NZ)                   |
| 1952-53 | R.Faulconbridge           | Falcon Plastics                 | 1986      | V.A.Hartvelt  | Donaghys Industries             |
| 1954-55 | T.E.Bower                 | ACI Plastic                     | 1986-87   | C.J.McGowan   | Nylex NZ                        |
| 1956    | C.E.Dowling               | ICI NZ                          | 1987-88   | R.I.Mouncey   | Printpac Flexible Packaging     |
| 1957    | K.Fletcher                | ACI Plastic                     | 1989-90   | S.E.Wilson    | Reese Plastics                  |
| 1958    | J.N.Hobin                 | Clearlite Plastics (NZ)         | 1990-92   | J.Richardson  | The Marley Co NZ                |
| 1959    | J.Quinn                   | General Plastics NZ             | 1993-94   | J.Tucker      | CHH Plastic Products            |
| 1960    | J.D.Foreman               | Plastic Products                | 1995-96   | C.Moore       | Chequer Packaging               |
| 1961    | P.E.Hall                  | Kar Kraft Accessories           | 1997-98   | L.Cranfield   | Hunt Agencies                   |
| 1962    | A.G.Northover             | Modern Plastics (NZ)            | 1999-2000 | T.Thomson     | Elastomer Products              |
| 1963    | J.B.Williamson            | ACI Plastic                     | 2001-02   | G.Bickerton   | Marley New Zealand              |
| 1964    | M.D.Cox                   | ICI NZ                          | 2003-04   | G.Allan       | Iplex Pipelines                 |
| 1965    | J.D.Bull                  | Associated British Cables       | 2005-06   | S.E.Wilson    | Talbot Plastics                 |
| 1966    | H.T.Nolan                 | Consolidated Plastic Industries | 2007-08   | D.Brittain    | CAPAC International             |
| 1967    | D.D.Reese                 | Reese Brothers Plastics         | 2009-10   | T.Mischefski  | Expol                           |
| 1968    | H.Hobin                   | Clearlite Plastics (NZ)         | 2011-12   | R.Pryor       | Millennium Plastics             |
| 1969    | T.J.Short                 | Plastic Products                | 2013-14   | E.Devine (Jr) | Simaplas                        |
| 1970    | A.O.Hawkins               | Mainguard Packaging             | 2015-16   | N.Donne       | PD Associations                 |
| 1971    | W.R.Raine                 | Collin & Co                     | 2017-20   | M.Field       | Elastomer Products              |
| 1972    | B.C.Wallace               | AHI Plastic Extrusion           | 2021-22   | M.Knight      | Polymers International          |
| 1973-74 | B.Blackshaw               | Optoplast                       | 2023-24   | A. Watson     | Wadding Solutions               |
| 1975    | F.A.Farrow                | Nylex Products NZ               | 2025-26   | B. Gutsell    | PACT Group                      |
| 1976    | L.M.Belz                  | Plastic Products                |           |               |                                 |



# ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY

## PLASTICS NZ TEAM

**Rachel Barker** CEO

**Katy Constance** Environmental Affairs Manager (Part time)

**Kelly Buchanan-Johns** Membership Services Manager (Part time)

**Judy Lambert** Accounts Administrator (Part time)

**Simon Wilkinson** Operation Clean Sweep (3rd Party Audits)

**Bruce Dunlop** Trade Consultant (Part time)

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