



Victorian Apiarists' Association Inc
“Beekeeping with varroa, a new frontier”
123rd Annual Conference - 4th to 6th June, 2024
Wonthaggi Workmens Club, Wonthaggi, Victoria

Tuesday 4th June 2024

3:00 -
7:00 pm

Early check In

Check in, collect conference satchel, submit competition entries and meet with friends.

7:00 -
10:00 pm

Hospitality evening

Sponsored by South Gippsland Beekeepers, Gippsland Apiarists Association

Wednesday 5th June 2024

8:00 -
9:00 am

Welcome refreshments

Sponsored by Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies

Check in, collect conference satchel and submit competition entries.

9:00 -
9:15 am

Welcome to conference

John van Weeghel, President VAA Inc.

Symposium: Honey - confirming the quality

Chairperson: Lindsay Callaway, Warral Maldon

This morning's session is sponsored by: Bendigo Branch VAA Inc.

9:15 -
9:55 am

Protecting Australian honey from adulteration

Dr Liz Barbour, CEO Y-Trace Pty Ltd

9:55 -
10:10 am

MRL's of honey

Nick Jolley, National Quality Assurance Manager, Hive and Wellness Australia

10:10 -
10:40 am

Morning Tea - Sponsored by B-QUAL Australia Pty. Ltd.

10:40 -
11:20 am

Future of Quality Assurance for Australian Honey

Prof. Sharon Purchase, University of WA - Business School, Marketing

11:20 -
11:35 am

The fight against Imported honey

Jon Lockwood, AHBIC Vice Chairman & Imported Honey Subcommittee Chair

11:35 -
12:15 pm

Unpacking the Q in Quality

Stuart Archibald, Dr Liz Barbour, Angela Enbom, Prof. Sharon Purchase. Moderator: Lindsay Callaway

12:15 -
1:15 pm

Lunch - Sponsored by Shire of Bass Coast and Shire of South Gippsland

Symposium: State of the industry

Chairperson: John van Weeghel, President VAA Inc.

1:15 -
1:30 pm

Conference Opening - The Hon. Jordan Crugnale MP

1:30 -
2:30 pm

VAA Inc. 2024 Annual General Meeting

2:30 -
3:00 pm

Rebranding the VAA Inc. - Beekeepers looking skywards. Not backwards.

Presenter: Lindsay Callaway, with VAA Inc. Board

3:00 -
3:30 pm

Afternoon tea - Sponsored by Kelvin Trading Pty Ltd

3:30 -
4:00 pm

AHBIC high level talks

Stephen Targett, Chairman AHBIC

4:00 -
4:30 pm

AgVic report

Nikki Jones, Biosecurity Manager Apiary & Karyn Di Florio, Bee Biosecurity Officer - Agriculture Victoria

4:30 -
5:00 pm

AgriFutures report

Steve Fuller, President CCAA, Vice chair honeybee and pollination AgriFutures

	Wednesday Evening		
	Visions of varroa; An evening's entertainment Chairperson: Ken Gell, Gells Honey		
7:30 - 8:15 pm	Finding "it" first! Peter Burgess, River Meadows Apiaries		
8:15 - 9:15 pm	Jon Lockwood Goldfields Honey Australia	Matt Lorenz McDonalds Honey, Castlemaine	Matt Petersen Dividing Creek Farm Honey
9:15 - 10:00 pm	Tips from the trips Matt Lorenz, Jon Lockwood, Matt Petersen and Peter Burgess Moderator: Ken Gell		
	Thursday 6th June 2024		
8:00 - 9:00 am	Welcome Refreshments <i>Sponsored by: Redpaths Beekeeping Supplies</i>		
	Symposium: varroa - Sharing the science Chairperson: Dr Andrew Wootton, Master Beekeeper with the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America This morning session is sponsored by: Dividing Creek Farm		
9:00 - 9:50 am	UBeeO: a novel tool for selection of varroa resistant honey bees <i>Live via Zoom</i> - Dr Kaira Wagoner, University of North Carolina at Greensboro		
9:50 - 10:20 am	<i>Morning Tea</i> - Sponsored by Goode's Honey		
10:20 - 11:10 am	Varroa control options (IPM - using multiple coordinated controls) <i>Live via Zoom</i> - Dr Cameron Jack, University of Florida		
11:10 am - 12:00 pm	Hidden in plain sight - Drones! <i>Live via Zoom</i> - Dr Zac Lamas, US Dept Ag - Ag Research Services, Bee Research Laboratory, Beltsville MD		
12:00 - 1:15 pm	<i>Lunch</i> - Sponsored by SI Coatings / HyChem International		
	Colloquium combo Chairperson: Peter McDonald, McDonalds Honey, Castlemaine.		
1:15 - 2:00 pm	AgVic varroa transition to management report Brett Harrison, Program Coordinator Plants, Apiary & Regulated Crops, Agriculture Victoria		
2:00 - 3:00 pm	NZ beekeeping with varroa Dr Richard Hall, Principal Scientist & Hayley Prager, Senior Adviser, Honey Bee Health New Zealand		
3:00 - 3:30 pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>		
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Extracting the numbers and pressing the pennies Sam Henty, Farm Business Economist, AgVic & James Rowe, Resilience and Recovery, AgVic		
4:00 - 4:15 pm	The ins and outs of Crop Pollination Steve Fuller, Crop Pollination Association Australia		
4:15 - 5:00 pm	Crop Pollination: A session for lateral thinkers Steve Fuller, President CPAA, Vice chair honeybee and pollination "Agrifutures" Tim Jackson, CEO Almond Board of Australia Jonathon Monson, Pollination Coordinator, Monsons Honey & Pollination Moderator: Peter McDonald		
	Thursday Evening		
7:00 - 11:00 pm	2024 VAA.Inc. Annual Dinner Hosted by newly elected VAA Inc. Vice Presidents Sponsored by: Olam Orchards Australia Pty Ltd Raffle draw, Competition results, Silent Auction, "Loud" Auction, Thanks, hello and goodbyes.		