

2026 SAAA Conference & AGM

Morphettville Racecourse – 79 Morphett Road, Morphettville SA 5043

“TURNING CHALLENGES INTO OPPORTUNITIES”

Program – DAY 1 – Thursday, 18 June 2026

8.30 am	REGISTRATIONS OPEN	
9.10 – 9.30 am 20 mins	Opening Address by President – Brenton Davis Acknowledgment of Country Apologies Remembrance Pause Introduction and Welcome to all Delegates and Guests Acknowledgement of Sponsors Confirmation of 2025 AGM Minutes Business Arising from Minutes Correspondence Announcement of Photographic Competition	
9.30 – 9.45 am 15 mins	SPONSOR PRESENTATION	Beechworth Honey
9.45 – 10.30 am 15 mins	SPONSOR PRESENTATION	Varroa Mate
10.00 – 10.15 am 15 mins	SPONSOR PRESENTATION	Lockwood Beekeeping Supplies
10.15 – 10.30 am 15 mins	SPONSOR PRESENTATION	Varroa Controller
10.30 am - 11.00 am	MORNING BREAK	
11.00 – 11.15 am 15 mins	SPONSOR PRESENTATION	BeeStar
11.15 am – 11.45 am 30 mins	PRESENTATION – AFB Vaccination Project	Prof Travis Beddoe La Trobe University
11.45 am - 12.15 pm 30 mins	PRESENTATION – Harnessing RNAi for Varroa Control	Dr Biko Muita CSIRO
12.15 – 12.30 am 15 mins	Business Session – Notice of Motions	
12.30 pm – 2.00 pm	LUNCH BREAK Includes time for checking out the trade stall area or just catching up with other delegates	
2.00 pm - 2.30 pm 30 mins	PRESENTATION – Organic Varroa Treatments	Mike Allerton
2.30 pm – 3.00 pm 30 mins	PRESENTATION – Honey Market in Australia	Jodie Goldsworthy
3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3.30 pm – 5.00 pm 1.5 hrs	TRADE STALL SESSION for delegates	
5.00 pm	DAY PROCEEDINGS CLOSE	
6.00 pm	ANNUAL DINNER Pre-dinner drinks available in The Terrace Bar, Morphettville Racecourse Attendees to be seated by 6.30 pm Includes Raffle Draw SPEAKER – Wayne Phillips Finish by 10.00 pm.	

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Program – DAY 2 – Friday, 19 June 2026

8.45 am	REGISTRATIONS OPEN	
9.10 – 9.30 am 20 mins	INDUSTRY UPDATE – AHBIC (incl BQUAL)	Danny Le Feuvre, CEO AHBIC
9.30 – 9.50 am 20 mins	INDUSTRY UPDATE - AGRIFUTURES	Luke Evans, AgriFutures
9.50 – 10.10 am 20 mins	INDUSTRY UPDATE – BBO/PIRSA	Adrian Harvey, Apiary Unit, PIRSA
10.10 – 10.30 am 20 mins	INDUSTRY UPDATE – VARROA MANAGEMENT	Josh D'Ambrosio, Varroa Management
10.30 am - 11.00 am	MORNING BREAK	
11.00 am – 11.30 am 30 mins	PRESENTATION – Medicinal Qualities of Native Floral Honey	Dr Kenya Fernandes University of Sydney
11.30 am – 12.15pm 45 mins	MAIN PRESENTATION # 1 – The development of large scale field validation of APIX POLLEN, the first nutritionally complete Pollen Replacing Feed for honey bees.	Dr Thierry Bogaert APIX Biosciences
12.15 – 12.30 pm 15 mins	PRESENTATION – Honey Marketing Strategy	Dr Kenya Fernandes University of Sydney
12.30 – 12.45 pm 15 mins	Nominations for Executive Council Appointment of Scrutineers (if required) Appointment of Public Officer REPORTS: President's Report Financial Report Business Session – Notice of Motions	
12.45 pm – 1.30 pm	LUNCH BREAK Includes ballot for election of Executive Council members, if required	
1.30 – 1.50 pm 20 mins	CONFERENCE ADDRESS	The Honorable Nicola Centofanti, Shadow Minister for Primary Industries
1.50 pm - 2.20 pm 30 mins	PRESENTATION – Emerging Non-chemical Strategies for Management of Varroa	Dr Theotime Colin Macquarie University
2.20 pm – 3.05 pm 45 mins	MAIN PRESENTATION # 2 – DNA Methods for Honey Authenticity – A case study on the botanical diversity of Australian honeys revealed by DNA metabarcoding.	Dr Maria Anastasiadi Cranfield University, UK (via ZOOM)
3.05 – 3.15 pm 10 mins	Last Business Session AGM CLOSE	
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	AFTERNOON BREAK	
3.30 pm – 4.15 pm 45 mins	FINAL TRADE STALL SESSION for delegates	
4.30 pm	VACATE VENUE	