

Aviation Industry Association NZ Conference 2026

Time	Day 1 - Sunday 6 September	
0900	Workshop registration	Registration desk Level 1 Foyer
1000	Workshop - “Error Reduction in Organisations and avoiding error traps”	Matiu room
1200	Exhibitor Pack In	Trade/Exhibition floor
1530	Part 137 Chief Pilot/E Cat Instructor meeting NZAAA Pete Gordon facilitator	Matiu room
1600	Conference Registration	Registration desk Level 1 Foyer
1700	Welcome function <i>Sponsored by ASPEQ</i>	Trade/Exhibition floor
1900	Welcome function concludes	

Time	Day 2 - Monday 7 September				
0730	Registration, Level 1 Foyer				
	Rongomātāne A&B Plenary Room			Matiu Room (Theatre)	Student Aviation Careers Expo <i>Presented by ServiceIQ</i>
0900	Welcome to Conference opening - Jehan Casinader , Master of Ceremonies				
0905	Opening Remarks - Don McCracken , President, AIANZ				
0915	Keynote address and Q&A, Hon James Meager				
1000	Keynote address and Q&A, Kate Boyer				
1030	Morning Tea <i>Sponsored by Rothbury Insurance Brokers</i>				
1100	Presentation “Moving from Concepts to Behaviour” – Matt Schlapfer <i>Sponsored by Jumpjet Airlines Limited</i>				
1145	Political Panel - Election 2026 Q&A session Tangi Utikere , MP for Palmerston North, Labour Party Hon Julie-Anne Genter , MP for Rongotai, The Greens Simon Court , List MP, Act Party Andy Foster , List MP, New Zealand First Party Tim Costley , MP for Otaki, National Party <i>Sponsored by Fenix UAS Ltd</i>				
1230	LUNCH <i>Sponsored by Gallagher Insurance</i> , Exhibitor Area				
	NZAAA Rongomātāne A&B	NZHA Rongomātāne C	T&D Matiu	Operational Mokopuna	SSE Mākaro
1330	Kent Weir : Chairman, NZAAA Welcome	Scott McKenzie : Chairman, NZHA Welcome	Tim Bradding : Airways Remote Flight Information	AGM Members only	Bruce Robertson : Chair, SSE Welcome
1335	Michael Whittaker : Chairman, Tabula Development & functionality update	Dan Stevenson South Pacific Helicopters - Regulatory interventions			Open discussion on who we represent where we need to go and how do we go there?
1340		Mike Hall The challenges of offshore contracting			Tim Sprott : CAA Safe Haven & DAMP
1400	David Manktelow Applied Research & Technologies Spray quality and managing off-target drift for aerial application. Off label agrichemical use		Matt Harper Chief Executive Officer, Aerial Application Association of Australia Emerging risks from wind farms and drones		
1405		Q&A session – ask presenters a question			
1415	Andrew Pattullo : NZ Forestry Sales Manager Kenso NZ Challenges in the agrichemical market	NZHA AGM - NZHA Members Only	FIELDAIR NDT, how to help make it easy Darren Boshier		
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1500	AFTERNOON TEA, Exhibitor Area				
	Rongomātāne A&B Plenary Room		T&D & Operational: Matiu		SSE: Mākaro
1530	Catherine MacGowan: CAA Deputy Chief Executive Keynote Session - Observations on risk based/intelligence led certification and monitoring		From the Training Line to the 135 Cockpit — Closing NZ's Pilot Pipeline Gap Attracting, training and retaining the pilots our Part 135 operators actually need Phil Kean (Mainland Air Services/Mainland Aviation College) James Stokes (Glenorchy Air)		
1600	Panel Session facilitated by Kent Weir - NZAAA Chairman Costs, supply chains, risks, challenges Paul Marais (Manager Material Support and Logistics, Airbus Helicopters NZ)				

1630	Andrew Mackay (Director, Field Air) Kris Lovell (Managing Director, Safran Helicopter Engines Australia) Katrina Amiria (General Manager, Supply Chain, Salus Aviation)	James Stokes (Generality Air) Hank Sproull (Air Milford)	SSE AGM SSE Members only
1645	NZAAA AGM - NZAAA Members Only	CAA/AIANZ Instructor Seminar announcement Guy Brooking Jeremy Ford	
1700 - 1930	NETWORKING FUNCTION <i>Sponsored by AON</i> , Exhibitor Area		

Time	Day 3 - Tuesday 8 September									
0730	Registration, Level 1 Foyer									
	Rongomātāne A&B Plenary Room			UAVNZ - Mokopuna	Safety Managers' Workshop Rongomātāne C	Schools Programme - Matiu				
0800	AIANZ AGM, Members Only					Student Aviation Careers Expo Presented by ServiceIQ				
0845	Recap on Day 1 of Conference - Jehan Casinader									
0850										
0900	Keynote address and Q&A Gareth Kiernan , Principal Economist, Infometrics <i>Sponsored by Towflexx Ltd</i>									
0905				Welcome, UAVNZ Chair: Gisela Ripoll	Welcome, Housekeeping and introductions Tony Michelle Suzanne Drake					
0920	Keynote address and Q&A Kane Patena , Chief Executive and Director of the Civil Aviation Authority A strategic update from the CAA <i>Sponsored by QBE Insurance</i>						A CAA perspective Weaving the HSWA with SMS Penny Stevenson Joe Hall			
1000								Welcome, UAVNZ Chair: Gisela Ripoll	Barriers undertaking safety investigations Set the scene..... Group reporting and discussion Suzanne Drake	
1005	Panel - The Challenges Facing Regional Airlines Regional airlines have been facing several challenges over the past few years as they strive to maintain important services to regional New Zealand. Hear from some of their leaders about the challenges they are facing. Duane Emeny , Air Chathams, Mahanga Maru , Air Ruatoria. Dan Power , Sunair									Agricultural UAVs and the Future of Aerial Application Speaker: Brian Richardson BSI Speaker: Scotty (Airborne solutions) (AOC) Speaker: Mahi drones Workshop: BVLOS & SORA Scott Spooner (SPS Automation)
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1045	MORNING TEA, <i>Sponsored by Safran Helicopter Engines</i> Exhibitor Area					Industry Spotlight: A showcase of interesting projects and organisations Candice Bardsley (Mercury Energy) Isaac Henderson (Droneshows)	Applying Task, Environment, Design, and Self (TEDS) to Safety Investigations Brief scene setting A practical look at how the TEDS can be used to identify underlying factors that drive human error and system weaknesses to move investigations beyond blame to reveal actionable insights and meaningful improvement opportunities Suzanne Drake			
1115	Presentation Peter Kniepp , Lake Fusion Technologies Situational Awareness System (SitAws)							Multi-crew human factors for UAV operations Speaker: Alice You		
1145	Panel, Rising Stars in Aviation Jim Orchard , helicopter pilot Kent Mackenzie , fixed wing agricultural pilot Lyndsey Morrison-Barnes , air traffic controller Alex Owen-Cooper , drone operator Louis Roughton , engineer <i>Sponsored by Service IQ</i>									Panel Discussion: How do you grow UAV capabilities? - Moderator: Isaac Peter Massam (Bioeconomy Science Institute) Ben Brown (Programmed NZ) Adrian New Zealand Defence Francis Stapp (Gen Net)
1200										
1230	LUNCH, Exhibitor Area									
	NZAAA - Rongomātāne A & B	NZHA - Blue Whale, Te Papa	T&D - Matiu			SSE - Mākaro	UAVNZ - Mokopuna	Safety Managers' Workshop Rongomātāne C		
1330	Warwick Catto Science Strategy Manager, Ballance Agri Nutrients Mike White Chief Science Officer	Jeff Shearer TAIC – Findings from the Kawasaki BK117 Collision with terrain Mount Pirongia. Establishing Vortex				Bruce Robertson : Chair, SSE Welcome	UAVNZ Workshop: Advocacy, Regulation & Industry Priorities	Being proactive rather than reactive by using AI to triage incident/accident reports		

1335	Mike White Chief Science Officer, Ravensdown Technology/product/market updates	Consistent with certain mount programs. Establishing vortex Ring State	David Morgan – Part 61 update	Aerosafe Engineering Adding value and purpose to process: D McCracken	(SOP, Networking) UAVNZ Exec committee	Incident/accident reports My experience & using AI Suzanne Drake Glenn Mathieson
1400	Travis Churchill Spread Test NZ - observations from pattern testing liquids and solids for fixed wing, helicopters and UAV’s	Duncan Ferrier Barrister Capital Chambers – A pathway to compliance being proactive rather than reactive to regulatory interventions	T&D AGM Members only	SUPERIOR AVIATION Pete English Lycoming Updates Edward Vincent SBs, Product Support	Defence update WGCDR Christopher Andrew	Pull this accident apart... (Accident brief circulated prior to the workshop for reading) Workshop: Group reporting and Q&A Suzanne Drake
1410					UTM and Airways: Where to Next? Speaker: George Ridd	
1415				CAA - Rules update program Catherine MacGowan (CAA)		
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1440	Alister Holmes - Fertiliser quality and reducing off-target drift for aerial application	Q&A - Ask presenters a question		“Safran Helicopter Engines: Reliability, Support and Innovation” Kris LOVELL , Managing Director – Saran Helicopter Engines Australia Phillip BOYCE , Field Representative - Saran Helicopter Engines Australia		
1445	Q&A session – ask presenters a question					
1500	AFTERNOON TEA, <i>Sponsored by Lycoming Engines</i> Exhibitor Area					
	Plenary session & Safety Managers workshop - Rongomātāne A&B		Trade Exhibitor Pack out			Trade Exhibitor Pack out
1530	Incident Review Meeting (IRM) – Moderator Scott McKenzie Southern Lakes Helicopters: ZK-IYY Accident/CAA Enforceable Undertaking Michael Hayes – My experience: Section 15A notice, restrictions on AOC, CAA intervention, business outcomes, institutional culture Richie Hunter - lessons learnt			Incident Review Meeting (IRM) – Moderator: Isaac Scott Spooner (SPS Automation) Chris Jackson		
1630				AGM, Members only		
1645	Conference sum up and close MC Jehan Casinder and Chief Executive Simon Wallace					
1700	Conference closes					
1900	Gala Dinner and Awards <i>Sponsored by New Zealand Airline Academy Limited (NZAAL)</i>					
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