

## Aviation Industry Association NZ Conference 2026

| Time | Day 1 - Sunday 6 September                                                         |                                 |
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| 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 <b>NZAAA</b> 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
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| 0730           | Registration, Level 1 Foyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
|                | Rongomātāne A&B Plenary Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  | Matiu Room (Theatre)                                           |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 0900           | Welcome to Conference opening - <b>Jehan Casinader</b> , Master of Ceremonies                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  | Student Aviation Careers Expo<br><i>Presented by ServiceIQ</i> |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 0905           | Opening Remarks - <b>Don McCracken</b> , President, AIANZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 0915           | Keynote address and Q&A, <b>Hon James Meager</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1000           | Keynote address and Q&A, <b>Kate Boyer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1030           | Morning Tea <i>Sponsored by Rothbury Insurance Brokers</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1100           | Presentation “Moving from Concepts to Behaviour” – <b>Matt Schlapfer</b><br><i>Sponsored by Jumpjet Airlines Limited</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1145           | Political Panel - Election 2026 Q&A session<br><b>Tangi Utikere</b> , MP for Palmerston North, Labour Party<br><b>Hon Julie-Anne Genter</b> , MP for Rongotai, The Greens<br><b>Simon Court</b> , List MP, Act Party<br><b>Andy Foster</b> , List MP, New Zealand First Party<br><b>Tim Costley</b> , MP for Otaki, National Party<br><i>Sponsored by Fenix UAS Ltd</i> |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1230           | LUNCH <i>Sponsored by Gallagher Insurance</i> , Exhibitor Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
|                | NZAAA<br>Rongomātāne A&B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | NZHA<br>Rongomātāne C                                                                                                            | T&D<br>Matiu                                     | Operational<br>Mokopuna                                        | SSE<br>Mākaro                        |                                                                                                                       |
| 1330           | Kent Weir: Chairman, NZAAA<br>Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Scott McKenzie : Chairman, NZHA<br>Welcome                                                                                       | Tim Bradding: Airways<br>Remote tower operations | AGM<br>Members only                                            | Bruce Robertson: Chair, SSE Welcome  |                                                                                                                       |
| 1335           | Michael Whittaker: Chairman, Tabula<br>Development & functionality update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | TBC                                                                                                                              |                                                  |                                                                | Tim Sprott: CAA<br>Safe Haven & DAMP | Open discussion on who we represent,<br>where we need to go and how do we ge<br>there?                                |
| 1340           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Mike Hall<br>The challenges of offshore contracting                                                                              |                                                  |                                                                |                                      | TEXTRON AVIATION<br>Cessna, Beechcraft<br>Andy Ross? Field support<br>Aftermarket sales<br>Dave Cobcroft? Parts sales |
| 1400           | David Manktelow<br>Applied Research & Technologies Spray quality<br>and managing off-target drift for aerial<br>application. Off label agrichemical use                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                  | Tim Sprott: CAA<br>Safe Haven & DAMP             | FIELDAIR<br>NDT, how to help make it easy                      |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1405           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1415           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1420           | Andrew Pattullo: NZ Forestry Sales Manager<br>Kenso NZ Challenges in the agrichemical market                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Matt Harper Chief Executive Officer, Aerial Application<br>Association of Australia<br>Emerging risks from wind farms and drones |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1440           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Q&A session – ask presenters a question                                                                                          |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1445           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | NZHA AGM - NZHA Members Only                                                                                                     |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1450           | AFTERNOON TEA, Exhibitor Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1500           | Rongomātāne A&B Plenary Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                  | T&D & Operational: Matiu                         |                                                                | SSE: Mākaro                          |                                                                                                                       |
| 1530           | Catherine MacGowan: CAA Deputy Chief Executive<br>Keynote Session - Observations on risk based/intelligence led certification and monitoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                  | T&D/Operational division panel                   |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1600           | Panel Session facilitated by Kent Weir – NZAAA Chairman<br>Costs, supply chains, risks, challenges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |
| 1630           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                | SSE AGM                              |                                                                                                                       |
| 1645           | NZAAA AGM - NZAAA Members Only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                | SSE Members only                     |                                                                                                                       |
| 1700 -<br>1930 | NETWORKING FUNCTION <i>Sponsored by AON</i> , Exhibitor Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |                                                                |                                      |                                                                                                                       |

| Time | Day 3 - Tuesday 8 September                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
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| 0730 | Registration, Level 1 Foyer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
|      | Rongomātāne A&B Plenary Room                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | UAVNZ - Mokopuna/Theatre                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Safety Managers' Workshop<br>Rongomātāne C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Schools Programme - Matiu                                                                                                                                        |  |  |
| 0800 | AIANZ AGM, <b>Members Only</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Student Aviation Careers Expo<br><i>Presented by ServiceIQ</i>                                                                                                   |  |  |
| 0845 | Recap on Day 1 of Conference - <b>Jehan Casinader</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 0850 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 0900 | Keynote address and Q&A<br><b>Gareth Kiernan</b> , Principal Economist, Infometrics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Welcome, Housekeeping and introductions<br><b>Tony Michelle</b><br><b>Suzanne Drake</b>                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 0905 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | A CAA perspective<br>Weaving the HSWA with SMS<br><b>Penny Stevenson</b><br><b>Joe Hall</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 0920 | Keynote address and Q&A<br><b>Kane Patena</b> , Chief Executive and Director of the Civil Aviation Authority<br>A strategic update from the CAA<br><i>Sponsored by QBE Insurance</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1000 | Panel - The Challenges Facing Regional Airlines<br>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.<br><b>Duane Emeny</b> , Air Chathams,<br><b>Mahanga Maru</b> , Air Ruatoria.<br><b>Dan Power</b> , Sunair |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Welcome, UAVNZ Chair: <b>Gisela Ripoll</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Barriers undertaking safety investigations Set the scene.....<br>Group reporting and discussion<br><b>Suzanne Drake</b>                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1005 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Agricultural UAVs and the Future of Aerial Application<br><b>Brian Richardson</b> BSI<br><b>Scotty</b> (Airborne solutions)<br>Mahi drones                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1025 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Workshop: BVLOS & SORA<br><b>Scott Spooner</b> (SPS Automation)                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1045 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | MORNING TEA, <i>Sponsored by Safran Helicopter Engines</i> Exhibitor Area                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1115 | Presentation<br><b>Peter Kniepp</b> , Lake Fusion Technologies Situational Awareness System (SitAwS)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Industry Spotlight: A showcase of interesting projects and organisations<br><b>Candice Bardsley</b> (Mercury Energy)<br><b>Alice You</b> (Droneshows)<br><b>Michael Pervan, Robert De Roo</b> or <b>Richard Leaper</b> (Aerosearch)                         | Applying Task, Environment, Design, and Self (TEDS) to Safety Investigations<br>Brief scene setting                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1145 | Panel, Rising Stars in Aviation<br><b>Jim Orchard</b> , helicopter pilot<br><b>Kent Mackenzie</b> , fixed wing agricultural pilot<br><b>Lyndsey Morrison-Barnes</b> , air traffic controller<br><b>Alex Owen-Cooper</b> , drone operator<br><b>Louis Roughton</b> , engineer<br><i>Sponsored by Service IQ</i>                                                                          |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Learning from the air proximity incident over South Auckland<br><b>Hamish Johnstone</b> (TAIC)                                                                                                                                                              | 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<br><b>Suzanne Drake</b><br><b>Matt Schlapher</b> |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1200 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Panel Discussion: How do you grow UAV capabilities?<br>Moderator: <b>Isaac Henderson</b><br><b>Peter Massam</b> (Bioeconomy Science Institute)<br><b>Ben Brown</b> (Programmed NZ)<br><b>Adrian</b> (New Zealand Defence)<br><b>Francis Stapp</b> (Gen Net) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
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| 1230 | LUNCH, Exhibitor Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
|      | NZAAA - Rongomātāne A & B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | NZHA - TBC                                                                                                                                  | T&D - Matiu                          | SSE - Mākaro                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | UAVNZ - Mokopuna                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Safety Managers' Workshop<br>Rongomātāne C                                                                                                                       |  |  |
| 1330 | <b>Warwick Catto</b> Science Strategy Manager, Ballance Agri Nutrients<br><b>Mike White</b> Chief Science Officer, Ravensdown<br>Technology/product/market updates                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Jeff Shearer</b> TAIC – Findings from the Kawasaki BK117 Collision with terrain Mount Pirongia. Establishing Vortex Ring State           | <b>David Morgan</b> – Part 61 update | <b>Bruce Robertson</b> : Chair, SSE Welcome                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | UAVNZ Workshop: Advocacy, Regulation & Industry Priorities (SOP, Networking)<br>UAVNZ Exec committee                                                                                                                                                                                 | Being proactive rather than reactive by using AI to triage incident/accident reports<br>My experience & using AI<br><b>Suzanne Drake</b><br><b>Richie Hunter</b> |  |  |
| 1335 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      | Aerosafe Engineering<br>Adding value and purpose to process:<br><b>D McCracken</b>                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1400 | <b>Travis Churchill</b> Spread Test NZ - observations from pattern testing liquids and solids for fixed wing, helicopters and UAV's                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Duncan Ferrier</b> Barrister Capital Chambers – A pathway to compliance being proactive rather than reactive to regulatory interventions | <b>T&amp;D AGM Members only</b>      | SUPERIOR AVIATION<br>Hartzell Technologies <b>Alan</b><br>Lycoming Updates <b>Ed</b><br>SBs, Product Support                                                                                                                                                | Defence update                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Pull this accident apart...<br>(Accident brief circulated prior to the workshop for reading)<br>Workshop:<br>Group reporting and Q&A<br><b>Suzanne Drake</b>     |  |  |
| 1410 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Airshare<br><b>George Ridd</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1415 | <b>Alister Holmes</b> - Fertiliser quality and reducing off-target drift for aerial application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Q&A session – ask presenters a question                                                                                                     |                                      | Component life Extensions: How to prepare?<br>AEANZ                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CAA - Rules update program<br><b>Catherine MacGowan</b> (CAA)                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1440 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |
| 1445 | <b>Q&amp;A session – ask presenters a question</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                             |                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |  |  |

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| 1500 | AFTERNOON TEA, <i>Sponsored by Lycoming Engines</i> Exhibitor Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
|      | Plenary session & Safety Managers workshop - Rongomātāne A&B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Trade Exhibitor Pack out | Incident Review Meeting (IRM) –<br>Moderator: <b>Isaac Henderson</b><br><b>Scott Spooner</b> (SPS Automation)<br><b>Richard Milner</b> (Eagleflight Technics)<br><b>Candice Bardsley</b> | Trade Exhibitor Pack out |
| 1530 | Incident Review Meeting (IRM)<br>Moderator: <b>Scott McKenzie</b> , Chair, NZ Helicopter Association (NZHA).<br>Southern Lakes Helicopters: ZK-IYY Accident/CAA Enforceable Undertaking<br><b>Michael Hayes</b> CEO - My experience: Section 15A notice, restrictions on AOC, CAA<br>intervention, business outcomes, institutional cultures<br><b>Richie Hunter</b> Safety Manager - Lessons learnt |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 1630 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 1645 | Conference sum up and close<br>MC <b>Jehan Casinder</b> and Chief Executive <b>Simon Wallace</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 1700 | Conference closes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 1900 | Gala Dinner and Awards                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |
| 0000 | <i>Sponsored by New Zealand Airline Academy Limited (NZAAL)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |