

Thursday 20 June 2019		Pre Conference Meetings	
9.00am – 11.00am	District Judge Convenors		
11.15am – 1.30pm	Horse Steward Council Executive		
2.00pm – 4.00pm	Executive-District Meeting – District Chairs & Vice Chairs, District Managers		
Friday 21 June 2019		Conference Day 1	
9.00am	Tea/coffee/snack - Welcome from RAS President, Geoff Smith		<p>For those that don't wish to attend one of the sessions, take the opportunity to explore what New Plymouth has to offer. Check out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pukekura Park, Liardet Street – botanic garden</li> <li>- Govett-Brewster Art Gallery / Len Lye Centre, 42 Queen Street</li> <li>- Hillsborough Car Museum, 683 Egmont Road</li> <li>- Take a walk on the beach</li> <li>- Town and the shops</li> </ul>
9.05am – 10.00am	Strategic update from the Executive & the Districts		
	Quick break to stretch legs		
10.15am – 12.15pm	General Forum – any issues, good ideas - ultimately how can we improve the longevity of the Showing Movement and add quality to it?		
<b>12.15pm – 1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
1.00pm – 1.45pm	Guest Speaker – Cara Ferris, GM Waikato – “Bringing two organisations together”		
1.45pm – 3.30pm	Equestrian Meeting		
<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
4.00pm – 4.45pm	Guest Speaker - TBA		
<b>5.00 – 6.00pm</b>	<b>Social Hour - Complimentary Nibbles; Drinks – Cash Bar</b>		
Saturday 22 June 2019		Conference Day 2	
9.00am	Tea/coffee/snack - Welcome from RAS President, Geoff Smith		<p>For those that don't wish to attend one of the sessions, take the opportunity to explore what New Plymouth has to offer. Check out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pukekura Park, Liardet Street – botanic garden</li> <li>- Govett-Brewster Art Gallery / Len Lye Centre, 42 Queen Street</li> <li>- Hillsborough Car Museum, 683 Egmont Road</li> <li>- Take a walk on the beach</li> <li>- Town and the shops</li> </ul>
9.05am – 10.00am	Guest Speaker – Biosecurity in general & MB update	Rural Ambassador.	
10am – 12 midday	General Forum – Reports from Shows that did run cattle sections, discussion on the update from the previous guest speaker and the impact MB may have for 2019-2020 season & the future, and how we could counter that and ensure we have cattle sections at the shows. Any other applicable matters from Members?	Rural Ambassador	
<b>12 midday – 1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>		
1.00pm – 2.00pm	What is happening with the Next Generation?		
2.00pm – 3.30pm	UBS Meeting – All livestock matters	Rural Ambassador	
<b>3.30pm – 4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>		
4.00pm -5.00pm	AGM		
5.30pm	Cash Bar Open – Rocks Bar		
6.15pm	Rural Ambassador Presentations – Grand Auditorium		
6.45pm	Chancellor 1 - Gala Dinner – Formal Dress – Grand Auditorium		
7.45pm	Rural Ambassador Awards & District Presentations followed by music and dancing		

Note - To keep conference costs at a minimum, and to ensure delegates have the opportunity to attend all meetings, the programme has been tailored so there is one meeting at a time with the option for social activity as an alternative to attending a meeting. We would like to encourage all Show Managers/Secretaries to attend the Equestrian meeting – Equestrian plays a big part at our Shows and hearing information first hand and understanding the complexities is important for all Show personnel. Equally rather than having separate dairy, beef and sheep meetings, the UBS meeting will cover all livestock aspects. When it comes to the A&P delegates voting on matters that affect A&P Shows (this happens at the AGM) they need to be able to hear the full discussion around the pros and cons of any issue so they can make an informed decision – this happens at the UBS meeting so it is vital that people attend this meeting so informed decisions can be made at the AGM.