

## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

### 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Quality Hotel Elms, 456 Papanui Road, Christchurch

*“100 Years of Legacy – and - to the next 100 years”*

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#### Friday 7 June 2024

11.30am - 1.30pm Equestrian District Judges Convenors Meeting  
1.30pm – 3.00pm Horse Stewards Council Executive Meeting  
3.00pm – 5.00pm RAS Management Team Meeting (Districts Representatives and the Executive)

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6.00pm – 8.00pm **Pre – Conference Centennial Celebration and Booklet Launch**

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#### Saturday 8 June 2024

9.00am – 9.05am **Welcome**  
9.05am – 9.20am **RAS Patron Her Excellency, The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro GNZM, QSO,  
Governor-General of New Zealand**  
9.20am - 9.30am **RAS President Rachel Walker**  
9.30am - 10.00am **Guest Speaker Peter Nation**  
Chief Executive of New Zealand National Fieldays  
*Agricultural events in today’s operating environment*

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**10.00am - 10.30am Morning Tea**

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10.30am -11am **Guest Speaker Peri Drysdale MBE**  
Chief Executive Officer / Founder at Untouched World Ltd and Chair of  
Untouched World Foundation  
*Innovation in a traditional sector*

11am – 12.30pm **Innovation Workshop**  
Topic 1: What does it mean to have a “social license to operate” in 2024?  
Topic 2: Why choose agricultural products over synthetic alternatives?  
Topic 3: Animal welfare and potential animal activism at member events  
Topic 4: What would an A&P show without competitions look like?  
Topic 5: What will A&P shows look like in 50 years time?

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**12.30pm - 1.15pm Lunch**

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1.15pm – 1.45pm **Guest Speaker Nigel Woodhead BAgSci**  
President of the Tokomairiro A&P Society, FMG Young Farmer of the Year 2017,  
Sheep and Beef Farmer  
*The future role of shows in showcasing rural excellence*

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS



1.45pm – 2.30pm **Rural Ambassador Finalists Speeches**  
2.30pm – 3.00pm **RAS Vice President Nic Barkley**  
*Maximising the benefits of available technology, social media, and using Zoom*

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**3.00pm - 3.30pm Afternoon Tea**

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3.30pm - 4.30pm **Showing of Breeds**  
Breakout Workshop 1: Beef Cattle  
Breakout Workshop 2: Dairy Cattle  
Breakout Workshop 3: Equestrian  
Breakout Workshop 4: Sheep  
Breakout Workshop 5: Other Breeds

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## Evening Programme

*Attendees are encouraged to dress to the theme "Through the Years".*

5.30pm – 6.00pm Pre-dinner drinks  
6.00pm – 6.30pm Photos, speeches, and presentations  
6.30pm - 7.15pm Main course served  
7.15pm – 8.00pm Rural Ambassador Awards  
8.00pm Cutting of Centennial Cake and dessert served  
8.15pm Music and dancing

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## Sunday 9 June 2024

8.00am – 9.15am **Equestrian Annual General Meeting**  
9.15am – 10.30am **United Breeds Annual General Meeting**

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**10.30am – 11.00am Morning Tea**

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11.00am - 12.00pm **RAS Annual General Meeting**  
12.00pm - 12.15pm **Conference feedback and take-home messages**  
12.15pm **Close of Conference**  
12.30pm - 1.00pm RAS Management Team Meeting  
1.00pm RAS Executive Meeting

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