



New Zealand

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## June 2021 Update

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### **NZAC 2021 AGM & Conference – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

NZAC is holding its AGM at 4.30pm at the Hawke’s Bay Club, Cnr Marine Parade and Browning Street, Napier on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

The day will begin with a tour at [Rockit Global](#) focusing on the use of automation and technology (commencing at 10.30am in Hastings). This is followed by a visit to [Plant & Food Research](#) in Havelock North at 11.45am where we’ll meet with Dr Paul Johnstone to learn about their approach to crop optimisation and learnings from the [Future Orchard Planting Systems](#) programme.

From there we meet at the [Hawke’s Bay Club](#) in Napier at 2pm for a series of presentations on weed management, trial updates, asparagus future (harvester) project, and promotions prior to the AGM at 4.30pm. The AGM will be followed by drinks and dinner at the Hawke’s Bay Club.

AGM papers have been sent to all growers. You will see in the agenda and notice of motions that we will be discussing the commodity levy at the AGM. If you have not received this please contact Karen on [karen.orr@hortnz.co.nz](mailto:karen.orr@hortnz.co.nz) or call 04-494 9984.

If you have not yet RSVP’d for the day and AGM, please let me know if you will be attending by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**. If you are unable to attend, please let me know if you wish to be listed as an apology at the AGM.

## **Other conferences - RSE Conference 30 June and 1 July, Rutherford Hotel, Nelson - A post Covid future – almost sold out!**

If you are an RSE employer, or looking to become one, please register for the RSE Conference 30 June and 1 July at the Rutherford Hotel in Nelson.

This is an important conference for RSE employers to enable planning for the future, with Government well represented at the conference. To register as an individual please click [here](#)

## **Horticulture conference – Resilience & Recovery, 5-6<sup>th</sup> August – last day for the reduced early bird price!**

This two-day conference, set to be held on 5 and 6 August at Mystery Creek, will be a fantastic future-focused event that all growers and industry participants can benefit from. A diverse range of industry, government and stakeholder speakers will be presenting, providing stimulating discussions and insight on all corners of the industry.

Early bird registrations close at midnight tonight, Friday 25 June. Go here to find out more and register: <https://conferences.co.nz/hortnz2021/>



## **Survey on future trends which may impact the supply chain sector**

The Ministry of Transport would appreciate your participation in a survey to capture your views on future trends/events which may impact the supply chain sector.

This is part of an internal project to improve their understanding of the key trends which may (or may not) have an impact on New Zealand's supply chain over the next 30 years. The goal of this work is not to predict the future, but to promote thinking and dialogue around future challenges and opportunities. This work will help to inform their thinking as they begin the process of developing a national freight strategy and help to provide future-focused advice across a range of projects. The outcomes of the survey will not result in specific policy recommendations.

The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. No specific expertise in strategic foresight or futures thinking is required. The survey is completely anonymous. You can access the survey using the following link: [The impact and likelihood of trends in the Supply Chain sector Survey \(surveymonkey.com\)](#)

Your time and effort are much appreciated. All respondents will receive a short summary of the outcomes and insights of the survey after the data has been analysed. The survey will be open until Friday 16 July 2021.

If you have any questions, or further comments, please do not hesitate to contact Joren Kruip ([j.kruip@transport.govt.nz](mailto:j.kruip@transport.govt.nz)) of the Ministry's Strategic Policy and Innovation team.

### **News**

Recent articles on asparagus include the following:

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/125460768/asparagus-harvester-leads-robotic-revolution-at-fieldays>

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA2106/S00074/visa-extensions-provide-certainty-to-employers-and-10000-visa-holders.htm>

<https://www.freshplaza.com/article/9326889/asparagus-grower-shipper-unfazed-by-logistical-challenges/>

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