



# NZ WOOLCLASSERS ASSOCIATION

## INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY/AGM



### TIMETABLE

8am to 8.15am	<b>Registration</b>
8.15am to 8.20am	<b>Welcome. Health and Safety for the day briefing</b>
8.20am to 9.40am	<b>Wool exercises</b>
9.40am to 10am	<b>Tracy Paterson chair NZWCA</b> Why NZWCA and what your membership does. Tracy will also announce the next recipients of the WRONZ/NZWCA Certificate in Wool Technology and Classing student scholarships and acknowledge the top 2024 completion wool students
<i>10am to 10.15am</i>	<i>Morning Smoko provided</i>
10.15am to 10.35am	<b>Hon Mark Patterson MP aka “Minister of Wool”</b> (Minister for Rural Communities, Associate Ministers of Agriculture and for Regional Development)
10.35am to 10.50am	<b>Dave Maslen NZ Merino Co</b> The vital connection between wool harvesting, global supply and consumers who buy wool products
10.50am to 11.10am	<b>Ministry for Primary Industries – Lucy Newton/Peter Hyde</b> “The law and your role in animal welfare”
11.10am to 11.30am	<b>Opsec Solutions SI Director Marcus Fowler</b> <a href="https://www.opsec.co.nz/">https://www.opsec.co.nz/</a> keeping safe in the workplace, de-escalating, managing and resolving conflict
11.30am to 11.45am	Introduction of <b>NZWCA checklist document for classers</b> covering off liabilities and defining accepted responsibilities particularly in relation to animal welfare
<i>11.45am to 12.30pm</i>	<i>Lunch provided</i>
12.30pm to 1pm	<b>NZWCA Annual General Meeting</b>
1pm to 1.15pm	<b>Wool Classer 2024 Season Awards</b>
1.15pm to 1.30pm	<b>Tom O’Sullivan of FLOC</b> Wool Acoustic Interior Surfaces <a href="https://www.floc.nz/">https://www.floc.nz/</a> taking NZ crossbred wool from sheep backs to NZ’s Beehive and the walls of the world
1.30pm to 2pm	<b>Brokers key messages for 2025 season wool prep and classing</b> , and chance for discussion and questions with wool buyers and broker reps from NZ Merino Co, PGGW, Wools of NZ and WoolWorks Grower Direct
2pm to 2.20pm	<b>Wool Exercise and samples discussion, questions + exercise top scorers announced</b>
<i>2.20pm to 2.35pm</i>	<i>Afternoon Smoko provided</i>
2.35pm to 2.50pm	<b>Lincoln Agritech Dr Rob Kelly</b> – wool research insights and details for facility tour to follow
2.50pm to 3.05pm	<b>Professor Jon Hickford Lincoln University</b> sheep genetics, wool management on farms, value-add opportunity for classers and details for Pastoral Measurements Ltd workshop to follow
3.05pm to 4.35pm	<b>BREAK INTO TWO GROUPS</b> each group to spend 45 minutes each at: <i>GROUP 1: Lincoln Agritech</i> <i>GROUP 2: Fibre measurement workshop with Prof Hickford, Dr David Scobie and Don Morrison of PML</i>
4.35pm to 4.50pm	<b>Bremworth rug prize draw, acknowledgements, questions, suggestions, time to fill out feedback forms</b>