

2024 NEW SPEAKER COMPETITION

DATE: Thursday 17th October 2024
VENUE: Copthorne Hotel, Fenton Street, Rotorua



6:00pm Registration and Cash Bar - House Bar
6:30 -7:15 Dinner - Hotel Restaurant

New Speaker Competition Redwood Two Conference Room

7:30 **Sharik Burgess-Stride, Graduate Mechanical Engineer, Index Engineering Ltd**
"Rating Lifting Equipment & When is it PECPR"

As a consulting mechanical engineer, there are two sentences we often hear from our clients in the pulp and paper industry regarding lifting equipment, "What is this rated for?" and "Can we increase the capacity to...". This presentation aims to teach people the strategies used to increase the Working Load Limit (WLL) of lifting equipment and discuss common points of failure. Sharik will also touch on when lifting equipment falls under the "Pressure Equipment, Cranes and Passenger Ropeways" regulations.

8:00 **Ralph Rolly Gonzales, Postdoctoral Researcher, Scion**
"Waste to Treasure: Valorisation of Agricultural Residues"

Using grape marc as model lignocellulosic biomass, we aim to efficiently and cost-effectively extract and purify high-value biochemicals, formulate bioactive compounds, and prepare grape marc-based paper for several applications.

8:30 **James Flett, Plant Engineer, Oji Fibre Solutions Kinleith Mill**
"No2 Mill Cost Reduction Projects"

James will give a detailed overview of cost saving projects he has been involved with in Kinleith's No2 Pulp Mill in 2024.

9:00 **Judging and Awarding of Prizes**

COST: Members: \$55 Non-members: \$65 Appita Retired Members: \$30

(NB: A credit card surcharge of 3% will apply on American Express payments)

Payment can be direct credited to: Appita NZ Section, ANZ, Rotorua 06 0413 0178800 00

COMPETITION ORGANISERS: Shiraz Khashim, Wood Beca; Matthew McGhie, Oji Fibre Solutions Kinleith; Chris Neville-Lamb, Oji Fibre Solutions Tasman

**Please register by Monday 14th October by contacting
Karen Clark, Appita at appita.nz@xtra.co.nz Mobile: 027 231 6541**

(People who register for technical meetings, but fail to attend on the night will be charged. Please advise Karen Clark as early as possible if you can no longer attend. The hotel now charges for the final number given.)