

2025 NEW ZEALAND NEW SPEAKER COMPETITION

Thursday 4th December, Copthorne Hotel, Rotorua

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

The **Appita New Speaker Competition** provides an opportunity for first-time presenters to develop their presentation skills, and present in front of a large audience as part of their ongoing career development.

Entrants must be members of Appita (non-members are invited to join to become eligible). They must not have previously made a formal presentation to an industry peer audience outside their organisation/place of work/tertiary institution.

The 2025 Winner of the NZ Section Runoff will receive a:

- certificate
- cash prize
- a complimentary registration to attend the Appita Annual Conference 25th - 26th March 2026 in Melbourne, Australia. (The Appita New Speaker Competition Final – Australia vs NZ will be held at the Conference on 25th March.)

Each runner-up will receive a cash prize.

Note: The competition is restricted to three entrants.

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Entries close 24th October 2025

2024



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To find out more about the 2024 NZ New Speaker Competition, please contact:

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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Presentation

- May be on any topic relevant to the pulp & paper industry.
- Must be presented for the first time at this competition: papers presented previously at any other conference or seminar are ineligible.
- Must comply with the conditions specified for presentations at the Appita Annual Conference, i.e., Power Point Presentation, 20 minutes presentation, 10 minutes Q&A.
- Must not be a commercial sales pitch.
- Must be the speaker's own material and be original.
- Presentation time is 20 minutes, plus 10 minutes for Q&A.

What Information is Required When Entering

- Completion of online form, providing a concise overview of your topic with the title, explaining why it's relevant to the industry. We encourage you to highlight the unique perspective you bring as a first-time presenter.
- 300 to 600-word abstract that captures the essence of your proposed presentation, showcasing the value and impact of your ideas. Plus, a 70 to 80-word outline of your presentation which will be included in the promotional flyer.
- Bio (max 150 words) and current image (300 dpi jpeg) must accompany the submission.
- Share any relevant academic achievements, research projects, or industry experiences that demonstrate your passion for the pulp, paper, packaging, or bioproducts sector.

Pre-Selection

- To complete the competition in one evening, the organisers have to limit the total number of presentations to 3. First in First served.
- Pre-selection will be based on your 300 to 600-word outline with a title.
- Please submit your application before the deadline of 24th October 2025.