



Society of Plastics Engineers
Australia-New Zealand Section Ltd

Sponsorship Proposal

Financial Year 2026/2027

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SPE Mission

The Mission of the Society of Plastics Engineers Ltd. (SPE) is to ***provide and promote knowledge and education about plastics and polymers Worldwide.***

The Goals of SPE: A-NZ Section

The Society of Plastics Engineers: Australia-New Zealand Section Ltd. (SPE: A-NZ Section) aims to improve the technical, engineering, and management skills and knowledge throughout the plastics industry sector in Australia and New Zealand. SPE: A-NZ Section believes fundamentally that adding value to people adds value to the plastics and polymers industry in Australia and New Zealand.

SPE: A-NZ Section also works with other organisations and agencies to inform, educate and strengthen professional networks throughout Australia and New Zealand. There are currently more than 120 members in Australia and New Zealand. The goal is to increase the membership to 150 in the financial year 2026-2027.

SPE

SPE is a society of more than 85,000 individual members in 84 countries. It does not cater for corporate membership, but it does maintain strong alliances in the USA with organisations such as the [Plastics Industry Association \(PLASTICS\)](#) and the Plastics Division of the American Chemistry Council. In 2025 SPE and PLASTICS have merged to form a unified organization, with integration finalized by early 2026. SPE operates as a division of PLASTICS, combining technical expertise with industry advocacy to strengthen sustainability and circularity initiatives. SPE remains a distinct division within PLASTICS, retaining its identity and member benefits. The partnership aims to provide a stronger, more connected platform for the entire plastics value chain, focusing on education, research, and advocacy.

SPE membership reflects the proportion of individuals employed in each processing or service sector of the industry. For instance, about 30 per cent of members are involved with injection moulding. Members include business owners, managers, technicians, engineers, scientists, marketers and students interested in plastics and polymers.

SPE is predominantly a volunteer professional association supported by a permanent staff of approximately 25 employees at its headquarters in Danbury, Connecticut, USA. SPE comprises close to 100 geographic Sections and close to 30 separate Technical and Process-type Divisions and Special Interest Groups.

SPE's Major Activities

SPE's volunteer organisations around the World focus on the following:

- delivering quality local or regional technical meetings and conferences;
- an annual international technical conference - ANTEC (usually held in the USA);

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- topical technical conferences, webinars, seminars, workshops and forums;
- publishing “Plastics Engineering” magazine, local newsletters and websites;
- maintenance of electronic databases;
- granting of scholarships and awards;
- facilitating networking of individuals, companies, researchers and educators;
- running the Plastivan program in the USA.

Student Membership and Young Professionals

Student Membership is encouraged through a free membership, including another two years for a student member after graduation.

SPE: A-NZ Section Funding Sources

Currently, the annual membership fees of SPE are US\$135.00. Membership to the SPE: A-NZ section adds another US\$10 for a total of US\$145.00 (approx. AU\$210). The majority of the fees stay with the parent organisation in the USA, and less than 10% of the fees are returned to the Section after one year. The SPE: A-NZ Section must therefore finance its own program of activities. Any surplus funds from Section activities remain with the Section for future program development and delivery. Potential sources of funds may include government grants, advertising and corporate sponsorships.

SPE: A-NZ Section 2026 Program and Projects

The technical seminar program for 2026 has been finalised and comprises eight seminars/webinars and two conferences as either in-person events or webinars. The 2026 program will reflect society’s focus on Sustainability. Financial sponsorships will be applied to many activities and projects, including:

- the series of regular, monthly technical meetings set as seminars/webinars covering the topics of biopolymers, injection moulding, and artificial intelligence;
- factory tours and special technical seminars/workshops covering 3D printing and microplastics;
- seminars/conferences covering ‘topical’ subjects, such as:
 - the environment at the “Plastics and Circular Economy” conference (may be organised in conjunction with other organisations – dates yet to be confirmed);
 - a special day on Economic Outlook for 2026, at the end of the year
- training courses and promotion of industry training programs;
- support to participate at ANTEC 2026 and regional ANTEC conferences;
- awards to assist students of polymer science, engineering, design and related disciplines at university in attending an overseas plastics conference and/or provide encouragement to progress with local studies;
- awards to assist students at the TAFE level to attend an overseas plastics conference and/or give encouragement to progress with local studies;
- the maintenance and expansion of services through the local website: www.plastics.org.au

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Cooperation with other Organisations

SPE: A-NZ Section has recognised the increasing demand for new information and knowledge at all levels of the plastics and polymer sectors in Australia and New Zealand. SPE: A-NZ Section is cooperating with national and regional associations and organisations to satisfy this demand for the betterment of the industry, the people employed within it, those affected by it and society as a whole. Such collaboration includes joint activities with Chemistry Australia, the Australian Institute of Packaging, the Plastics Industry Manufacturers Association and Composites Australia.

Sponsorships sought

SPE: A-NZ Section is seeking corporate sponsorship for its activities to enable it to achieve its mission: To provide and promote knowledge and education about plastics and polymers in Australia and New Zealand. Preferred options are:

| Sponsor Class | Sponsorship (ex GST) |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Gold | \$12,000 |
| Silver | \$7,500 |
| Bronze | \$3,000 |
| Supporter (Friends of SPE) | \$400 |

Sponsor benefits for the financial year 2026/2027 (Annually)

In gratitude for the generous support of its sponsors, SPE: A-NZ Section offers the following benefits in the table below valid from sponsorship payment until 30th of June 2027.

| Benefit | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Supporter |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Heightened awareness of technology and materials development and stronger external networks for key staff | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Free membership of SPE for one year for key staff or nominated customer representatives | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Free attendance passes to SPE: A-NZ Section in-person Seminars ** | 5 | 1 | -- | -- |
| Free guest passes to SPE: A-NZ Section Technical Webinars for issuing to staff or customers** | 10 | 5 | 2 | 0 |
| Recognition on SPE: A-NZ Section’s Website | Logo & company info | Logo & company info | Logo only | Logo only |

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| Recognition as an SPE: A-NZ Section sponsor in our regular emails | Logo & company info | Logo & company info | Logo & company info | Logo only |
| Recognition as an SPE: A-NZ Section sponsor at the monthly Technical Seminars/Webinars | ✓ | ✓ | -- | -- |

****** *This excludes Plastics and Circular Economy and Economic Outlook conferences. The above-mentioned number can attend these two conferences at a discounted ticket price.*





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Benefits of SPE membership

Membership of the Society of Plastics Engineers is open to **all persons with interest in Plastics and Polymers** – not just qualified engineers and scientists.

Membership and attendance at regular technical meetings are another way of heightening awareness of the rapid changes occurring in polymer processing technology, marketing and management issues within your organisation.

Being better educated, informed and connected, your employees will increase their value to your business while increasing their own prospects for promotion.

Membership enables your staff to develop professional networks both in Australia/New Zealand and amongst SPE members worldwide. Strong employee networks can be a significant benefit to employers who need to find the right person or organisation to assist in solving a problem or exploring an opportunity.

Membership, for some people, can be a way of “putting back” a little into their industry by contributing to the organisation and planning of local Section activities. Membership entitles a person to a free copy of the highly regarded “Plastics Engineering” magazine, which is virtually available via the internet.

Membership offers significant savings on entry fees at local and international conferences, webinars, seminars, training and forums. Usually, the cost of the membership is already earned back through the discount to the annual Plastics and the Circular Economy conference.

Strong industry support and membership growth will encourage SPE: A-NZ Section to expand its program delivery to include regular overseas speakers and trainers. Bringing the experts to Australia and New Zealand will reduce the cost of keeping your employees informed and fully up to date with the latest in all that is happening in their industry.

SPE: A-NZ Section would also encourage you to invite your employees to seek the personal, professional and career enhancing benefits of membership of the SPE. Many of the benefits gained by your employees will flow directly back through to your organisation.