



LAVENDER NEWS



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Hi All from Vienna

We have discovered lavender plants growing around the city of Vienna in snow. All very healthy.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

TALGA President Gary Young and wife Anne

NEWS FROM ALR NSW – Wendy Fuller

Wendy reports that Michelle Riordan, from Gunnedah says the drought still continues, and has affected the lavender crop. Michelle continues to make and sell her lavender products but will not be harvesting this season.

Sharon and Greg Bailey from Little Willow Lavender are steaming ahead. Sharon has set up a lovely little shop just on the Highway and opposite the Information Centre at Willow Tree. Business has been quite satisfying and she also has stalls at several of the local district markets. Greg has planted a substantial number of new plants this past spring. They are both hard workers and have ideas for future growth.

Anne McDonald now at Kains Flat near Mudgee is still to plant her new lavenders. She is hopeful to have them in next year when the weather cools down a bit.

Ros and John Christie, Zephyr Farm reports that they have been very busy with markets, talks and harvesting this past month. They continue to spread the word about the benefits of lavender (such an amazing plant) and have had great feedback from all their customers.

Wendy says there at Pinelea Lavender, Kentucky, they have been blessed with reasonable rain recently, although nowhere near the yearly average. However, the lavender crop looks quite promising. Wendy has harvested all the angustifolias. The remainder will be harvested in the new year.

Wendy has included a photo taken at her recent Embroidery Exhibition. Her group is very supportive of her lavender interests.

That's all folks! Have a great Christmas and all the best for 2019.

-Wendy



Cuttings from McLaren Vale Lavender

Here we are, a time of relaxation and winding down for the holiday season, and I'm here with a paddock of lavender ready for harvest, oh crikey, things are really jumping this end.

Our Miss Donnington and Seal intermedias came into bloom this week and T and I have been cutting and distilling over the last few days. Despite the promise of a good lunch, willing hands to assist are few on the ground, [I wonder why] although truth be told the plantings are minimal now, and easily managed by the two of us. T is the master distiller, and is happy to have the shed to himself to monitor the cook and syphon process. My role is to encourage, serve up cups of tea, and bottle. There is an undefinable satisfaction obtained when harvesting lavender, don't you agree?

At this special time T and I send warmest wishes to you – a peaceful, joyful Christmas, and a new year that brings good health and satisfaction in whatever you do.

The pictures below were taken on a recent trip away to Marion Bay, on the Yorke Peninsula of South Australia. As you can see rainfall has been thin on the ground in this area, however it hasn't dampened the Christmas spirit [pardon the pun]. There was a series of these scenes along the roadside, and these snaps were taken 10km outside of the little township of Warooka, SA. Slightly incongruous a, a snowman made of hay bales, standing in a scorched paddock in the middle of nowhere.



Happy Harvesting and merry Christmas.
Christine Hitchen

ALEMBICS DISTILLATION WORKSHOP

Jill and Charlie from Alembics are planning workshops in NSW and Western Australia in April 2019. They will demonstrate the three distillation techniques for making hydrosol, essential oils and alcohol. It's a forum for discussion, questions and sharing ideas and resources. You will see their range of stills, learn what each style is suited for and what to expect for yields and applications.

If you are interest please make contact for dates and venues.

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TALGA

24th Conference and AGM



Port Arthur, Tasmania
20th – 22nd March 2019

“Lavender - Past, Present and Future”.



Learn about the history of Lavender in Australia from convict days to the present. See how Lavender is grown and distilled today and experience culinary Lavender at its best. Have a look into the future guided by one of Australia's leading Lavender entrepreneurs.



The Conference will be held at Stewarts Bay Lodge, nestled between a beautiful beach, a forest, the calming ocean, a world heritage listed national park and Australia's profound Port Arthur Historic Site.

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The Conference Registration Form, Tourism Information, Conference Awards and Accommodation Information have recently been sent out to members. If you require another copy of any of the above please send me an email and I will follow it up. kpkelly27@gmail.com

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ACS DISTANCE EDUCATION

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MEDIA RELEASE- New Horticulture Career Advice Maps Help to Make Informed Career Decisions

ACS Distance Education has developed an innovative approach to career development and research. It will serve as a useful tool for young people starting out in a career, for people looking to change careers, and for those who help provide advice and career guidance to others.

We are asked a lot of questions about training and careers: "What is the best course for my goals?" "What is it like to work as a ...?" To make it easy, we've combined our years of experience to create easy to follow maps that will lead you through your options in your field of interest.

We have pooled our extensive knowledge in many industries to map out different careers and paths. Once you click on an area in the map, you will then be directed to an information page that details some information about the area, what you will need to learn, how to start out and progress a career in that area.

Our first interactive mind map on Amenity Horticulture (which involves growing plants to produce a desirable or useful feature somewhere- for aesthetics, environmental quality, or functionality) is now available to use.

We also have a Commercial Horticulture Career Map (which covers work involving services or products from consulting and landscaping to nursery, flower and vegetable crops) and a Working with Animals Career Map (including pet care, livestock and wildlife).

We are working on some new maps that will be released soon including working in psychology, writing and much more.

You can share these career maps with your colleagues, use them to provide advice to your clients or for your own career progression. You can find the career maps here:

<https://www.acs.edu.au/advice/career-advice-maps.aspx>

