



Lavender Snippets September 2022

Like many of you I am enjoying the increased sunshine and better weather now that we are in Spring. This is my first Lavender Snippets following in the massive footsteps of Peter Jemmett who has stepped down as Chairperson after several years. Congratulations to Stuart Abernethy who has become the new Chair and all the Elected Officers and Executive for 2022. Over the next few months, I hope to be able to profile his team so that you can put names to faces and learn more about what inspired them to become involved in the wonderful world of lavender.

I thought it might be nice for new members to know more about our outgoing Chairperson Peter and his lovely wife Margaret. Here is his journey in his own words below:

Great Barrier Lavender – Peter & Margaret

Our Lavender journey started about 11 years ago when I started to think about retirement and what would I do after 40 years of work in the science field as a Mass Spectrometry engineer. Work which meant constant travel to many countries. Life would soon be very different and a lot more settled.

Every year Margaret and I would spend our Christmas holidays camping with the Alpine Sports Club. That fateful year about 10 years ago the summer camp was in the back country of Taumarunui along the Whanganui River. A jet boat ride took us to a Lavender farm and an idea started to form that this is something we could both do together. Not much happened for a while as work took over again but on a road trip to Wellington, we passed a Lavender farm sign at Te Horo and made a mental note to pay a visit on the way back up the island. This we did and with an open sign at Lavender Creek Farm we drove up the driveway and were met by Susi White. We were both a bit taken back with her enthusiasm and the



Early Days



Our first harvest

number of Oil Award certificates on the shop wall. We learnt a lot and decided this could work and so joined the NZ Lavender Growers association. There our journey into the world of lavender began. We were fortunate to have joined just before the Kaikoura conference. With everything new to us we learnt a lot about growing Lavender to soap making. At the AGM being newbies, we shied away from joining the committee but that would change in later years. There was however a call out for a link editor and with a few phone calls later we volunteer our

daughter Cindy, then living in Franz Josef. As the months ticked by, we ordered plants from Leafy Hollow, attended our first Northern region meeting and set about planting Grosso, Super and Waiuku Blue varieties on our Great Barrier Island property. We had a website made and started making Soaps for our first product. We have an Island community art gallery where we sold our soaps and later other products. Margaret soon became known as the Lavender lady on the island. We were becoming quite involved with our community. Every year we help sponsor an Island wide Garden tour organised by our local Health center.

Our next conference was in 2013 to be held at Lavender Hill in Albany. We joined the Conference committee with others from the wider Auckland region and started on a 12-month journey of meetings. The conference was a great success with a large contingent of Talga members attending. At the AGM I was voted onto the committee and there starting a 9-year stint, ending with the last 8 years as Chairperson but that is another story. In the intervening years we have seen our Lavender farm flourish and then with a couple of years of floods, and being on



Our Garden Tour stall

clay soils, we lost most of our plantings. So, it is back to the beginning, but replanting will have to wait while I finish renovating our Island home. With our annual Island Garden tour coming up in November it will be a busy time making our range of lavender products, restocking our local Art Gallery as well as other Gallery's around the island and generally preparing for the busy Christmas holidays. Roll on summer.

Introduction to our new Chair

New Chairperson, Stuart Abernethy has been a lavender grower since 2009, living in Carterton on a lifestyle block and co-owner of Lavender Abbey.

He has been a member of the NZLGA Executive since 2020 and is also the Oil Awards Convener.

Stuart works fulltime in Wellington as a Service Delivery Manager for The Laptop Company.

For Lavender Abbey, he is the muscle Jan requires to run the lavender farm and to assist with weekend markets!

General information

Website www.lavender.org.nz (Please report any issues to webmaster@lavender.org.nz)

If you are not on the Lavender Trail but wish to be please email the Webmaster to be activated. Remember if you are not on, you can't be seen.

Website tips.

1. You can edit your own profile by logging into the member's section. Scroll to the bottom "Profile Description." Don't forget to save your changes. You also have a photo gallery but for security reasons photos must be emailed to the webmaster for inclusion.
2. Did you know you can now pay your subscription by credit card? (PayPal) Login to the Members Area and select "My Membership" from the left-hand menu. There is a 5% surcharge for all credit card transactions.

Lavender in New Zealand (our group Facebook page, 62members)



This group is for members of the NZ Lavender Growers Association and affiliates, to share lavender information, pictures, recipes, what you are up to in your lavender patch, items for sale or any other lavender related topics. Only members can see who's in the group and what they post. Talga members are welcome to join. Click on the following link to join.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/387329029014654>

2022 Elected Officers and Executive



Position	Name	Farm
Chairperson	Stuart Abernethy	Lavender Abbey
Vice Chairperson	Peter Jemmet	Great Barrier Lavender
Secretary	Pauline Livesey	Leafy Hollow Lavender
Membership Secretary	Charlotte Brown	Herbal Visionz
Treasurer	Jan Abernethy	Lavender Abbey
Library	Pauline Livesey	Leafy Hollow Lavender
Webmaster	Peter Jemmet	Great Barrier Lavender

Committee Member	Susi White	Lavender Creek Farm
Committee Member	Keith Brown	Herbal Visionz
Committee Member	Tracy Voice	Ranui Essentials
Committee Member	Mark Froude	Black Teal Bay
Committee Member	Allan Bligh	Bellbird Lavender

Oil Awards 2022 – Huge Congratulations to the following farms.

New Zealand Lavender Growers Association Supreme Oil Awards for 2022 Oil Competition Trophies for 2022

Dennis Matthews Memorial Trophy Best Lavandula Angustifolia: Lavender Creek Farm (Susi & Vaughan White) Pacific Blue 2020

Eoin Johnson Memorial Trophy Best Lavandula x Intermedia: Lavender Abbey (Jan & Stuart Abernethy) Grosso 2021

Ken Wilson Memorial Trophy Best Grosso: Lavender Abbey (Jan & Stuart Abernethy) Grosso 2021

Mike Alspach Memorial Trophy Best Super: Lavender Creek Farm (Susi & Vaughan White) Super 2020

Oil Competition Certificates 2022

Lavandula Angustifolia

Lavender Creek Farm (Susi & Vaughan White)	Pacific Blue	2020	Gold
	Pacific Blue	2021	Silver
	Avice Hill	2020	Silver
	Avice Hill	2021	Silver
	Violet Intrigue	2020	Silver
Lavender Magic (Pauline Harwood)	Avice Hill	2021	Gold
Lavender Hill Farm (Patricia & Jason Delamore)	Pacific Blue	2020	Gold
New Zealand Alpine Lavender (Blake Foster)	Avice Hill	2020	Gold
Purple Haze Lavender (Sally Engi)	Pacific Blue	2020	Silver
	Pacific Blue	2021	Silver
Coe & Co (Nichola Coe)	Pacific Blue	2021	Silver
	Pacific Blue	2022	Silver
Mountain Road Estate (Kylie & Daniel Zinsli)	Pacific Blue	2022	Silver
Chin Chin Farm (Sonia & Stuart Whiteman)	Avice Hill	2022	Silver
Lavender Abbey (Jan & Stuart Abernethy)	Violet Intrigue	2021	Silver
	Violet Intrigue	2022	Silver
Ranui Essentials (Tracy Voice)	Violet Intrigue	2021	Silver
Lavender Row (Kelly Wrathall & Paula Cosgrove)	Violet Intrigue	2021	Silver
	Munstead	2022	Silver

Oil Competition Certificates 2022 Lavandula x Intermedia

Lavender Abbey (Jan & Stuart Abernethy)	Grosso	2021	Gold
	Grosso	2020	Silver
	Grosso	2022	Silver
Mountain Road Estate (Kylie & Daniel Zinsli)	Grosso	2021	Silver
Lavender Boutique (Jenny Holmes)	Grosso	2021	Silver
Ranui Essentials (Tracy Voice)	Grosso	2022	Silver
	Super	2021	Silver
Lavendell (Helena Maarschalk)	Grosso	2022	Silver
Lavender & Ewe (Nicola Stace)	Grosso	2021	Silver
Lavender Creek Farm (Susi & Vaughan White)	Super	2020	Silver
	Super	2022	Silver
New Zealand Alpine Lavender (Blake Foster)	Molten Silver	2020	Silver

Oil Competition Certificates 2022 Blends

New Zealand Alpine Lavender (Blake Foster)	Avice Hill & Molten Silver		2020	Silver
Quail Farm (Rachel Busch)	Pacific Blue & Violet Intrigue		2022	Silver
Lavender Abbey (Jan & Stuart Abernethy)				
	Grosso & Violet Intrigue		2022	Silver
	Rosea & Violet Intrigue		2022	Silver



If you would like to contribute to next month's newsletter, please email your articles and photos by 7th October to Trish – info@lavenderhill.co.nz. We are always interested in hearing from you and what you are up to on your farm and would love to hear from new members (welcome to NZLGA).

Next publication mid-October.

Nga mihi nui (Kind Regards)
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