



## Lavender Snippets June 2022

In the last week all regions have been having more than the usual rain and lots of snow in the southern regions and central north Island. I sometimes get asked how will snow affect the Lavender plants. From this winter and summer photos from Alpine lavender show that the extremes in weather have little effect. What Lavender does not like is wet feet and frosts.



Now with the borders reopened, perhaps many of our members will be heading off to warmer climates and perhaps visiting some Lavender farms. The Lavender Snippets would love to hear about your trip along with a few photos. Articles don't always have to be solely about Lavender.

With the AGM coming up on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we will be calling for members to join the executive. I know I make this call every year, but for too long we have been relying on the few to manage our association. Last year a new member Leann joined the executive but we do need more to take an active role and to bring new ideas to help re-invigorate our association.

After 8 years as your chairperson, it is time for me to retire and to make way for new blood and perhaps a new direction. So regrettably I will not be available for re-election. Over these years I have seen our membership grow and I have introduced new programs that will benefit our membership. For the most part it has been very rewarding, but now it is time for a change.

This month we welcome 2 new members, Athol and Terry Vivier from Helensville and Kerry Olsen from Henderson. We wish them well with their venture into Lavender.

## **NZLGA News**

**Website** [www.lavender.org.nz](http://www.lavender.org.nz) (Please report any issues to [webmaster@lavender.org.nz](mailto: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. Also, it is a good idea to write a short profile about your farm and business along with some photos from your personal gallery. You can edit your profile description by logging into the members section of our website. Photos will still need to be emailed to the Webmaster for inclusion.

**Website tips.** Due to persistent problems with the library book checkout please email Pauline at [nzлга-library@lavender.org.nz](mailto:nzлга-library@lavender.org.nz) with your requests.

### **Oil Awards**

Our annual oil awards is now open for entries. Close off date for entries is 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022. Please don't leave it to the final day to enter your oils.

As an incentive for NZLGA members, your first oil entered will only be \$10.00. The benefits are; you might win an award, excellent for marketing your oils, you will receive feedback from the judges about your oil and you will receive a GC report which can be used to certify your oils and provide additional information.

Registration forms can be downloaded from our website from the "[Oil Awards](#)" menu by clicking on the form shown. You will need to login to have access. Internet banking is presently the only payment option through the website. Use the discount code 'Oil22' at checkout to obtain your first \$10 entry. The discount is available only to NZLGA members.

You can email your entry form to our Oil Awards coordinator at [stuartabernethy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stuartabernethy@xtra.co.nz) but also please include a copy of the form with your oils to ensure correct identification.

### **Email Communications**

Usually around the middle of the month the Lavender Snippets is published and sent out via email to all on our mailing list. If you are not receiving it, it is most likely gone into your Spam folder. Gmail accounts are it seems the ones most affected. With the increases in Spam and harmful emails in the cyber world many email hosts are using artificial intelligents in their algorithms to filter emails. Some are more aggressive (can also read cutting edge) than others. Email addresses in your contact list are usually not recognized as spam. For this to work you must enter your trusted email address into your email host contact folder. 'Webmail'. This is usually accessed through your web browser. Chrome, Edge, Explorer, Firefox etc. eg [www.gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com) (note this address will be redirected to accounts.google.com. Login with your email address and password. You will also find your Spam folder here.

We will also be putting a link to the Lavender Snippets on our Facebook page and on our website in member's section under Member Resources/Lavender Link Archive.

## Lavender in New Zealand (our group Facebook page, 59 members)



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>

## Food template progress report. Food Act Section 40

Tracy has been working with MPI to finalise our Food Control Plan. This is now with the working group to provide final feedback. This is due back to MPI on the 4<sup>th</sup> July where it will be finalised and approved. Following approval, we will be able to release the template to our members who require a food licence in order to sell or use culinary Lavender whether it be dried flower or oil.

## AGM – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 9am

With the AGM approaching we are looking for members to join the executive. If you have expertise to help advance our vision, please consider putting yourself forward for election. Meetings are held via Zoom and are usually monthly with the exception of January where we are all too busy with Lavender harvesting.

If you would like more information of what is involved, please email to [nzlga-chair@lavender.org.nz](mailto:nzlga-chair@lavender.org.nz)

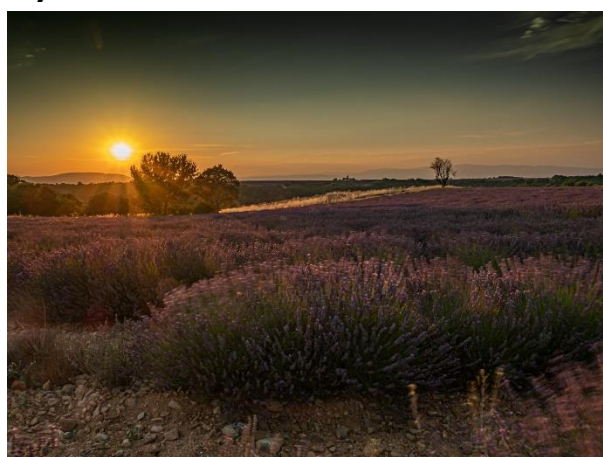
We would also like to hear from you on what your executive is doing well and what we need to do better. Without member's input it is a bit like driving in the dark without your headlights on.



## What is happening down on the farm?

With winter upon us not much is happening on the farms around the country. The lavender is hibernating and many of us maybe reading a good book by the fireplace or so I imagine. With no reports in from our members I have only a few photos to share. All could have been my photo of the month.

## Some stunning photos from Lavender Abbey





## Winter at NZ Alpine Lavender



## News from Affiliates

### News from Talga (our Australian Lavender cousins)

Talga's Lavender Enews for June is now out and can be downloaded from <https://www.lavender.org.nz/> in the Library/Members Resources --> Talga News.



If you require additional information arising from this newsletter please do get in touch.  
If you would like to contribute, please email your articles and photos by 6<sup>th</sup> June. We are always interested in hearing from you and what you are up to on your farm.

Next publication mind July.

Kind Regards  
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