



Lavender Snippets August 2022

This will be my last snippets as Chairperson. After 8 years it is well time to step aside. New leadership brings along new ideas, all necessary in this changing world. No association is safe sitting on its hands. We must adapt and encompass new developments. We need to be mindful of new regulations that may impact our business and plan for the future. Change is inevitable, brought along by climate change and the urgent need to move away from the carbon industry. Along with change brings new opportunities and new ways of doing business. Look for sustainable ways to transition your business to and advertise your greenness. Doing it now will give you a market edge and a sustainable future. This is my call to the incoming leadership and executive to put forward changes and develop tools in line with the times and visions of our newer membership.

Upcoming events:

AGM: 3rd September 2022 commencing 9:00am

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83030569662?pwd=QU5qUVBMc0NLMGV2MmNRUXg1QkVDQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 3056 9662

Passcode: 385751

We are always looking for members to join the executive. New members are welcome as you bring along new ideas and the changing visions of new growers.

Please email your Nominations, Remits and General Business to the AGM Secretary Tracy Voice at nzlgc-secretary@lavender.org.nz as soon as possible, but please no later than Friday 27th August.

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 in to the members section. Scroll to the bottom "Profile Description." Don't forget to save you changes. You also have a photo gallery but for security reasons photos must be emailed to the webmaster for inclusion.

2. In the members' sections there is a wealth of information available from the left hand menu. Some sections will have a sub menu on the right hand side. Go exploring and see what you can find.

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>

NZLGA News

Food template progress report.

Food Act Section 40 – Our Food control template has now been approved. Full details will be communicated to our membership shortly and posted into our members' section resources.

Here are some short notes on conditions specific to this template.

The template may be used in relation to growing, harvesting, storing and processing of Lavender to produce dried lavender flowers for domestic or export markets as an ingredient in food or beverages, and; to produce essential oil for domestic or export markets as an ingredient in food or beverages.

Business using this template must engage a person or agency that is recognised under S.135 and S.139 of the act to verify an S40 template food control plan for their business.

Oil Awards – Stuart Abernathy, Convener

Our annual Supreme Oil Awards judging was completed over 5-7 August in the Wairarapa. Our entries were a record high, with 118 samples from 28 Growers, including some International participants.

We had a very successful weekend, with 6 Judges at the table sniffing and scoring their way through all of the 118 samples, which is a very demanding process and no mean feat.

The preliminary results are in and this year we will be awarding 30 Silver and 5 Gold awards.

All Oil samples have been processed by the GC, which is an integral part of the Oil Awards now, with every entry receiving their own GC Results.

Special thanks to the Judges, the Support Crew for processing the scores and keeping us all fed over the weekend and of course the GC Team.

Everything will be announced at our AGM, so please ensure you join the AGM to hear the results.





The GC analysis took place in Otaki at Hebe Botanicals where our GC is located. 118 samples plus 14 standards and blanks which at 35 minutes run time per sample the GC was kept very busy, running continuously for 3 ¼ days. All the samples were loaded on the Monday after the oil awards with the help from Eric Voice. The GC ran flawlessly with all the results copied onto a memory stick for processing in Auckland. Processing typically takes a similar

time as every Chromatogram has to be checked. Once all is ok the report generation is run producing all the individual reports. A big thanks to Steve and Sandy at Hebe Botanicals for hosting our GC system and the use of their Laboratory.



What is happening down on the farm?

With snow and regular bouts of heavy sustained rain continuing this month there is not much happening on the farms except for more flooding, cleaning up fallen trees and new born lambs.

New life at Lavender Abby on a rear sunny day.



News from Lavender Creek Farm – Susi White

August started with a weather battering. Several small tornadoes hit the property followed by a vicious easterly storm. As the ground was very wet the damage was extensive. Approximately 8 Lilly Pilly trees 30 meters tall fell in the orchard. This sadly demolished a pear an apple an avocado a lime and a large Fejioa tree. Fruit may be scarce this autumn. The spring is here and the lambs safely delivered, also the daffodils showing all their glory.



News from Affiliates

News from Talga (our Australian Lavender cousins)

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

Talga May 2023 Conference in the Blue Mountains at the historic and beautiful venue of The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba. 17th-19th May 2023. See details in the August Enews.



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 6th September. We are always interested in hearing from you and what you are up to on your farm.

Next publication mid-September.

Kind Regards
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