

Quarterly newsletter for Association members

Lavender Link

THE NEW ZEALAND LAVENDER GROWERS ASSOCIATION

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Wairarapa Dry



Chairman's Chatter

To research, develop and promote lavender essential oil and associated products of the highest quality

Chairperson Report Feb 2020

Well it has certainly been a dry summer except for the Deep South which had all the rain we should have had in a few days. This unfortunately has meant our south Island travels had to change as we were planning to spend 5 days tramping across the Routeburn and Green Stone tracks. Now we are just going to Nelson and will do some tramping in the Mt Arthur range.

The dry weather however has been good for lavender with reports that the oil yields have been very good. Let's hope the quality is up there. I would encourage everyone who has had oil distilled to enter in our annual oil competition. It will be very interesting to see how the oils match up or exceed previous years.

Good progress is been made on redeveloping our new website. It will be a significant step up from our existing site with a much improved Lavender trail to better advertise your business and services. You will also be able to directly edit your profile along with a picture gallery. There are many other improvements so keep a watch on this space.

Planning for our Nelson Lavender conference is well underway with a line-up of some very interesting speakers and topics that I am sure will be of interest to all members. See later in this link the conference flyer. Make sure you keep the dates August 28th to 30th free.

As of writing our GC is nearly up and running and perhaps by the time you are reading this we would have run our first batch of samples. The GC has been setup in a Lab owned by Hebe Botanicals in Otaki. There will be a place on our website where you will be able to enter the details on an analysis form along with online payment. Pricing has not yet been worked out but will be very favourable for members. The GC will also allow us to further research the benefits of lavender oil and to increase its profile in NZ which is expected to benefit our members.

Along with the GC we are working to develop a template or model food control plan under section 40 of the Food Act which will allow members who produce or sell culinary lavender either as flowers or oil to comply with the food safety regulations. The GC will be part of this plan. It will be able to verify that the oil sold as culinary lavender is safe to use in foods which includes our favourite lavender ice cream and chocolate.

At this coming Nelson conference and AGM it is my intention to step down as chairperson. The role has been very rewarding and I hope the programs I have instigated have and will continue to benefit our members. I have been Chairperson for the past 6 years and feel it is time for another person to take the lead, to introduce new ideas and to further energise our association.

For the next few months I expect you will all be busy catching up on farm maintenance, preparing the still for its winter hibernation and a lot of punning of the lavender. Come August I hope you will be well rested and hanging out for our Lavender conference. I look forward to meeting you all in Nelson.

As always if you wish to contact me about anything lavender please just drop me a line.

Cheers
Peter Jemmett
NZLGA Chairperson



From the Editor

Hello everyone

It has been a long time since the last link. Pressure of work and no access to a computer means it has been some time since the last Link.

I have not had many submissions for this Link and I can only put this down to the drought which much of the country is experiencing and recent world events which are very sobering.

Here in Auckland you can already see signs of things to come. Gaps in the aisles at supermarkets, hand sanitizer and cleaning products in short supply. Paracetamol off the shelves.

I hope we can keep our humanity about us as the immediate future is so uncertain.

For something to lift the spirits I have to thank Helena Maarschalk. Her story instils a bit of hope that things don't always stay the same and will get better.

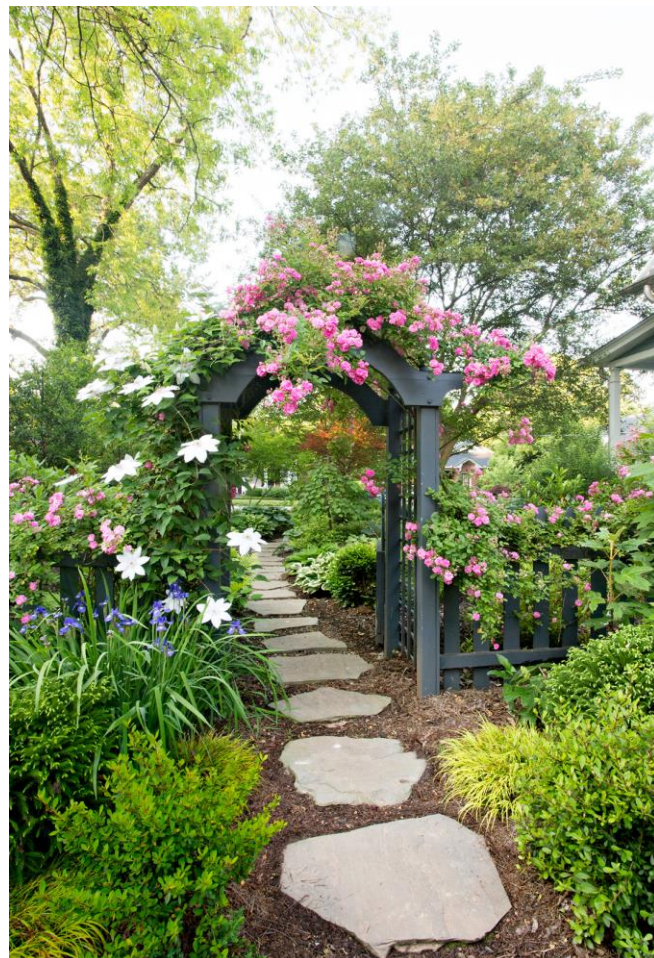
Otherwise we will have to resort to smelling lavender oil and the odd drink or two.

This could be a good time to hunker down and make plenty of product or learn a new process.

I might plan my new garden-see photo-dreams are free.

I wish everybody a safe future until this time passes.

Cheers Helen



NEW MEMBERS 2019/2020

A very warm welcome to the following members who have joined NZLGA:

Nichola Coe – Reikorangi (Greater Wellington)
Shelley Cooper – Gulf Harbour (Auckland)
Dianne Kendle - Greenhithe (Auckland)
Henk van Zyl – Te Kauwhata (Hamilton)
Dieter Wesche – Bombay (Auckland)
Moana Forbes – Te Kowhai (Hamilton)
Deirdre Lack – Te Puke (Hamilton)
Allan Bligh – Omarama (Otago)
Colleen Teague – Leeston (Canterbury)
David Hopcroft – Waipu (Northland)
Ed Storey – Wellington
Rachel Busch – Brightwater (Nelson)

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Lavender Conference 2020

‘The future of lavender growing’

Friday 28th August 6pm – Sunday 30th August 3pm

Location: Nelson

- ⊗ International Speaker
- ⊗ NZ Speaker - Their lavender journey
- ⊗ Workshops and more

Conference cost per member \$180, cost per non-member \$220,
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Jan Abernethy by email: lavenderabbey@xtra.co.nz or (06) 379-7073



The Lavendell Story




My work with lavender was a dream from God that took me by surprise about five years ago. As I look back over those years I am very grateful that what started out very small and rather tentative has become a major part of my life. When I first had the idea of starting a lavender business, we had no land and very little likelihood of getting any. I ran my 'dream' past Pauline Livesey at Leafy Hollow, who graciously educated me on all things lavender; she encouraged me even though I was in the same district. She said, "If you're not afraid of hard work, go for it!" I wasn't, and I did!

Five years later we have a one-and-a-half-acre property outside Katikati in the beautiful Bay of Plenty, with roughly 350 lavender bushes. We grow Grosso, Pacific Blue and Impress Purple along with some others in the garden. These were supplied by Leafy Hollow. The bushes are thriving and were the only plants in our garden that were unconcerned about the long, hot, dry summer – they loved it!


We bought a still last year and were busy for most of the summer distilling oil from both the Grosso and the Pacific Blue and we had a very good yield. I make various products using our own oil and rubbed lavender and these include soap, wheat/rice bags, eye pads, eye masks, sachets, and carpet refresh amongst others.

I also sell lavender-themed gift and greeting cards from my own paintings. I have so much more to learn that I still feel very much a novice, but I appreciate the resources available to help me grow in knowledge. I would like to say that, without my husband Pieter's support and hard work, despite working a full-time job as an engineer in Tauranga, we would not be where we are today. I am also very grateful to the Lord who has made it all possible. There is still much we would like to achieve, so the Lavendell dream goes on.

Helena Maarschalk Katikati



**TALGA's
25th Conference/AGM**
Bendigo Victoria
Wednesday 29th April 2020
National Collection of Lavender and Lavender Research



This is a one-day event to be held in Bendigo, travelling by coach from Best Western Motel, Altwood and return late afternoon.

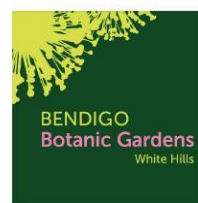
The program includes morning tea at the Julie-Anna Comfort Inn, Bendigo before being bussed a short distance to Bendigo Botanic Gardens Lavender Collection. Back to the Julie-Anna Comfort Inn for lunch and AGM. Accommodation is available at the Comfort Inn.

Self-drive is an option.

TALGA welcomes all members and interested persons to register for the MiniConference using this application form.

All enquiries to:
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Phone 0412 748 270

National Collection of Lavender and Lavender Research

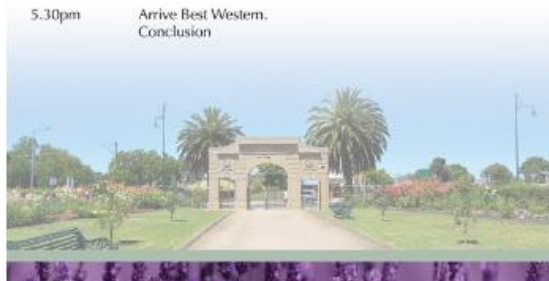


The Bendigo Botanic Gardens are situated at White Hills, on the Northern side of Bendigo. These gardens are one of Victoria's earliest with the site earmarked on the 1854 plan of the township, only 3 years after gold was discovered. The Botanic Gardens house many collections and in 2018, a Garden for the Future was opened. There are grand shade trees and large lawn areas, an aviary and water features. The National Collection of Lavenders was moved here from Yuulong Lavender Estate, Mt Egerton, where it had been under the care of Rosemary Holmes and Edythe Anderson. Our guide for the walking tour will be Kirstie Paterson who took over from Brad Crème in 2016.

Conference Program

Wednesday 29th April 2020

- 8.30am Bus depart Best Western Altwood for Bendigo.
- 10.00am Arrive Julie-Anna Comfort Inn to refresh, morning tea.
- 10.35am Depart Julie-Anna by bus (or own car) for Bendigo Botanic Gardens.
- 10.45am Arrive Bendigo BG. Assemble, meet Kirstie and Friends of Botanic Gardens. Walking tour around National Collection of Lavenders and selected areas. Plant stall.
- 12.45am Return by bus to Julie-Anna Comfort Inn.
- 1.00-2.00pm Lunch. Guest speaker Clive Larkman, Lavender Research Project update.
- 2.00-2.30pm AGM and presentation of Life Membership award.
- 2.30 - 3.30pm Afternoon tea and networking.
- 3.30pm Depart by bus for Best Western Altwood.
- 5.30pm Arrive Best Western. Conclusion



Conference Registration

Please return this form to Treasurer by post:
TALGA P.O. Box 17, Wooril Yallock, Vic.3139
By Email: scan form and email to Treasurer: yellelectllav@bigpond.com
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