



AUGUST 2022

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS....

TALGA President Gary Young welcomes Dave McDermott, Tallebudgera Qld & Megan & Dean Fitzpatrick Norfolk Island to TALGA. We trust you enjoy the benefits that we can offer from networking, conferences, workshops, industry knowledge etc.

URGENT ATTENTION - LAV DATA PROJECT

Grower members are requested to fill in the Lav Data sheets supplied by LaTrobe University as part of the Optimisation of Lavender Oil project. The Lavdata forms are to be returned to Liaf@latrobe.edu.au who will update the content for TALGA on the LavData website <https://lavdata.org.au>. PLEASE NOTE WE HAVE ATTACHED A COPY OF THE DATABASE FORM FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE WITH YOUR ENEWS.

Funding for this runs out at the end of the year and then the website is handed over to TALGA to maintain from then on. Please make use of this funding opportunity.

SECRETARY CHANGEOVER....

So the transition has started Big shoes to fill! I spent a few pleasant but busy days with Fiona in Ballarat learning some of the ropes in the Secretary role. Email changes you need to be aware of – all emails to secretary@talga.com.au will be now coming to myself (Kellie) and all emails to Fiona will be going to admin@talga.com.au. The lines may be a bit blurry for awhile but basically Fiona will be still taking care of the Journal, Oil Competition & AGM for the time being. All other secretarial duties will be done by myself. This will require patience on your behalf and mine.



AN EXCERPT FROM EOPAA Newsletter no 26 Summer 2012/13 (Looking through some old newsletters and we came across this interesting read 😊)

1.5 Sheep get the Lavender Blues

University of Western Australia University News. Monday 5 November 2012

A flock of merino sheep at UWA's research farm at Wundowie are helping scientists understand more about a condition that affects millions of people around the world every year. Dr Penny Hawken, from the School of Animal Biology, has recently co-authored a paper in *Physiology and Behaviour*, in which she suggests that handing out benzodiazepines – commonly used to treat anxiety (which often leads to depression) – may not be beneficial for everyone. Interested in the increasing use of alternative therapies to treat medical conditions in humans, Dr Hawken studied the effects of lavender oil on a group of anxious sheep and on a group of calm sheep.

Lavender oil and other essential oils do have a direct effect on the brain and with more research they could be used as alternative treatments to conventional drugs, she said. To find out how sheep reacted to lavender, she and her colleagues devised a study where findings suggest that "The lavender oil made the calm sheep even calmer but made the nervous sheep even more nervous," she said.

See the full report at: <http://www.news.uwa.edu.au/201211055169/features/sheep-get-lavender-blues> and published paper referenced in New in Print (see #15p.31)

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!



THE VENUE: <https://www.thecarrington.com.au/>

We are thrilled to announce that we have secured the historic and beautiful venue of The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba for our Conference next year. Restored to its former grandeur, this heritage-listed hotel is a local Blue Mountains landmark offering the elegance, luxury and charm of a bygone era. It's superbly located on the main street of Katoomba, just 50m from Katoomba train station, in the heart of this historic mountain village shopping precinct.

CONFERENCE FOCUS: THE BUSINESS OF LAVENDER

We kick off on **Wednesday 17 May** with TALGA AGM in the afternoon merging into the Welcome Function early evening. Think cosy lounges in front of open fires, chatting with old friends and welcoming newcomers to the TALGA fold!

Thursday 18 May will be a full day of expert speakers and on topic discussion sessions focusing on issues of the business side of growing lavender. We are working on securing speakers who have relevant experience for our industry and will announce their details of these as they are confirmed.

Thursday evening we will celebrate together at the **Conference Gala Dinner** held in the Grand Dining Room with an inspirational guest speaker and the usual TALGA award ceremony festivities.

Friday 19 May we change the pace and head 20 minutes west to the Blue Mountains Lavender Farm at Little Hartley located in the western foothills of the Great Dividing Range. Here we will have the opportunity to see the lavender fields and hear about their journey in agrotourism. In the afternoon we are investigating the opportunity to hold a hands-on workshop.

ACCOMMODATION

The Carrington Hotel is giving us very reasonable accommodation room rates, with most guest rooms at \$190 per room per night including continental buffet breakfast and traditional rooms with separate private bathroom for \$125 per room per night b&b.

if you would like to secure accommodation, please book directly with The Carrington quoting our account number **75630**. View room options here:

<https://www.thecarrington.com.au/stay/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED?

If you would like to sponsor or support the Conference in any way, ie. Donate showbag samples or raffle items, sponsor a speaker, or set up a trade table, etc please contact Louise Bickerton, Conference Convenor on 0409717899 or info@bluemountainlavender.com.au
At this stage we don't have further session details or delegate fee costings and we will release these details to you as soon as they are confirmed. If you have any suggestions for topics you would like to see us cover, please contact me as above, your ideas will all be welcome and fully considered!

All the best for now

Louise Bickerton

BUY SWAP & SELL

FOR SALE STILL - The condenser is built from stainless steel & the still is powered by a 6 ring gas burner on a cylinder. Tank water is supplied to a regulated water tank which maintains its level. The top is fastened down by latches which are securely tightened to seal. The still has been covered with insulation to assist containing heat for distillation. Location Cowra NSW. **REDUCED PRICE \$1250.00 Plus GST**
For further details please contact Milton Barnett 0263422006 Mobile 0402383267

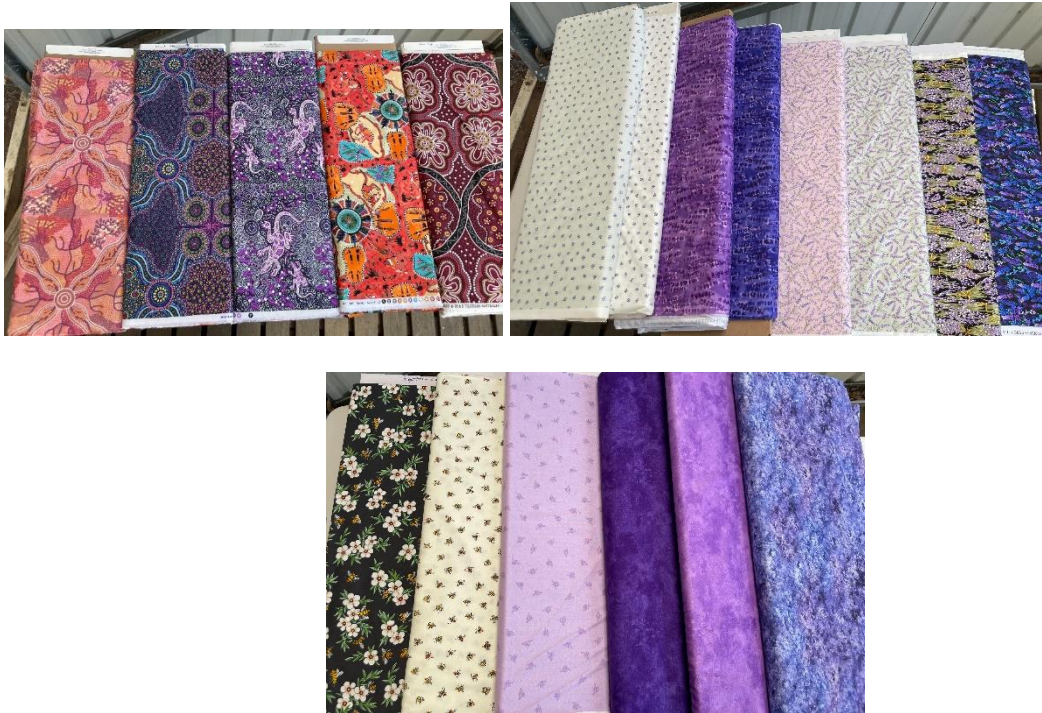


FOR SALE – Dried Stripped Lavandin ‘Grosso’ \$60/kg plus pack and post. Contact Jodie Maloney, River Murray Honey E: jjmaloney@activ8.net.au or Phone 0427704232

FOR SALE - 35kgs current season dried stripped Lavandin for sale. Phone Darren mob:0401136514 (Harcourt North, Vic).

FOR SALE - 250 bunches of Lavandin ‘Super’ for sale. Phone Rupert mob: 0417016351 (Casewick Lavender, Kyneton, Vic).

FOR SALE – FABRIC 100% cotton. Lavender, Bee, Indigenous prints & blenders. I also have Australian Wildlife prints in stock as well as many other prints and solids. Find me on Facebook, Glenvalley Lavender and also the Facebook group Glenvalley Lavender Farm, Fabrics and Crafts where the most of my fabrics are listed in albums. Glenvalley Lavender email: glenvalleylavender@yahoo.com Ph. 0401317635



GIVEAWAY – Purple Jelly Pails approximately 90. YOU PAY THE POSTAGE AND YOU CAN HAVE THEM! Contact Kellie E: levenklavender@bigpond.com



News from Warratina Lavender Farm

There is a feeling of Spring in the air with the first bud burst on some of our roses & the birds getting busy building nests. The ground is still very wet & we seem to have had very little luck with killing the cape weed. This year has been a shocker for cape weed. As Spring approaches we are finalising the garden mulching with eucymulch & some organic fertilizer pellets. The lavenders are still dormant & we are about to do the pre-Spring weed spray. Exciting news the Tea Room is about to re-open after a 3 month closure. This is just in time for our annual Wood Working Wonders Exhibition which due to Covid has been cancelled over the last 2 years. For wood enthusiasts & people seeking that special gift this is your opportunity. All items are for sale from coffee tables to barometers, clocks, bowls, boards & trinkets.

October is jam packed with events on the farm:

- Pre-loved market 2nd October
- Art exhibition 8-16th October
- Dog Show 23rd October

Rotary Club of Yea

YEA GARDEN EXPO

17 & 18 SEP 2022
9AM - 3PM

Location: Yea Saleyards
7th Last Road, Yea (see website for directions)

Only an hour from Melbourne!

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE!

- Native & flowering plants
- Garden sculptures
- Motorised barrows & vehicles
- Garden tools & Vegetable bins
- Seedlings
- Mulch, fertilisers & compost
- Ride-on & push mowers
- Nurseries
- Small chainsaws
- Roses
- Deciduous & Ornamental trees
- Garden books
- Plant Creche
- Speakers Program
- And much more.....

Entry \$10 for adults - Kids FREE!
Pay at the gate or book online via www.trybooking.com
www.trybooking.com/BZOYD (Bookings open July 1st)

FREE PARKING

Contact: yeagardenexpo@optusnet.com.au
www.yearotary.org.au

Cuttings from McLaren Vale Lavender

Fortunately, we've had some good rains and apart from the rivulets flowing down the track, carving out deep ruts, the plants and trees look refreshed, and the tanks are well on their way to being full again. T and I have been laying trailer loads of quarry gravel around the house, and Peter will have to come in with his backhoe to sort out the track. The wood pile near the bottom gate is getting bigger and bigger and will have to wait for some drier weather before I can get a bonfire going to clear it.

Taking advantage of the rain I've been busy planting some new varieties of rosemary and lavender to replace old plants. Quite an arduous job, taking the wheelbarrow down the hill loaded with pots and compost, then working my way along the contour of the hill, ankle deep in wet soursobs. The row took a lot longer to complete having to dodge the showers, and by about 3 o'clock I called it a day and trudged back up the track. No sooner had I climbed to the top, the sun came out and I flopped down on the lookout bench, put my face to the sun and took in the welcome warm rays. The pleasure is all the greater when it is unexpected and out of season. Just like coming across a solitary rose in full bloom on a bare bush about to be pruned, dazzling in colour, fragrant and sparkling with rain drops in the winter sun.



The northern hemisphere summer is in full swing, and I recently received a welcome email from friends visiting London on holiday, a trip they had planned to take 3 years ago. As things turned out they were in exactly the right place at the right time to enjoy the festivities



surrounding The Queens Platinum Jubilee. They

sent me images of 'Superbloom' at the Tower of London, my eyes were agog. Picture 20 million seeds of wildflowers sown in the moat surrounding the tower; designed to bloom right through summer, creating a beautiful naturalistic landscape, pollinators, colour and all those good things that nature can provide for our wellbeing. [Note; the lavender in full bloom to replicate the colour of the moat water]. The landscape will remain in the moat as a permanent Jubilee Legacy.

How ironic that such a building, historically built as a fortress of power, imprisonment, and final resting place to so many unfortunates, is now surrounded by peace and beauty. "No wonder the flowers look so healthy and beautiful, it's all that blood and bone in the soil," was one comment. Well, it took a few hundred years but enchanting now.

Christine Hitchin



The latest AAFBG e-ucalypt newsletter is out now!

In this edition, you will find:

- A message from the AAFBG President
- Botanic Guides Conference
- What's your favourite native tree?
- AAFBG Botanical Tour of Tasmania

News from around the Friends:

- Friends of Australian National Botanic Gardens
- Garden Clubs of Australia
- The WAMA Foundation
- Friends of Wollongong Botanic Garden
- Friends of Geelong Botanic Gardens
- Friends of Hamilton Botanic Gardens
- Friends of Ballarat Botanical Gardens.

To read the e-news, click [here](#).

FROM PETER MAHAR – HAHNDORF LAVENDER

This article isn't lavender specific but Peter advised the same principles would apply to lavender farmers or anyone growing a crop of fruit, vegetables or flowers.

Click [here](#) to view this email in your browser.



Join Dr Uwe Stroeher to hear about the research that led to the creation of POPUL8, how it works and why.

Dr Uwe will be hosting a webinar called 'Polar Bears & POPUL8' via zoom on Friday 29th July at 9am CST. To share this event with a friend and register to attend this free event, [CLICK HERE](#).



POPUL8™

"The wide diversity of bacteria and fungi within POPUL8 are not only capable of preventing, inhibiting and suppressing disease-causing plant and soil pathogens, but at the same time are stimulating and enhancing healthy plant growth both above and below ground."

Dr Uwe Stroeher
R&D Manager,
Neutrog Biological Fertilisers

ABOUT DR UWE STROEHER

Dr Uwe Stroeher graduated with a Ph.D in Microbiology from the University of Adelaide where he remained for a further six years working as a research scientist. In 1988, he was awarded the prestigious Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship and subsequently spent over two years working in Germany.

On his return to the University of Adelaide, he worked on *Streptococcus pneumoniae* before moving to the Hepatitis Research Laboratory. A move to Flinders University marked the beginning of his work on the super bug *Acinetobacter baumannii* and also the use of clean technology to enhance chemical compounds.

During his research career Dr Stroeher published over 40 peer reviewed journal articles.

Over the last 25 years, Dr Stroeher has had a keen interest in soil microbiology and in bioremediation, which led to an immediate interest in consulting to Neutrog on the development of GOGO Juice in 2005. This consultancy extended for the development of Litterbugs (to be marketed and sold as LITTERM8) an ammonia liberating biological for use in commercial animal bedding and potential application in cat litter.

In 2016, Dr Stroeher joined Neutrog full to head up the R&D program.



The poster for the Yarra Valley Plant Fair & Garden Expo is set against a vibrant pink background. At the top left, there is a logo of three green leaves. To the right, the word 'Spring' is written in a stylized, blue, cursive font with '2022' underneath it. The main title 'Yarra Valley Plant Fair' is prominently displayed in large, black, sans-serif font. Below the title, the text '& Garden Expo' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the left of this, the phrase 'Meet the experts' is written in a blue, sans-serif font. The poster features three circular portraits of experts: Angus Stewart (a man with short brown hair, smiling, wearing a blue shirt), Jane Edmanson (a woman with short blonde hair, wearing a straw hat and a yellow jacket), and Vasili (a man with a beard, wearing a green cap and a red shirt). To the right of the portraits is a cartoon illustration of a yellow bee with black stripes. At the bottom, the dates 'November 5 & 6' are written in a large, black, sans-serif font. Below the dates, the location '125 Quayle Rd, Wandin' is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the location are icons for Facebook and Instagram. To the right is a logo for 'CFA' (Country Fire Authority) with the text 'Discounted tickets online' next to it. Below the location, the text '45 + vendors selling over 1000 varieties' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom left, the text 'Free parking* Dogs welcome* Demonstrations' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the website 'www.yarravalleyplantfair.com.au' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A QR code is located at the bottom right corner of the poster.

Yarra Valley
Plant Fair
Spring 2022
& Garden Expo
Meet the experts

Angus Stewart
Sat & Sun

Jane Edmanson
Sunday

Vasili
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United States Lavender Conference 2023

What's Happening for USLC 2023!



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The United States Lavender Conference for 2023 is going to be an amazing experience for attendees. Check out what's in store and get updates every two weeks with our announcements keeping you informed of all things conference related.

The theme for this year's conference is **Cultivating Connections: Learn, Grow, Refine** and will be held January 26th – 28th in Portland, Oregon. This theme means a lot to USLGA and to the industry. With COVID restricting in-person connection for the last few years, creating connections is more important than ever for you and your farm as new landscapes are developed in the way we connect and do business.

This conference is going to be all about interacting and giving you in-depth value. You will have the opportunity to connect with other farmers through networking, discussions and group learning opportunities. You will also have the chance to interact more deeply with speakers and ask

questions. Experts will talk about creating connections in your community and you'll have more time than ever before to connect with our vendors.

We've selected some amazing topics and are currently organizing three pre-conference workshops for the Thursday prior to the event, which will be available to add to your registration soon!

Here are just some of the topics that you can look forward to at USLC 2023 (official titles subject to change):

- Real Science of Lavender Plants
- Branding Your Labeling & Packaging
- Employing Your Farm (Paid & Unpaid Employment)
- Harvest & Post-Harvest Equipment Advancement
- Culinary Lavender
- Planting in Various Climates
- Marketing, Advertising & Co-Marketing
- Setting Standards for Measuring Lavender Harvests
- Distillation & Hydrosol Equipment
- Latest on New Cultivars- International Perspective
- How to Teach a Workshop
- Fungus, Diseases & Pests
- Farm & Business Transitions- What Happens When You Want to Retire?
- Product Development
- Lavender/Herb Research, Medicinal Uses & New Studies
- Beekeeping
- Tips for Photographing Your Lavender Plants, Food & Products

There will also be much more in store, including a Welcome Reception, Networking Meals and a special evening session!

Early Bird registration launched June 28th and has been **extended until September 8th**, at which point the price will increase.

One very fun element we've added this year is a graphic design contest for our conference t-shirt! Congratulations to **Nicole Callen** for winning the contest - we can't wait to wear these shirts!

Don't forget to watch for this bi-weekly update and get all of the exciting details for United States Lavender Conference 2023!

Click here to register!

Nonmembers, click here to join USLGA!

See you at the conference!

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