



Kia ora,

Welcome to your **NZHIA February / March** newsletter; here's a preview of the news, and events in this issue:

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 29 - 31 MARCH 2023
[NoCo Hemp Expo, Colorado \(USA\)](#)
- 20 APRIL 2023
[Callaghan Innovation Workshop, Christchurch \(NZ\)](#)
- 3 - 4 MAY 2023
[Canna Industry, Bogota \(Colombia\)](#)
- 3 - 5 AUGUST 2023
[Cannabis Research Conference, Colorado \(USA\)](#)

NZHIA EVENTS:

24 & 25 AUGUST 2023
[iHemp Summit](#)

An Update from the NZHIA Chair

Welcome to the February/March Public Newsletter.

Firstly, a special message to those who have been impacted by the recent floods and cyclone. Our thoughts are with you as you navigate the aftermath of this extreme weather event. You are not alone, let friends and whanau know how they can help you.

These environmental events and the cost of living crisis highlight the need for resilient supply chains, especially the importance of NZ grown foods and sustainable supplies of building materials. The coming focus on building back better needs to involve iHemp, we have a lot to offer to both these key industries along with many others.

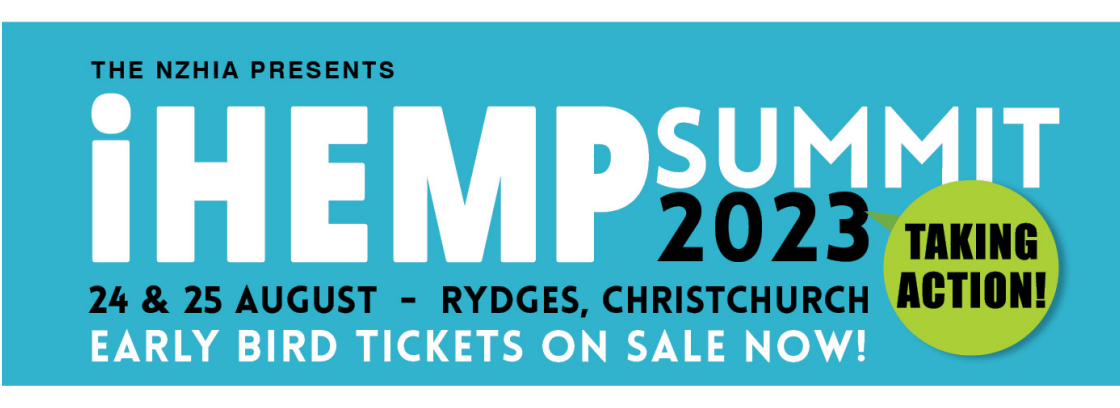
Our message must be amplified more than ever, until hemp food products are used widely by main stream consumers and hempcrete, hemp insulation and fiber boards along with composite building materials are widely available, providing people with a greener and more sustainable alternative.

We continue to tick all the right boxes, and as industries go through transformation plans the Government needs to be aware of the potential for iHemp to help align their policies and join up the siloed industrial, R&D and government communities to move NZ Inc forward.

This will in turn bring into focus the bankable business plans that are available for those willing to plug the gaps in the value chain, particularly relating to primary processing, where the value add begins and innovative products are developed to meet consumer pain points.

This will be covered in depth at the upcoming iHemp Summit, August 24-25th, Christchurch. We look forward to seeing you there.

All the best,
Richard Barge
NZHIA Chair



iHemp Summit 2023 - Early Bird Sales

Super early bird tickets for the iHemp summit, 24-25th August 2023, at the Rydges Hotel, Christchurch, have now gone on sale to NZHIA Members.

The special super early bird ticket are available to NZHIA Members until the 20th March. Public early bird tickets will be available from 21st March. Check out the website [here](#).

This year's theme is "Taking Action" where we will be sharing information on the gaps in the value chain and developing collaborative proposals to move the industry forward and plug these gaps with knowledge, investment and scale.

The programme and more speakers will be announced in coming weeks. It will be an exciting few days in Christchurch and an important event to attend if you are, or are thinking about, getting involved in the iHemp industry.



Therapeutic Products Bill consultation closed 5th March

Although low THC iHemp, as a controlled drug under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 (MoDA), and CBD as a prescription medicine, are not yet included in the Therapeutics Products framework we thought it important the NZHIA made a submission, to ensure that the framework for Natural Health Products (NHP) was workable, inclusive and did not limit access to foods with therapeutic benefits.

We supported the Natural Health Products NZ submission stressing the light touch approach to regulation required for low risk NHP.

Both documents can be found here:

- [NZHIA Submission](#)
- [NHPNZ Submission](#)

Hemp & Cannabis: Maximising Impact from Whole Plant Utilisation



Callaghan Innovation Workshop: Thu 20th April

Callaghan Innovation is hosting an interactive workshop aimed at technology companies, growers, processors or researchers and builds on the recently completed [Bioresource Processing Alliance](#) (BPA) sponsored [white paper](#) entitled Commercial Options for Whole Plant Utilisation of Industrial Hemp and Medicinal Cannabis.

[Register here](#) for this half day workshop to be held at Plant & Food Research Lincoln, Canterbury or online.

Hosted by: [Callaghan Innovation](#), [Scion](#), [AgResearch](#), [Plant & Food Research](#), [NZMCC](#) and [NZHIA](#).

NEWS UPDATES

iHemp industry news from Aotearoa and around the Globe.



Hempcrete thermal modelling info
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Hemp Foods Australia unveils expansion strategies to make products mainstream
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Hemp Today	Hemp Build Magazine	Hemp Today
Argentina will put \$106 million into research of hemp, medical cannabis See More +	Hemp Building Institute to Take on Codes, Testing and Education, Founder Says See More +	Sweden's Ekolution supplies insulation for 'world's largest' hemp project Read More +

A CALL TO ACTION: The Homes We Deserve

The Homes We Deserve are calling on every political party to promise now that, if part of the next government, they will have within six months of being elected a fully funded ambitious plan to roll out a pollution-busting home reno programme for at least 200,000 homes within nine years which will:

- > Slash carbon emissions and household bills
- > Improve the health of thousands of New Zealanders, young and old
- > Create tens of thousands of jobs

Add YOUR voice here: <https://thehomeswedeserve.org.nz/>

RESOURCES

The NZHIA website www.nzhia.com is an information resource for members, hemp enthusiasts and those curious about the industry. You'll find information on:

- [Growing Hemp in NZ](#)
- [iHemp Magazine](#)
- [Licencing](#)
- [Webinars](#)

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