



Kia ora,

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

27 & 28 SEPTEMBER 2023
[Global Hemp Summit, Melbourne, Australia](#)

10 & 11 OCTOBER 2023
[11th International Hemp Building Symposium, Amsterdam \(NE\)](#)

16 - 18 APRIL 2024
[Australian Industrial Hemp Conference Hunter Valley, Australia](#)

An Update from the NZHIA Chair

Wow what an amazing 3rd iHemp Summit in Christchurch.

It was all about "Taking Action", which certainly happened as the attendees were fortunate to hear from local and international speakers, whose presentations helped raise awareness of the national and international iHemp scene.

In between networking events, the attendees learned about the work going on in the farming, food, fibre and health industries and the R&D opportunities and priorities for the emerging industry, as well as the resource available to help the iHemp industry scale. We were all fired up and reinvigorated, there was a real buzz around where to go next for the industry, how to overcome the branding issues, educate consumers, and bring industrial end users into the iHemp industry.

We are very excited for the future and look forward to the Australian Industrial Hemp Conference 16-18 April 2024.

The other major event is a "Hemp industry strategic proposal for regulatory change" document, created by New Zealand Hemp Industries Association (NZHIA), the Aotearoa Hemp Alliance (AHA), and, the New Zealand Medicinal Cannabis Council (NZMCC), which collectively represent more than 95% of the New Zealand iHemp industry.

These leading industry groups presented the proposal to Ministers and senior officials in the Ministries of Health, Primary Industries, the Environment and Business, Innovation and Employment, on the 4th of September 2023.

We look forward to working with Government and other stakeholders on the solutions we have proposed. The solutions will overcome the barriers on the 5 key objectives identified. The proposal also quantifies the targeted economic, environmental, and social outcomes which are attainable from the proposed short- and medium-term actions in the proposal.

All the best,
Richard Barge
NZHIA Chair



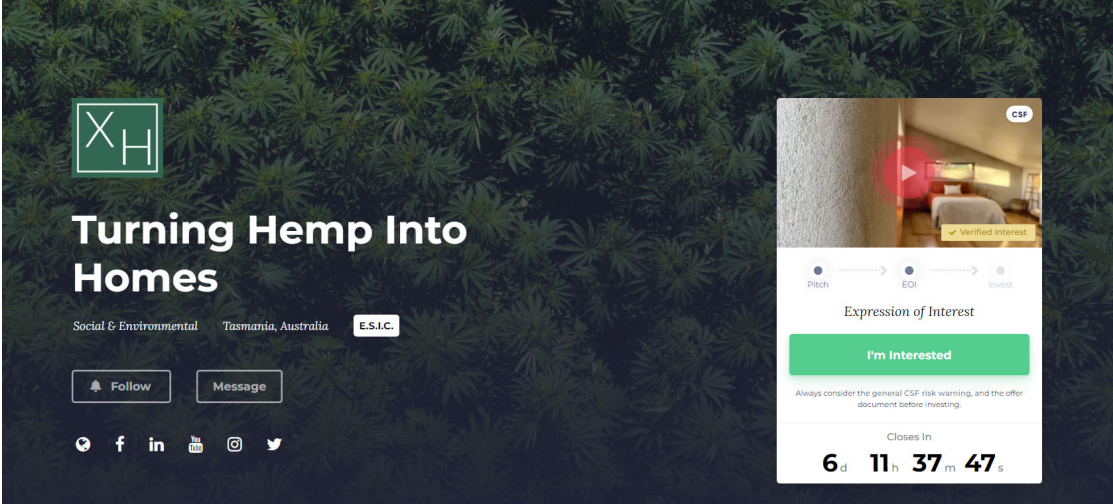
iHemp Summit 2023: Where Industry Unites

The iHemp Summit 2023 was an unforgettable gathering that brought together industry leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts from across Aotearoa New Zealand and around the globe. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect in person, and the diverse array of international and local speakers added tremendous value to our attendee experience.

For those fortunate enough to be there, the pivotal question that now arises is: "How can we take meaningful action?" The Summit challenged us to explore this question collectively and develop strategies that will propel our industry into a brighter future.

The organisers of the Summit and the NZHIA would like to express our appreciation to our esteemed local and international speakers who, through their expertise and passion, illuminated the remarkable achievements within the hemp industry. They also offered valuable insights into how we can harness the vast potential of the business and research and development ecosystem to drive progress.

The caliber of speakers and presentations at this year's summit was truly outstanding, contributing significantly to the event's resounding success. We are excited to see how the connections forged and knowledge shared at the iHemp Summit 2023 will shape the future of the hemp industry. Stay tuned for updates, and let's continue to work together to make a lasting impact!



Turning Hemp Into Homes: Expressions of interest for X-Hemp

Female founded and operated, X-Hemp are the only hemp fibre processing mill in Tasmania, and one of a very small handful operating in Australia, holding a strong first-mover advantage.

With ready-to-execute commercial contracts in hand, there are near-limitless opportunities for growth in this sector. X-Hemp are perfectly positioned to take advantage of the strong demand for carbon-neutral building materials and other industrial products.

Expressions of interest (EOI) for investment are now being taken - but are closing soon. Your investment will allow X-Hemp to quickly produce these finished goods, rapidly diversify their range, educate more consumers and multiply demand.

[I'm Interested](#)

iHemp Community Call to Action - What you can do to help

As a supporter of the NZHIA and NZ iHemp industry there is plenty you can do to support and stimulate the industry:



EDUCATE

Raise awareness of iHemp with friends and family

[Share our social posts](#)

SUPPORT

Buy hemp products, particularly food and for gifts

[Members-Only Benefits](#)

TAKE PART

Become an NZHIA member and help the industry "Take Action"

[Become a Member](#)

LOBBY

Visit your MP, and find out your candidate's position on iHemp

[Find your local MP](#)

We create events like the Summit to help bring us together. We share details of hemp businesses you can support, and have now created information to help you raise awareness and contact your MP.

Please feel free to use the "[Sunny Days](#)" brochure as a giveaway and share it via email. The [candidate template](#) – gives you a starter document to book an appointment with your candidates, or to get their views.

Don't forget to share the feedback, with us so we can include it in the NZHIA's own survey

Make sure you follow us on social media so you can reshare the posts that resonate with you.



iHemp industry news from Aotearoa and around the Globe.



[Arable Awards of New Zealand: 2023 Winners - Hopefield Hemp](#)

Doing things differently and striving for new ways to lift productivity and income helped earn Blair and Jody Drysdale of Hopefield Hemp the Innovation title at the Arable Awards of New Zealand 2023.

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