



Kia ora,

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

23 NOVEMBER 2023
[Sustainable Business Awards, Auckland](#)

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

COMING UP:
Oregon State University & NZHIA
Workshop - Date to be confirmed in 2024



An Update from the NZHIA Chair

Post the election and the counting of the special votes, we now await to see who the new ministers are in the National lead coalition government. Once the dust has settled we will be following up our calls for a review of the regulatory environment to finally "enable" a NZ hemp industry.

On the 4th of September , the NZHIA in conjunction with AHA (Aotearoa Hemp Alliance) and NZMCC (NZ Medicinal Cannabis Council) sent a regulatory review document to MOH, MPI and Ministry for the Environment, a copy can be found [here](#).

The "strategic proposal for regulatory change" focused on 5 key objectives, highlighting the barriers that are hampering the progress of the low THC industrial hemp (iHemp) industry. We provided short and medium term solutions, that identified targeted outcomes, which were quantified in terms of economic, environmental, and social outcomes.

Removing these barriers would allow the arable industry for food and fiber production to further develop and improve the economics of growing the crop for the farmers and primary producers. Further it would open up the horticultural industry allowing the production of health and wellness products from the leaf and flowering tops of female iHemp plants.

Full plant utilisation is the key. Unlocking the revenue streams from all parts of the plant, having access to secondary markets (particularly animal feed) and increasing the production of food, fiber and health products for local and export markets will allow the iHemp industry to reach its potential.

Providing Aotearoa New Zealand with a new sustainable cash crop, that works well in our annual farming rotation. And compliments our other primary industries, wool, forestry, dairy, horticulture, wine and aquaculture.

We look forward to working with ministers and officials within the 54th Government and other stakeholders to implement the solutions we have proposed to finally "enable" our industry as per the 2006 Industrial Hemp Regulations.

All the best,
Richard Barge
NZHIA Chair

Hemp Industry Strategic Proposal for Regulatory Change

Prepared by:
New Zealand Hemp Industries Association
Aotearoa Hemp Alliance &
New Zealand Medicinal Cannabis Council



Aotearoa1 (NZ Industrial Hemp Cultivar)™

Cultivar for Sale - Aotearoa 1

Cultivar description plus sub cultivars

Hempseed Holdings Ltd.

The Cultivars has been for sale since 2008 but the vendors are now motivated to move on and sell out at a reasonable price. This is a unique opportunity to own outright the only Generic New Zealand Landrace Industrial hemp cultivar's without the necessity to obtain permissions from offshore owners. Vendor has already identified/created the only five Generic Landrace approved New Zealand cultivars, there remains a huge amount to do specifically re homogenization in commercial quantities. The vendor likely doesn't have the resources or desire to continue time for something different like retirement. Therefore the vendors are motivated to sell at a realistic price

1. Aotearoa1, 31st July 2008 2.A1 Monopurp 26 February 2019. 3.A1 MACMONO 30 June 2020. 4.A1 Comseed 30 June 2020 5.A1 HCFX 22nd September 2021.

The cultivars have been on the market since 2008 but only a very few serious offers have been forthcoming. This is a unique opportunity to own a serious Industrial Hemp seedstock almost unhindered by offshore or a multitude of owners.

The desired outcome sought is for the seedstock to be owned by the whole Aotearoa New Zealand Hemp industry as it develops. To date no collective et al has expressed a serious interest. The vendor has been involved for over 35 years and is motivated to sell at a reasonable possibly even a fantastic price for the purchaser; dependent.

For further information go to www.hempseedholdingsnz.com.



Licensed Hemp Growers 2023-2024 Season

We wish all the hemp growers in the 2023/24 season all the best for great germination and abundant yield, we encourage you to email admin@nzhia.com to let us know where you are growing and to get details of data gathering opportunities on iHemp in your environment.

If you have any feedback on the licencing process please contact the NZHIA, as we are working with the regulator to streamline the process for the 2023/2024 season and we need your feedback, on your experiences and ideas for improvements, email admin@nzhia.com.

A quick message to any licence holders who have **not** completed their annual return (due 31 July 2023). This is not a good look and MOH have asked us to encourage you to get this done! This is a requirement in the regulations and a condition of your licence, it is not difficult and has to be done annually, especially if you are considering a renewal or extension application. We plan to work with MOH to update our standard form for you to use next year.





iHemp Summit 2023 Video Release

We have some exciting news on the release of the iHemp Summit 2023 event content, the speaker videos and presentations have now been released on the NZHIA Vimeo Channel and website.

Please login or join Vimeo to access the video content, purchase the entire event for \$45.00 (USD).

[iHemp Summit 2023 Video](#)

[iHemp Summit 2023 Presentations](#)

Please note that the video quality of this recording is lower than our usual standards due to budget constraints. In an effort to provide you with the content, we had to make cost-cutting decisions that affected the camera angles and post-production work.

While we strive for the highest production quality possible, we believe that the value of the content itself is what truly matters. We hope that the valuable information and insights presented in this event will still be accessible and beneficial to you despite any limitations in the video quality.

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Medicines Control reclassify low-dose CBD products

Medsafe have made a classification change to low-dose medicinal cannabis (CBD) products, from a prescription-only medicine to a restricted (pharmacist-only) medicine, aligning our approach with Australia, which made a similar change in December 2020.

[Read more here via MOH.](#)

**Make iHemp
a part of the
fabric of
every day life**



There is still time to enter and design our industrial hemp bag!

In both its cultivation and uses, industrial hemp (iHemp) is considered an exceptionally environmentally friendly crop. We want you to think of this principle and get creative - take classic kiwiana, contemporary NZ style or abstract art to symbolise how iHemp can help our environment and Aotearoa.

Your design will be applied to 100% hemp made bags which will be distributed nationwide.

There is still time to enter, competition ends 31 March 2024.

[Enter the iHemp awareness competition here](#)





Early Bird Registration Open for Australian Industrial Hemp Conference 2024

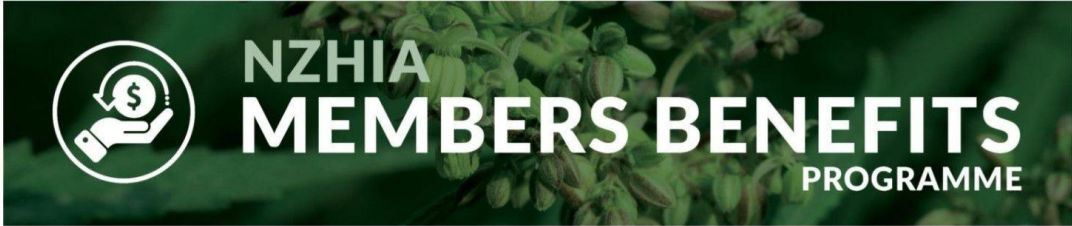
Following on from a very successful event in 2022, the registration for the 2024 event is open now and early bird packages available until 16 February 2024.

-  Save the Date: 16 - 18 April 2024
-  Location: Hunter Valley, NSW, Australia
-  Website: www.australianindustrialhempconference.org
-  Register here: [AIHC Registration](#)

Support the Industry - Become a NZHIA Member

The NZHIA is committed to assisting the industrial hemp (iHemp) industry and providing the most value to our members. By becoming a member of the association, you will gain access to members-only resources such as our information hub, licencing information, industry reports, video content, and media, as well as the benefits of our members-only discount programme, which includes promotions and special offers from the iHemp business network.

Become an NZHIA Member



The banner features a green background with a white icon of a hand holding a coin with a dollar sign. To the right of the icon, the text "NZHIA MEMBERS BENEFITS PROGRAMME" is written in white, with "MEMBERS BENEFITS" in a larger font size.

We are dedicated to assisting the iHemp industry and giving the maximum value to your NZHIA membership. We've curated member-only benefits, promotions, and special offers from the iHemp business network for you to take advantage of.

Discounts from NZ Hemp Businesses

A selection of special offers and discounts available exclusively to members from the NZHIA network can be found below. If you would like to be involved please email admin@nzhia.com. Your offer or discount would be presented in the table below in alphabetical order with your logo, company name, offer details, T&C's and weblink.



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iHemp industry news from Aotearoa and around the Globe.



[Hemp Study: Vineyard cover crop works well](#)

A study of hemp growing between the rows in New Zealand vineyards shows “exciting” results that the hemp beneficially affects soils and wines

[Read more via NZ Winegrower.](#)

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