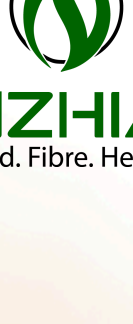


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Kia ora Welcome to our August/September newsletter

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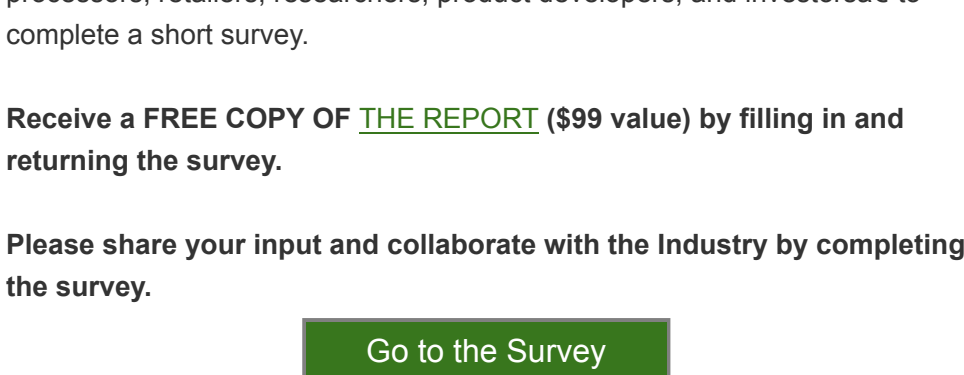
NZHIA Annual General Meeting

We're pleased to announce the newly elected 2025's NZHIA Executive Committee, confirmed at our recent AGM. This team brings a wealth of experience across farming, processing, regulation, and business, united in growing New Zealand's iHemp industry.

Richard Barge continues as Chairperson / Treasurer, with Peter Ensor as Secretary, and the Vice-Chair role currently vacant.

Executive Members include Blair Drysdale (Hopefield Hemp), Courtney Nimmo (Ballance Agri-Nutrients), Evan Dubisky (Hemp Hub), John R. Smith (hempcrete specialist), and we welcome Tanya Simmonds (HempCentral), who operates NZ's first Ashford hemp processor.

Together, the Committee is focused on advocacy, member services, research, and sustainable industry growth. We look forward to an exciting year of progress for the iHemp sector.



Stakeholder Survey: Help shape the future of New Zealand's hemp industry

The New Zealand Hemp Industries Association (NZHIA) and the Australian Hemp Council (AHC), in collaboration with HempToday and Canna Markets Group, are preparing a definitive report on the industrial hemp industries of New Zealand and Australia. This report will highlight opportunities in fibre, food, and health & beauty markets, identify policy and regulatory challenges, and position our region's hemp sector on the global stage.

Your input is essential. We are inviting all stakeholders growers, processors, retailers, researchers, product developers, and investors to complete a short survey.

Receive a **FREE COPY OF THE REPORT** (\$99 value) by filling in and returning the survey.

Please share your input and collaborate with the Industry by completing the survey.

[Go to the Survey](#)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR SURVEY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCT. 11, 2025.

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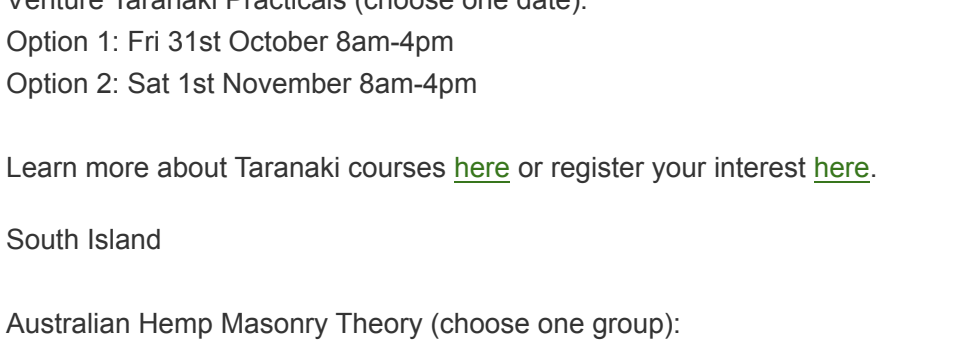
The survey will provide a comprehensive picture of the sector's current state and future potential. Results will inform the NZHIA's engagement with government, lawmakers, and regulators. By contributing you will help ensure that industry perspectives are reflected in decisions affecting licensing, compliance, and market development.

Why your participation matters:

- **Influence policy:** Your voice will help guide regulatory frameworks that affect every part of the value chain.
- **Support industry growth:** Reliable data strengthens the case for investment, infrastructure, and market access.
- **Shape the narrative:** Together, we can present a clear, unified picture of Australasia's hemp industry to both domestic and international audiences.

The report will be published in November 2025, and the survey findings will be central to its insights and recommendations. Your participation now will directly shape how hemp's story is told and how its path forward is charted. Thank you for taking the time to share your perspective and for your ongoing commitment to the growth of hemp in New Zealand.

• LOCAL NEWS



We're thrilled to announce our 2025 hempcrete construction courses in partnership with the Australian Hemp Masonry Company, HempCentral Limited and Venture Taranaki.

Join us for our hempcrete construction course, designed to provide comprehensive learning through theory workshops and practical hands-on experience.

Workshops

Hempcrete Construction Online Theory Workshops
With over 20 years of experience in hempcrete building, Klara Marosszeky brings invaluable knowledge and insights to her online course. Over two 3-hour Zoom sessions, her experience is set to inspire and educate participants on the principles and techniques involved in hempcrete construction.

Hempcrete Building Practical Workshop
Led by HempCentral Limited in Queensland, Central Otago and Venture Taranaki, the regional development agency of Taranaki, this one-day practical workshop completes the course by offering hands-on experience in mixing and installing hempcrete.

South Island:

- Australian Hemp Masonry Theory (choose one group)
 - Theory Group 1: Wednesday 16 October & Thursday 17th October, 9am-12pm NZST, 2 x 3 hr Zoom sessions
 - Theory Group 2: Sunday 19th October & Sunday 21st October, 9am-12pm NZST, 2 x 3 hr Zoom sessions
- To sign up for South Island Theory visit: [www.hempmasonry.com.au/workshops](#)

North Island:

- Australian Hemp Masonry Theory (choose one group)
 - Theory Group 1: Monday 10 October & Monday 11th October, 9am-12pm NZST, 2 x 3 hr Zoom sessions
 - Theory Group 2: Monday 20th October & Monday 21st October, 9am-12pm NZST, 2 x 3 hr Zoom sessions
- To sign up, please register your interest using the link below.
- Venture Taranaki Practical (choose one date)
 - Option 1: Friday 16th October 8am-4pm
 - Option 2: Sunday 18th November 8am-4pm
- Learn more about Taranaki courses here, or register your interest directly here.

Register your Interest: Hempcrete Construction Course - October & November 2025

We're excited to share news on the 2025 hempcrete construction courses, created in partnership with **HempCentral Limited, Australian Hemp Masonry Company** and **Venture Taranaki**.

These courses are designed to give participants a comprehensive learning experience, combining theory-based online workshops with practical hands-on sessions.

Hempcrete Construction Online Theory Workshops: led by Klara Marosszeky, with over 20 years of hempcrete building experience, these two 3-hour Zoom sessions provide invaluable insights into the principles and techniques of hempcrete construction.

Hempcrete Building Practical Workshops: led by HempCentral Limited (South Island Queensberry, Central Otago) and Venture Taranaki (North Island, New Plymouth), these one-day workshops that give participants hands-on experience in mixing and installing hempcrete, completing the full course.

North Island

Australian Hemp Masonry Theory (choose one group):
Group 1: Mon 6th October & Mon 13th October 6:30-9:30pm NZST
Group 2: Mon 20th October & Mon 27th October 6:30-9:30pm NZST

Sign up: hempmasonry.com.au/workshops

Venture Taranaki Practicals (choose one date):
Option 1: Fri 31st October 8am-4pm
Option 2: Sat 1st November 8am-4pm

Learn more about Taranaki courses [here](#) or register your interest [here](#).

South Island

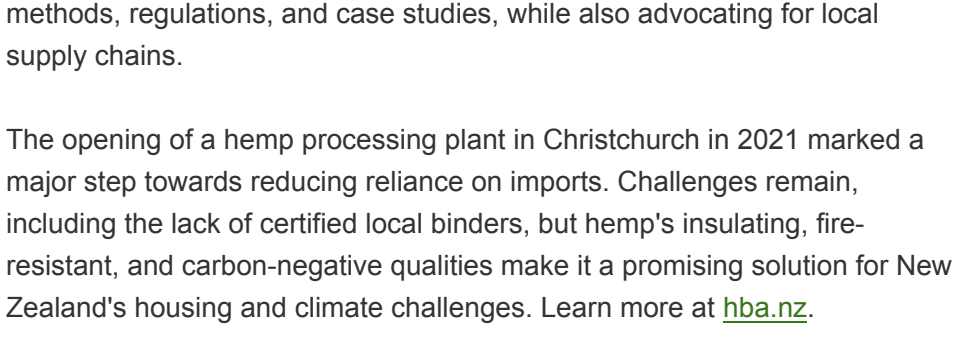
Australian Hemp Masonry Theory (choose one group):
Group 1: Wed 1st October & Wed 8th October 6:30-9:30pm NZST
Group 2: Tue 14th October & Tue 21st October 6:30-9:30pm NZST

Sign up: hempmasonry.com.au/workshops

HempCentral Practical (choose one date):
Option 1: Fri 24th October 8am-4pm
Option 2: Sat 25th October 8am-4pm

To sign up: info@hempcentral.earth

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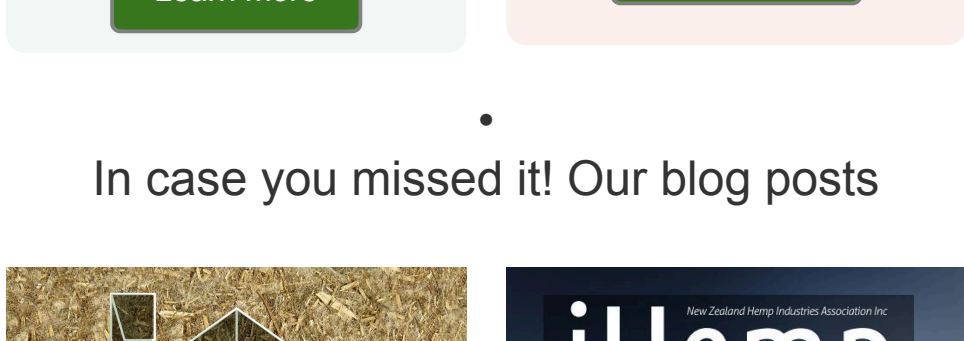
Let Hemp Today Promote you to the Global Hemp Industry

HempToday invites you to be part of the upcoming **Australia & New Zealand Hemp Report**, releasing in November 2025. This landmark publication will present the most comprehensive overview yet of the hemp sector, combining survey insights, market data, and expert commentary. It will reach thousands of stakeholders, investors, and decision-makers worldwide.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at several levels, offering valuable exposure for your business or organisation. Packages start from just NZ\$150 for a Supporting Sponsor option, which includes your logo and active link featured alongside leading hemp organisations. Premium sponsorships are also available for greater visibility.

Take up this opportunity to showcase your brand and support the growth of the Aotearoa New Zealand hemp industry.

[Read the sponsorship report here.](#)



Animal Feed in Australia has a Pathway to Market

The Australian Industrial Hemp Alliance (AIHA) has welcomed the updated guidance from the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) on the regulatory framework for hemp-based products, recognised exemptions for certain animal nutrition products under the Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Regulations 1995, and simplified compliance pathways for manufacturers.

AIHA said the revised guidance now empowers manufacturers of compliant Excluded Nutritional or Digestive (END) products to confidently bring their offerings to market.

On the 1st of May 2025, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) posted guidance on their website, related to the regulation of veterinary chemical products containing cannabis, saying "Any animal or pet food product containing cannabis (including hemp, hemp oil or hemp seed oil) or cannabinoids must be registered if it meets the definition of a *veterinary chemical product*. It is the responsibility of the person supplying a veterinary product to determine whether the product is a *veterinary chemical product* based on the attributes, properties, and claims of the specific product."

Reference links:

[Cannabis in veterinary chemical products](#)

[Cannabiz Au: AIHA welcomes clarification on hemp-based animal products](#)

Hemp Building in New Zealand

The **Hemp Building Association of New Zealand (HBANZ)** promotes the use of hemp as a sustainable building material, with a focus on hemp-lime (hempcrete) construction. Their mission is to educate, connect, and support builders, designers, growers, and homeowners in adopting hemp for healthier, low-carbon buildings. HBANZ provides resources on building methods, regulations, and case studies, while also advocating for local supply chains.

The opening of a hemp processing plant in Christchurch in 2021 marked a major step towards reducing reliance on imports. Challenges remain, including the lack of certified local binders, but hemp's insulating, fire-resistant, and carbon-negative qualities make it a promising solution for New Zealand's housing and climate challenges. Learn more at hba.nz.

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Carrfields stands proudly as a sponsor of the New Zealand Hemp Industries Association (NZHIA), reinforcing its commitment to rural communities.

With expertise spanning grain & seed, livestock, machinery, and finance, Carrfields helps NZHIA by providing resources, industry insights, and support that strengthen farming efficiency and innovation.

Learn more

NZHIA Sponsor: Hemptastic

Hemptastic is a longstanding supporter of the New Zealand Hemp Industries Association (NZHIA), actively contributing to the growth and promotion of the industrial hemp sector.

The company emphasises ethical practices and sustainable development, aiming to build a thriving hemp industry in New Zealand.

Learn more

In case you missed it! Our blog posts

Hempcrete Building Standards - New Zealand Hemp Industries Association

Standard Development in Australia Work is underway in Australia to develop one national hempcrete construction set of standards, with a four-part proposal covering materials, design details, installation, and render/weatherproofing currently progressing through Standards Australia's consultation process. The Hempcrete Composite Construction Standard Proposal.

Read more

Environmentally Friendly Hemp Homes in NZ

Hempcrete can help to build a home that has a very low carbon foot print, and maybe even a negative one so says Keith Stubbs from Hawea Grove, a finalist in the 2020 Sustainable Business Awards. We are sure that the pioneering group of New Zealanders who along with Keith, have built with iHemp would ...

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