

## E-NEWS

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### *Items of Interest*

#### ***2018 Perth Royal Olive Awards***

Entries have officially opened! It is always exciting at this time of year as the entries start arriving.

Entrants should note that this year there is NO LIMIT on the number of oils from any commercial entity across classes 1-4 or across classes 5a and 5b. This change has been made in recognition that many of the competitions across Australia, and internationally, no longer place a limit on the number of entries from any one entity. This decision has been made for this year only, and will be reassessed for the next year's Perth Royal Olive Awards. The amended schedule (attached) incorporates this change.

Get your entries to the Perth Showgrounds before Friday 10 August. All information is contained in the attached schedule.

#### ***Judges training***

The judges' refresher training will be held on Saturday 4 August. If you would like to know anything about the judging, or would like to get involved (we always welcome more judges) please contact Isabelle Okis on 0409 203 043.

#### ***Awards Dinner***

We have booked the venue for the Awards Dinner for the 2018 Perth Royal Olive Awards this year. They Hyatt Regency in Perth will host our event on Sunday 16 September. Please put the date in your diary.

#### ***New Website***

It's been a long time coming, but the new website is in the final stages of construction. Our designer is currently putting final touches to the site prior to officially starting it up early in August.

Thank you to those members who have sent me information on their business for their listing. For the majority of members who didn't send me information I was able to cobble together some text for your entry, but for some members I still don't have enough information on your business. I will email you separately and we may need to add you at a later date.

#### ***Soils Field Day***

As mentioned previously WAOC is partnering with the South West Olive Association to deliver a field day on Saturday 8 September. The day will focus on soil health, and will include a number of information sessions from our South-West growers. We will distribute the flyer with all information separately.

If you would like more information or are interested in attending, please contact Steve Milton [stevemilton3@gmail.com](mailto:stevemilton3@gmail.com)

#### **FOR SALE**

**Olive Harvester** - Sigma Harvester F3

If anyone is interested email [karenwee@zagro.com](mailto:karenwee@zagro.com) or call 0428 800 416

### *Velcro Trials for Olive Groves*

I have been contacted by a representative, Lee Rufus, from Velcro Australia who is looking to gauge any interest in trials using a Velcro product on our olive groves. The product (as shown) is a 50mm x 45m Blue UV Treated Plant tie, that can be used for plant stabilization while it is in sapling form (refer attached photos). It is adjustable & has been UV treated.

This is a “Long Term Assessment” of the VELCRO® Brand - 50mm x 45m Blue UV Plant tie product and he is looking at feedback on its suitability. He is seeking confirmation & feedback on the following:

- The product suitability to the plant;
- Ease of application of the product;
- The durability of the product, looking for this product to last a minimum of 18 months;
- Indication of when you apply the VELCRO® Brand - 50mm x 45m Blue UV Plant Tie product;
- How many plants you apply the VELCRO® Brand - 50mm x 45m Blue UV Plant Tie to; and
- Monthly updates with a picture and comments on your observations if you take part in some trials of this product.



Lee will be in Perth the week of the 13th of August and is keen to visit any groves where he might be able to assess suitability for trials. His contact details are provided below:

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### *Invitation to CCIWA WA Food/Agribusiness Export Success and FTA in North Asia Workshop*

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia (CCIWA) will be hosting a workshop on WA food/agribusiness export success and Free Trade Agreement's in North Asia on Tuesday, 24 July 2018.

Details of the workshop are contained in the attached flyer. Email [trade@cciwa.com](mailto:trade@cciwa.com) for all rsvp's and queries.