

Tomatoes New Zealand

TomatoesNZ 

2016

AGM and Conference Papers

3rd – 5th August 2016,
Rutherford Hotel, NELSON



Tomatoes New Zealand AGM & Horticulture Conference 2016
Rutherford Hotel, Waimea Room
27 Nile Street West, NELSON

A G E N D A

Wednesday 3rd August 2016

10:15am TomatoesNZ & TomatoesNZ Inc. COMBINED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Waimea Room

Welcome and Introductions

- Apologies, Proxies and Procedural Motions
- Confirmation of 2015 Conference Minutes & Matters Arising (*page 6*)

10:20am Chairman's Address – Alasdair MacLeod (*page 12*)

10:30am TNZ Financial Statements 2015/2016 (*page 18*)

TNZ Inc. Budget 2016/2017 (*page 23*)

10:45am Notices of Motion (*page 25*)

Confirm Directors

- Newly elected Directors: Hayden Armstrong; Tony Norton; Malcolm Pook

11:00am General Business

11:15am Conclude combined AGM

11:15am Andrew Barber, Director, Agrilink

Topic: Greenhouse Nutrient Discharge AGMARDT Project Outcomes

12:00pm Michael Bledsoe (Ph.D.), Village Farms International, USA

Topic: North American Tomato Growing - Challenges and Solutions



12:30pm Lunch – Waimea Foyer

1:30pm Michael Bledsoe (Ph.D.), Village Farms International, USA

Topic: North American Greenhouse Overview - From emerging greenhouse structures, to crops, pesticide registration and products

2:30pm Afternoon Tea – Waimea Foyer

3:00pm Erin O'Donoghue, Plant and Food Research

Topic: The Secret Postharvest Life of Tomatoes

4:00pm Conclude Tomatoes NZ 2016 Conference



4:00pm Horticulture Conference Registration

4:30pm Horticulture NZ Annual General Meeting – Maitai Room

6:00pm Cocktail and Welcome Function – Matai Foyer
(Sponsored by United Fresh New Zealand Incorporated)

Thursday 4th August 2016

7:45am Registration

8:20am WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
Barry Sloper, MC

8:30am PLATINUM SPONSOR ADDRESS
Plant and Food Research

8:45am KEYNOTE SPEAKER
William (Bill) Marler
Food Safety Advocate / Food Poisoning Attorney, USA
'How to avoid the lawyers coming calling on a food safety issue'
15 minutes panel Q&A

9:30am ROBOTICS

- Robotics and intelligent systems
Professor Salah Sukkarieh, Sydney University
- 'Use of robotics in horticulture – unlocking potential'
Steve Saunders, Robotics Plus
15 minutes panel Q&A

10:15am DRONE TECHNOLOGY
Potential for drone technology in horticulture
Simon Morris, Altus USA

NZ Young Grower of the Year & Drone enthusiast
Hamish Gates, A.S. Wilcox and Sons
15 minutes panel Q&A

11:00am Morning tea – trade exhibition area

11:30am INNOVATIVE TRENDS
Challenges and opportunities associated with change
Ian Proudfoot, KPMG
15 minutes panel Q&A

10:15am GREAT WHITE BUTTERFLY
ERADICATION PROJECT – Session 1
Chris Green, Department of Conservation
Q&A session ([See insert for details](#))
Waimea Room

11:15am Morning tea – trade exhibition area

11:45am GWB AND THE FUTURE GIA
PARTNERSHIP – Session 2
Geoff Gwyn, Erik van Eyndhoven,
Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)
Andre de Bruin, VNZI Chairman
Mark O'Connor, VNZI Board
John Seymour, VNZI General Manager
Waimea Room

12:45pm Finish



12:15pm PEST AND DISEASE MANAGEMENT

- Using technology to identify pests and diseases
Nick Pyke, Federation of Arable Research (FAR)
- Using smart phone apps for soil fertility
Greg Lauer, AgAlytics Australia
- Using innovation to make your business more efficient
Colin Brown, TracMap

15 minutes panel Q&A

1:00pm Lunch

1:45pm *Delegates are invited to participate in the afternoon activities to allow the venue to transition for the Conference Dinner and Awards Evening. Please remove all personal belongings from the conference room.*

1:45pm	BEER & BRASSICAS	WINES & WAIMEA
	Bus Trip 1	Bus Trip 2
	1:15pm Packed lunch on board the bus	1:15pm Packed lunch on board the bus
	1:45pm Tour of Brassica Crops with Mark O'Connor	2:00pm Waimea Nurseries tour (new variety and rootstock development, new tree forms (e.g. twin leader trees)
	2:45pm Travel to McCashin's Brewery	3:00pm Travel to Mahana Winery
	3:00pm Brewery tour and tasting	3:15pm Wine tasting & tour (organic winery)
	4:15pm Travel back to Rutherford	4:00pm Travel back to Rutherford Hotel
	(Trip limited to 45 participants)	(Trip limited to 45 participants)

OR

INNOVATION CHALLENGE

Don't miss this! Have you always fancied that you would win the Amazing Race? Use the technology that you carry in your pocket to guide your team, solve clues and carry out pit stops in our customised Innovation Challenge around Nelson city.

DINNER AND AWARDS EVENING

Cocktail Function, Dinner, Awards

5:30pm COCKTAIL FUNCTION ADDRESS FROM SPONSORS - Countdown and T & G Global

6:30pm WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Te Radar, MC

Address by sponsors, T & G Global

Address and Presentation of Awards by:

Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries

- Pipfruit NZ Award for Outstanding Contribution
- Horticulture NZ Industry Service Award
- Horticulture NZ Life Member
- Horticulture NZ President's Trophy
- Bledisloe Cup



Friday 5th August 2016

8:00am Tea and coffee

8:40am KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Nadia Lim, My Food Bag

15 minutes panel Q&A

9:30am FOOD SAFETY

- Innovation through research
Nigel French, NZ Food Safety Centre
- Innovation through regulation
Scott Gallagher, Ministry for Primary Industries

15 minutes panel Q&A

10:15am SUSTAINABILITY

- Innovative solutions for sustainability
Professor Emeritus Ian Warrington, Massey University

15 minutes panel Q&A

11:00am Morning tea – trade exhibition area

11:30am HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Health and safety solutions for farms
Ryan Higgs, Onside
- Technical working group GRASP
Gary Jones, Pipfruit NZ Inc

15 minutes panel Q&A

12:25pm CLOSING ADDRESS

Hon Nathan Guy, Minister for Primary Industries

Thank you and farewell

Julian Raine, Horticulture New Zealand Inc

1:00pm LUNCH AND FINISH



**DRAFT Minutes of the 2015 Tomatoes New Zealand Annual General Meeting
Held 10.30am, Tuesday 28th July, at the Energy Events Centre, Queens Drive
Rotorua**

Chairman Alasdair MacLeod presided over the 16 members and 15 guests.

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all those present and thanked AGMARDT, the sponsor of the day's international speaker (Ines van Marrewijk, Groen AgroControl, Netherlands).

General Business

No items of general business were raised.

Apologies & obituaries

Apologies were received from Bert van Geffen and Roelf Schreuder

It was resolved to accept the apologies

Anthony Tringham/Ben Smith

An obituary for Jeff van Rijen was acknowledged. A few moments silence was observed.

Proxies

Proxies were received from Hayden Armstrong, Fairfield Estate Ltd; and Roelf Schreuder, Gourmet Mokai Ltd.

These were held by the Matt Thompson of Grant Thornton representative (returning officers) who was present at the meeting, on behalf of the chairman, as the remit vote was to be secret.

Voting forms for the two remits (discussed later in the meeting) were handed out to all the members present.

Procedural motions

1. That growers have speaking rights.
2. That speaking rights be granted to guests with the prior consent of the chair.
3. That 3 minutes and 2 minutes be allowed for movers and seconders respectively and 2 minutes for other speakers.

It was resolved that the procedural motions be adopted.

Alasdair MacLeod/Lex Dillon



Minutes of 2013 AGM

These had been circulated, pages 4 – 9 of the meeting papers.

It was resolved that the minutes of the AGM and Conference of TomatoesNZ, held in the Viaducts Event Centre, Auckland 24th June 2014 be taken as read and as a true and correct record.

Simon Watson/Richard Cameron

Matters Arising

Arising from the 2014 AGM (page 9 of the meeting papers):

- 1. Investigate legal avenues about importers and wholesalers being required to communicate the need for signage.**

The process clarified with MPI. A warning letter is sent explaining that failure to comply with the labelling requirements is an offence. If incorrect labelling continues they may get a visit from MPI, and notify the commerce commission as it is a breach of the Fair Trading Act.

- 2. Investigate the option of TomatoesNZ producing and providing signage for retailers to use to label Australian irradiated tomatoes.**

Information packs with labelling requirements and laminated signs distributed via wholesalers soon after the AGM in June. Wholesalers asked to distribute to their customers. Most retailers were happy to take the packs although some retailers said that they would not be labelling their Australian tomatoes as irradiated.

- 3. Investigate capturing who is importing Australian tomatoes so growers can decide who they want to support.**

Checking with customs if can get that info

A member from Auckland reported that at the Otara and other markets there are still Australian tomatoes not being labelled.

The Chair talked about the results of a consumers survey carried out by TomatoesNZ early in 2015, showing that an overwhelming number wanted labelling.

Chairman's Address 2015

I would like to talk about the things that have kept the board occupied during the year.

Irradiated product was a recurring theme on the agenda. We put more focus on being prepared for the arrival irradiated tomatoes compared to previously, hence the surveys; through unfortunately we have struggled with press traction on those. However we will keep pursuing and look for alternative ways to get the message across to consumers making informative choices about what they choose to eat.

Another issue that surprisingly came onto the agenda was biocontrol agents. We spent large amounts of effort and money on trying to get *Macrolophus*, which was a big fail, and a deeply wounding process. However, it has become clear that with whitefly reaching plague proportions, we will need to gird our loins and have another go at the EPA process. I have spoken to people at MPI and told them about our experience with *Macrolophus*. Their advice was that we needed to build a bigger support base across government to have a better chance of success. It will require asking some of the bigger tomato organisations to help financially and support this. It is something they are already thinking about, and will require time and effort.

In research, the biggest funding commitment was investing in “Fresher by Sea”, which is a priority for growing the sector. The initial work done by Plant and Food was an excellent piece of work, and showed a potential to reach more distant markets.

The incorporated society set-up has taken up a bit of the board's effort. We had overwhelming support for signing GIA. We tried different avenues to avoid Incorporation in order to sign, however in the end we needed to go through the process. I am against anything that leads to greater fragmentation of the sector, as fully supports HortNZ and think they do a great job and I want to preserve the relationship with HortNZ. We will have to run with two organisations until the next levy round. This is sub-optimal, but is a fact of life. For some time we thought that we may be able to avoid it, but on good legal advice found that we needed to go ahead.

My final comment is to acknowledge the input of the board. You are all aware we have a widely disparate board. And there have in the past been concerns about differences between big and small and even among the large. But all the members leave their hats at the door and your board serves you very well, and I am enormously grateful to have them. I also want to specifically acknowledge the huge contribution that Frank van Rijen has made to the board and in the role of vice chair.

2014/15 Accounts

The Annual accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting, in the conference papers.

It was resolved to adopt the TomatoesNZ annual accounts for the year ended 31 March.

Anthony Tringham/Lex Dillon



Budget for 2014/15

The business manager presented the key points of the TomatoesNZ budget for 2015-16 (circulated in the meeting papers, pages 19-20) including explaining that an accounting error had recently been discovered, whereby HortNZ had failed to transfer the full amount of the Fresh Tomatoes levy to TomatoesNZ over a period of two financial years, which resulted in TomatoesNZ receiving a lump-sum payment of those underpaid levies of \$54,600 in June 2015.

It was resolved to adopt the 2015/16 budget

Simon Watson/Tony Norton

Remits

The two remits from the TomatoesNZ Board have been circulated to members in the meeting papers (Page 21).

The voting and proxy forms ask members to provide a figure for the value of their production, so when we can demonstrate both a percentage of industry for/against the remits both by number and industry value.

Remit 1

That a new organisation, to be called “Tomatoes New Zealand Incorporated” be formed under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908, to represent the interests of all tomato growers, and that the form of Constitution and Rules presented to the meeting be adopted as the Constitution and Rules of such organisation.

Anthony Tringham / Frank van Rijen

Notes: The formation of Tomatoes New Zealand Incorporated was agreed at the 2014 Annual General Meeting. This remit seeks to adopt the Constitution and Rules of the new Incorporated Society.

A copy of the proposed Constitution and Rules was circulated with the Annual General Meeting papers, and are available on www.tomatoesnz.co.nz or by contacting TomatoesNZ.

The Chairman invited discussion on this remit. There was no discussion.

Remit 2

The current Tomatoes New Zealand Chairman and Directors be appointed as the initial Chairman and Directors of Tomatoes New Zealand Incorporated, in each case to hold office as set out in the Constitution and Rules.

Anthony Tringham / Frank van Rijen

The Chairman invited discussion on this remit. There was no discussion.

The returning offices collected the voting papers. The results would be declared later in the meeting.

The business manager requested that ALL fresh tomato growers present complete the Incorporated Society Application Form (15 required to completed the registration of the society), as well as Membership Application Form, should the remits be approved. Forms were handed to members, and the Incorporated Society Application Form was completed.

Meeting Fees

It was presented that the half-day fees rate of \$200 for the committee members be rolled over. Alasdair commented that you get extremely good value for money

Committee elections

There were three vacancies on the board. The following 3 members were nominated and deemed elected without a vote required:

- Anthony Tringham, Auckland, (retired by rotation)
- Edward Lee, Auckland, new member
- Simon Watson, Auckland, new member

The Chair offered congratulations and welcomed the new committee members.

Hayden Armstrong of Levin, and Frank van Rijen, of Hamilton, retired from the committee.

- Frank joined the Tomato Product Group in 2006, and
- Became Vice-Chair AND the VR&I board representative in 2009.
- Is going to continue to work part-time in the industry (consulting to T&G's) when business sale goes through

The Chair acknowledged Hayden Armstrong, was on the board for a short time but made a huge contribution, picking up the strategy and driving it through to completion. Unfortunately he had to step down due to other commitments.

Alasdair MacLeod's tenure as Independent Chair continues, and an annual review will be conducted in the next few weeks.

Results of Remit vote

The returning officer announced that both remits **passed**:

Remit one: 17 votes for and 1 abstained.

Remit two: 18 votes for, none against or abstained.

The results represented 94 % of voters in favour of the resolution to set up the society and adopt the proposed rules, and 100% approving the chair and directors' appointment. The votes cast accounted for \$81m or 80% of the sector by value, and the total number of voters was 18.



General Business

Graeme Fair, member of TomatoesNZ, raised some concerns with the wording of the TomatoesNZ Constitution and Rules, particularly clause 4.7 as he felt this was discrimination.

The Business Manager explained that this was a clause recommended by the lawyer, and she expected that it was fairly standard.

Alasdair proposed that since the vote was already completed, that we live with the rules as they are for a year and make any changes necessary next AGM. Members to send in any comments for the board to discuss.

The meeting closed at 11:30am

Dated this.....day of.....2016

Chairman
Tomatoes New Zealand



Tomatoes New Zealand Annual Report, 2015-16

The role of TomatoesNZ is to identify industry wide issues and initiatives that can be dealt with on a whole of industry level in order to facilitate achievement of the industry vision. To do this, we have to focus on initiatives that improve the returns to growers, whether that is fighting for better ways to control pests, better access to overseas markets or better technology to optimise the quality of tomatoes when they arrive at the final point of sale. Outlined below are the activities that have been carried out on your behalf over the last year.

Finances

TomatoesNZ recorded a surplus of \$35,161 at the year-end 31 March 2016, against a budgeted deficit of \$78,852

This was a result of levy take of \$414,203 being 18%, or \$64,203 up on budget levy income for the year. In addition, \$54,622 was reimbursed by HortNZ for levies under-allocated from the prior two years. An AGMARDT grant for \$20,000 that was expected for the wastewater project, was deferred to 2016/17.

The increased levy take indicates an industry value at first point of sale of \$118m for 2015-16; up \$20m on 2014-15, and the highest ever value on record.

Expenditure on R&D came in below budget, as some provisioned projects in the GIA/biosecurity and market access area did not occur. Conference and board meeting, and office and communications costs also all came in below budget.

The reserves at the end of 2015-16 are \$599,942

Research and development

In 2015-16 TomatoesNZ invested 44% of total expenditure in research and development.

We continued to:

- Engage consultants Market Access Solutionz to assist with biosecurity, market access and agrichemical access work;
- To participate in the Vegetable Research and Innovation Board;
- Conduct joint projects with the Vegetables New Zealand Covered Crops sector;
- And lead advocacy and new initiatives in areas of particular concern to fresh tomato growers.

Export Market Access

Fresh tomato exports were up this financial year - \$10.17m, compared to \$8.06m last year and a peak value of \$14.51m in 2011.



Growing exports (and thus moving volumes of product off-shore during the peak season) is the key to growing the sector's value. TomatoesNZ, with the assistance of Market Access Solutionz Ltd, is continually working on making sure that fresh tomato exporters can maintain and grow access to Asian markets in particular.

This season we have worked with exporters and MPI on implementing market access requirements for Thailand; ensuring export systems will meet new market requirements for Japan; and discussing potential access to Vietnam.

Fresh NZ tomatoes do not currently have access to China or Korea. MPI, through the Plants Market Access Council recently "upped the stakes" for sectors that want them to negotiate access to "new" markets. Market access requests will now be prioritised according to a list of criteria, instead of on a "first in first served" basis. We submitted requests to prioritise fresh tomato access for China and Korea, including commissioning an independent assessment of the market potential in China. TomatoesNZ funded a preliminary market assessment for China to assist with this. We are waiting to hear the outcome of the prioritisation process.

TomatoesNZ, represented by Stephen Ogden of Market Access Solutionz, has a seat at the Plants Markets Access Council (PMAC), and provides feedback through that forum into PMAC and MPI funded market access projects such as the Fruit Fly Market Access Contingency project, and addressing changes by Australia to inspection protocols.

Biosecurity

On the 14th of March 2014 TomatoesNZ submitted an application to sign the Government Industry Agreement on biosecurity Readiness and Response. This is being assessed by MPI and will shortly go to the Minister for approval.

We have been involved in the development of the fruit Fly Operational Agreement, with Market Access Solutionz's Gisele Irvine representing TNZ on the Fruit Fly Council. The operational agreement has been finalised, and once our Deed application is accepted and signed off, TNZ will be consulting with growers on becoming a signatory to the Operational Agreement.

In preparation for signing the GIA deed, TomatoesNZ have been investing the development of a "Tomato Biosecurity Management Plan", which will be made available to growers.

Stephen Ogden of Market Access Solutions continues to represent TNZ on MPI's Fresh Produce Advisory Committee (FreshPAC), which keeps us up to date on what is happening in the MPI plant imports environment (i.e. import health standards and quarantine changes).

Enhancing sustainability

A number of current projects fall under this TomatoesNZ strategy plank.

Tamarixia

Access to biological pest controls took a step forward with the approval by the Environmental Protection Authority (in June 2016) for industry to import for release the Tomato Potato Psyllid biocontrol agent *Tamarixia Trioaze*.

The application, made by Horticulture New Zealand's Vegetable and Research Innovation Board on behalf of industry groups including Potatoes New Zealand, Tomatoes NZ, Vegetables New Zealand, the NZ Tamarillo Growers Association and Heinz-Watties NZ Ltd., was several years in the development.

The success of this application paves the way for future applications. We have developed a considerable understanding of how the EPA application process works, and what is needed to get across the line.

A sustainable Farming Fund project starting in 2016 will carry out a programme of release and monitoring into outdoor horticultural environments, although tomato growers will also be able to import and release the parasitoid themselves.

Wastewater discharge

TomatoesNZ in conjunction with Vegetables NZ Inc. and AGMARDT co-funded a project that provides a technical resource for growers managing nutrient discharge, and demonstrates to regional councils that greenhouse growers have robust technical data to support their nutrient discharge practices. A check sheet and decision chart has been developed for growers to assess whether they meet council requirements, along with a template document for growers needing to apply for a discharge consent.

Addressing whitefly control issues

In February 2016 TNZ hosted a workshop consisting of industry researchers, consultants and growers to discuss the issue of increasing issue of whitefly control.

Four priority projects were identified:

1. Develop a resistance management strategy.
2. Register new agrichemicals
3. Build a community of interest with other crops
4. Hunt for *Macrolophus*

The first two will be addressed as part of a multi-crop Primary Growth Partnership project that is being led by the VR&I board. That project will seek access to sustainable pest control options and resistance management strategies.

Market Access Solutionz have worked with TNZ to develop a "top 5" list of agrichemicals, which are being investigated for feasibility of registration in NZ.

A project is being developed to implement a bioassay (in-field test) for growers to assess the susceptibility of insects to agrichemicals. AGMARDT funding is being sought for this joint project with Vegetables NZ and South Auckland potato industry stakeholders.

Options for a "hunt for *Macrolophus*" are being investigated.

Fresher by Sea research project

This project which commenced in 2014 with a comprehensive literature review of storing tomatoes and capsicums, moved on to testing out technologies and protocols for extending the freight life of the types of tomatoes that our growers export. A final report for this project is due in late 2016.

VR&I Board

TNZ contributes to the management and administration costs of this cross-vegetable sector research group, and TNZ board member Anthony Tringham represents us on the board. TNZ is or has been involved in several projects that are managed by VR&I:

- Monitoring biosecurity risks
- Tamarix application to the EPA and SFF project
- Agrichemical strategy working group - Ben Smith (T&G's) providing technical input for the tomato industry.

NZGAP

As a founding member of NZGAP, TomatoesNZ board member Malcolm Pook continued to sit on the board of NZGAP during 2015-16.

Advocacy

TomatoesNZ contributed to a number of industry issues and submissions this year, including significant input into HortNZ's submissions on the Emissions Trading Scheme review in early 2016.

We advocated on other issues including changes to import requirements for palletised seed (as a result of the velvetleaf in fodder beet weed incursion); and commented on MPI's "Information requirements for registration of a microbial organism used as an agricultural chemical" document; and a FSANZ review on the need to label irradiated foods.

Promotion and PR

In 2015-16, 10% of expenditure was spent on promotion activities, including:

- Participation in the joint vegetable product groups promotional activities under Vegetables.co.nz
- Membership of United Fresh
- Maintaining the TomatoesNZ.co.nz website
- Public relations – work promoting the labelling requirements for irradiated foods
- Participation in the Asia Fruit Logistica expo, Hong Kong

Irradiated food - labelling review and promotion of labelling requirements

In late 2015 we met with Food Standards Australia New Zealand to discuss our views on the labelling review, and in January we made a submission to the Food Standards Australia New Zealand review of the mandatory labelling of irradiated food. FSANZ will report back on the review to the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation late this year and may or may not publish the review report. So it will probably not be until 2017 that we hear the outcome of the review.

Just prior to the tomato import season (winter) we published the results of a consumer survey carried out on consumer attitudes to labelling irradiated food, which overwhelmingly showed that consumers wanted labelling. We also published findings of a survey of independent retail outlets that showed that many did not understand the labelling requirements.

We published advertisements and articles in magazines targeted at retailers and the food service sector, reminding sellers of the labelling requirements.



Asia fruit Logistica

Tomatoes New Zealand exhibited for the first time as part of the New Zealand Pavilion at Asiafruit Logistica, Hong Kong, Wed - Fri, 2-4 September 2015.

The expo was excellent exposure for New Zealand Tomatoes in a market that is lucrative, rapidly growing and is accessible to NZ. Over 30 contacts with traders (importers and exporters) were made at last year's show, and we hope to repeat or better that this year.

TomatoesNZ and NZ Hothouse will again support a stand at the expo in 2016. NZ Hothouse will send three people up to Hong Kong and taking samples of premium NZ tomatoes with them; while TNZ is paying for the stand which will be within the New Zealand Exhibit.

Young Vegetable Grower of the Year

TomatoesNZ supported this event by sponsoring a table at the YVGOTY dinner in Christchurch in April.

Product Group administration and management

Meetings and travel

The TomatoesNZ board including six elected members, two co-opted members and two observers meets three times per year, usually in February, May and October.

We are fortunate to have an engaged and diverse board who are passionate about contributing to the sector, and who come to meetings well prepared and ready to contribute. I want to acknowledge their contribution throughout the year – they serve the industry well.

Chris Sinnott, who attended meetings as an observer on behalf of other covered crops, has retired and has been replaced by Leanne Roberts. Stefan Vogrincic has stepped down in 2016, leaving a vacancy that will be filled by Hayden Armstrong who will return to the board after a year's absence.

Grower magazine

This continues to be the main communications vehicles with growers and industry stakeholders.

TomatoesNZ contributes \$13,000 per year to the cost of running the magazine, and provides a monthly column plus articles of interest to tomato growers. Surveys have shown that growers value the magazine as one of the key ways of staying informed.

Personnel

As chairman, I have almost completed four years with TomatoesNZ. I have agreed to stay on for two more years, by which stage I will have completed three two-year terms and it will be time for some fresh blood to take Tomatoes NZ (Inc) to the next stage of industry growth.

Helen Barnes, part-time Business Manager for TomatoesNZ, returned from maternity leave in June 2015 and has driven initiatives with passion and commitment throughout the year. Lynda Banks, Business Co-ordinator, continues to support the product group management and administration (and her work is very much appreciated). We are well served by our staff, and we should be grateful for the amount of work that they do in the limited time that they have. The HortNZ finance team administer the accounts and coordinate the levy collection.

Helen and I participate in a number of industry-wide forums, particularly HortNZ's three Horticulture Industry Forums per year; the Vegetable Research and Innovation Board Industry Forum; and the Vegetable Chair's Forum. For the 2015 calendar year I chaired the Vegetable Chair's Forum and Helen provided the management/administration of the group.

Helen also works closely with VegetablesNZ on several research projects and the annual conference.

Move to a new structure

From 1 April 2016, all operations of Tomatoes New Zealand transferred to the Incorporated Society, TomatoesNZ Incorporated. Horticulture New Zealand will continue to collect the levy on fresh tomato sales on TomatoesNZ Inc.'s behalf until we seek a new levy order for 2019.

TomatoesNZ has signed a services contract with HortNZ, which will see HortNZ continue to provide the product group management, finance and administration services.

The move to an incorporated society has resulted in some additional costs. TomatoesNZ Inc. will be required to fund a separate annual audit, whereas before this was covered under HortNZ's audit. There is also a small additional office admin cost, due to implementing a new accounting system separate to HortNZ's (shown in the budget as office admin, \$600).

Alasdair MacLeod
Chairman, TomatoesNZ



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To the Members of Tomatoes New Zealand Product Group of Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated

We have audited the special purpose summary financial statements of Horticulture New Zealand Incorporated ('HNZI') for which Tomatoes New Zealand Product Group is a component of. The extracted Summary financial statements of Tomatoes New Zealand Product Group comprise a summary statement of financial performance, a summary financial statement of movement in equity and related notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

They have been derived from audited financial statements of HNZI for the year ended 31 March 2016. We expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 14 July 2016. Those financial statements and these special purpose financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

These special purpose summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required for full financial statements under generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading these special purpose summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of HNZI.

The Product Group Committees Responsibilities for the Special Purpose Summary Financial Statements

The Product Group Committees are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these special purpose summary financial statements. While the recognition and measurement requirements of generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand have been observed, these special purpose summary financial statements were not intended, and therefore have not been prepared in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements. In addition, the Product Group Committees are responsible for putting in place the internal controls necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose summary financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the special purpose summary financial statements. Our work was conducted in accordance with two International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand), namely ISA (NZ) 805 Special Considerations – Audits of Single Financial Statements and Specific Elements, Accounts or Items of a Financial Statement and ISA (NZ) 810 Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements. Both standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose summary financial statements are free from material misstatement.

We were specifically instructed not to assess, and therefore have not reported on compliance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements because these are special purpose summary financial statements.

Our firm carries out other assignments for HNZI in the area of special purpose financial statement transition support. The firm has no other interest in the HNZI.

Opinion

In our opinion, the special purpose summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of HNZI for the year ended 31 March 2016 on pages 1 to 3 are consistent, in all material respects, with the financial performance and statement of changes of equity of HNZI for the year then ended.



Grant Thornton New Zealand Audit Partnership
Wellington New Zealand
14 July 2016

HORTICULTURE NEW ZEALAND INC

TOMATOES - SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

	Notes	2016 \$	2015 \$
INCOME			
Interest	2	19,119	13,651
Levy Product Group		187,681	124,160
Levy Promotion		187,681	62,080
Levy Research & Development		93,463	124,160
TOTAL INCOME		487,944	324,051
EXPENDITURE			
Research & Development			
Vapormate		-	10,722
Seminars		450	5,464
R & I Board Research		10,480	9,484
R & I Manager		16,051	21,482
Research Projects		156,770	88,257
Total Research & Development		183,751	135,409
Meetings & Travel			
Conference Expenses		16,809	11,639
Travel & Fees		22,118	32,638
Total Meetings & Travel		38,927	44,277
Office & Communications			
Capitation		3,649	3,535
Chairman Fees		35,089	35,004
Grower Magazine Support		12,996	12,996
Legal Expenses		2,773	3,026
Office Overheads & General Expenses		27,126	27,543
Photocopying		3,928	1,866
Postage, Printing & Stationery		1,328	1,815
Salaries		90,379	76,848
Telephone & Tolls		1,123	903
Total Office & Communications		178,391	163,536
Promotion			
Vegetables.co.nz		20,002	20,000
Tomatoes NZ		3,000	3,000
Website		1,786	16,961
Public Relations		14,094	10,531
Asia Fruit Logistica		11,232	-
YGOTY Sponsorship		1,600	-
Total Promotion		51,714	50,492
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3	452,783	393,714
DEFICIT TO BE TRANSFERRED		35,161	(69,663)
Transfer to Research & Development Reserve		(90,288)	(11,249)
Transfer to Promotion Reserve		135,967	11,588
Transfer to General Reserve		(10,518)	(70,002)
		\$35,161	(\$69,663)

This statement to be read in conjunction with the Notes to the Financial Statements.

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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

	2016 \$	2015 \$
General Reserve		
Opening Balance	228,199	298,201
Transfer of Net Surplus/(Loss)	(10,518)	(70,002)
Closing Balance	<u>217,681</u>	<u>228,199</u>
Tomato Promotion Reserve		
Opening Balance	223,577	211,989
Transfer of Net Surplus/(Loss)	135,967	11,588
Closing Balance	<u>359,544</u>	<u>223,577</u>
Research & Development Reserve		
Opening Balance	113,005	124,254
Transfer of Net Surplus/(Loss)	(90,288)	(11,249)
Closing Balance	<u>22,717</u>	<u>113,005</u>
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
General Reserve	217,681	228,199
Tomato Promotion Reserve	359,544	223,577
Research & Development Reserve	22,717	113,005
Closing Balance Accumulated Funds	<u>599,942</u>	<u>564,781</u>

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NOTES TO THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

1 Basis of Preparation

The Tomatoes product group special purpose summary financial statements comprising the statement of financial performance, statement of movements in equity and summary notes to the financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements for the reporting entity, Horticulture New Zealand Inc, registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The full financial statements for Horticulture New Zealand Inc. have been prepared in accordance with the Special Purpose Framework for use by For-Profit Entities published by the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand ("CAANZ").

These summary financial statements reflect the activities of the tomatoes product group only. The full financial statements are available on request and can be obtained from the Horticulture New Zealand Inc office's.

The full financial statements approved on 12 July 2016 have been subject to audit and an unqualified audit report has been issued.

2 Allocation of Interest

Interest income, less the associated provision for taxation is allocated to each sector within Horticulture New Zealand Inc, based on their average proprietorship over the year to 31 March 2016

3 Reconciliation of Tomatoes NZ Expenditure to totals in Horticulture New Zealand Financial Statements for year ending 31 March

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Total Expenditure as above	452,783	393,714
Deduct funding distributed to Vegetables.co.nz	(20,002)	(20,000)
Deduct funding to Grower Magazine	(12,996)	(12,996)
Deduct funds distributed to Vegetable Research & Innovation Board	(26,531)	(30,966)
Expenditure per the Horticulture New Zealand Inc audited accounts	393,254	329,752

4 Reserves

Tomatoes NZ have set a minimum reserve of \$400,000.

Tomatoes New Zealand Incorporated Budget for 2016/17			
Description	2015/16 Budget ⁽³⁾	2015/16 YE Actual (Draft) ⁽²⁾	2016/17 Draft Budget ⁽¹⁾
Income			
Levy - General	140,000	187,681	154,000
Levy - Research & Development	140,000	187,681	154,000
Levy - Promotion	70,000	93,463	77,000
Interest	15,000	19,119	15,000
Grant - AGMARDT ⁽⁴⁾	20,000	0	25,000
Total Income	385,000	487,944	425,000
Expenditure			
Research & Development			
Market Access - Other	4,700	10,633	3,500
Market Access - Aust Comp Programme			2,000
Government Industry Agreements GIA ⁽⁵⁾	22,800	12,858	23,400
GIA - Fruit Fly			23,000
Import Biosecurity & Fresh PAC	8,700	2,900	8,800
Technical Advice (MAS)	6,720	4,022	7,200
PMAC	5,027	5,527	5,577
Food safety - regulatory issues			3,000
BCA Project ⁽⁶⁾	7,000	5,495	3,600
TNZ Strategy ⁽⁷⁾			27,500
Information Sharing		93	
Best Practice (Wastewater project)	47,000	45,583	0
Market Monitoring		1,379	1,400
EPA & Agchem reviews	20,000	11,285	10,000
New Agchems - Trials & Registrations			25,000
Seafreight project	40,000	40,000	20,000
Pest Control	14,500	16,991	20,000
R & I Manager	20,905	16,051	16,000
R & I Board - Research	9,500	10,480	13,707
Seminars - Technology Transfer		450	
ETS - Emissions Trading Scheme			500
Total Research & Development	206,852	183,751	213,684
Meetings & Travel			
Conference Delegates Travel & Accom ⁽⁸⁾	22,000	12,430	46,000
Conference Speaker Expenses		4,379	9,200
Travel & Accom	21,000	17,318	23,000
Daily Fees	10,000	4,800	10,000
Total Meetings & Travel	53,000	38,927	88,200
Office & Communications			
Postages	1,500	1,148	1,500
Grower Magazine Support	13,000	12,996	13,000
Print & Stat(Ex Xerox)	1,000	180	1,000
Photocopying	1,000	3,928	3,000
Telephone & Tolls	1,000	1,123	1,000
General/Training	2,000		1,500
Salaries & Wages	72,000	90,379	91,000
Chairman Fees	35,000	35,089	35,000
Annual audit			3,000
Legal Expenses	5,000	2,773	3,000
Office Overheads	27,000	27,126	27,000
Office Admin			600
District Association Grants	5,000	3,649	3,500
Total Office & Communications	163,500	178,391	184,100
Promotion			
Promotion (United Fresh membership)	3,000	3,000	3,000
Vegetables.co.nz	20,000	20,002	20,000
Website	400	1,786	1,500
Public Relations	12,000	14,094	10,000
Young Vegetable Grower of the Year Sponsorship	1,600	1,600	1,400
Asiafruit Logistica	12,500	11,232	14,000
Total Promotion	49,500	51,714	49,900
Total Expenses	472,852	452,783	535,884
Surplus Or Deficit	- 78,852	35,161	-110,884

Notes on 2016/17 Budget

1. 2016/17 Budgeted levy income based on \$110m industry value and levy rate of 0.35%
2. Levy income for 2015/16 includes underpaid levy from 2013-15 of \$54,622. Industry value 2015/16: \$118.3m
3. 2015/16 levy budget was based on industry value of \$100m and levy rate of 0.35%
4. Conference support grant, plus wastewater project grant (\$20,000 carried over from 2015/16)
5. Meeting minimum commitments
6. Tamarixia
7. Proposed NZIER economic assessment of industry
8. Conference expense for 2015/16 had AGMARDT grant of \$5,500 deducted

Reserves

	1 April 2015 Actual	1 April 2016 Actual	1 April 2017 Budget
General	228,119	217,681	99,381
R&D	113,005	22,717	-36,967
Promotion	223,577	359,544	386,644
Total	\$564,701	\$599,942	\$489,058

Potential reserves at end of 2016/17



2016 TomatoesNZ and TomatoesNZ Incorporated

Combined AGM Notices of Motion

The following motions will be considered at the Tomatoes New Zealand (Product Group of HortNZ) and Tomatoes New Zealand Incorporated combined AGM, held at the Rutherford Hotel, Nelson on Wednesday 3rd August 2016.

Motion 1 – TomatoesNZ (Product Group)

That the minutes of the AGM of TomatoesNZ, held 28 July 2015, be taken as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Proposed by the TNZ Board

Explanatory note

The minutes are included with the 2016 TNZ Annual Report, posted to all members and available at www.tomatoesnz.co.nz

Motion 2 – TomatoesNZ (Product Group)

That the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 be approved.

Proposed by the TNZ Board

Explanatory note

The audited financial statements are included with the 2016 TNZ Annual Report, posted to all members and available for download at www.tomatoesnz.co.nz

Motion 3 – TomatoesNZ Inc.

Approve the TomatoesNZ Incorporated budget for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Proposed by the TNZ Inc. Board

Explanatory note

The Tomatoes NZ Inc. budget is included with the 2016 TNZ Annual Report, posted to all members and available for download at www.tomatoesnz.co.nz

Motion 4 – Tomatoes NZ Inc.

That the levy rate for Fresh Tomatoes for the coming levy year remain at 0.35% at the first point of sale for domestic sales and Free on Board for exports.

Proposed by the TNZ Inc. Board

Explanatory note

This represents no change to the current levy rate. The levy on NZ fresh tomato sales is set under the Commodity Levies Act 1990 - Commodity Levies (Vegetables and Fruit) Order 2013. Legal advice has been received that best practise is to re-confirm the levy rate at each AGM.



Motion 5 – TomatoesNZ Inc.

Confirm that there is currently no subscription membership rate.

Proposed by the TNZ Inc. Board

Explanatory note

The rules of TomatoesNZ Inc. provide for a subscription membership rate to be set. Currently there is no subscription membership option.

Motion 6 – TomatoesNZ Inc.




That either Grant Thornton Wellington, PricewaterhouseCoopers New Zealand or BDO Spicers, be appointed auditors for the financial year ended 31 March 2017.

Proposed by the TNZ Inc. Board

Explanatory note

The 2017 audit contract is currently being tendered. The winning bidder will be identified at conference.

Speaker Profiles

<p>Mike Bledsoe <i>VIP Village Farms International, USA</i></p>		<p>Dr. Bledsoe's background includes an under graduate degree from Florida Institute of Technology with him receiving his Masters and PH.D. from University of Florida in Entomology. He spent 22 years at Valent USA, in Research and Development, creating new products for Agriculture. While at Valent USA he established it Good Laboratory Programs (GLP) and established it GLP Department. He also started and managed, Program Management team, and their Worker Safety and Environmental Programs.</p> <p>He has been with Village Farms for 18 years and during this time he has had the opportunity to help change this industry. As of 2016 Mike is the Chair of the IR-4 commodity Liaison Committee (CLC) and a voting member of the IR-4 governing board. He worked with the IR-4 Program and USEPA to develop agricultural products that could be used by the Greenhouse vegetable industry in the US and with the PMRA in Canada for Canadian greenhouses. He built the first Food Safety team and program in the US for the Hydroponic Greenhouse Vegetable Industry. Recently he and his team have developed with TraQtion/NSF the first database to assist in managing the requirement of both Buyers and the FDA for its FSMA and FSVP.</p>
<p>Dr Erin O'Donoghue <i>Plant and Food Research, New Zealand</i></p>		<p>Dr Erin O'Donoghue is a postharvest scientist based at Plant & Food Research's Food Industry Science Centre in Palmerston North and leads the research component of the 'Fresher by Sea' programme, which is jointly funded by TomatoesNZ and Vegetables New Zealand Ltd. During her 33-year research career, she has worked as a scientist for MAFtech and Crop & Food Research. Her postharvest research interests include fruit, vegetables and flowers, with a particular emphasis on the way typical textures are established and change with ripening and senescence after harvesting. She has a BSc (Hons) in chemistry from Massey University and a PhD in postharvest biochemistry from the University of Florida.</p>
<p>Andrew Barber <i>Agrilink, New Zealand</i></p>		<p>Agrilink Director Andrew Barber has been involved in agricultural engineering consultancy for 20 years. A Winston Churchill Fellow, he has a BHort (tech) Hons from Massey University.</p> <p>Andrew has extensive experience in project managing complex multi-stakeholder projects. Among his successes is the Franklin Sustainability Project, which was launched in response to soil erosion. This initiative by outdoor vegetable growers encompassed a range of sustainability issues and achieved excellent results not the least of which were engaged growers driving and developing their own solutions, and a satisfied council and local community. The project also received an MfE Green Ribbon Award in 2000.</p>

Barry Soper

Master of Ceremonies



Barry is a New Zealand political journalist, and has been featured regularly on radio and television since the 1970s.

Currently, his main role is political editor at Newstalk ZB.

In 2001, Soper was named Individual Radio Journalist of the Year at the Radio Awards.

Based in Wellington, Barry is married to Heather Du Plessis-Allan, co-host of TV3's current affairs show Story.

William (Bill) Marler

Marler Clark

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bill Marler is the managing partner of Marler Clark, The Food Safety Law Firm. An accomplished attorney and expert in food safety, Bill has become the most prominent foodborne illness lawyer in the USA, and a major force in food policy. Marler Clark, The Food Safety Law Firm, has represented thousands of individuals in claims against food companies whose contaminated products have caused life-altering injury and even death.

Bill's advocacy for a safer food supply includes petitioning the United States Department of Agriculture to better regulate pathogenic E. coli, working with non-profit food safety and foodborne illness victims' organizations, and helping spur the passage of the 2010-2011 FDA Food Safety Modernization Act. His work has been recognised internationally, and had led to his being awarded the NSF Food Safety Leadership Award for Education, the Outstanding Lawyer Award by the King County Bar Association, and the Public Justice Award from the Washington State Trial Lawyers Association.

Prof. Salah Sukkarieh

Sydney University

ROBOTICS



Salah is the Professor of Robotics and Intelligent Systems at the University of Sydney, and the Director of Research and Innovation at the Australian Centre for Field Robotics. His research is in field robotic systems and has led a number of robotics and intelligent systems R&D projects in logistics, commercial aviation, aerospace, education, environment monitoring, agriculture and mining.

Steve Saunders

Robotics Plus



Steve Saunders is the founder and Managing Director of Tauranga Company Plus Group. Steve has over 30 years' experience and expertise in the New Zealand horticulture industry across the following disciplines: growing, management, financial management, innovation, new product to market, postharvest ownership, international experience in the export of horticultural products (including pollen and pollen application systems), project management and JV partnerships. As an active angel investor, Steve has been appointed director of numerous emerging start-ups and holds key board positions with Priority One, Enterprise Angels, WNT Ventures and Crown CRI Landcare Research. Steve is also the founder director for Newnham Park Innovation Centre, the home of many award-winning innovation-focused companies and WNT Ventures one of the three Callaghan awarded government, private sector Tech Incubators. Steve was one of the Plus Group companies Robotics Plus won a significant \$7.7 million dollar MBIE research grant for its work in Robotic Fruit harvesting and sensing technologies. Steve won the Westpac Chamber of commerce Business leadership Award in 2014.

Simon Morris

UAS Altus



Simon is the COO or General Manager. He also takes care of Business Development. He joined the Air Force straight out of school as a pilot. After a tenure here he went on to build his hours in the civilian flying world, sitting his Commercial Pilot's Licence. Along the way he got distracted and went to University and completed a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and Spanish. Simon also joined the Army partway through this process and diversified into the Geospatial and Intelligence arena. He served two tours in Afghanistan in support of Kiwi Special Forces and after 7 years in this role joined a forestry company. He has since built up over five years of UAV experience, focused on flying and photogrammetry.

Hamish Gates

A.S.Wilcox & Sons



Hamish achieved two Diplomas in Horticulture and a Bachelor of Horticultural Commerce in his five years studying at Lincoln University. Then, with only two years full time in the industry he won the New Zealand Young Grower of the Year in 2015.

Hamish has an interest in the application of drone technology in today's rapidly changing world. He aims to share the potential benefits of this new and developing technology, how it can improve growers operations and act as the next step in making the productivity and environmental goals of growers more easily realised.

Ian Proudfoot

KPMG



Ian joined KPMG London in 1992 having obtained a BSc in Industrial Economics from the University of Warwick. He joined KPMG Auckland in 1996 on secondment. Ian was appointed a Senior Manager in 2000 and admitted to partnership in 2004, after completing a yearlong secondment to Fonterra Co-operative Group as Group Reporting Manager. He is a Chartered Accountant and Registered Auditor.

Ian was appointed as Global Head of Agribusiness for KPMG in 2013. He is responsible for development of KPMG New Zealand's agribusiness sector focus group. Ian is the author of the KPMG Agribusiness Agenda series of thought leadership reports, which have been produced annually since 2010 which are described as the most comprehensive analysis of New Zealand's agri-food future.

Nick Pyke

FAR



Nick Pyke is the Chief Executive for the Foundation for Arable Research (FAR). Nick has been responsible for the successful operation of FAR since its formation in 1995. Nick is responsible for developing and managing FAR's strategic direction to ensure the outcomes from the investments in research and extension are delivering benefits to New Zealand arable farmers. Nick also serves on a number of boards, regional and national groups in the primary industry, particularly with regard to water, climate change, science and future opportunities for the arable industry.

Under Nick's direction FAR has developed to actively undertake research and extension on crops in New Zealand and Australia. FAR has successfully increased the research investment from approximately \$1 million of levy funds to \$5.5 million of levy and grant funds. The development in Australia has led to a range of Trans Tasman collaborative research and extension programs being developed and the establishment of FAR Australia in 2012.

Prior to his current position, Nick had been a Research Scientist for HortResearch, Agriculture Canada, MAF Technology and DSIR.

Greg Lauer

AgAlytics Australia



AgAlytics mission is to address one of the World's biggest challenges, feeding a growing global population sustainably.

We are developing a smartphone enabled reader for improved soil fertility management. A system for georeferenced soil sampling, and the accurate measurement of soil nutrients and pH.

Rapid and cost effective infield soil testing empower farmers to make informed, data driven, nutrient management decisions to achieve maximum crop yields, whilst minimising inputs and maintaining good soil health.

Greg has 20 years' experience in spatial and mobile technologies. An experienced entrepreneur Greg has successfully executed on previous startups, bringing technology to market.

Colin Brown

TracMap



A graduate of Lincoln University, Colin Brown spent a number of years farming in South Otago followed by 20 years as one of NZ's leading agricultural consultants, before founding TracMap in 2006.

TracMap is now the largest agricultural GPS business in New Zealand, with their systems used by the majority of fertiliser spreaders in NZ. In addition, the company has dealers in North America, Australia, and South Africa.

Nadia Lim

My Food Bag

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Nadia Lim is a New Zealand born chef, food writer, and entrepreneur, known worldwide as the 'Nude Cook' - an advocate of natural, unprocessed foods. She is also known for creating healthy, nutritious recipes by putting a health focus behind real food. A graduate of nutrition and dietetics from the University of Otago, she worked for several years as a clinical dietitian before becoming a household name by winning MasterChef New Zealand in 2011.

Lim is also a founder of My Food Bag, a New Zealand and Australian home delivery service that delivers fresh ingredients and recipes. Since its launch in 2013, My Food Bag has delivered over nine million meals, and currently makes over \$100m per annum.

Prof. Nigel French

NZ Food Safety Centre



Professor Nigel French is Professor of Food Safety and Veterinary Public Health at Massey University, as well as is Director of the Infectious Disease Research Centre at Massey, and Head of the Molecular Epidemiology and Public Health laboratory in the Hopkirk Research Institute.

Professor French specialises in research and training in molecular epidemiology, food safety, and the control of infectious diseases. He has led a number of inter-disciplinary research programmes combining microbiology, molecular biology and modelling in New Zealand and the UK, with more than 200 peer-reviewed papers many in the area of food safety and public health.

Scott Gallacher

MPI



Scott is responsible for all of the Ministry's regulatory activities and functions, spanning across the food safety, biosecurity and primary production systems (including fisheries management and animal welfare). Immediately prior to taking up his current role in August 2012, Scott oversaw the Ministry's strategy, planning, and (organisational) performance. Between July and November 2013, Scott was Acting Director-General of MPI.

Scott has also worked in the private sector in both New Zealand and Australia, as well as with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, including a 4-year stint in Geneva where he mainly worked on World Trade Organisation (WTO) issues, including China's accession to the WTO. He has extensive experience in regulatory and international trade matters and has served as an arbitrator on a number of WTO disputes.

Professor Emeritus

Ian Warrington

Massey University



Prof Ian Warrington is an Emeritus Professor at Massey University in Palmerston North, New Zealand. He has had a long and distinguished career in both government research institutes and in academia. He is best known for his research in environmental physiology where his studies included the responses of a wide range of horticultural, forestry, agronomic and botanical species to factors such as temperature, day length, light quality and light intensity. He was previously Chief Executive Officer of The Horticulture and Food Research Institute of New Zealand (1995-2002) and Deputy Vice Chancellor of Massey University (2002-2010).

Prof Warrington is a passionate advocate of the role of horticulture in our lives, our health and our well-being. He has served on the boards of professional societies in New Zealand and the USA as well as being the Vice-President of the International Society for Horticultural Science for 8 years. He was also Co-President of the International Horticultural Congress that was held in Brisbane, Australia in 2014.

Ryan Higgs

Onside



Ryan grew up on a small farm in the Waikato. After high school he attended Massey University where he completed a Bachelor of Applied Science with first class honours in Agriculture. Subsequently, he moved to the US and completed a Masters and Ph.D. in Animal Science at Cornell University in New York. On return to New Zealand, Ryan worked for Synlait farms, a corporate dairy farming business in Canterbury, as Innovation and System Development Manager. Ryan has held various other farming, innovation and research related roles in the agricultural sector. He currently leads OnSide, a startup focused on developing innovative ways to solve problems faced by farmers, using the latest technology.

Gary Jones

Pipfruit New Zealand Inc



GRASP stands for GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment Social Practices.

Gary is one of five producer members, who along with five retail members, make up the GLOBALG.A.P. GRASP Stakeholder Committee. GRASP is a GLOBALG.A.P.'s add-on and is fast becoming a prerequisite for exporting fresh fruit and vegetables to Europe.

The GLOBALG.A.P. Risk Assessment On Social Practice (GRASP) is a voluntary ready-to-use module designed to assess social practices on the farm. This GLOBALG.A.P.+ Add-On product addresses specific aspects of workers' health, safety and welfare and is designed to extend the social standards of your GLOBALG.A.P. Certification.

Hon Nathan Guy

*Minister for
Primary Industries*



Nathan Guy is the MP for Otaki and the Minister for Primary Industries and Minister of Racing.

In 2011 Nathan won the seat of Otaki with an increased majority and was appointed to Cabinet as the Minister of Immigration, Racing, Veterans' Affairs and Associate Minister of Primary Industries. In January 2013 he became the Minister of Primary Industries, and retained the Racing portfolio.

Before entering Parliament, Nathan was involved in farming and local government. He served for eight years on the Horowhenua District Council and managed the family dairy farm. In 2000 he was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship to study beef exports to the United States.