November update

Welcome to our November eNews update. Hello to our new members! This eNews is designed to inform and educate our Tasmanian hemp network. Please email us with any inclusions for next month.

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Red Agri is open to more contracts so please call:
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Please call ASAP as planting seed needs to be organised.

Hemp industry discussed at parliamentary inquiry on Australia's agriculture sector

*Article by Matt Maloney for The Examiner, 5 November 2019.*

*Pictured: Standing committee for Agriculture and Water Resources chair, Rick Wilson, with committee members Gavin Pearce and Brian Mitchell.*

Federal regulations on hemp production need to be relaxed for its lucrative benefits to be released, a federal parliamentary committee has been told.
An inquiry hearing was held in Devonport on Tuesday on a target to increase the value of the country's agricultural sector to $100 billion by 2030.

Hemp Association of Tasmania president Tim Schmidt said the Tasmanian industry had expanded at a rapid rate over the past two years.

He said 135 tonnes of product was produced over 2016-17, worth $500,000, and 1500 tonnes was produced last season, worth $6 million.

Despite the growth, Mr Schmidt said the industry faced a number of impediments such as police resistance, a lack of cohesive and co-ordinated funding for research and development, and a lack of community and political awareness over hemp's benefits.

He said the state's industry would benefit greatly if full utilisation of the hemp plant was permitted.

Mr Schmidt said cannabidiol (CBD), a compound that could be extracted from the plant to be used as an oil, was restricted in the country.

He said CBD was used for therapeutic purposes and was not to be confused with THC - the mind-altering element found in cannabis.

Mr Schmidt said the value of hemp per hectare would be increased to $50,000 if CBD production was allowed.

"We need changes to legislation to relax restrictions on industry so it can reach its full potential," he said.

Mr Schmidt said hemp plants grew quickly at 120 days between planting and harvesting which meant three crops could be grown in a year.

He said Tasmania was a good place to grow hemp due to its weather and proximity to the Asian market.

Mr Schmidt said growth in hemp food was estimated to increase by 24 per cent over three years.
Chemical permit scope clarified

We would like to bring to your attention the local versus national chemical permit scope available.

Midlands Seed chemical permit offers Tasmanian statewide scope, whereas Ecofibre’s chemical permit offers national scope. Hemp farmers, note if you intend to use a product under a permit, you are required to notify the permit holder of its use. Please see a copy of the Midlands Seed permit details linked below.

Non-Midlands growers, please use the Ecofibre permit.

HATas was remiss not thanking Ananda for their contribution to securing the national chemical permit for our industry, as circulated in our previous release. HATas apologise for not making this clear.
Woolworths taste for Tasmanian hemp

HATas is thrilled to share the news of Tasmanian hemp producers winning favour with Woolworths buyers over imported hemp products for consumer consideration on Woolworths grocery shelves nationwide.

Producers include Ananda Foods and ECS Botanics.

ECS Botanics' products will be sold in 850 Woolworths stores nationally (that's over 90% of Woolworths supermarket sites) by early next year. This could potentially see boosted sales of ECS Botanics' hemp oil, encouraging wider brand recognition and helping to educate consumers.
about the benefits of cannabis-derived consumable products. Importantly, the more hemp support Woolworths offers to local producers, the more Australian consumers will become comfortable with the products and consumption will build.

**So our hemp products are available in Woolworths! Now how do we encourage Australian consumers to try it?**

Ananda Foods have just started to supply Woolworths Macro brand hemp seed. Managing Director, Kieren Brown, spoke to the Newcastle Herald recently and suggested how you serve hemp seed is only limited by your imagination.

- Drizzle the oil straight over salads
- Mix in as an ingredient for a salad dressing
- Supplement the hemp protein powder with your regular whey powder and add it to drinks, such as smoothies and shakes
- Make bread, cakes and pasta using hemp flour
- Sprinkle the de-hulled hemp seeds over your cereal for breakfast in the morning.

"We've also partnered with chef Michael Moore, who is using it as an ingredient at his restaurant, O Bar & Dining, in Sydney."

Kieren Brown said chef Michael Moore believes hemp derived foods could be "...a game changer in the food industry. He caused a stir amongst Sydney diners this year, when he introduced hemp as a key ingredient in dishes such as grilled hemp seed flatbread, macadamia and hemp seed dip, and hemp pasta filled with cashew spinach and pistachio."

We congratulate Ananda and ECS Botanics with this major win for the Australian hemp industry.
TAP AgriCo production facility developments now underway

ECS Botanics Managing Director, Alex Keach, confirmed developments for a hemp production facility at TAP AgriCo, developed for Tasmanian hemp industry use, is now underway with its hemp dryer arriving on site last week.

ECS’s investment (as announced in our August eNews) into TAP AgriCo comes at a pivotal time in the growth of Tasmania’s hemp industry.

Key infrastructure for the facility development include a hemp seed dryer, storage and handling equipment which will enable the expansion of ECS cultivation along with other hemp producers in the state.

Hemp will be held in dedicated silos.
Your local list of hemp agronomists

We have collated a list below of hemp agronomists you can approach for your growing season. We are happy to expand this list if other reputable agronomy contacts come forward as the industry develops.

See attached: Your hemp agronomist help is linked here
13 Seeds aims to list on the Australian Stock Exchange

HATas Board Member, Terry Memory, and his Tasmanian family hemp business, 13 Seeds, aim to list their business on the ASX. We congratulate them on these preparations to date.

13 Seeds Limited (ASX: 13S) is an Australian hemp food and nutraceutical company established in 2016 and based in Tasmania. The Company was founded in 2016 and sources high-quality hemp seeds for processing by third parties and then distributes its products online (through its own website and other affiliate websites) and via its nationwide distribution partners.

The Company currently has 15 products in its gourmet food range and 10 products in its skin care range with their current focus on its food products and are able to leverage their access to a large percentage of non-major supermarkets, independent grocers, and health food stores across Australia.

13 Seeds has the regulatory approvals it requires to conduct all aspects of its current hemp food business in Australia and will continue to source and secure
a sustainable supply of high-quality hemp seeds direct from Tasmanian farms and seed companies.

For more information, visit their website and sign up as a subscriber!

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**Tim Schmidt flys Aussie flag in Canada**

Tim Schmidt addressed the Canadian Hemp Conference in Calgary a few days ago, offering a snapshot of the current challenges we face to exercise hemp's full potential here in Australia, and global markets. The conference is hosted annually by the Canadian Hemp Traders Alliance. Tim was welcomed as a special guest presenter to this event. We will offer a summary of learnings from the conference in next month's eNews.

A copy of Tim’s speech is available via the button below.

See attached: HATas President speech to Canadian Hemp Conference

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