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# KVH Snapshot

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## KVH AGM



KVH's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place at 9am, Wednesday 24 August 2022, at the Trustpower Arena in Mt Maunganui.

The meeting will include special guest speaker Ian Proudfoot, KPMG Global Head of Agribusiness. Ian will talk about the importance of biosecurity to industry leaders, and the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead for the sector, particularly following Covid-19.

[Read more here.](#)

## Nominations for KVH director



The KVH Board is calling for nominations for one grower director for a term of three years to the KVH Board as Dermott Malley's term as grower elected representative is ending. Dermott will be re-standing for this vacancy.

Nomination forms are available on the KVH website and must be returned to [info@kvh.org.nz](mailto:info@kvh.org.nz) along with a list of all interests in the kiwifruit industry by 5pm, Monday 4 July 2022.

[Read more here.](#)

## Biosecurity tops priority list again



Biosecurity has retained the number one ranking in KPMG's annual Agribusiness Agenda priorities survey for the 12th year in a row.

In fact, there is no change in the top three with signing high-quality trade agreements and delivering broadband equality to all, again taking the number two and three spots respectively.

[Read more here.](#)

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## Spot the Spotted Lanternfly

Like a stylish secret agent, the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) – one of Kiwifruit’s Most Unwanted - has a striking appearance, but it is shrouded in mystery.

A skilled team in the USA is using satellite technology to stay one step ahead of it and have been awarded nearly USD \$1million for a project to use satellite remote sensing to learn more about this mysterious pest and develop a model to predict its movements.

[Read more here.](#)

## Biosecurity Day coming soon

Save the date for the annual Kiwifruit Grower Biosecurity Day. This is a big event for the year, focusing on latest research and technology initiatives underway to protect the New Zealand kiwifruit industry from unwanted pests and diseases.

The day will include a virtual presentation from special guest Julie Urban, a renowned Spotted Lanternfly researcher from the USA.

[Read more here.](#)

## Reminder to remove unpicked fruit

Growers have been reminded that unpicked kiwifruit must be removed from vines by 1 July each year (which is very soon!).

This is because unpicked fruit can increase the amount of wild kiwifruit plants establishing in nearby areas of native bush or forestry.

[Read more here.](#)

## Psa status

In preparation for grafting season, KVH gets lots of queries around Psa status of orchards.

Plant material cannot be moved from a Psa positive to a Not Detected orchard. If a KPIN has not had a positive test result or KVH has not been contacted with confirmed Psa positive symptoms on the orchard, then that KPIN will be recorded as Not Detected in the KVH database.

[Read more here.](#)

## Remembering Mike Manning

The KVH team was very sad to hear of Mike Manning's passing, and our condolences go out to his family, friends, and peers.

Mike was an incredibly kind-hearted man who did so much for the industry over his lifetime. He and his team laid the basis for a lot of the work in the biosecurity space, even to this day.

In our early June Bulletin we mentioned our memories of Mike, as well as those kindly shared with us by his friends and colleagues at Plant & Food Research.

[Read more here.](#)

## AureoGold wins at world awards

The Annual World BioProtection Summit and Awards were held late May in the UK, to address the pressing need to develop alternatives to chemical crop protection in sustainable food production.

AureoGold was a winner on the night, taking away the 'industry collaboration' award, recognising the partnership between UPL, Plant & Food Research (PFR), Zespri, and KVH.

[Read more here.](#)

## Preparing for BMSB

KVH, Biosecurity New Zealand and other key industry players travelled to the Hawke's Bay in early June to take part in a stink bug incursion simulation.

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) exercise was a great face-to-face reunion for primary sector biosecurity managers based in growing regions across the country and provided an opportunity to collectively check current BMSB response plans through a full day simulation.

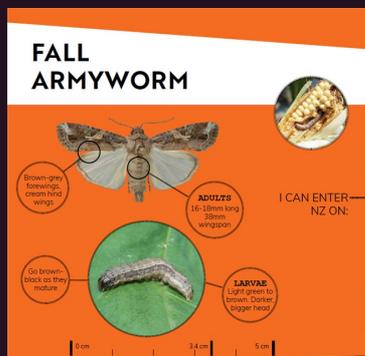
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## Connecting with Biosecurity New Zealand

KVH staff attended an event recently to learn more about latest work happening at the Bay of Plenty Biosecurity New Zealand office to keep the region safe from pests and diseases. This was an opportunity to find out about the wide range of work the large team do on a daily basis – from pre and post border protection through to biofouling.

[Read more here.](#)

## It's that time of year again



Believe it or not we're working on the always popular 'unwanted pest' calendar already. The calendar is produced by KVH every year as part of the Port of Tauranga Biosecurity Excellence initiative, where we work with the Port and local Biosecurity New Zealand office to consistently raise the bar for biosecurity awareness and behaviour for all those who work at or near the Port.

We'll keep you up to date via the Bulletin as to when you can order yours – be sure to get in quick!

## 2022 Biosecurity Excellence Symposium



Save the date for the fourth annual Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC) Excellence Symposium. This is a big event for the year, Tuesday 30 August, 8.30am - 4.30pm, at Trustpower Arena in Mount Maunganui.

The Symposium will include committed biosecurity doers and thinkers who are sparking action through technology, conservation, strategy, and collaboration across the country.

More information about the programme will be available soon.

## Good biosecurity for return to travel



The recent discoveries of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Indonesia, and the insect pest fall armyworm on a small number of properties in regions in the North Island are timely reminders about the importance of biosecurity readiness and response. As many of us reengage with the world via business and leisure there are individual actions we can take to further strengthen the layers of protection against a range of pests and diseases.

[Read more here.](#)

## Calling all biosecurity champions



Entries are now open for the 2022 New Zealand Biosecurity Awards. The Awards acknowledge businesses, organisations, community groups, kura/schools, individuals, and anyone contributing to biosecurity in Aotearoa. The kiwifruit industry has had a strong presence at the Awards in previous years - if you think you might have a nomination in mind, we're happy to help you with your entry.

[Read more here.](#)

## Grafting? Protect your investment



A reminder to all growers considering grafting this winter to protect their orchard investments by following biosecurity protocols. These apply whether grafting one plant, one hectare or a whole new development block.

[Read more here.](#)

## Controlling moth plant



KVH has received reports of moth plant in shelter belts around eastern Bay of Plenty and reminds growers of the needs to control this unwanted pest plant.

Moth plant is a poisonous South American vine, common in coastal areas of the upper North Island, and very invasive in orchard shelter belts or nearby weedy areas. It harbours passion vine hopper and slows shelter trimmers, so is very unwelcome in kiwifruit orchards.

[Read more here.](#)