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The Samurai Wasp, a biocontrol tool in the fight against BMSB

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Proposed changes to regional boundaries

A reminder that KVH is seeking views on proposed changes related to revoking and consolidating boundaries within Recovery regions in New Zealand kiwifruit growing regions.

KVH is consulting on removing within Recovery region boundaries to help remove these inequities in the short term. This will create one Recovery region, with separate geographic locations across the North Island. At the same time KVH is undertaking a review of the KPCS certification system, with a view to ensuring that robust risk management processes and traceability is occurring for all kiwifruit plant material movements.

Growers and industry are reminded to have a say on the proposed changes by midday Monday 2 July 2018. Read more [here](#).

AGM reminder

The KVH Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 9am on Thursday 26 July 2018, at the ASB Arena in Mount Maunganui. Growers will receive their AGM packs in the mail early in July.

This is a public meeting and anyone who is interested is most welcome to attend. The NZKGI and Zespri AGMs will follow immediately afterwards.

No stink bugs over winter

A new video about the social impacts of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) – especially on our homes - has been created to keep up the profile of this unwanted pest over the coming winter months.

The video is hosted by Ruud ‘the Bug Man’ Kleinpaste but unlike the summer video which focuses on orchards and gardens, this winter version has more information and imagery about the fact the bug infests homes, hibernates over winter and is almost impossible to get rid of.

Read more [here](#).

Remove flowering Pampas

There has been an increase in the numbers of pampas seed detected on fruit this packing season. Any seed attached to fruit is a reject factor and may cause market access issues if found within a shipment or container. All seed contaminating fruit has been from the very invasive South American plant, Pampas.

Read more [here](#).

Samurai submissions publicly available

Views that were put forward on the application to introduce the Samurai Wasp into New Zealand - in the event of a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) incursion - have been released and can be read online.

The submissions made to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) are from a wide ranging group of people and organisations from across the horticultural system and are generally in support of the application. The kiwifruit industry is well represented with views presented from KVH, Zespri, NZKGI, ISG (Kiwifruit Industry Supply Group), Maori Kiwifruit Growers Incorporated, post-harvest and many growers. This is an excellent effort and we thank all those who have contributed in this process.

Read more [here](#).

Bug hunting bonanza in Italy

New video from Italy shows the impact of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) on kiwifruit and just how easy it is for big numbers of the bug to infest fruit and plants.

Professor Max Suckling from Plant and Food Research and the University of Auckland is working with local colleagues in Italy, where the BMSB is working its way through horticultural crops like kiwifruit, apples, pears, corn and other crops.

Read more [here](#).

New research published: potted plant trial

Scientific research publications that drive KVH policies and management advice are added to our website as they are finalised. Growers and industry are encouraged to look them up and have a browse of the many different reports we make available.

A paper has recently been added on the efficacy of tank mixes on Psa control in Hayward and Gold3 potted plants. This research article helps us answer the question of the effect of tank mixes (two product mixes) of Psa control products with other pest and disease control products commonly applied close to flowering.

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New Associate Director for KVH

The KVH Board are pleased to announce the appointment of David Darcy to the KVH Associate Director position. David has extensive experience within the kiwifruit industry as NZKGI's business analyst and more recently as a Special Project Manager for Zespri.

Read more [here](#).

Problem Pukeko

KVH receives occasional complaints that pukeko numbers have built up and birds are getting into the orchard canopy and snipping off shoots in spring or feeding on ripening fruit before harvest. They may also pull out or damage seedlings of many plant species.

Pukeko are partially protected and held in fond regard by many, so be sure that pukeko are causing the problem. Also consider that it may be very difficult to effectively reduce pukeko populations if there are wetlands, damp pasture or urban areas near your orchard.

Read more [here](#).

Know what to look for with BMSB magnets

KVH has Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) magnets available. Please email us if you'd like some sent to you for work, home, staff, contractors or even a community event that you think would find them useful so that we can help spread the important message about knowing what to look out for and what to do if one of these bugs is found.

Read more [here](#).

Grafting? Protect your investment

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

Read more [here](#).

KVH Director elections

Growers will soon receive AGM packs in the mail, including voting papers for the AGM resolutions and director elections. There are three grower member vacancies for the KVH Board and three candidates standing for election. The three candidates standing for election are Simon Cook, Dermott Malley, David Tanner.

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Working across the country to tell our biosecurity story

Last week KVH took part in a gathering of communications staff from across the biosecurity system who have set up a Biosecurity Communication Network (BCN) to make sure there is a national, system-wide approach for clearly and collaboratively sharing information.

Around 50 communicators attended the event from primary industries, regional councils, Maori, tourism, research organisations, government agencies, and universities. With KVH and Zespri representing the kiwifruit industry on this national group our work will be magnified, and we can influence the information and stories that are told about the kiwifruit industry's biosecurity initiatives.

Read more [here](#).

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