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## **KiwiNet training builds industry preparedness**

Last week KVH facilitated its twice-annual KiwiNet workshop, with around 40 participants from across the kiwifruit industry attending the day's presentations. The workshop was run with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and focussed on increasing understanding of how biosecurity responses are run. The day started with a rundown of recent MPI responses and the national biosecurity network, showcased with first-hand fruit fly stories and images from incursions over recent years.

Read more [here](#).

## **Make the most of the Psa Risk Model**

A reminder to keep watching the Psa Risk Model as pockets of moderate and high-risk weather continue for many regions. Once day/night temperatures average 20 degrees or higher, for periods of a week or more, Psa infection risk falls away but, in the meantime, growers should use the model to assist with planning spray and orchard activities.

Read more [here](#).

## **Don't unpack a pest during the holidays**

The holidays are upon us and with them come extra biosecurity risks posed by unpacking Christmas goodies and luggage. Remember, and be sure to remind family and friends, to carefully unpack and check any packages or bags from overseas for hitchhiking pests like Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB). It was only a couple of weekends ago that 26 of the bugs were discovered in a box of imported shoes, bought by an eBay customer in Oamaru – proving how real the threat is.

Read more [here](#).

## **Care when applying copper sprays after fruit set**

Psa leaf spots, and cankers which have been active through spring, continue to be potential Psa inoculum sources within the orchard. It is important growers consider their individual site risk and if risk is high, continue to apply copper at summer rates after fruit set. Ideally apply copper following canopy work such as male pruning rounds. Similarly, extra care with tool hygiene should be observed.

Read more [here](#).

## **Trials at the border improve biosecurity**

There are several trials underway at Auckland Airport aimed at raising awareness and improving biosecurity behaviour, including new x-ray screening technology, first encounters with passengers on flights from stink bug hot spots, and a project to better clear hauls of imported food bought into the country by air passengers.

Read more [here](#).

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## Heat on for Japanese vehicles

Over recent weeks officials and industry have completed putting in systems in place to allow offshore treatment of used Japanese vehicles and machinery before it heads to New Zealand. The treatment is a requirement under new rules to keep Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) from hitchhiking to New Zealand. They follow a spate of detections on car carriers arriving from Japan earlier this year.

Read more [here](#).

## Hill Laboratories Christmas Hours

With the upcoming Christmas holiday period, there is only a day left for samples to arrive at Hills – the last day is tomorrow, Friday 14 December 2018. Testing will resume on Monday 7 January 2019.

Only KVH pre-arranged testing will be accepted between these dates. Please contact Karyn Lowry on 027 227 1157 if urgent Psa testing is required between 14 December and 7 January. Photos of symptoms will be required. We anticipate these will only be from areas currently free of Psa (i.e. the South Island).

## Merry Christmas from KVH

The KVH office will be closed from midday on Friday 21 December 2018 and will reopen at 8.30am on Monday 7 January 2019. If any urgent issues arise during this period, please contact Chief Executive Stu Hutchings on 0274 787 901.

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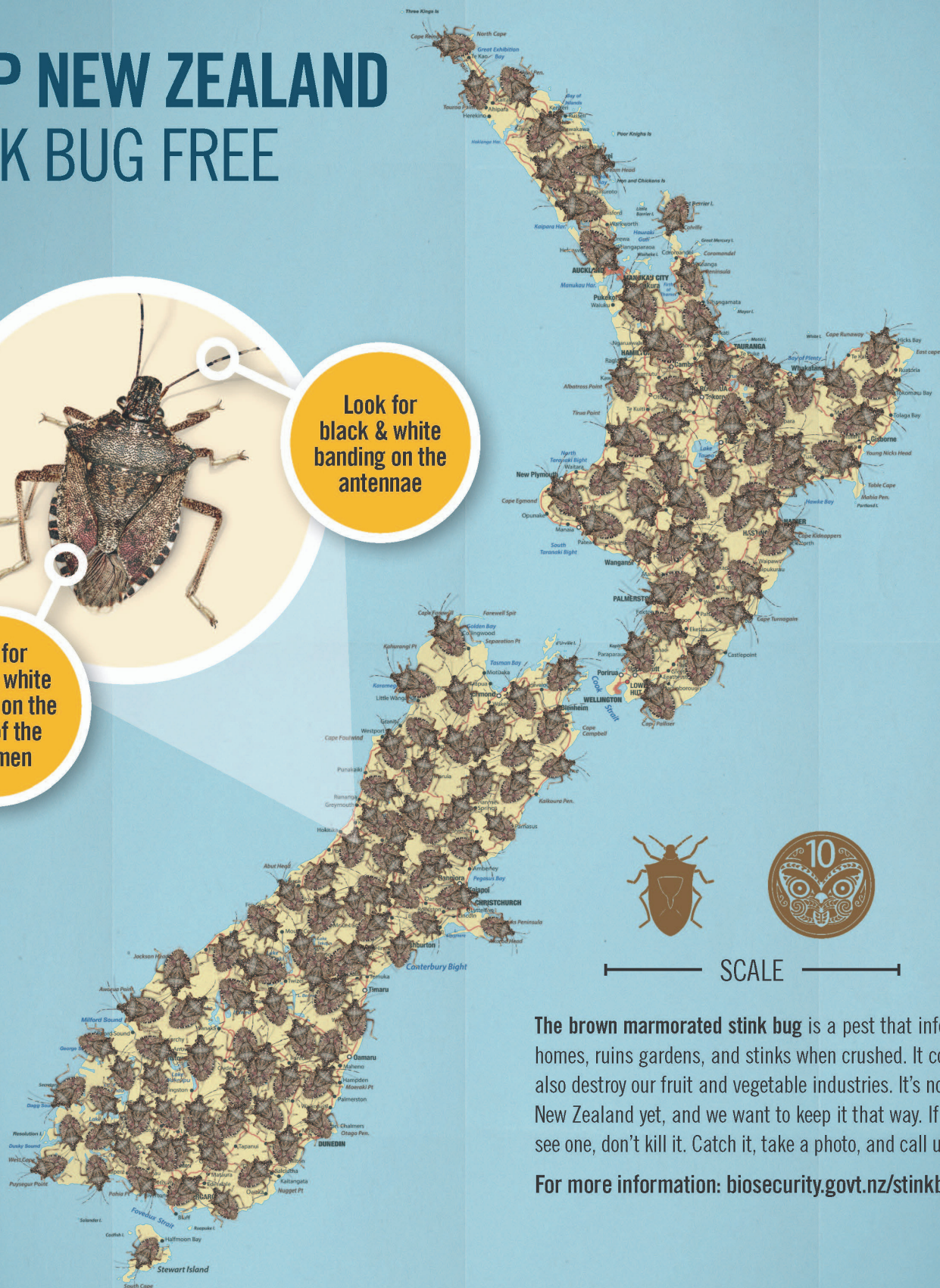


# KEEP NEW ZEALAND STINK BUG FREE



Look for  
black & white  
banding on the  
antennae

Look for  
black & white  
banding on the  
sides of the  
abdomen



SCALE

The brown marmorated stink bug is a pest that infects homes, ruins gardens, and stinks when crushed. It could also destroy our fruit and vegetable industries. It's not in New Zealand yet, and we want to keep it that way. If you see one, don't kill it. Catch it, take a photo, and call us.

For more information: [biosecurity.govt.nz/stinkbug](https://biosecurity.govt.nz/stinkbug)



CATCH IT

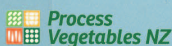


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