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# KVH Snapshot

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## Successful Neonectria workshop



A Neonectria workshop held in Motueka mid-February proved popular with over 35 growers, industry folk and scientists attending and sharing their experiences. Alongside Zespri and Plant & Food Research, KVH hosted the event to reconnect with South Island growers to understand what is happening on the ground in the region regarding Neonectria and to share knowledge from research into the disease as well as other organisms associated with vine decline.

[Read more here](#)

## Pathway Management Plan progresses



The consultation period for providing feedback about the proposed new Pathway Management Plan has closed. KVH is now considering all the feedback received and incorporating changes into the formal proposal document. We will keep growers and industry up-to-date on this so that everyone can see the final version being submitted to the Ministry for Primary Industries and Minister for Biosecurity.

[Read more here.](#)

## Stink bug detections



The high-risk season for Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) started last September and runs through April 2021. To date there have been 42 live BMSB found, mostly on imported equipment/packages and mostly from the USA and Italy.

[Read more here.](#)

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## Movement of mature plants

The kiwifruit industry is undergoing rapid growth and some growers who have double or triple planted Gold3 vines to get quick canopy cover may consider removing some of these vines to increase footprint and optimise orchard performance. These plants may be used by growers of existing orchards wanting to plant on new licensed areas, although there is debate on whether this confers any advantage to the grower.

[Read more here.](#)

## Whangarei regional status changes to Recovery

From Tuesday 2 February the status of the Whangarei region has changed to Recovery. This change comes after an extensive process by KVH, including undertaking Psa monitoring of orchards and an opinion survey of growers.

[Read more here.](#)

## Kiwis feature in Plant Health TV project

2020 is the International Year of Plant Health with events aimed at raising awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect the environment, and boost economic development. One such event, a video competition, has received 38 entries and includes two videos from New Zealand. One is on Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) from the Ministry for Primary Industries, and the other is on external scanning of shipping containers for contaminants from Better Border Biosecurity/University of Canterbury.

[Read more here.](#)

## Responses worldwide over the centuries

New Zealand's actions to halt COVID-19 represent the most dramatic biosecurity response ever undertaken in this country, which got us thinking ..... throughout history, as humans spread across the world, infectious diseases have been a constant companion. So, in terms of huge responses worldwide, what has been the biggest? How can you compare them?

[Read more here.](#)

## Pack-house Risk Management Plans

A reminder that under the National Psa-V Pest Management Plan (NPMP) KVH needs to sign off on your pack-house DQS Biosecurity Risk Management Plan.

[Read more here.](#)

## COVID-19 information for the kiwifruit industry

Resources and up-to-date information about COVID-19 for the kiwifruit industry is available on the NZKGI website, including wellness/pastoral care resources, on-orchard guidelines for all alert levels, and general Government guidance.

[Read more here.](#)

## America's Cup onboard with biosecurity

All the racing yachts taking part in the Prada Cup Challenger series and America's Cup are classed as 'used equipment' when it comes to New Zealand's strict biosecurity standards. This means that Biosecurity New Zealand officers have inspected imported race yachts and sailing gear in the lead-up to the competition, undertaking careful inspections for any threats.

[Read more here.](#)

## Women in Kiwifruit group event

How will you help forge a gender equal world? Celebrate women's achievement? Raise awareness against bias? Act for equality? Come along to the Women in Kiwifruit International Women's Day event for a guest speaker, workshop, announcement of the Women in Kiwifruit network committee, and networking lunch.

[Read more here.](#)

## Illegal cacti smuggler sentenced

An Auckland woman who attempted to smuggle hundreds of illegal succulents and cacti into New Zealand has been sentenced to 12 months of intensive supervision and 100 hours of community work.

[Read more here.](#)