



# EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2018

## Focus Grove Project

The Focus Grove Field Days for October have been set as follows.

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Northland
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Hawke's Bay
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Canterbury
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Nelson (including a visit to Weka Olives)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wairarapa (including a visit and BBQ at River Grove)

The Field Days will be attended by the Awards Head Judge. Dr Vera Sergeeva, the plant and disease specialist from Australia, will also attend Northland, Hawke's Bay and Canterbury.

The Conference presentation has been drafted and will be jointly presented by Stuart, Andrew and myself but with Stuart taking the lead. We would also appreciate the involvement of the Focus Grove participants to expand on the weather conditions that attributed to harvest variations and their support for the difference that the project has made to production (quantity and quality).

The new project application (2018-2022) has been submitted to the Sustainable Farming Fund, after consultation with the Executive, two project consultants and our SFF advisor. This has been drafted on a similar basis to the current project but with the formal addition of the fifth grove in Northland. This has taken the project cash cost to \$106,800 of which the industry must co-fund \$53,400. There were 61 members who contributed to the current SFF project with amounts ranging from \$200 - \$1500. There were several members who paid their first instalment and then withdrew support and a couple who dishonoured their pledge totally. At this point it is recommended that the Executive consider the co-funding as a levy as per the following example.

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Per Year</u>
Hobby Grove	35	5,777	165.07	55.00
Small Grove	35	8,666	247.60	82.50
Full Member	110	36,315	330.14	110.00
Associate Member	16	2,641	165.07	55.00
TOTAL	196	\$53,400		

NB Figures are GST exclusive

Note that Associate Members have been suggested to contribute at Hobby Grove amount. In the Associate Member category there are half who actually have olive groves but currently do not need growers services because their groves are leased or not productive. The other half are a mix of processors, additional memberships from a Full Member, other service providers. It may be necessary to look at rounding up the above figures to allow for any who refuse to contribute if a levy is decided.

The Executive need also consider whether all of the current Focus Groves continue or whether there is any change required, particularly the one grove that does not follow recommendations as shown on the following table.

**Harvest Data Comparisons – Frantoio Kgs per tree  
Focus Groves to regional average\***

Participant	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Ngatarawa	22.8	21.7	21.1	10.6	28
Hawke's Bay	3.6	10.2	10.3	10.6	22
Leafyridge	15.2	Frosted	19.1	5.7	25.4
Wairarapa	6,5	5	10.2	6.9	15.4
Kakakariki	11	14	12	14.5	15
Nelson	12.1	8.9	11	10.9	8.5
Terrace Edge	1.9	1.9	16.1	2.7	1
Canterbury	6	1.9	10.3	1.3	3.7
Olives on the Hill	8.5	-	21	7.51	28.6
Northland	7.3	3	10.4	6.8	12.5

\* Note that the 2018 regional average may change as more Harvest Data forms are received