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Welcome to the June 2021 edition of In A Capsule.

Poppy Growers Tasmania Inc has chosen to hold its Annual General Meeting in Bothwell this year to demonstrate our support for Southern growers and commitment to growing in the South.

While we have all rode the area up, area down, roller coaster over the past few years, the one standout feature for season 2021/22 has been the withdrawal of Sun Pharma from growing in the Southern region.

Subject to Covid 19 travel restrictions, we are pleased that Mr Urvish Bhavsar, Head of Sun Pharma's Australian Operations has accepted PGT's invitation to attend the AGM and provide a presentation to growers detailing the global market and how this has impacted Sun's growing area for the 2021/22 season.

While all growers are invited to the AGM, it is important we have as many Southern growers as possible attend this important meeting to demonstrate their concern with Sun's decision to suspend growing in the South and to impress upon them, their wish for the South to continue to be included as an integral growing region for Sun Pharma.

AGM details follows on next page.

Regulatory Reminder

Unfortunately two crops had to be desiccated last season due to the grower not being in receipt of an "Approved Notice to Grow" at the time sowing was undertaken.

We believe it is important to remind growers of this regulatory requirement to ensure all is in order prior to the commencement of sowing.

Message from the Poppy Advisory & Control Board

"Licensing to Grow Poppies"

Prior to sowing, a grower is required to hold a current Licence to Grow Alkaloid Poppies, a valid contract with a licensed processor and an approved Notice to Grow or the current season. A grower should ensure that all approvals are in place prior to sowing and not rely solely on their company field officer for this. If in doubt, growers can contact the Regulated Crops Branch of DPIPW on 03 6165 4876 to confirm whether sowing can occur.

The seriousness of carrying out unlicensed activities, and the risk it poses to the reputation of the Tasmanian poppy industry, cannot be stressed enough.

Crops sown without approvals in place can result in a fine being imposed on the grower as well as immediate destruction of the crop. In addition, the matter may be forwarded to Tasmania Police Drug Investigation Services for further investigation and possible prosecution."

Our Chief Executive and I recently met with the Board of the PACB to discuss a range of regulatory requirements. We are pleased to advise that the Board of PACB agreed to establish an industry working group to review and hopefully streamline grower licensing regulations in readiness for the 2022/23 season.

We will provide updates as the review progresses.

We look forward to meeting as many as possible at the AGM.



Philip Loane,
President,
Poppy Growers Tasmania

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Poppy Growers Tasmania Inc
will be held on Wednesday 23rd June 2021 at Ratho Farm Function Centre,
2122 Highland Lakes Road, Bothwell Tas, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Ordinary Business

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting 18th June 2020
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Audited Financial Report for January 2020 to December 2020
6. Appointment of Auditor 2022
7. Allowances – Committee of Management
8. President's Report
9. Elections – 2021/2022 Committee of Management (**Nomination Form must be completed**)
 - 1 delegate representing Derwent Valley/Bothwell
 - 1 delegate representing Coal River
 - 1 delegate representing Southern Midlands
 - 2 delegates representing Northern Midlands/Cressy/Fingal
 - 1 delegate representing Scottsdale/North East
 - 2 delegates representing Hagley/Elizabeth Town
 - 3 delegates representing Sassafras/Devonport East of Mersey River/Moriarty/Sheffield
 - 3 delegates representing Devonport West of Mersey River/Forth/Penguin/Burnie
 - 1 delegate representing Circular Head

Special Business

10. Notification of Member's Business
11. Members Notified Business
12. **Guest Speaker** – Mr Urvish Bhavsar, Head of Australian Operations, Sun Pharma
12. Close of Meeting

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

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this meeting.



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