

Application for membership of the New Zealand Truffle Association

In 1985 Ian Hall at Invermay Agricultural Centre near Dunedin began research on the Périgord black truffle with a view to establishing an industry in New Zealand supplying the out-of-season Northern Hemisphere markets. By 1987 Invermay had produced its first batch of Périgord black truffle infected plants and in the Spring of that year two truffières (truffle plantations) were established in North Otago. In 1994 Ian Hall, Gordon Brown and Jim Byars prepared a comprehensive book, *The Black Truffle: Its History, Uses and Cultivation*, to inform the general public and provide information to the intending grower.

In July 1993 a few Périgord black truffles were found in a Gisborne truffière 5 years after planting - the first in the Southern Hemisphere. Small numbers of black truffles continued to form in the truffière during the following few years as well as large numbers of white ones. However, in March and April 1997, 8.5 years after planting, large numbers of immature Périgord black truffles began to form and by May mature truffles were being harvested. By mid June 1997, the 0.6 ha truffière had produced 6 kg of Périgord black truffles with one tree producing 1.75 kg. Some of the truffles were particularly large and weighed 250 g.

At a truffle growers workshop held on Claremont Station in North Canterbury in 1990 it was decided that a formal association was required and in September 1991 the New Zealand Truffle Association was finally incorporated.

The aims of the Association are to:

- Assist the development of a truffle industry in New Zealand.
- Foster cooperation between New Zealand truffle growers and others interested in the industry.
- Develop a unified approach to the marketing of New Zealand truffles.

Full membership is available to New Zealand residents who are actively engaged in the business of truffle growing (growers, distributors, exporters, nursery providers, researchers).

Associate membership is available to overseas persons and all others interested in the development of the industry in New Zealand.

The annual membership fee for full and associate members is **\$175 + GST** (as of 1 April 2009).



New Zealand Truffle Association Incorporated

Application for Membership

Name:		
Business:		
Postal Address:		
		Postcode:
Telephone:	Home:	Work:
	Fax:	Email:

- I/we are applying for: Full Membership
 Associate Membership

If you are applying for Full Membership:

- I confirm that I/we are Resident in New Zealand
- I confirm that I/we are actively engaged in the business of truffle farming as a:
- Grower
- Trees ordered [No. of trees:]
- Trees planted [No. of trees:]
- Trees producing
- Distributor
- Exporter
- Nursery provider (truffle infected plants)
- Scientist
- Other (please describe):

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Mailing List

The Association publishes a list of members who have agreed to supply their information to other members including name, phone number and email address. The list is **not** distributed by the NZ Truffle Association other than to other members. It is designed to allow members to contact each other.

- I **wish** to have my name, phone number and email address circulated to other members
- I **do not wish** to have my name, phone number and email address circulated to other members

Newsletters

For members with broadband internet connections, we encourage you to receive the newsletter by email rather than post. Emailed newsletters are also in colour where printed copies are in black and white.

- I wish to receive the newsletter in colour by **email**
- I wish to receive the newsletter in black and white by **post**

STATUTORY DECLARATION

I/we hereby agree to uphold the rules of the New Zealand Truffle Association Incorporated as laid out in the constitution:

Signed: _____

Witnessed by: _____

Name¹: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

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¹ If on behalf of a Company, state position in Company.