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Eucalyptus and Tea Tree Oils



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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome you to the first edition of *Distill* - our new platform for sharing news from GRD, industry insights and opinions.

We're excited to tell you what we've been upto and how we are working hard to bring you the very best Eucalytus Oils and Tea Tree Oils from Australia.

Distill is a great opportunity to exchange ideas and information and I personally invite you to share yours with me and learn how we can better serve you.



Richard Davis
Managing Director G.R. Davis Pty Ltd



G.R. Davis Managing Director Richard Davis, pleased with his young and healthy Blue Mallee trees. Native grasses are encouraged to grow between the rows, once seedlings are well established, to ensure soil health and retain moisture in the harsh Australian Summers.

The G.R. Davis Plantation in West Wyalong has enjoyed the perfect Summer growing conditions with consistent rains and mild temperatures.

“We couldn’t ask for better conditions for our recently planted seedlings” Mr Andrew Cumming, G.R. Davis plantation & farm manager said today. Andrew Cumming has been the company’s farm manager for over 30 years and said he couldn’t remember such a wonderful growing season.

“These summer rains have been regular, gentle and perfectly timed as we have just completed this extensive expansion, establishing 530,000 seedlings - all bred from the seed orchard right here on the property”.

These seedlings are the result of large-scale Tree Breeding Projects spanning 40 years. Scientists from the CSIRO and ANU Forestry have progressively worked to identify and produce superior Blue Mallees. Now managed by Dr John Doran, the program delivers continuing improvements in oil yield, oil quality, over-all tree growth & health.

“The scale of this project has been extensive – from the initial seed orchard, numbering families and identifying the highest yielding tree in each group – then repeating the process until the highest oil yielding trees were selected” Andrew said. “It’s unique, in that the seeds for the 2021 planting project came from seed pods collected from these superior identified trees right here on the plantation. It’s wonderful now to see them grow”.

The G.R. Davis plantation today spans over 2,000 acres of the 17,000 acre property, with the next plantation project due to commence in just a few months.

2021 Bumper Harvest Underway

The G.R. Davis 2021 harvest is now well underway. After perfect Summer growing conditions, trees across the plantation have experienced exceptional growth, both with established trees and the young superior Blue Mallee trees.

The first harvest for a young tree is ideally performed while the tree is still relatively soft, ideally around 1.5 to 2 meters high and light enough that when harvested the root ball stays firmly in the ground. Trees are harvested down to the collar, or base of the tree, allowing the tree to send many new shoots, or coppice, out and regrowth begins.

Richard Davis, G.R. Davis Managing Director said "we have already started harvesting some of the earlier planted superior trees with about 18 months to 2 years growth. Without a doubt, the success of this project is evident with oil yields not seen before. It is particularly pleasing to see such vigorous growth in the young trees in their first harvest" Richard said.

Established trees throughout the plantation have also experienced an

exceptional growing season where things are looking good for a bumper harvest this year. G.R. Davis has been harvesting Mallee Trees, which thrive in the West Wyalong region, for almost 60 years. Trees can be harvested every 18 months to 2 years for many decades, some original areas of the property have been on a harvest rotation for over 100 years.

Focus on Sustainability

360° organic process from the plantation to the plantation

Sustainability continues to be a key focus of the Company with soil health viewed as paramount to tree health and vigour. G.R. Davis has developed a unique 360 degree organic process - leaves from the plantation are returned to the plantation. Trees are harvested and leaves distilled for oil - which leaves a nutrient rich organic mulch. This 100% organic nutrient rich mulch is spread back onto the recently harvested trees, to the direct benefit of soil health and of tree regeneration. It is sustainable

agriculture in the purest sense and an important part of our farming.

G.R. Davis notes better growth and vitality for the trees that receive the organic mulch straight after harvest, making this process a major focus during the harvesting season. In addition to the mulch returning nutrients to the soil, the spreading of the organic mulch assists in keeping the moisture in the soil for sustained plant growth. The focus on tree regeneration and sustainability ensures consistent high quality oil production and supply for our customers.



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Established over 57 years ago, G.R. Davis Pty Ltd is a family owned and managed company, dedicated to providing Australian and International customers the highest quality Australian Eucalyptus Oil and Tea Tree Oil.

G.R. Davis Pty Ltd offers regular supplies of constant quality oils because the company owns and controls the production, distillation, re-processing, quality control, packaging and distribution of its products.

G.R. Davis Pty Ltd produces oil conforming to EP, BP, FCC, SAA and ISO standards. The company has adopted the latest analytical techniques and operates under ISO Quality Management System 9001:2015

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