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Dear Olive Enthusiast/Professional/ Producer,

Olive Producers of North East Victoria, (OPNEV) takes great pleasure in inviting you and your olive business to participate in the 21st Australian Golden Olive Awards.

The Australian Golden Olive Awards was one of the earliest shows in Australia.

OPNEV, whilst being a regional association, is keen to promote olive products Australia-wide for the mutual benefit of all industry stakeholders, whether they be large companies or the smaller family business. We believe it is important to encourage the continuing development of olive products across our continent and to provide a vehicle whereby the best in our industry are given due acknowledgement and public profile.

This prestigious competition for Extra Virgin Olive will allow participants from all over Australia to benchmark their products against the very best. A low cost show, held in high regard by the industry, **the Australian Golden Olive Awards also provides Free Fatty Acid and Peroxide testing on your oil from fully accredited laboratories, with results provided to you. The tests on your oil allow you to seek accreditation from the AOA for their Australian EVOO logos, and you can also use the results to enter other shows.**

How do you become involved ?

Download an Invitation to Participate and associated forms. Simply fill it out with the details of your intended entry and we will send bottles according to the number of entries you intend to submit.

Attached to this Invitation to Participate are the participation details, i.e. the various classes, fees, conditions of entry and how to communicate with us. There has been a slight increase in entry fees this year (first for 15 years), however, we have reduced the cost of the presentation dinner to encourage greater participation.

Please read all attachments carefully.

The 21st Australian Golden Olives Awards culminates in the Celebration Dinner, to be held at the Gateway Hotel, Wangaratta on Saturday 31st August 2019. This is a fun night and features the finest food and wine of North East Victoria. There will be a seasonal report and the presentation of awards and trophies.

Accommodation bookings can be made directly with the Gateway Hotel if you wish to stay overnight.

Olive producers, like all others engaged in agricultural pursuits have seen varied conditions this year across our region, many have experienced a dryer than normal season which will impact on yields, but let us hope the quality results in many medals.

I encourage you to participate in this exciting competition and benchmark your products against the best in the land. I look forward to catching up in Wangaratta at the presentation dinner.

Micheal Freudenstein
President
Olive Producers NE Victoria.