

VERITEC VOICE

September 2013

Veritec update

With the year speeding by, the Veritec team would like to take this opportunity to update you on our latest adventures. We take pride in providing you, our valued clients, with analytical services that are both affordable and timely. We encourage your feedback on our services, and welcome any queries you may have.

Price list change

Our internal processes and services are continually under review. One item on the agenda in recent months has been our price list. There has been a change in our pricing structure to reflect the cost of analysing low numbers of samples. The new price list is available on request and is current as from 1 October 2013.

Capability and equipment

As many of you are aware, we moved into our refurbished laboratory last year. The new space is working well and allows us to collaborate more with the scientists and other technicians. It has also meant some of our equipment has been updated.

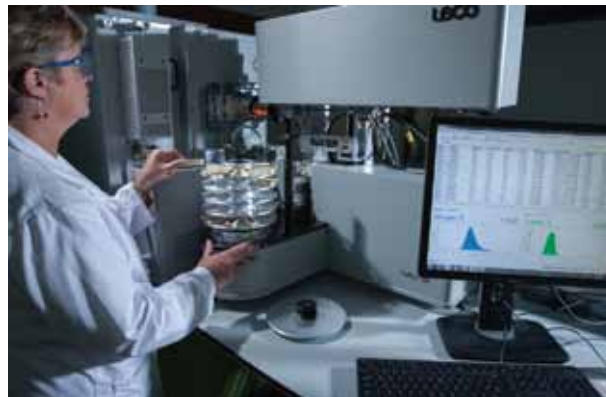
The arrival of a new microwave digester has meant our preparation for the digestion of foliage, soil and water has changed.



The digester provides more efficient preparation and digestion of samples prior to them being run on instruments.



We have invested in a new FIA (Flow Injection Analyser) for nutrient analysis. The FIA is faster and is widely used in other laboratories around the country.



The C and N analyser, for carbon and nitrogen analysis, has also been upgraded. This instrument analyses many different materials such as soil, foliage, wood, wool and plastic. It can also analyse liquid samples such as sludge and liquefied food stuffs.

We have also increased our soil analysis capability to include macroporosity, particle density and PRS (Plant Root Simulator) testing. These are important analyses for many land users and compliance operators, such as local councils, providing information about:

- how well soils move water and air about
- soil density, which can indicate the amount of nutrients in the solid particles
- bioavailable nutrients in the soil.

If you would like to know more about these analyses please contact us: testing@veritec.co.nz

Website update

Another item under review has been the Veritec website, www.veritec.co.nz. Changes are being made that we hope will make our website more informative and easier to navigate for both current and new clients.

An updated work request form will still be included, along with contact information.

The Veritec team

There have been some recent staff changes:

- Katrina Martin has returned from maternity leave and is working part time.
- Tatjana Smolic has been seconded to a research position within Scion.

Contact us

For further information about any of our services please contact:

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