

Thank you for your continued support this year. With the end of 2021 approaching we want to give you an update on some changes that we have made already and future updates.

Christmas closing dates

Scion will be closed from 5pm Friday, 24 December and reopen Monday, 10 January 2022.

So that all tests are processed and completed before we close, please ensure that samples are received prior to **Monday, 6 December 2021**. Samples received after that date will be processed in the new year.

Veritec now part of Scion

In 2022 the Veritec name will no longer be used. Instead, Veritec staff will become part of the wider Analytical Services that Scion provides. Our dedication and quality testing remain the same. If you would like to read about our services, our website is www.scionresearch.com/laboratory-services

Working with us under the COVID-19 Traffic Light System

GREEN: Open for business. All couriers still have access. Vaccination certificate or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours required for those coming on site. Masks required.

AMBER: Restricted business on site. Our testing laboratory will be open, and samples will be continued to be tested. Vaccination certificate or negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours required on site. Masks required.

RED: Laboratory will remain open. Samples to be sent by courier only. No hand delivered samples. Masks required.

We wish you and the rest of your team a great festive season and look forward to your continued support in 2022.

For more information please contact **Gillian Todd**, Lab Coordinator.
Email testing@scionresearch.com

Team update



Rachel Murray

Welcome **Rachel Murray**, *Scientist & Analytical Chemist*. Rachel hails from Minnesota, USA and has a background in isotope chemistry. She received her PhD at Southern Cross University (Australia). She previously worked at the University of Waikato.



Michael Robertson

Michael Robertson, *Analytical Chemist*. Michael's expertise at Scion is in mass spectrometry and trace elemental analysis including nutrient testing on soil and foliage. Michael grew up on the Hauraki Plains, New Zealand. He has a degree and postgraduate diploma in Chemistry from the University of Auckland and has worked in Analytical Laboratories for more than 10 years.



Rebecca van Leeuwen

Rebecca van Leeuwen, *Field and Laboratory Technician*. Rebecca has a degree in Design (BDes) from Massey University in Wellington. She has worked

in science research for more than 15 years with experience in agrichemical adjuvant spray research and is currently working on soil and foliage analysis.



Sunita Jeram

Sunita Jeram, *Senior Laboratory Analyst*. Sunita Patel (nee Jeram) is the Senior Laboratory Analyst in the Analytical Services Team. Sunita joined Scion in 2007 and has 14 years analytical chemistry experience involving foliage, soil, lignin and carbohydrate analysis. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Analytical Chemistry and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Sciences from the University of Waikato. Sunita is currently involved in setup of the FTIR spectroscopy service for future soil and foliage analysis.



Kim McGrouther

Kim McGrouther, *Advisory role*.



Gillian Todd

Gillian Todd, *Lab Coordinator*. Gillian has worked for 20 years at Scion in a variety of administrative roles. She is your point of contact for all services and is here to help.