

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2010/2011

The composition of the Committee for 2010/2011 is as below;

John Ward	Chairman & Victorian Grower Representative
Barry Cock	Deputy Chair & New South Wales Grower
Andrew Murdoch	New South Wales Grower Representative
Jan O'Connor	Victorian Grower Representative
Rachael McClintock	Industry Representative
Jonathan Drohan	Victorian Government Representative
Anne Mansell	Industry Representative (incoming)

The Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee (IDC) remains in good financial health. Continued investment into ongoing projects has provided growers with information and services through the publications and the Industry Development Officer (IDO), Liz Singh. In a prolonged difficult time for the industry our IDO has done a great job in providing needed services to growers. My thanks to the team of Mark, Helen and Liz at Murray Valley Winegrowers Inc. We farewelled long serving member Ron Hutton during the year. Ron and I joined the committee on the same day in 2003. I attended Ron's retirement function and presented him with a thank you on behalf of the committee. We continue to seek capable and committed members who wish to join the committee and be recognised as part of the team working on behalf of the local growers.

As has been the case in previous reports, I regret to report that the number growers continues to fall. This is not surprising, as the industry has fallen to its lowest point since the 1980's. The question still remains "what will be left of the industry post rationalisation"? Many people are being hurt and the social impact is mounting. I am hopeful that these conditions will not continue.

Peter Morrish, our capable secretary, has taken a farm manager position and the secretarial role has been taken on by David Byers. I look forward to working with David in the future. Thank you Peter for your contribution to the IDC.

We trust that for the industry's wellbeing that the economic circumstances improve.

The projects completed in 2010/2011 and those approved for 2011/2012 are shown below. For further details go to the industry website at www.murrayvalleywinegrapes.com.au

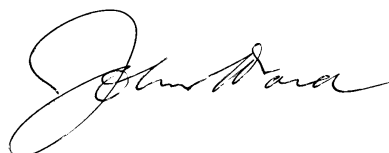
Projects Funded	Project Cost	Project Cost
	2010/2011	2011/2012
	Actual \$	Approved \$
Grower Communications	43,081	52,088
Grower Groups	16,500	16,875
Grower-Winery Liaison Committees	6,000	6,000
Industry Development Committee Administration	64,195	78,800
Industry Development Officer	88,156	91,392
Information Collection & Communications	39,446	40,343
Phylloxera Identification/Awareness project	10,450	0
Regional & National Viticulture Input	66,880	70,088
Spray Diary	2,500	0
Murray Darling Basin Plan Engagement	0	40,500
State & Regional biosecurity	0	12,375
Total (GST exclusive)	337,208	408,461

The Committee continues to operate within the Order and encourages growers to contribute to the voting process by returning the voting papers to decide the projects to be approved.

Contact Liz Singh the Industry Development Officer for viticulture related assistance or David Byers regarding voting or administration of levy funds.

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