

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2004/2005

After a year of significant change, the Murray Valley Wine Grape Industry Development Committee (herein referred to the IDC) has settled down to the job of getting the best value in research and development projects for the levy funds provided by growers.

The IDC comprises of the following members:

John Ward	Chairman & Victorian Grower Representative
Barry Cock	Deputy Chair & New South Wales Grower
Jeff Mitchell	Industry Representative
Bob Shields	Industry Representative
Ron Hutton	New South Wales Government Representative
Andrew Murdoch	New South Wales Grower Representative
Stuart Holland	Victorian Government Representative
Len Schliefert	Victorian Grower Representative
Jan O'Connor	Victorian Grower Representative

Part of the legislation requires the IDC to furnish a four year strategic plan to the Victorian Parliament, within one year of the legislation being signed off.

During August 2005, the IDC consulted with industry and a four year strategic plan was developed by IDC. This plan spells out the board objectives of the IDC for the next four years.

In December 2004, our Industry Development Officer (herein the IDO) Susan Byrne resigned from the position. The appointment of Liz McGuire was announced in April 2005. Liz has picked up on all the projects and will become known to all growers through her regular grower programs.

To conclude I thank all the committee members for their input and meeting attendance and a thank you to Michael De Palma and Mike Stone for their assistance during the year.

The projects completed in 2004/2005 and those approved for 2005/2006 are shown below. For further details go to the industry website at www.murrayvalleywinegrapes.com.au

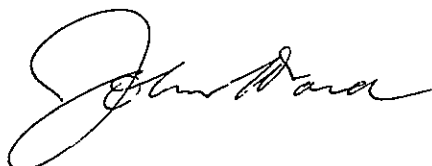
Projects Funded	Project Cost 2004/2005 Actual \$	Project Cost 2005/2006 Approved \$
Annual Regional Crop Forecasting	15,600	
Improving Irrigation	15,720	
Grower Groups - Quality	11,900	
Industry Development Officer	69,546	73,480
Grapevine & Australian Viticulture Magazine - Newsletters & Publications	46,326	54,888
Information Collection & Communication	43,692	50,746
Regional Wine Shows	4,300	4,400
National Viticulture Input	61,122	61,133
Grower Survey	12,336	12,892
Industry Development Committee Administration	71,257	79,400
Grower Workshops		11,385
Reducing Powdery Mildew		5,115
Pruning Advice		5,115
VAMVVIA Site Development		10,000
SunRISE 21 Vineyard Mapping		15,450
Total (GST exclusive)	351,799	384,004

Contact Liz McGuire the Industry Development Officer for viticulture related assistance or Ashley Turner regarding voting or administration of levy funds.

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I encourage all growers to participate in the project approval and voting process.



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