

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2006/2007**

The composition of the Committee has not altered for 2006/2007 and is as below;

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

In review of the 2006/2007 financial year, I report on what has been another year of challenges in an industry which is still readjusting itself after intense growth within the last 10 years.

The Murray Valley Winegrape Industry Committee (herein the IDC) continues to strive to achieve value for growers valuable levy dollars. The IDC is certain that it delivers this with technology transfer projects and a team of officers ensuring growers are benefiting their practices for the future. The IDC continues to search for ways to deliver wine grape growers value in this challenging environment.

The newly appointed Grower Services Officer, Rod Sluiter, has served the position well and with Liz McGuire, are both available to all growers. They are a valuable resource that many growers contact for assistance.

In these difficult times the help and cooperation of Michael DePalma and Mike Stone has been outstanding and I thank them for their contribution.

The projects completed in 2006/2007 and those approved for 2007/2008 are shown below. For further details go to the industry website at [www.murrayvalleywinegrapes.com.au](http://www.murrayvalleywinegrapes.com.au)

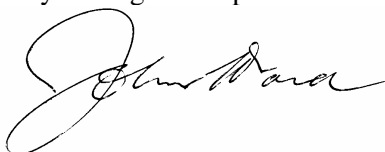
Projects Funded	Project Cost	Project Cost
	2006/2007 Actual \$	2007/2008 Approved \$
Grapevine & Australian Viticulture Magazine - Newsletters & Publications	55,967	35,707
Industry Development Officer	65,787	70,890
Industry Development Committee Administration	72,107	76,855
Market Information & Statistics	45,860	35,700
Regional & National Viticulture Input	65,502	67,650
Regional Wine Shows	5,060	-
VAMVVIA Site Development	10,000	-
Grower Groups	15,033	10,750
Grower Services & Projects Officer	62,151	57,220
Improving Grape Sale Prospects	8,604	6,530
Nutrition Scoping	27,825	-
Soil Health	20,045	-
Production of Spray Diary	6,825	4,000
<b>Total (GST exclusive)</b>	<b>460,766</b>	<b>365,302</b>

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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In executing the IDC's operations orderly, I encourage all growers to participate in the annual voting process and contribute to the election of new projects. The IDC would like to see many more growers partake and have a say about how your levies are spent.



**JOHN WARD**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**MURRAY VALLEY WINE GRAPE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**