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DRIED GRAPE INDUSTRY URGED TO ATTEND RESEARCH FORUM

Members of the Australian Dried Fruits Association (ADFA) executive team are urging Sunraysia-Riverland dried grape growers to attend the Riverlink Research & Development Forum, to be held at 9.00am on Wednesday 6 October at CSIRO Plant Industry Merbein.

Held annually, the forum has become a popular event encouraging close communication and interaction between science and industry.

‘We are encouraging all dried grape growers to attend,’ said Peter Jones Chairman of the ADFA. ‘This event is a good chance for growers to talk to regional scientists about the issues affecting the dried grape industry, influencing future research planning within the Riverlink research centres in our region.’

The forum will include an overview of current dried grape-related research and industry directions, feedback on issues raised last year, and a session where priorities for future research and development will be set. Growers and industry members wishing to attend, or requiring further information, can contact Merryl Whyte or Mehreen Naqvi-Sherazee on 03 50514500 or merryl.whyte@dpi.vic.gov.au

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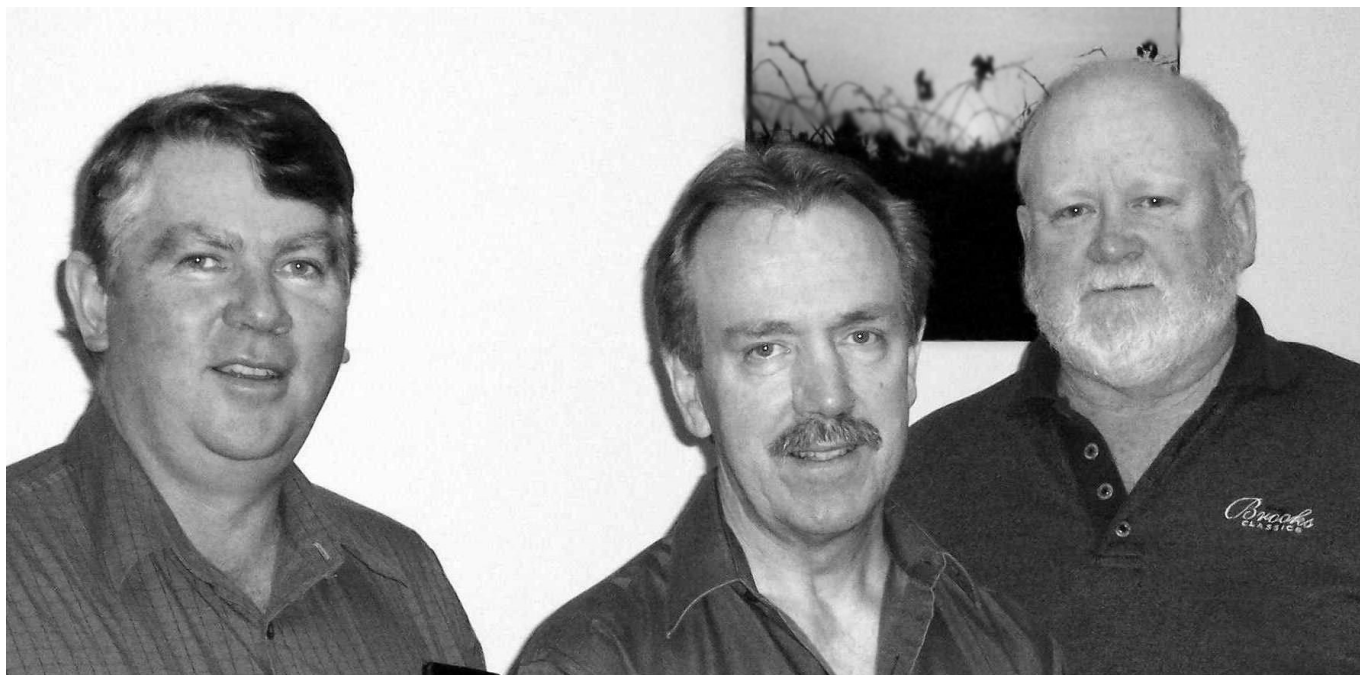
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Members of the ADFA Executive team(from left): Peter Jones Chairman, Phil Chidzey General Manager, and John Hawtin Industry Development Officer, urge regional dried grape growers to attend the Riverlink Planning Forum on 6 October 2004.