

**Editorial:
'I heard it on the grapevine'**

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Horticultural research collaboration on the internet

Riverlink now has a new and improved website, www.riverlink.gov.au, aimed to provide up-to-date horticulture research information.

"The internet is a massive source of resources and can assist growers to connect with crucial information, the Riverlink website is a portal to Sunraysia-Riverland regional research and development," Riverlink Communication and Development Officer, Lee Byrne described.

"Information such as events, links, reports and project outcomes are detailed on the Riverlink website. Access to key horticulture websites and essential information is also a major highlight."

Riverlink is a unique network of five federal and state government horticultural research agencies, located in four research centres throughout the Sunraysia-Riverland region. The research agencies work together, sharing resources and expertise, to improve research and development services provided to Australian horticultural industries.

Research and grower organisations work together to examine industry issues and solutions, Ms Byrne explained, "Riverlink endeavours to build relationships between research agencies and horticultural industry bodies to ensure beneficial research. The Riverlink website assists to facilitate this engagement by acting as a reporting mechanism and providing a communication path."

The Riverlink Postgraduate Research Network (PRN) is an important feature that promotes opportunities for students to conduct horticultural studies in the region, which increases research capability and introduces new ideas to help solve horticulture problems.

A 'Waterlink' page has also been added to the Riverlink website, www.riverlink.gov.au/waterlink. This page links to information, factsheets and other websites that contain information about water, drought and on-farm allocation management practices.

"While funding for communication and information extension has been decreasing in recent years, the internet and websites such as Riverlink's provides growers with easy access to research outcomes and strategies to implementation," Ms Byrne said.

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