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Wine grape growers engaged in research

Advancements in wine grape research are to be presented at the Riverlink Wine Grape Symposium to be held on Thursday 14 June, beginning at 8.30am at Sunraysia Institute of TAFE Auditorium.

Land and water use efficiency, optimising vineyard production with low input, breeding and development, quality production, and nutrition are some of the topics researchers will extend to growers, wineries, industry representatives, and commercial providers at the Symposium.

“Riverlink is utilising this forum to engage with all parts of the wine grape industry regarding project outcomes and to highlight research priorities for future direction,” said Liz McGuire, Murray Valley Winegrowers Inc Industry Development Officer.

“Research projects to be presented at the Symposium have been chosen for their relevance to current industry issues and impacts on changes to production. This is an opportunity for growers to hear about innovative project results and how these can be applied to vineyards.”

Industry research priority information will also be introduced by the Riverlink Wine Grape Industry Research, Development and Extension (RDE) Committee, a group jointly formed by Riverlink, Murray Valley Winegrowers and Riverland Wine Industry Development Council.

Research priorities have been collated from growers and industry representatives, Ms McGuire explained, “The priorities will form a plan for focussed research direction into the future for the Sunraysia and Riverland regions. Input from growers and industry is essential at this point, and the Committee welcomes any feedback or suggestions.”

Riverlink Wine Grape Symposium details and program are available on the Riverlink website, www.riverlink.gov.au.

Attendance to the Riverlink Wine Grape Symposium is free of charge and includes lunch. Please contact Lee Byrne, Riverlink Communication and Development Officer for registration, phone 03 5051 4569 or email lee.byrne@dpi.vic.gov.au.

Riverlink is a unique network that enhances collaborative research through Federal and State government research agencies. All agencies operating under the Riverlink program, New South Wales Department of Primary Industries, Victorian Department of Primary Industries, CSIRO Plant Industry, South Australian Research and Development Institute, and the Primary Industries and Resources South Australia, will be represented at the Symposium.

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