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Riverlink provides water information link

A new webpage has been launched by Riverlink. Waterlink is designed to provide direct links to information factsheets and up-to-date information on events regarding management of low water allocations for the horticultural industry and can be visited at www.riverlink.gov.au/waterlink.

‘Waterlink’ aims to be a one-stop-shop for growers to access information from various sources according to the Riverlink Program Leader – Sustainable Horticulture, Rob Stevens, “We have sought information from government agencies, grower organisations, local councils, water authorities and many more.

“There is a lot of information out there to assist growers. The idea behind Waterlink is to bring all this information together for easy access for growers.”

The webpage is a part of the larger Riverlink website and provides direct links to information factsheets and webpages, media reporting on the issue and a calendar of events illustrating workshops and seminars.

“Riverlink will continue to develop partnerships and liaise with grower, community and water organisations to ensure the Waterlink webpage is updated regularly throughout the coming months,” Mr Stevens said.

“The low water allocation issue affects whole communities in the Sunraysia-Riverland region. We invite anyone to have a look at the Waterlink webpage and provide any advice or assistance in directing us to relevant information.”

To submit information, contact Lee Byrne, Riverlink Communications and Development Officer on 03 5051 4569 or email lee.byrne@dpi.vic.gov.au.

Riverlink is a collaborative network of Sunraysia-Riverland government research agencies. The network enables sharing of resources to progress research projects and the development of relationships with growers and industry.

Mr Stevens said, “The Sunraysia-Riverland region was one of the first horticultural irrigation developments in Australia. Over 100 years of local experience has informed much of the material available through this site. A lot of the information is also applicable to other irrigated areas in Australia.”

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