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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND AWARENESS SEMINAR FOR THE NSW WINE INDUSTRY



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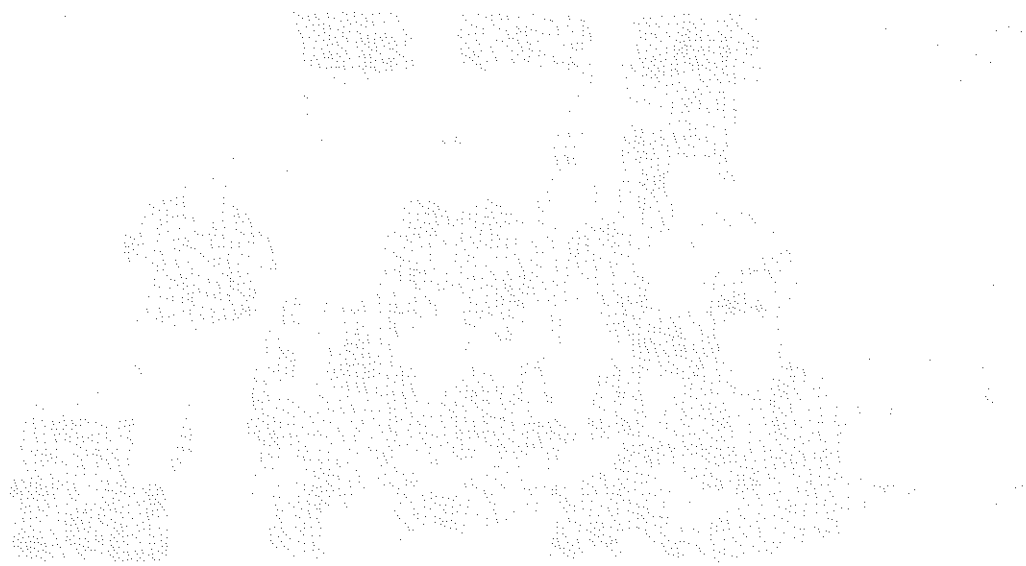
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Project Number: **RT 06/01-3**

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GRAPE AND WINE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (GWRDC) and RIVERINA WINEMAKERS' ASSOCIATION (RWA) ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE AND AWARENESS SEMINAR FOR THE NSW WINE INDUSTRY REPORT: RITA PROJECT 06/01-3

As more and more legislative pressures are applied to businesses in the current climate, along with increasing demands on the wine industry to be more environmentally aware and to provide environmental assurance, the Riverina Winemakers' Association believed it was time to host an Environmental Compliance and Awareness Seminar for the New South Wales wine industry. The intention of the seminar was to assist NSW wineries in their awareness of their environmental legal obligations but the day was also structured to help wineries understand why they need to start viewing environmental management as a business tool which sits beside O H & S and quality assurance and why programs such as Australian Wine Industry Stewardship have been launched to protect the wine industry.

Specifically, the aim of the seminar was to:

- Outline environmental legislative obligations for licensed and unlicensed wineries in NSW
- Assist wineries in NSW with understanding relevant environment legislation
- Provide environmental education and awareness of the wine industry's environmental issues and how to address them
- Enlighten wineries as to why the industry needs to protect itself and how to provide environmental assurance
- Showcase a successful environmental management system in practice

Thirty-two participants attended the seminar from wineries in the Riverina as well as from organizations such as TAFE or regional wineries in Sydney, Orange, Wagga Wagga, Albury and Adelaide. A further five participants were present specifically for the purpose of attending the launch of the Australian Wine Industry Stewardship program for the Riverina region which was held as a session of the seminar. Guest speakers were represented from local government, the Department of Environment and Conservation, the Winemakers' Federation of Australia, De Bortoli Wines and included a winemaking 'Future Leaders' candidate from Western Australia.

Participants were given a take-home resource manual which contained a copy of the program of the day, copies of the guest speakers' presentations, the Riverina Winemakers' Association's Environment Policy 2006 and its newsletters *One Vision* – the environment program for the Riverina region. Useful material such as a listing of relevant legislative and helpful websites was included as well as Guidance Material from the Department of Environment and Conservation and training courses from TAFE's National Environment Centre. A copy of the program and cover sheet from the resource manual is attached and a manual can be made available on request.

The key message of the day, however, was to help wineries help themselves and ensure a sustainable future for the wine industry and wider community.

More detailed information can be obtained from:
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REGIONAL INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY ADOPTION (RITA) RECONCILIATION

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- **Please ensure that all figures are inclusive of GST (if applicable).**
- The figures in the following table should reflect the approved GWRDC funding amount and any approved Variation after Project commencement.

Budget item	Approved Budget (current year)	Expenditure (current year)
Air Travel for presenter from Western Australia	$975.70	$975.70
Accommodation for presenter	$330.00	$330.00
Misc expenses for presenter	$220.00	$220.00
Venue	$336.60	$336.60
Incidental costs	$330.00	$330.00
TOTALS (incl. GST)	**$2192.30**	**(b) $2192.30**
Balance* (a) minus (b)	**$**	
Total GWRDC funding (whole project)	**$2192.30**	

***Notes:**

- Approval must be requested from GWRDC to carry over funds to the following year.
- A full financial Reconciliation is required at the end of the project (to accompany the Final Report). Any unspent funds must be returned to the Corporation

I hereby certify that this Statement of Expenditure is true and correct.

Signature	Printed Name	Date
	Stuart Mcgrath-Kerr	12-9-06



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  - Environmental Health Check, Janey Adams and Nathan Szymanski, E A Systems
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- Riverina Winemakers' Association Environment Policy 2006
- Riverina Winemakers' Association Environment Newsletters
- Useful Resource Material
  - Department of Environment and Conservation Guidance Material for Wineries
  - TAFE Training Courses
  - Useful Websites

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8.45am-9.00am	|	Registration and Coffee
9.00-9.05am	|	Welcome
9.05am-9.30am	|	Presentation – 'The Anatomy of a Year' – De Bortoli Wines **Rob Glastonbury** **De Bortoli Wines**
9.30am-11.00am	|	Control of Unlicensed Facilities Development and Approvals - Role of local government - Requirements for planning and approval - What other authorities are involved Overview of POEA 1997 - Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 NSW - General environmental duty (Policies, Codes of Conduct and Guidelines) Compliance - EPOs and clean up orders - Penalties and offences **Satwinder Sandhu, John Allen & Pauline Porter** **Griffith City Council**
11.00am-11.15am	|	Morning Tea
11.15am-11.45am	|	Control of Licensed Facilities - Who needs a licence? - Licences: What is a licence? Monitoring and reporting Penalties and Offences Pollution Reduction Programs - Policies and guidelines: - Effluent re-use - Odour - How we can help you - Cleaner Production **Ryan Petrov** **Department of Environment and Conservation**
11.45am-12.15am	|	Environmental Health Check - How healthy are you? Self auditing - Participants can start to think about environment issues and where they fit in the compliance arena. A take-home document to assist participants in completing an environmental audit. **Janey Adams and Nathan Szymanski - E A Systems**
12.15pm-12.30pm	|	Question Time – an opportunity to talk to the EPA, Council and E A Systems

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12.30pm-1.00pm	|	Lunch
1.00pm-1.05pm	|	Introduction to the Education and Awareness sessions Session 1: Why we are protecting our industry Session 2: The wine industry's environmental issues Session 3: Environmental Management System in practice
1.05pm-1.45pm	|	Presentation: What's happening beyond Australia? – Global demands for environmental assurance. Launch of AWIS spray diary **Amy Russell** **Winemakers' Federation of Australia**
1.45pm-2.30pm	|	Presentation: 'Building Good Environmental Fences' In the winemaking business "good environmental management practices make good neighbours". And managing environmental issues in ways that reduce risk, minimise cost and provide an economic return, while preventing environmental harm and avoiding penalities makes wineries good neighbours. **Janey Adams and Nathan Szymanski** **E A Systems**
2.30pm-3.30pm	|	Environmental Management System in practice: **Alexandra Wright -Voyager Estate, Margaret River, WA** Alex has been selected as a participant in the Future **Leaders – Succession for the Australian Wine Sector** program.
3.30pm-3.45pm	|	Afternoon tea
3.45pm-4.15pm	|	Question Time An opportunity to talk to the afternoon's presenters
4.15pm-4.30pm	|	Concluding remarks/Workshop evaluation/Workshop Closes