

# October 2002 Quarterly Update

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Find out about the 9 CRCV PhD positions currently being advertised
- Meet the wine industry employee that was a finalist in the recent state training awards
- Learn about a free RTO e-group now 'open' for registrations
- Get the contact details for an upcoming online learning forum

## Wine industry employee finalist in state training awards

Phillip Goodes, Vineyard Manager at McGuigan Simeon Wines, Loxton, was recently awarded the Adelaide Bank Australian National Training Authority Vocational Student of the Year for SA and is now one of the national finalists. The national winner will be announced at a dinner at the Sydney Convention Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Phil has completed his Certificate IV in Assessment & Workplace Training and is near completion of his Diploma in Frontline Management. Phil received the state award due to the way he has taken his skills and applied them for the betterment of his workplace as well as in his personal life.

## Activities 2003 - 2006

Members of the Cooperative Research Centre for Viticulture's (CRCV) Program 4 (Education, training and professional development for sustainable industry) Reference Group met on the 19<sup>th</sup> September to commence planning of activities for 2003-2006. The subsequent activity proposal will be presented to the CRCV in October for consideration. We will advise you once activities are finalised. For further information contact Peter Mansfield on 08 8373 7090 or [peter@winetac.com.au](mailto:peter@winetac.com.au), or a Reference Group member (contact list available from WINETAC or CRCV).

## Post graduate scholarship vacancies in CRCV

Vacancies exist in some fascinating research projects under Program 1 (Vineyard management to meet grape quality specifications), Program 2 (Sustainable vineyard systems) and Program 3 (Improved grapevine performance and fruit quality through gene technology).

If you are curious (or perhaps know someone that might be!) about the possibility of post graduate study within the wine industry, please contact Peter Mansfield on (08) 8373 7090 or [info@winetac.com.au](mailto:info@winetac.com.au), or visit [www.crcv.com.au/education/postgrad](http://www.crcv.com.au/education/postgrad) for position details.

## WINETAC Executive Officer appointed

Peter Mansfield has been appointed Executive Officer, WINETAC as well as Program Manager of Program 4 of the Cooperative Research Centre for Viticulture. Peter has been with WINETAC since November 1999 in the role of Project Manager. He undertook the role of Acting Executive Officer in June this year following Libby's departure prior to this confirmation of his permanent placement in the role.

## Trainer and assessor professional development opportunities

RTOs are encouraged to contact Sarah on 08 8373 7090 or [sarah@winetac.com.au](mailto:sarah@winetac.com.au) to discuss ways in which WINETAC can support trainer and assessor professional development activities in line with the new AQTF standards. Sarah has conducted a wide range of activities for wine industry assessors over the last couple of years and looks forward to complementing your future activities under Standard 7.1.

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# Project Updates

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## SA Viticulture Research to Practice ® workshops - changes to SA FarmBis funding

The SA FarmBis budget has recently been reduced, affecting Viticulture Research to Practice ® workshops in SA. Despite the subsequent loss of workshop subsidies, the CRCV plans to continue offering the workshops.

Host groups are currently exploring options to maintain the viability of the workshops, which means that the dates for the SA workshops are subject to change. As such, anyone seeking more information on workshops in SA should contact Karen Green, Viticulture Research to Practice ® Coordinator, on 02 9210 9229 or [karen.green@nre.vic.gov.au](mailto:karen.green@nre.vic.gov.au)

FarmBis will continue as planned in other states.

## Assessor development network

- A couple of more assessors have joined the assessor e-group in the last month – more registrations are welcome, contact Sarah on 08 8373 7090 or [sarah@winetac.com.au](mailto:sarah@winetac.com.au) for more information
- Network activity will occur 'on demand' this year – if you would like to discuss ways in which Sarah can deliver or support assessor professional development in your organisation or region, contact her on the details above – for example Sarah recently worked with a group of assessors in the South East of SA looking at how to break down a competency standard to identify evidence required and how to use this to develop assessment instruments
- In order to support changes within the national training system via the introduction of the AQTF, we welcome contact from RTOs to discuss ways in which we can support the meeting of requirements under the AQTF Standard 7.1 – make the most of this opportunity and contact Sarah today

# Resources

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## Network with other RTOs without leaving your workplace

An RTO e-group is now available free of charge to all RTOs training and/or assessing in the wine industry. This is a great opportunity to discuss issues such as training package implementation, adherence to AQTF standards, meeting the needs of different customers and much more.

*So, what is it?*

An email mailing group for all wine industry RTOs that enables you to send emails to and receive emails from all other RTOs within the group. Being on an email mailing group means that you can talk actively with other RTOs without having to take time out at a specific time. Unlike a chat room, you can 'join' in the 'conversation' when you want.

*How do I subscribe to the email mailing group?*

Simply send an email to Sarah at [sarah@winetac.com.au](mailto:sarah@winetac.com.au) Include in the email the email address that you would like to use to send/receive emails within the group. Once you have subscribed, you will be sent a short email welcoming you to the group and some tips on how to make the most of it.

## Resources to assist with AQTF compliance

Visit [www.anta.gov.au](http://www.anta.gov.au) for information and resources relating to compliance with the Australian Quality Training Framework standards for RTOs.

To find out more about the AQTF risk management framework and to download a brochure, visit <http://www.anta.gov.au/publication.asp?qsID=367>

## New RTO Standard 9 guide in development

VETASSESS, an organisation based in Victoria that provides professional development of assessors, is preparing a guide for the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) aimed at helping RTOs address Standard 9 of the AQTF Standards for RTOs. The guide will specifically address Standard 9.1 which requires RTOs to develop assessment strategies in consultation with enterprises/industry. RTOs will be advised when the guide is available, if you have any questions in the meantime you can contact Sharon Bush at ANTA on 03 9630 9830.

## Current wine sector training package resources available on CD

Contact us to order learner guides, trainer guides and assessment instruments to support delivery and assessment of the current wine sector training package (FDF98) - for as little as \$80 for a CD containing all learner and trainer guides per stream (eg wine grape growing) - phone 08 8373 7090 or email [info@winetac.com.au](mailto:info@winetac.com.au)

## News in Brief

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### Recognition of Prior Learning Project

The School of Social and Workplace Development at Southern Cross University is conducting a Recognition of Prior Learning Project on behalf of the Australian Qualifications Framework. There are 2 ways you can get involved:

1. By completing an online RPL survey before 31 October 2002 - this will give the research team insight into how RPL is currently being implemented and your views about RPL
2. By providing feedback on a discussion paper with the draft national cross-sectoral RPL principles and operational guidelines

For more information, go to <http://www.scu.edu.au/research/rpl/> or phone 02 6620 3359

### Online learning - what does it mean for teachers and trainers?

The latest series of National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) forums are focussed on online learning and are happening around Australia in November. The forums are aimed at people involved in teaching or training using an online component or those involved in planning courses using online teaching methods.

To find out more and to register, visit [www.ncver.edu.au/news/conf.online.htm](http://www.ncver.edu.au/news/conf.online.htm) or phone 08 8333 8400

# Training package endorsement expected November

The National Food Industry Training Council have advised us that the Australian National Training Authority's endorsement of the Food Processing (Wine) Training Package is expected in November – we will advise you once endorsement has been received.

## Recently connected?

If you have recently gained email access and would prefer to receive our Quarterly Updates by email, simply email us with your address details on [info@winetac.com.au](mailto:info@winetac.com.au).

## Questions and Answers

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### Are you qualified to train and assess?

If you are training and/or assessing against national competency standards for the purpose of issuing a qualification to an individual/s, you must meet the 'qualification' requirements under the Australian Quality Training Framework. To find out what these requirements are visit <http://www.anta.gov.au/images/publications/MappingofEquivalence.doc> and to conduct a self assessment against these standards use the 'Certificate IV Self Assessment Tool' available at <http://www.anta.gov.au/publication.asp?qsID=288> Any queries, speak to your RTO or contact Sarah on 08 8373 7090 or [sarah@winetac.com.au](mailto:sarah@winetac.com.au)

### How many ticks?

The assessor e-group recently explored the issue of 'how many ticks are required before a person is competent?'

*The group addressed the question 'When assessing someone for competence of a unit within the wine sector training package, how much of the evidence guide do they need to be competent in before they can be deemed competent in the unit?'*

In short, the answer to the question is that the person must be able to demonstrate competence in ALL items listed within the evidence guide. ALL items are critical and must be addressed by the assessment process.

As stated within the Assessment Guide (contained within the Evidence Guide – Part B of competency standards within the wine sector training package):

*'Assessment should be structured on whole of work activities giving emphasis to confirming that the assessee can achieve the workplace outcomes described in the Performance criteria, including demonstration of the underpinning knowledge and skills contained within the Evidence guide.'*

Ideas in relation to how to meet this requirement were explored by the group – a summary document is available from Sarah - phone 08 8373 7090 or email [sarah@winetac.com.au](mailto:sarah@winetac.com.au)