

May 2003 Quarterly Update

HIGHLIGHTS

- Research to Practice workshops available for sub-licence
- CRCV Program 4 project updates
- Welcome to new PhD researchers
- Fact sheets aimed at improving your business now available

Wine industry training providers get together

29 representatives from 14 registered training organisations that deliver the Wine Sector Training Package met on the 12th May in Melbourne to discuss implementation and uptake issues - aimed at enhancing the outcomes from the Package for industry.

Following a review of the changes to units of competence, qualification framework and assessment guidelines, participants worked in groups to explore relevant issues in further detail - including how to apply the flexibility of the Training Package to the advantage of the industry, maintaining competence of assessors and trainers and linking the Training Package with business objectives.

Participants used the meeting to share contact details with view to future networking.

Tertiary training - what do you want from the tertiary sector?

Research has been conducted into the content, course development processes and articulation and bridging policies of tertiary programs servicing the wine industry. We are looking for industry feedback on these findings - this feedback will enable us to identify industry needs and expectations of training at these higher levels and subsequently ways in which tertiary providers may better meet these needs and expectations.

To have your say, download the response form from www.winetac.com.au/current.asp or contact Sarah on 08 8373 7090 or sarah@winetac.com.au

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Project Updates

CRCV Program 4 – Education, training and professional development for sustainable industry – project outcomes year to date (02/03)

- 6 additional CRCV PhD researchers recruited and continuation of individual professional development and review programs
- enhanced training options via the transition to the revised Wine Sector Training Package - including information on web and delivery of workshops
- preliminary research into the knowledge and technology outputs of other CRCV programs to determine the most effective mechanism for inclusion in the education and training sector
- preliminary research into tertiary programs with view to enhance the programs in line with industry needs and expectations where appropriate
- project work aimed at enhancing the consistency of training and assessment - including a response to the introduction of the Australian Quality Training Framework, an analysis of wine related schools programs, a review of seasonal labour initiatives and the continued support of assessor professional development
- ongoing provision of advice and resources to industry
- working with wine industry associations with view to meeting state/regional education and training objectives
- inclusion of wine industry perspective in state/territory and national education and training projects/initiatives
- increased industry access to R&D outcomes via a review and redevelopment of Research to Practice workshops

Welcome to new CRCV PhD researchers

Nicole Cordon, B Biorech (Hons) has commenced project no. 3.3.1- Flavonoid pathway genes in grapes. Based at the CSIRO in Glen Osmond SA, Nicole's research investigates flavonoid biosynthesis in grapes, and aims to improve fruit quality through better management practices and by developing improved planting material.

Seth DeBolt, B.Ag.Sc (Hons), based at Adelaide University, is researching the biochemical and molecular steps of tartaric acid biosynthesis in pre-veraison berries. His project, no. 3.3.3- The control of tartaric acid accumulation in pre-veraison grapes, will use sample berries from across the major grape growing regions of Australia.

Joanna Tregagle B.Ag.Sc (Hons) is undertaking project no. 2.3.5- Sustainable salt exclusion by salt tolerant rootstocks, at the CSIRO in Merbein, VIC. Joanna's research examines the salt exclusion ability of rootstocks and the factors which determine their salt tolerance.

Project Updates

Greater flexibility & increased access from revised Viticulture Research to Practice

Commencing in the 2003/2004 season, changes are being made to the way in which the CRCV's Viticulture Research to Practice workshops will be delivered. These changes will provide growers with greater flexibility and increased access to training designed to assist in the adoption of new knowledge and technologies.

From July 03, four of the five current Viticulture Research to Practice topics will be offered under sub-licence to a range of organisations, for them to provide training and information directly to their clients. The four topics are Water Management for Grapevine Production, Integrated Pest Management, Grapevine Nutrition and Spray Application in Viticulture.

The fifth topic currently available, Winegrape Quality Management, will continue to be delivered in workshops by the CRCV for the 2003/2004 season, and then made available for sub-licence from the 04/05 season.

As other Viticulture Research to Practice topics are developed in the future it is anticipated that a similar progression in delivery format will occur.

Sub-licences will be available to a range of competent organisations, including grape & wine producers, regional associations, universities, TAFEs, viticulturists and agribusiness companies. Organisations who take out a sub-licence will have the opportunity to either run a workshop in the traditional two-day format, to break the information up into smaller components or add it into other existing training.

For further information about the sub-licence delivery format please contact Peter Mansfield on (08) 8373 7090 or email peter@winetac.com.au

For enquiries and bookings for the Viticulture Research to Practice Winegrape Quality workshops in 2003/2004 please contact Karen Green on (03) 92109229 or email Karen.Green@nre.vic.gov.au

Resources

Working with the revised Wine Sector Training Package - a guide for trainers and assessors

This guide is designed specifically for trainers and assessors working with the Wine Sector Training Package - it provides information on the changes to the Package and the impact on training and assessment. It is available for download from www.winetac.com.au/resources.asp - go to the Training Package Wine Sector FDF03 section, or from WINETAC - call Sarah for a copy.

Literacy and numeracy support in a toolbox

A toolbox is available to help workplace assessors and trainers learn how to provide support to people with literacy and numeracy difficulties. The *Online Literacy and Numeracy Resource Centre* helps people understand the basics of competency-based training, assessment and the principles of adult learning. The toolbox is available for sale from Australian Training Products at www.atpl.net.au and you can view a sample at flexiblelearning.net.au/toolbox/series4/425.htm

The resource, which uses real students, real teachers and practical activities, was developed by Challenger TAFE and WestOne in Western Australia and is designed as a flexible learning professional development tool for trainers. It is one of many toolboxes that have been developed under the Australian Flexible Learning Framework, a national initiative designed to accelerate the uptake of flexible learning in the vocational education and training sector.

Wine tourism fact sheets now available

These fact sheets, developed by the Winemakers' Federation of Australia, are designed to provide you with information to assist in developing or better understanding wine tourism consumers, products and services. They can be downloaded from www.wfa.org.au Further information is available from Lisa Davies on phone: (08) 8222 9285 or email: lisad@wfa.org.au

The fact sheets cover the following topics:

- Introduction and Key Contacts
- Understanding Wine Tourism Markets
- Licences, Legal Issues and Tax
- The Cellar Door Experience
- Promotion and Distribution
- Understanding the Tourism Industry
- Checklist

Business needs and training solutions

It is likely that many business objectives can be met in part by training. Information on incorporating training in your business plan, and how to implement this element of your plan, is now available from WINETAC. A comprehensive set of fact sheets have been developed in response to industry feedback and demand. These fact sheets are now available - visit www.winetac.com.au/bustrain.asp or contact WINETAC on 08 8373 7090.

News in Brief

Graded assessment issues explored

Graded assessment in Australian vocational education and training has developed a range of practices. A study that examines the current practice for graded assessment and identifies policy issues that need to be addressed has been completed and a report now available. Areas studied include validity, reliability and consistency, associated costs, and cross-sectoral concerns.

The report, titled *Graded Assessment in Vocational Education and Training: An Analysis of National Practice, Drivers and Areas for Policy Development* is now available on the National Centre for Vocational Education Research website - <http://www.ncver.edu.au/cgi-bin/srchCat.pl?list=909&action=show>

Shaping Our Future – an update

The draft national strategy for vocational education and training 2004-2010 is available for comment at www.anta.gov.au/dapStrategy.asp. The Australian National Training Authority's board will present a final draft strategy to Commonwealth, State and Territory Ministers for consideration in June.

Training information on-line

Visit www.training.com.au - a state and federal government initiative - for information and updates relating to vocational education and training.

Questions and Answers

When can training using the revised Wine Sector Training Package units of competence commence?

The Wine Sector Training Package FDF03* was endorsed on 7th March - endorsement enables immediate uptake by industry.

There are, however, some related processes that need to be completed prior to complete uptake in all circumstances. For example, before a Certificate in Food Processing (Wine) I, II or III can be issued using the revised Training Package (FDF03), hours and codes need to be allocated by each state/territory training authority.

The receipt of monies in relation to government funded training and the issuing of Certificates or Statements of Attainment is dependent upon the completion of these processes. In line with the Australian National Training Authority's aim for national consistency, a national guide is being developed which will provide a framework for each state/territory to complete the allocation of hours and codes.

For an update on where this process is at in your state/territory, contact your state/territory training authority (see our web page for contacts details- www.winetac.com.au/links.asp) or contact us.

**The Training Package code FDF03 indicates the year in which it was endorsed.*

What training practices bring positive benefits for large Australian firms?

The NCVER (National Centre for Vocational Education Research) has recently published a report titled 'Determinants of successful training practices in large Australian firms'. The report is based on findings of 50 case studies, including 2 large wine industry employers, focused on the major elements which have contributed to successful enterprise training and learning practices. The report can be downloaded from: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/cgi-bin/srchCat.pl?list=930&action=show>

What is happening in the VET sector in Victoria?

The Office of Training and Tertiary Education (OTTE) is currently undertaking strategic dialogues with stakeholders to determine future priorities for Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Victoria. This research will form the basis for future decisions relating to VET training including funding allocations. To view papers in relation to these future directions go to:

www.otte.vic.gov.au/employers/ResearchProgram.htm

www.otte.vic.gov.au/employers/docs/food.doc