GROWER SESSIONS

Murray Valley Winegrowers

SPRAY APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Monday, 10th October

Minimising costs by making sure each time you need to spray the application is as effective as is can be is more important this year than any other.

Agriculture Victoria will host New Zealand spray expert David Manktelow and the ATGA's Alison MacGregor as they explore how to optimise spray application.

David is a New Zealand based plant pathologist and spray application specialist. He has worked in horticultural research and extension since 1989, originally with MAF Technology and then with HortResearch. He was associated with the development and implementation of the New Zealand apple integrated fruit production and integrated winegrape production programmes. He completed a PhD on spray application in 1998 and since 2003 has worked as an independent researcher and industry trainer.

The 4-hour session will focus in detail on spraying mealybug and other key P&D issues

- Sprayer set-up for mealybug
- Using adjuvants to improve mealybug control
- Maximising deposition on early season canopies (mites and powdery)
- Spraying bunches
- When do air-induction nozzles help?
- Spraying vines after harvest
- Chemistry
- Timing
- Progress towards a mealybug pheromone, to Attract-&-Kill.

Field demonstrations include a range of equipment

- FMR recirculating sprayer, Silvan Scram Turbowrap, Interlink sprayers.
- The manufacturers will be available for a Q&A about their machinery
- We will make adjustments to each machine to improve deposits.

Coffee & morning tea provided. Limited spaces available.

7.45AM FOR 8AM START – 1PM FINISH

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Agriculture Victoria DJPR conference room & vineyard 308–390 Koorlong Ave, Irymple, Vic. 3498

RSVP required by Thursday 6 October

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