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With the holiday period well behind us, vintage has commenced just slightly earlier than expected for many regions. Despite less than ideal growing conditions most vines are coping remarkably well with good canopy growth and fruit set. While predictions are just that, a crush that is slightly better than last year seems possible.

As 2008 commences a number of changes have occurred within the association, not the least being my appointment to the role of Chief Executive. Thank you to the many members who have offered their support and congratulations. With this appointment comes the opportunity for a review of the association and filling some staff vacancies. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting with members to hear how we can better serve your needs. It is my opportunity to guide the association, providing members with the services and advice to meet the challenges facing the wine industry.

While some parts of Australia are experiencing record breaking rains and floods, South Australia continues to remain in the grip of drought and corresponding water restrictions. Changes were announced about the use of mains water for irrigation, and these came into effect on 1 February affecting a number of members. Refer to the article below for more information, and check SAWIA's drought [webpage](#) for the latest press releases.

We are continuing discussions with the State Government about taking up a wine industry sector agreement under the *Climate Change and Greenhouse Emissions Reduction Act 2007*, and are also discussing a Wine Export Program proposal. Other government legislative changes expected in 2008 include industrial relations, occupational health safety and welfare, workers compensation and liquor licensing to name a few! This points to it being another crucial year for the association to be advising you on these changes and their impact on your business.



The regional branding framework project continues with all photography completed and the focus shifting to finalising materials and templates. To be launched soon after vintage, this project will provide an immediate boost to the recognition of regions in export markets.

Please work safely and responsibly during vintage – all the association staff wish you a great vintage for 2008!

Brian Smedley

FEATURE ARTICLES

Job Dictionary for wine industry gets the go-ahead!



SAWIA is delighted to announce approval of funding for the development of a wine industry job dictionary that will help to facilitate faster return to work following a workplace injury.

Late in December 2007 SAWIA made a submission to association sponsor, Employers' Mutual Limited, in response to their *Returning "Profits to Members" through Employer Association Cash Grants* initiative. SAWIA's project application successfully demonstrated the potential to significantly improve return to work outcomes for injured workers and assist with the prevention of workplace injuries.

The wine industry job dictionary will cover approximately 30 wine industry jobs spanning the full spectrum of areas (ranging from vineyard workers to cellar hands and from bottling to administration),

allowing users to understand the job and tasks via an analysis of the functions performed, job requirements and physical demands of the job.

It is forecast that the project will take 6 to 8 months. On completion, the dictionary is expected to offer a range of benefits to the wine industry – from helping employers to match jobs with the physical capabilities of each employee, through to helping medical practitioners assess an employee's work injuries and identify jobs that could lead to an earlier return to work.

SAWIA will be meeting with Employers' Mutual Limited this month to develop a detailed project plan for implementation.

For more information, members should contact Brian Smedley on 8222 9274 or brian@winesa.asn.au.

Drayton's Winery explosion – A warning to be heeded

Most of you would be aware of the horrific winery explosion and fire in the Hunter Valley region on 17 January 2008. Well known winemaker Trevor Drayton and boilermaker Eddie Orgo both lost their lives in the incident, with winemaker William Rikard-Bell suffering severe burns.

Initial investigations indicate that welding was being undertaken in the vicinity of a building where ethanol (also known as SVR, Wine Spirit or Grape Spirit) and other flammable liquids were stored. Ethanol is a highly flammable liquid and is a Class 3 Dangerous Substance under the South Australian Dangerous Substances legislation.

The incident serves as a reminder that wineries need to carry out a thorough risk assessment at their worksites and look at all potential hazards, including the use, storage (permanent & temporary) and handling of flammable materials (e.g., alcohol and other brine refrigeration solutions). Risk assessments also need to consider any seasonal factors like the storing and use of ethanol and other flammable substances during vintage.

Members are encouraged to minimise the risk of fire and explosion as part of your risk management plan. Visit the Noticeboard of the OHSW [page](#) of SAWIA's website for specific tips on what to consider when carrying out a risk assessment.

Should you have any questions about risk controls or assessments please contact Sarah Hills on 8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au.

Leading workers' compensation advisor - WCD - New SAWIA Industry Partner

South Australian employers are likely to experience increased workers' compensation costs in the coming financial year, following on from the findings of a recent independent review into the compensation scheme. While the government has yet to make public the review's findings, the increase in costs to employers will be driven by an underlying lack of funding to pay for the current portfolio of claims.

The workers' compensation scheme is currently under funded to the tune of about \$850 million. Ultimately this unfunded position can not be sustained as claims and costs continue to be incurred - pushing this figure out towards \$1 billion. Consequently, the scheme will need to be reformed in 2008 if there is to be any significant chance of reducing this unfunded situation.

The Government is taking its time to consider the review's findings, its options for reform and their impact on the state's broader economic environment. Regardless, SAWIA believes that this issue has the potential to adversely affect registered (non self insured) employer members, and employers need to be "reform ready" as and when legislative amendments to the Scheme are advised and set into

motion. Self insured employers will also face some elements of change in any reform package.



Given the changes that will arise from the review, as well as a desire to offer enhanced services to members, SAWIA is delighted to announce the formation of an industry partnership with leading workers' compensation advisor, WCD - Workers' Compensation Solutions. WCD is a national provider of injury prevention and injury management services, with substantial South Australian wine industry knowledge and experience. Via this partnership, SAWIA will be able to expand its services to members during this period of change as well as into the future.

For any workers' compensation issues at your business, members should contact SAWIA in the first instance. Where necessary, SAWIA will then refer your query to WCD for assistance from one of their consultants. Certain WCD services will be provided on a fee for service basis.

Visit the Resources section of SAWIA's Industry Partners [page](#) for a comprehensive summary of the wide range of services offered by WCD.

Cellar Door Pass wins tourism award



At the recent SA Tourism Awards, the Cellar Door Pass program, owned and operated by SAWIA Industry Partner Smartvisit Solutions, was awarded 'Winner' of the Specialised Tourism Services category.

The Cellar Door Pass program relies on the delivery of high quality experiences and service at winery venues across the state. On receiving the award, Tim Stead (Marketing Manager of the Cellar Door Pass program) commented that South Australia is blessed to host some of the country's, if not the world's, most desirable wine destinations and products. "We believe that SVS has partnered with the best of the bunch, and so too do our customers. With over 60 wineries in the program in South Australia, this award is one for the industry!"

This win automatically enters the program in the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards with winners to be announced on 29 February. For more information, contact Tim Stead of SVS on 0409 094 100.

OHSW

New requirements for Responsible Officer training!

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

The course content for Responsible Officer training under Section 61 of the *Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Act (1986)* has been reviewed and approved by the Safework (SA) Advisory Committee, becoming operational on 3 March 2008.

Responsible officer training delivered by approved training providers and undertaken by your employees since 1 January 2003 will be recognised for the purposes of complying with the training requirements under the Act.

SAWIA will circulate electronically to members a detailed memo about the new training requirements and the future of responsible officer courses by the end of February. This memo will also be posted on the Noticeboard of the OHSW section of SAWIA's website.

For more information please contact Sarah Hills on (08) 8222 9212 email sarah@winesa.asn.au.

Avoid vintage injuries

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

Employers are reminded to ensure that employees do not disregard OHSW practices just because they are “flat out” with vintage. Make sure your employees are reminded that safety is always a priority – their’s and their workmates.

Employers should ensure that new and young employees have been inducted with your OHSW practices and procedures for working at heights, working outside (avoiding heat exhaustion, dehydration and sun protection) and the safe use of chemicals and machinery - particularly tractors and forklifts.

The induction extends to ensuring you are satisfied that any contractors or labour hire workers on your site have been made aware of your OHSW practices and procedures. Otherwise, as host employer, you could be liable regardless of whether a worker is an employee or contractor.

It is also always a good idea to ensure that employees know they have an obligation to raise any concerns they have relating to health and safety in the workplace, and of course the employer has an obligation to address these concerns.

The Wine Industry’s OHSW Guidelines are an excellent tool to help ensure appropriate policies and procedures are in place throughout your business. To order your copy, or for help with OHSW issues, members can contact Sarah Hills on 8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au.

Independent Review of Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Act

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

The independent review of the Workers' Compensation Scheme commissioned by the South Australian Government in mid-2007 was provided to Minister Wright over the Christmas / New Year period.

No details of the report have been released, however the association understands it encompasses 68 recommendations - and the Government still wants to have amending legislation operational by 1 July 2008. This means there is likely to be a very short time for SAWIA to study the proposed changes, seek feedback from members and make any necessary submissions to government before the changes become law.

Given the divergent views of the various stakeholders, the proposed changes will likely be hotly debated when announced. For more information, contact Sarah Hills on 8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au.

Review of the OHSW Regulations

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

SAWIA has made a submission, on behalf of members, with regard to Phase 1 of Safe Work SA's review of the *Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1995*. Phase 1 of the review covers:

§ Part 1 – Preliminary: responsibilities of employees, employers, self employed

- § Part 2 – General Workplace: access & egress, amenities, confined space, electrical
- § Part 6 – Administration: health and safety representatives and committees.

SAWIA's submission highlighted that the review must focus on:

- § Achieving national consistency of approach, which is particularly important in aligning obligations and compliance across state borders
- § Improving and consolidating regulations as appropriate to reflect modern terms, use and practical application within a workplace
- § Using the regulations as a framework with sufficient guidance material to reflect the practical realities of achieving compliance
- § Ensuring that the means by which employers and employees achieve compliance is cost effective, easy to understand and reflects safe work best practice
- § Reducing red tape and costs of compliance, and being clear in intent
- § Recognising that it is not only the regulations that need to change, but also the interaction of the responsible government agency with duty holders to jointly educate, advise and provide information that helps everyone to take responsibility for their own safety and that of others.

The second phase of the Review process will look at Parts 3, 4 and 5 and will commence in 2008 to coincide with the development of national proposals.

SAWIA will ensure members are kept informed as the review progresses. In the interim, for more information members can contact Sarah Hills on 8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Brian Smedley reappointed to Industrial Relations Advisory Committee

SAWIA is delighted to announce that Brian Smedley has been reappointed to the South Australian Industrial Relations Advisory Committee (IRAC) for the term ending February 2010. Brian was first appointed in August 2003, giving the wine industry a strong voice in state based industrial relations matters.

IRAC is comprised of the Minister for Industrial Relations (Michael Wright), the Chief Executive of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and his/her delegate (usually Chief Executive of SafeWork SA), plus 12 persons appointed by the Governor.

The role of IRAC is to:

- § Assist the Minister in formulating, and advise the Minister on implementing, policies that affect industrial relations and employment in the State
- § Advise the Minister on legislative proposals of industrial significance
- § Consider matters referred to the Committee by its members.

Please join us in congratulating Brian on his appointment!

Abolition of AWA's by the Federal Government - Workplace Relations

NB: The following article applies only to constitutional corporations covered by the Federal Industrial Relations system (Workplace Relations Act 1996).

As previously announced by the new Labor Government, legislation has now been tabled which will abolish Australian Workplace Agreements (AWA's) with significant implications for many employers.

SAWIA is currently studying the *Workplace Relations Amendment (Transition to Forward with Fairness) Bill 2008* (125 pages) and an Explanatory Memorandum (99 pages), and members will be briefed on the proposed legislative changes once the analysis is complete.

Members need to be aware that a Senate Inquiry will be called to examine the Bill, and will report March 17 allowing for the Bill to be passed before the Easter Break.

Members requiring further information or advice should contact Brian Smedley (8222 9274 or brian@winesa.asn.au) or Sarah Hills (8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au).

National Employment Standards draft released

NB: The following article applies only to constitutional corporations covered by the Federal Industrial Relations system (Workplace Relations Act 1996).

The Federal Government recently released an Exposure Draft setting out the ten proposed National Employment Standards (NES). Once legislated, the NES will guide the Australian Industrial Relations Commission's review of Awards (expected to occur July 2008 – December 2009), and will set out the minimum conditions for all employees in the federal system effective 1 January 2010.

Each of the 10 NES relates to a specific area such as annual leave or maximum weekly hours. A discussion paper has been prepared by the Government, which sets out 47 questions to guide submissions with regard to the content and application of each of the standards.

This matter has been referred to SAWIA's Employee Relations Committee, and SAWIA will be making a submission on behalf of members prior to the Government's deadline of 4 April 2008.

When finalised, the NES will be contained in a substantial Industrial Relations Bill to be considered by parliament in mid-2008.

Members requiring further information or advice should contact Brian Smedley on 8222 9274 or brian@winesa.asn.au.

Options for a National IR system

NB: This article applies to all South Australian wine industry employers.

The NSW Government has released a report that examines the various options to achieve a national Industrial Relations System. The report, by constitutional expert Professor George Williams, has been embraced by other State Governments and the Federal Government.

SAWIA has prepared a summary of the "optimum model" proposed in the report, which is available from the Noticeboard of the Federal IR [section](#) of SAWIA's website. In broad terms, SAWIA supports the development of a unified industrial relations system, however there are a wide range of significant issues and considerations that need to be resolved.

It is likely that this report will feature prominently in a variety of forums at both state and national levels. SAWIA will ensure members are informed of any developments. In the meantime, members can contact Brian Smedley on 8222 9274 or brian@winesa.asn.au for more information.

Update on proposed Child Labour Award

NB: The following article applies to all South Australian employers.

SAWIA's December newsletter reported that the South Australian government's Work Choices inquiry had recommended the government legislate in the area of Child Labour.

As a result of this recommendation, SA Unions' application before the South Australian Industrial Relations Commission to establish a Child Labour Award is now "on hold" pending the outcome of discussions between SA Unions and the State Government.

SAWIA will ensure that members are kept informed of developments. Any questions or comments on this matter can be directed to Sarah Hills on 8222 9212 or sarah@winesa.asn.au.

ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

Water update

There are a number of significant recent developments with respect to water usage in South Australia, as summarised below. For more information, including links to a number of useful resources, visit the Drought [page](#) of SAWIA's website.

River Murray Water Resources Report

A River Murray Water Resources Report was released on 11 February, highlighting that:

- § River Murray system inflows have been 2,000 GL so far during 2007-08, compared to 935 GL for the whole of 2006-07
- § South Australian irrigation allocations are likely to stay at 32% (recently confirmed)
- § The volume of water in Murray-Darling Basin storages was 1,868 GL (20% capacity), an increase from the 14% capacity at the same time in 2007
- § The bleak outlook for River Murray system inflows has led to changes being made to the water sharing rules (refer below)
- § The latest Bureau of Meteorology forecast for the period February to April 2008 shows a 50% chance of exceeding median rainfall and a 50% chance of exceeding the median maximum temperature across the Basin.

New water sharing arrangements

In a media release on 5 February 2008, Senator Penny Wong (Minister for Climate Change and Water) reported a 75% chance there would be less water available in the River Murray system in June 2008 than there was in June 2007. Despite the recent flooding in Queensland, she noted the situation across the Murray-Darling Basin remains very serious requiring a cooperative approach to sharing water.

On the same day, Karlene Maywald (Minister for the River Murray) announced that the Prime Minister and Premiers of South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria signed off on new water sharing arrangements. This means that from 1 July 2008, SA will be able to:

- § Meet annual critical human needs of 201 gigalitres to supply Adelaide, country towns and private stock and domestic
- § Allow irrigators to carry-over water for use in 2008-09 that they may have either bought in or not used during 2007-08

- § Provide the greatest opportunity for water for allocation to irrigators from the start of the season, depending on inflows over the coming six months
- § Guarantee delivery of 696 gigalitres of dilution flow in 2008-09.

Carry-over water available for 2008-09

On 7 February 2008, Karlene Maywald announced that South Australian irrigators will be able to carry-over all of their allocations not used in 2007-08 into the 2008-09 water year. She also expressed confidence that carry-over can be supplied, although an absolute guarantee was not given.

Water carried over into 2008-09 will be tradeable in South Australia and interstate. Carry-over water application forms must be lodged with the Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation between March 1 and 31. Late applications will not be accepted.

Rain brings water price decrease

Waterfind's January Water Market Report for the Murray System has revealed that temporary water experienced a further decrease in both the price and value of trades. During January, temporary water traded between \$220 and \$400 per megalitre. The price decrease was attributed to heavy rains in NSW and Queensland resulting in increased water allocations for Victoria, New South Wales Murray and Murrumbidgee irrigators.

Mains water for irrigation

SA Water has amended the Waterworks Act 1932 by restricting the use of water for irrigation. From 1 February, anyone using mains water for irrigation must have a permit. If a permit has not been applied for, the property will be considered to be domestic use and subject to the current domestic water restrictions (i.e., Level 3 restrictions).

Once a permit has been applied for, mains water irrigators can continue to use mains water for irrigation in a sensible, sparing way and must consider ways to reduce their water usage to meet the reduced allowances of the permit.

Property owners needing to apply for a permit to irrigate using mains water should contact SA Water urgently on 1800 130 952.

Carbon Footprint Calculation Tool Launched

The *Greenhouse Gas Accounting Protocol for the International Wine Industry* and the related *Greenhouse Gas Calculator* and *User Guide* are now available for use by the wine industry.

The first carbon footprint calculation tool for the wine industry, it was developed by Provisor in partnership with the Yalumba Wine Company. This followed the agreement of a protocol with wine industry organisations in California, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia.

The protocol document sets out emission sources to be included in carbon footprint calculations, as well as detailing extensive supporting documentation. The calculation tool can be used by wineries to identify the carbon footprint their operations create, based on data currently available. However, it is also the first step towards the development of a more sophisticated online tool that is expected to be suitable for independent verification should companies choose to take that route.

To download the protocol and calculation tool (free of charge to all wine industry members), or obtain further information, click [here](#). Alternatively, contact Penny Boothman of the Winemakers' Federation of Australia on 8222 9255.

MARKETING PROMOTION & EXPORT

Vinitaly International Wine & Spirits Exhibition



Australian wineries are invited to participate at the Vinitaly International Wine & Spirits Exhibition, the largest wine trade show in the world, in Verona (Italy) from 3 - 7 April 2008. The Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Australia and Austrade (Milan) are currently recruiting wineries for the Australian exhibit "Enoteca Australia".

More information is available from the Resources section of the Export [page](#) of SAWIA's website. Alternatively, contact Milva Mazzuggia of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (Melbourne) on (03) 9866 5433 or fairs@italcham.com.au.

Dual wine promotion opportunities

Austrade are inviting Australian wine exporters and producers to participate in Seoul International Wine & Spirits Expo and the Spring Wine Mission to Japan. If desired, participants should be able to combine both events into one trip.

Seoul International Wines & Spirits Expo



The Seoul International Wine & Spirits Expo (8 – 10 May 2008) is the main wine and spirits trade and consumer show in Korea, with over 200 exhibitors from 20 countries and 3,000 qualified trade buyers expected to attend. Participants will have the opportunity to be part of the Australian National Pavilion, participate in Australian wine seminars, meet VIP trade buyers at a networking lunch and receive assistance from Austrade staff following up contacts and opportunities.

Korea has the highest recorded level of alcohol consumption per capita, and is one of the fastest growing wine markets in the world. With more than 30 per cent growth every year, the Korean wine market is at an early stage with significant opportunities for the introduction and expansion of Australian wine companies.

For more information, visit the Resources section of the Export [page](#) of SAWIA's website, or contact Liana Ramundi of Austrade (Melbourne) on (03) 9648 3244.

Spring Wine Mission to Japan: 13-16 May 2008

Australia is now the fourth largest wine exporter by value to Japan, with exports growing 10 per cent to A\$48 million in the year to November 2007. The 2008 Spring Wine Mission is an exciting opportunity for Australian "new to market" wineries to introduce their wines to the Japanese market. This sampling event will be held in the major Japanese cities of Osaka, Tokyo and Nagoya, and attracted 150 companies including 70 importers in 2007.

Click [here](#) for more information.

4th China International Wine and Spirits Exhibition



Wine producers are invited to participate in Interwine China 2008, known as The 4th China International Wine and Spirits Exhibition. It will be held in Guangzhou Pazhou Purchase Center from 3 -5 June 2008.

The 2007 event attracted 8,000 visitors, including more than 2,000 professional buyers from importers, chains, restaurants and hotels.

For more information, including contact details, visit the Resources section of the Export [page](#) of SAWIA's website.

Wine & Gourmet ASIA 2008



Wine & Gourmet ASIA 2008 is scheduled for 5 – 7 November 2008, in Macau China. The 2007 event was successfully established as the regional networking platform for the fine wine, gourmet and hospitality industry. There were 7,300 trade visitors, with 142 exhibitors from 23 countries and regions.

For more information, click [here](#).

Mexican export opportunity

SAWIA emailed members in January about a potential opportunity for exporting wines to Mexico. The distributor has recently advised of strong interest from SAWIA members, and that it is in process of contacting the interested wineries.

For more information, members can visit the News section on the SAWIA Export [page](#) of the association's website.

Australia's Wine List of the Year awards

Australia's Wine List of the Year Awards is now open for entries by 28 March 2008. The results and successful establishments will be published in the August/September 2008 issue of Gourmet Traveller WINE magazine.

For further information click [here](#).

International Wine Competition in Greece



Wineries are invited to participate in the **8th Thessaloniki International Wine Competition**, in Greece (19 – 21 March 2008) in the context of Oenorama 2008. This is the only International Wine Competition that takes place in Greece under the auspices of the International Organization of Vine and Wine as well as a host of Hellenic associations.

For more information, contact the event organisers at www.wineroads.gr or the Greek Consulate General's Office in Sydney on (02) 9283 0055.

Wine Export Approval Report – January 2008

The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation's Wine Export Approval Report for January 2008 shows that the total value of Australian wine exports grew 3% over the preceding year to A\$2.95 billion.

Export volumes declined 0.1% to 770 million litres, due to the low yielding 2007 harvest, a corresponding drop of wine inventories and the strength of the Australian dollar.

The average price of Australian wine exports grew 3% over the preceding year to \$3.83 per litre due to solid growth in the volume of bottled wine accompanied by a decrease in bulk shipments.

For the full report, visit [Winefacts](#).

Change to export approval procedures

The Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation has introduced new procedures which eliminate the requirement to resubmit a second set of samples following an initial rejection for export.

Under past arrangements two samples were submitted to the wine inspection panel for approval, with both bottles opened and tasted before a rejection could be issued. On rejection, the exporter then need to resubmit a further two samples for a second panel to review.

In accordance with the new procedures, if a wine is judged faulty by the first panel, the second bottle will then be put forward to the next available panel. This ensures that two different panels will review the wine, but eliminates the need to submit a second set of samples.

For more information, visit the Noticeboard on the SAWIA Export [page](#) of SAWIA's website, or contact Jessica Pater on 8228 2000.

OTHER

Phylloxera detected at Macedon (Victoria) / Recent prosecution

Phylloxera detected at Macedon (Victoria)

The Phylloxera and Grape Industry Board of South Australia (PGIBSA) recently advised that phylloxera has been found at Macedon near Lancefield in Victoria. The property is about 30 hectares of pinot noir, and the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) believes the infestation has been there for some time.

Grape phylloxera is an aphid that lives on the roots of grapevines. It causes a gradual decline in vine health and there is no effective treatment for the pest on ungrafted vines. It is also a market access issue for both the viticulture and nursery industries, and requires restrictions on the movement of vine products from affected areas.

There is a well-established process to respond to detections of phylloxera, under the National Phylloxera Management Protocol. This includes a control zone being formally established and surveys conducted to determine if the pest is also present in any surrounding vineyards, or in other vineyards with links to the affected property.

Wineries that normally take fruit from the new quarantine area are advised that the grapes cannot be transported out of the area. They will need to be processed to at least must before they can be tankered out.

Specific questions can be directed to PGIBSA on 8362 0488.

Grape harvester prosecution sends strong message

A warning to people tempted to illegally move grapevine material or equipment was recently sounded in Wangaratta Magistrates Court.

A viticultural contractor was fined \$7,000 after pleading guilty to failing to obtain a permit from the Victorian Department of Primary Industries (DPI) before moving his used grape harvester out of a Phylloxera Infested Zone (PIZ) in Victoria's north-east to vineyards in the south of the state during March 2006.

The contractor admitted he was aware of the laws and accepted that he should have obtained a DPI permit and ensured the harvester was heat treated and inspected, prior to leaving the PIZ. He also indicated he was aware of the significant impact phylloxera can have. **DPI Prosecutor Gavan Knight told the court that, although the contractor's future in the industry was most likely finished as a result of this case, it was important to send a strong message of deterrence to those in the industry.**

Wine grapes for sale – Western Australia

The Wine Industry Association of Western Australia has requested that we remind SAWIA members of the WA Wine and Winegrape Register - a register of wine and winegrapes to buy and sell, with contact details, age of vines, tonnage of grapes available and other relevant information.

Click [here](#) to access this site.

Mark Lloyd honoured on Australia Day

More than 500 people were recognised for their achievements in this year's Australia Day Honours List. Among them was Mark Lloyd who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia.

Mark Lloyd, of long time SAWIA member Coriole Vineyards, was recognised for his service to the tourism and hospitality industry as a contributor to the development of the McLaren Vale region as a premium wine and food destination, as well as pioneering the introduction of Italian plantings into the region, particularly Sangiovese and Nebbiolo.

Please join SAWIA in congratulating Mark for his outstanding contribution.

Payroll Tax, Stamp Duty & Land Tax Sessions

RevenueSA will be conducting free information sessions in Adelaide for legal, accounting, conveyancing and payroll professionals during February.

The payroll tax session (26 February 9.30 – 11.30am) will provide an overview of payroll tax, including information relating to liability, annual adjustments and the 2007-2008 harmonisation reforms.

The stamp duty and land tax sessions (26 February 4.00pm to 5.30pm) include an overview of stamp duty and land tax, including information on Section 67 (stamp duty), a review of the land tax anti-avoidance provisions and new initiatives introduced by RevenueSA to reduce red tape.

To register, contact Sue Salt or Kristy Ferguson urgently on CDU@saugov.sa.gov.au or 8226 3807.

Dates for your diary

2008

- § 26 February, Payroll Tax, Stamp Duty and Land Tax Sessions, Adelaide
- § 2 March, [The Parade Food Wine & Music Festival](#), Norwood
- § 4-5 March, [ABARE Outlook 2008](#), Canberra
- § 5-6 March, [WineSkills Program](#), Fleurieu Peninsula
- § 9 March, Crush 2008 - [Adelaide Hills Wine Festival](#)
- § 16-18 March, [Prowein](#), Duesseldorf (Germany)
- § 17-19 March, [Principles of Packaging](#), Melbourne
- § 19-21 March, [Thessaloniki International Wine Competition](#), Greece
- § 23 March, [Live Clare @ Kirrihill Wines](#), Clare
- § 3-7 April, [Vinitaly International Wine & Spirits Exhibition](#), Verona (Italy)
- § 17-18 April, [Wineskills Program](#), Clare
- § 22-25 April, [Food & Hotel Asia](#), Singapore
- § 8-10 May, [Seoul International Wine & Spirits Expo](#), South Korea
- § 13-16 May, [Spring Wine Mission to Japan](#)
- § 14-17 May, [Seoul Food & Hotel](#), South Korea
- § 20-22 May, [London International Wine Fair](#), UK
- § 3-5 June, [Interwine China 2008](#), Guangzhou (China)
- § 5-7 November, [Wine & Gourmet ASIA 2008](#), Macau (China)

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