



skills issues in the horticulture industry of the **riverina**

RDA Riverina Horticulture
Stakeholder Consultation Workshop

YANCO, WAGGA WAGGA & BATLOW

Is there a skills shortage in horticulture in the Riverina?

Anecdotal evidence from growers and industry has suggested there is a skills issue and shortage in the Riverina horticulture industry. RDA Riverina is seeking to establish and validate the extent of the issue through bringing together key industry stakeholders to discuss the needs of the Riverina horticulture industry in attracting, retaining and developing skilled workers

YANCO 18th July 2017
10am - 2.30pm
at Murrumbidgee Rural Studies
Centre Yanco

WAGGA WAGGA 20th July 2017
10am - 2.30pm
at National Wine & Grape Industry
Training Centre CSU Wagga

BATLOW 21st July 2017
9am - 12.30pm
at RSL Club Batlow

Included
Morning tea and a light lunch

RSVP
Please register by 13th of July at
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RDA Riverina under 'Browse Events'

background

RDA Riverina has collected anecdotal evidence of skills issues in the Horticulture Industry of the Riverina. This study will examine the available evidence through tools such as literature review, data collection from industry, training providers and community consultation to determine if there are issues affecting the horticulture industry in regards to skills and if so suggest strategies to address these skills issues.

This project is part of a greater skills project package in industry across RDAC NSW.

RDA Riverina is examining the skills issues and shortages in the horticulture industry of the Riverina. This includes the irrigation crops of citrus, tree nuts and vegetables, the wine grape industry and the cooler climate apple industry.

presenter: clinton muller



Clinton Muller has extensive experience in sustainable agriculture, with a specialist focus on horticulture and intensive production systems. Clinton has previously developed a regional

skills formation strategy for horticulture industries in Bundaberg, Qld and is currently supporting a skilled workforce solution for horticulture industries in the Goulburn Valley, Vic.

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agenda

10:00am	Welcome and introductions Awareness of participants in the room
10:15am	Current situation presentation of key findings out of the literature review Establishment of baseline issue and problem statement
10:40am	Break out group validation of key findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To what extent is there a skills issue in horticulture in the Riverina? ▪ Identification of industry perspective of skills issues in the region
11:10am	Report back – validation of key findings Common understanding established between participants
11:30am	World Café discussion on barriers and required actions to skills development grouped around thematic areas, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy environment ▪ Training system ▪ Broader labour market conditions ▪ Human resource management practices. Shared learnings and experiences across participants
12:30pm	Lunch break
1:00pm	Report back – barriers and required actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What other barriers and/or actions need to be captured? Common understanding established between participants
1:25pm	Plenary discussion on the Riverina's common vision for skills in Horticulture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where does the industry want to be? What does the industry need to do to achieve this vision? Establishment of industry commitment and expectations to address skills issues in the region
2:00pm	Close