



Innovation grant applications open

Dried vine fruit growers can now apply for a Dried Fruits Australia Innovation Grant.

Worth up to \$3,000, the grants recognise innovations that have demonstrated or show potential to be of significant benefit to the Australian dried grape industry.

Grower creativity and ingenuity is vital for the survival of the industry as it deals with increasing cost pressures. DFA is investing in the industry's future with each round of grants.

Applications for the third round of grants close 5pm Friday 24 November. Contact us for an application form.

Visit the [DFA website](#) for more information.

News bites

- The latest edition of *The Vine* magazine is out now. The October–December issue features Agriculture Victoria research scientist Michael Treeby, who led a study into the impact of last year's hail storm on grapevines. Read it [online](#) or look out for your copy in the mail.
- The Bureau of Meteorology has released its climate outlook for the remainder of 2017. It shows an equal chance of wetter or drier conditions for most of Australia. See the outlook [here](#), including a handy video summary.

Grower forum recap

Almost 60 growers and industry staff attended the Dried Fruits Australia Annual Growers' Forum this week.

We heard from some top speakers who discussed a range of industry issues to help growers become better informed and more successful. Read about what our presenters from the Bureau of Meteorology and Mildura Police had to say about [climate change](#) and [farm security](#) in today's *Sunraysia Daily*.

See a selection of photos from the forum on our [Facebook](#) page.

We would love to receive feedback about this year's event. Please get in touch on 03 5023 5174 or at admin@driedfruitsaustralia.org.au.

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