

## Presidents Report

Welcome to the Spring Edition of Pickled and Pressed.

I would like to thank Sandra for her work as President and for her role in the instigation of the Association in 1999. Her support has never waned and her sound business head and friendly, welcoming manner have seen the Association make great progress under her leadership.

Welcome to the new committee members Iain and Allana Towers and Bob Forster. The first task is to make plans for next year offering a range of activities from grove walks to sampling products, including sharing experiences, problems and solutions. We were pleased to hear, at the AGM, how well oil from our members and the company has been received by the general public as well as great chefs (and all the more special knowing that for the first time it is "our own grown" oil that is being extolled). It was particularly encouraging to hear that the Goulburn Strathbogrie region is most popular.

Ern Hunt has made us a very up-market looking presentation stand and if you can assist with selling at any forthcoming events, please let me know on email or phone. We will try to give as much notice as possible.

The green of spring is a welcome sight and the rain seems to be falling at the right time so hopefully watering won't be such a long arduous task this summer.

I look forward to meeting as many members as possible over the next few months.

Robyn Vroland

### GSOGA Food Company Update

Sales are going well with product in 42 outlets, with shops asking to more product. The Company has interviewed a person for a sales position. The Strategic Plan currently being developed through Wendy Freeland's masters group will be delivered next week and the task will be to complete the Business Plan.

First payment for member's oil is currently being prepared. Les Ridd, Rob Morphett and Daryl Cox have been returned as Directors.

### GSOGA MEETING

#### Xmas BBQ

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 12 noon**

Join us for a Xmas BBQ at the Molesworth Recreation Reserve from 12 noon. Meat and salads provided \$8.00 per head. We are negotiating to have Gary D'Arcy from DPI talk on the issue of Olive Knot. It is a great chance to catch up with other growers before the end of the year.

BYO chairs and drinks.

RSVP to Jhill Gall by the 26<sup>th</sup> November for catering purposes on 5795 2652.

## Anthracnose

During the pressing of last seasons harvest there was a considerable amount of produce presented for pressing that was affected by Anthracnose. This disease reduces the quality of the Oil and it is important to spray your trees to prevent them being affected by this disease. Ern Hunt has asked that members consult their local Chemical company regarding appropriate preventative grove management.

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**AOA Report**

The AGM and conference were held in Brisbane in early October. The AGM was the briefing on the new strategic plan which you can find on the AOA website. The conference was very good with a lot of good marketing information including exporting to the USA. There is every sign that next years crop will be about three times this years, with about 4000 tones of olive oil likely nationally. The national olive awards dinner was a great success with winners presented with their awards. Full details are on the AOA website. Margaret Kirby, who conducted our recent olive tasting, was the big winner on the night. Next years event is in Perth. Think about coming along!

**Victorian Olive Council Report – Wayne Singleton**

The AGM was held in August with all existing office bearers returned unopposed. The VOC Constitution has now been approved and will be available on the new VOC website which will be up shortly. The VOC Education and Training Working Group under David Markey, from the Peninsula Association is now working on the training program for the next 12 months. This will be on the website as well. David's group has been invited to develop the national education and training strategy for the AOA and undertake negotiations with government on future needs. A big job, which we will all benefit from! The VOC is working with state government on the Olive Knot problem. You will all have seen the email and attached brochure. PLEASE READ IT! This is a potentially serious problem. Check the AOA website [www.australianolives.com.au](http://www.australianolives.com.au). If you think you have a problem ring me on 0414 945 263.

**GSOGA Website**

Stewart Andrew has done a fine job of coordinating the development of the Website, and only has to sort out our domain name and web hosting. It will then be up and running with links to VOC, AOA and more.

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**Calendar of Events**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2003  
Xmas BBQ Molesworth Reserve  
Goulburn Valley highway Molesworth

March 2004  
Olive Grove Walk-Abouts

Other dates to be advised for  
Olive Care Course  
Pruning Demonstration  
Oil Tasting and Chef Demonstrations

**Email Addresses**

We are fortunate to be on the mailing list for the Australian Olive Assn. This means that we are provided with a number of very current emails. In order to send this information out to our members we wish to update our email address. Could you please fill out the accompanying form and post back as soon as possible if you have an email address.