



AGM Supports New Membership Model

At the SERIC AGM held on November 18, 2010, members voted to support the Board's proposal to adopt a revised membership model. The objective of the model is to create more billable hours and income for SERIC and will see some members paying less on their subscriptions while others, including local government and forestry pay more. Members will pay significantly more for project work undertaken outside agreed hours.

Commenting on the decision to adopt the new model, Executive Manager, Terry Strickland said, "Clearly members have recognized that our current arrangement is not sustainable and have been prepared to bite the bullet to ensure that a valuable regional resource has the chance to continue into the future".

nrmIRRIGATION

Another module has been added to the extensive array of information and tools available on nrmSPACE.se. Commissioned by the South East Natural Resources Management Board, the nrmIRRIGATION module provides a repository of information which will be of great value to regional irrigators and urban dwellers conscious of their outdoor water use.

Under the Irrigation for Profit banner, the Irrigation Efficiency project was responsible for numerous regional trials, the development of an extensive resource to support irrigators and linkages with like organizations working in the field of irrigation and efficient water use. This site pulls all this together in five pages: Resources, Soils, Scheduling, Systems and Water.

Check it out!

<http://se.nrmSPACE.com.au/nrmirrigation>



You Little Bottler! Mount Gambier GI

SERIC is pleased to have been of assistance in the push by the Mount Gambier Regional Winegrowers Association to have their region recognized as a unique region under the Geographic Indications regulations of the Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation. To be registered under the Geographic Indications regulations a wine region must undertake a process of definition, following a process defined by the Geographic Indications Committee of the AWBC. SERIC with its extensive data sets was able to assist in providing information about regional climate, soils and infrastructure and drafted the maps of proposed boundaries.



The GIC has made a Final Determination of the Mount Gambier region available for comment until mid December, so the process looks like it is nearing completion.

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

The staff at SERIC wish to thank all SERIC members and their staff who have contributed to another busy but successful year. Enjoy the break you managed to organize for the Christmas New Year period and we will see you back on deck in early January.

The SERIC office will close on Thursday 23 at 12.30 pm and reopen on Monday January 10, 2011.



Shannaka, Darren, Tony and Terry