Organic Vegetable Producers
Last week VGA Vic IDO–East organized a meeting for organic vegetable growers in the Koo Wee Rup area.

Dr Elizabeth Minchinton, DPI Vic presented information from her past research project:

“Disease management strategies for downy mildew on spring onions and white blister on radish” HAL VG01045

The project was completed in 2005 but the projects findings and recommendations are still current practice.

The main interest for organic growers was the disease prediction model that was successfully used in managing Downy Mildew in Spring Onions.

As a result of this meeting DPI & VGA Vic IDO will be assist organic onion growers in trialling of DownCast predictive model using a weather station and current research.

The VGA Industry Development Officers are available to assist all vegetable growers.

If you need to get in touch with current research, or research that has been completed in the past and would like more information, please contact:

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About the Vegetable R&D Levy
The National Research and Development Vegetable Levy provides funding for research and development on behalf of industry.

Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) is responsible for managing industry funds and matching funds from the Commonwealth Government. State Grower representatives on the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC), recommend which research and development projects should be funded by HAL.

During the life of a project many extension activities are conducted for Growers and their advisors, including demonstration field days, workshops, presentations, newsletters, magazine articles and a final report that is tabled with HAL.

Upcoming Events
Vegetable Growers Forums organised by VFF
Mon 7th June 2–5pm Lindenow Hotel
Tues 8th June 3–6pm Cranbourne, Amstel Golf
Wed 9th June 2–5pm Werribee, Bridge Hotel

Program:
- New Horticultural Award
- Horticulture Code dispute resolution
- VicRoads Chain of Responsibility
- Workcover

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