



In The Field

News for Victorian Vegetable Growers



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New AusVeg Appointments

Biosecurity and Special Projects Officer

AUSVEG is pleased to welcome **Dr Jessica Lye** on board as **Biosecurity and Special Projects Officer**.

Dr Lye comes to the role with strong academic credentials, having completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in Genetics and Zoology, before undertaking Honours based research in Plant Biotechnology, and completing her PhD last year, which focused on elucidating the function of metal transport proteins using fruit flies as a genetic model organism.



The AUSVEG Biosecurity and Special Projects Coordinator works in conjunction with AUSVEG Biosecurity Advisor, **Dr Kevin Clayton-Greene**, to coordinate the AUSVEG National Biosecurity Program.

The program has been designed to improve management of, and preparedness for, biosecurity risks in the vegetable and potato industries at the farm gate and industry levels. This program is run in conjunction with **Plant Health Australia**.

If you have any queries for Dr Lye regarding the AUSVEG National Biosecurity Program, please email: info@ausveg.com.au or call and ask for Dr Lye on (03) 9882 0277.

Minor Use and Agronomy Coordinator

AUSVEG has recently appointed **Scott Kwasny** as **Minor Use and Agronomy Coordinator**.

This follows the recommendations from a review into pesticide investment in the Australian vegetable industry identifying a need to communicate minor use permits, surrounding issues, and applications, directly to growers.

Scott brings strong credentials to the role, having worked previously as a plant scientist with the CSIRO on the **C4 rice project**, working to transform the photosynthetic style of rice to produce high yields using less water and fertiliser.

An integral part of Scott's role will be interacting with growers to discuss issues in disease, pest and weed management for vegetable crops grown in Australia.

He is the primary point of contact for any issues relating to chemicals, resistance and any newly-emerging issues.

Scott will be engaging growers in person, holding information sessions as part of the **AUSVEG Minor Use Awareness Program**.

Keep a look out for more information over the coming weeks.

If you have any issues regarding minor use permits, please email: info@ausveg.com.au or call and ask for Scott on (03) 9882 0277.

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