

# Lockyer Valley Growers Inc

A group of Lockyer Valley Horticultural producers have established Lockyer Valley Growers (LVG) as an incorporated association.



Local growers who have volunteered their time to be part of the management committee are:

## Executive Committee

**President :** Michael Sippel

**Treasurer :** Sharee Parchert

**Secretary :** Keyestine Gehrke

## Committee Members

Anthony Staatz

Justine Vanstone

Troy Qualischefski

Kerry Hauser

Sharron Windolf

David Simon

Brock Sutton

Tammy Litzow

Desley Jackwitz

The Group to date has received positive support from growers.

## OUR OBJECTIVES ARE TO:

- Represent members equally and fairly by supporting initiatives and undertaking projects which benefit the fruit and vegetable industry in the Lockyer Valley.
- Employ an Industry Development Officer to contribute to the fruit and vegetable industry in the Lockyer Valley.
- Promote the Lockyer Valley as a premier production area for fruit and vegetables to increase public and government awareness of the significance of vegetable production in the Lockyer.
- Represent the interests of members by presenting a united 'voice' on matters that concern the fruit and vegetable industry in the Lockyer Valley including lobbying government and industry organisations.
- Identify, scope, attract funding and manage pest, disease and varietal research projects required specifically for the Lockyer Valley.
- Identify government and industry grants and programs that may be of interest to vegetable growers in the Lockyer and make these known to members. Assist with applications when required.
- Apply for multi-use permits for chemicals to allow use in 'off-label' applications in response to situations that require such use be permitted.
- Promote the fruit and vegetable industry in the Lockyer on a website, by issuing media releases and by being a single point of contact for the media when they want a spokesperson to respond to questions of significance to the fruit and vegetable industry.
- Re-establish vegetable industry expo and field days in the Lockyer.
- Create opportunities for social gatherings and group educational opportunities and encourage industry stakeholders to get to know each other, as this makes a significant contribution to building resilience against future floods and other external threats. For example:
  - Annual Gala Dinners
  - Grower Awards
  - Site visits to processors and technology facilities
  - Groups to represent the interests of women in horticulture, young growers and others
  - Study tours
- Other projects and activities that are determined to be appropriate by the management committee.