

*Healthy Rivers, Healthy Communities*  
*Presenting current research in the Goulburn Broken Catchment*

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**Biography:**

Ashley Wheaton has been a full time member of staff at the University of Melbourne since August 2003. Ashley is an Industry Training Specialist – Viticulture. The 5 years prior to this appointment, Ashley worked at Dookie Campus on secondment 3 days per week from DPI Tatura where he was Viticultural Research Scientist. Ashley holds a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Honours) and Master of Agricultural Science from La Trobe University.

Ashley's areas of research include: root restriction and partial rootzone drying in grapevines; grapevine response to rootzone soil conditions; improving water use efficiency through effective canopy cover; improving quality of stone fruits through canopy and fruit manipulation and effect of grapevine rootstocks on grapevine performance. Other professional interests include: on-farm adoption of current technologies and management practices; wine grape crop forecasting; environmental management systems in wine grapes and managing climate risk in viticulture.

