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NEW EXTENSION OFFICER FOR MALLEE SUSTAINABLE FARMING

Mallee Sustainable Farming is thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Nicole Dimos as its new extension co-ordinator. This position will see Nicole working closely with scientists across three states to deliver the latest research to Mallee farmers.

Nicole said, “I was really attracted to this position as I see broadacre farming across the Mallee as really progressive.”

She said, “Mallee farmers have already shown that they are adaptable, having coped for years with varying amounts of water; they have seen floods and droughts and are probably most able of all the agricultural sectors to adapt to a changing climate.”

Prior to this position, Nicole worked with the Victorian Department of Primary Industries in viticulture. She worked closely with grower groups through the Viticare program and also led specialist research programs on wine grape nutrition and smoke taint in vineyards.

She gained a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from Melbourne University and went on to complete her doctorate at Charles Sturt University in Wagga. She was also an Agricultural Science lecturer at La Trobe University Mildura in 2005 and 2006.

When asked why she chose to move from viticulture to dryland farming she said, “With water allocations doubtful, I feel that viticulture has stalled and I really admire the resilience of the Mallee farmers. This has more of a future, is more sustainable.”

Lance Brown, Executive Officer of MSF said of Nicole’s appointment, “Her experience in agricultural will be a great addition to our region and MSF’s team.”

Over the next few weeks, Nicole will be getting acquainted with the many research projects undertaken by MSF as well travelling around her new tri-state region.

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