

Alpine Valleys

agribusiness forum

'Australian Alpine Valleys - Where the Best Grows to Perfection'

Project Report

Innovation in Planning Seminar 2007

Total Project Cost
\$45,540

As the request of members the AAVAF hosted a seminar exploring issues relating to the farming zone in regional Victoria. The forum looked at planning solutions and case studies from Australia, Europe and the USA and examined how those communities manage their rural zones.

One hundred and two people attended the forum, of whom one third were from the region's planning community

Key learnings included:

1. Do the research – need to know what's really happening;
2. Set your vision – desired future community;
3. Work collaboratively across the three levels of government., across industry sectors and agencies;
4. Build capacity (to handle change) in the community for example consider advisory panels to deal with land use planning issues rather than Councillors;
5. Do the long term planning;
6. Act decisively to prevent conflicts (not simply to avoid them).