



Victorian Vegetable Grower



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Norm Hawkes 1926-2009

Many vegetable growers will fondly remember former VGA Vice President and Life Member **Norm Hawkes**, who passed away on the 26th October 2009, aged 83.



Norm was born and raised on the family farm at Mordialloc, the fourth generation to work the same land.

After a long and successful career, Norm 'retired' some 40 years ago to Perry Bridge on Lake Wellington near Sale.

Norm was a great supporter of vegetable research, from the early work with kerosene blends to control weeds in young carrots, through to trials with the more selective herbicides.

When Melbourne University began pasture salinity trials at Lake Wellington, Norm was the man who generously provided the machinery.

One fellow grower remembers a cheerful Norm helping him fold his tarpaulin on a dark, cold and very busy morning at Footscray market.

Growing and selling vegetables was a life-long passion which Norm continued in retirement, selling his home-grown potatoes and carrots at local Farmers Markets.

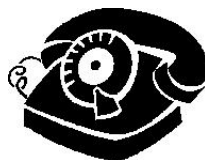
The VGA are grateful to have received a family video from Norms estate showing daily work at the Mordialloc farm in about 1948.

The video shows Norm in his early 20's harvesting cabbage, potatoes and carrots with his father and includes some rare footage of horses working the fields, early field gadgets and a FARMALL model H tractor. Clips from this video will soon be available on the VGA website.

Norm will be well remembered for his love of work, friends and family and his lifelong connection with the vegetable industry.

Farewell Norm

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