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Tell us what you need to help with harvest.

“Across the Central NSW we are hearing that primary producers have concerns about labour shortages this harvest due to the impact of Covid19.” Said Cr John Medcalf OAM, Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation, Mayor of Lachlan Shire Council

CozWine Harvest Trail Services is a federally funded program provider for Central Western NSW. It aims to attract and engage Australian job seekers for the purpose of harvest work.

“CozWine has been engaging with producers across the region in an attempt to understand the size and scale of requirement for harvest workers.” Said Cr Medcalf

“We are aware from discussions with producers already that applications for this coming harvest are as low as 30% of last year’s applicant numbers. We also understand that we need to provide strong incentives to entice unemployed Australians to undertake harvest work. We are looking at programs that exist currently for JobSeekers to attempt to provide financial benefit without limiting their ability to return to JobSeeker payments when harvest is concluded,” said El Milne, National Manager of Cozwine.

Mayors across the region are calling on primary producers thinking about grain harvest through to wine grapes and stone fruit with everything in between to provide the following information to CozWine;

- the type of crop they produce
- number of harvest workers required
- approximate dates they require them
- how long they need them for
- and any other specific skills they need.

“The more information that can be obtained, the better equipped we will be to plan and ensure producers in the region get the labour they require” Said Cr Medcalf

Please contact the Manager of Harvest Trail Services at COZWINE Mr Robert Millington on 02 7201 8888 or 0447 156 812, for more information please visit their website www.cozwine.com.au

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