



Auscitrus Activities 2005-06

Australian Citrus Growers Conference

Mandurah WA, March 2006

The word 'Auscitrus' is written in a stylized, orange, cursive font. The letters are thick and have a slight shadow effect. The 'A' is particularly large and loops around the 'u'. The 'i' has a small dot above it. The 'r' is also stylized with a loop. The 's' ends in a small hook.

Auscitrus mission statement

“The primary role of Auscitrus is to provide propagation material of the highest health status, of the best varieties available worldwide, to protect the health status of the Australian Citrus Industry.

Auscitrus will ensure adequate supplies of healthy, true to type, and horticulturally evaluated propagation material are produced in a scientifically sound, efficient, and economically sustainable manner.

This will ensure nurseries have access to the best available propagation material, and in turn will provide the citrus industry with a greater opportunity of establishing healthy orchards.”



Auscitrus membership – 2005/06

- **Australian Citrus Growers**
Kent Andrew
- **Citrus Growers of South Australia**
Ben Dring
- **NSW Farmers Association**
John Cade
- **Nursery and Garden Industry NSW & ACT**
Gary Eyles
Ben Swane
- **Nursery and Garden Industry Qld**
Wayne Parr
- **Growcom**
Troy Emmerton
- **Riverina Citrus**
Joe Valenzisi
- **South Australian Citrus Improvement Society**
Mike Arnold
Arthur Pippas
- **Sunraysia Citrus Growers**
Michael Keenan
Greg Chislett
- **WA Fruit Growers Association Citrus Council**
Geoff Fawcett

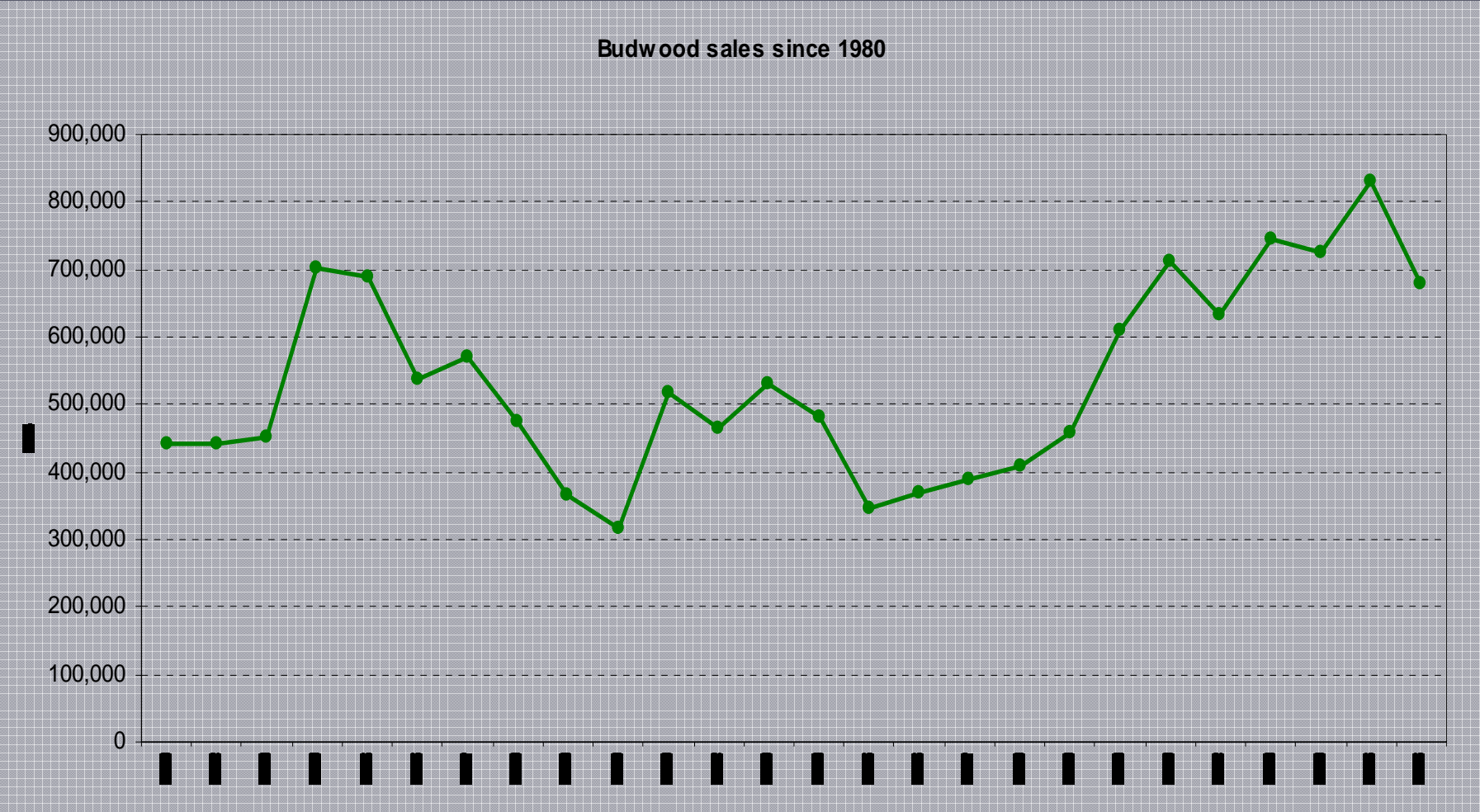
Auscitrus Management Committee and Office Bearers

- Mike Arnold – Chairman
- Wayne Parr – Vice Chairman
- Ben Swane – Secretary
- Michael Keenan – Treasurer
- Kent Andrew – Ordinary member

- **Finance sub-committee**

Michael Keenan
Kent Andrew
Tim Herrmann

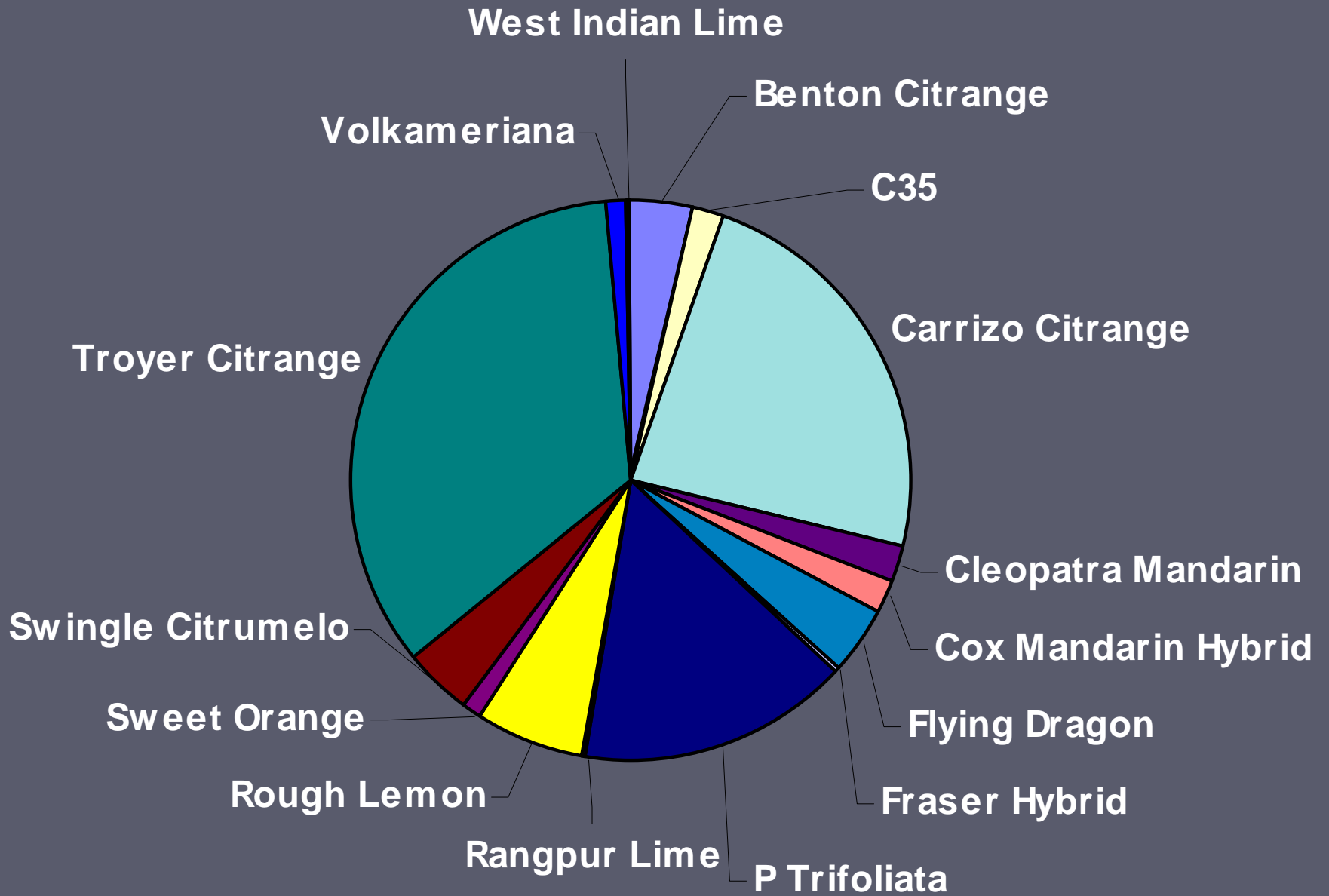
Bud sales for 2005-06 totaled **679,590** buds



Top 10 varieties sold in 2005-06

Mandarin Imperial	86,665
Common Hamlin	62,050
Navel Washington	46,115
Mandarin W. Murcott Afourer	44,929
Navel Late Lane	44,527
Lime Tahiti	42,285
Mandarin Murcott	35,818
Valencia Seedless McMahon	26,120
Common Salustiana	25,470
Navel Navelina (7.5 Spain)	24,420

Seed sales for 2005 totaled 608 kgs



Private variety arrangements

- Auscitrus has developed arrangements with several of the major Citrus variety managers.
- Auscitrus is contracted to carry out multiplication, testing, and distribution of budwood on their behalf.
- Auscitrus is also conducting evaluation trials (through NSW DPI) on behalf of the variety managers.
- This arrangement aims to maintain the high health status of the Australian citrus industry, while providing a valuable service to owners of patented and/or private varieties.

New variety imports 2005-06

- Several new varieties have been released from quarantine, but many are private varieties and so are not publicly available.
- Public varieties imported by Auscitrus and recently released have been:

Orogrande

Nour

Primosole

Sidi Aissa

Virus Free Nagami cumquat

For more information on these varieties contact Graeme Sanderson, NSW DPI, Dareton NSW

Public varieties in quarantine

- Varieties imported by Auscitus and currently in quarantine are:

Jingcheng BeiBei 447

Bintang Chen

Bintang Chen Renbin

Etna

Tarocco Ippolito

Tarocco Meli

Tarocco Rosso

Certification

- A call for expressions of interest to participate in a certification labeling trial has been made to Auscitrus customer nurseries.
- Selected participants will receive a label for each bud they purchase, identifying variety, source, date supplied, and nursery.
- This label will be at cost to the nursery
- Nurseries will be able to attach this label to trees propagated from Auscitrus budwood
- Random audits of nursery records will take place to ensure compliance with the certification requirements
- Incorrect use of the label will be a breach of trademark law
- This will not address overall tree quality, only certify the source of the budwood.
- Auscitrus is working with NGIA, to include citrus nurseries as a special interest group, promoting NIASA accreditation

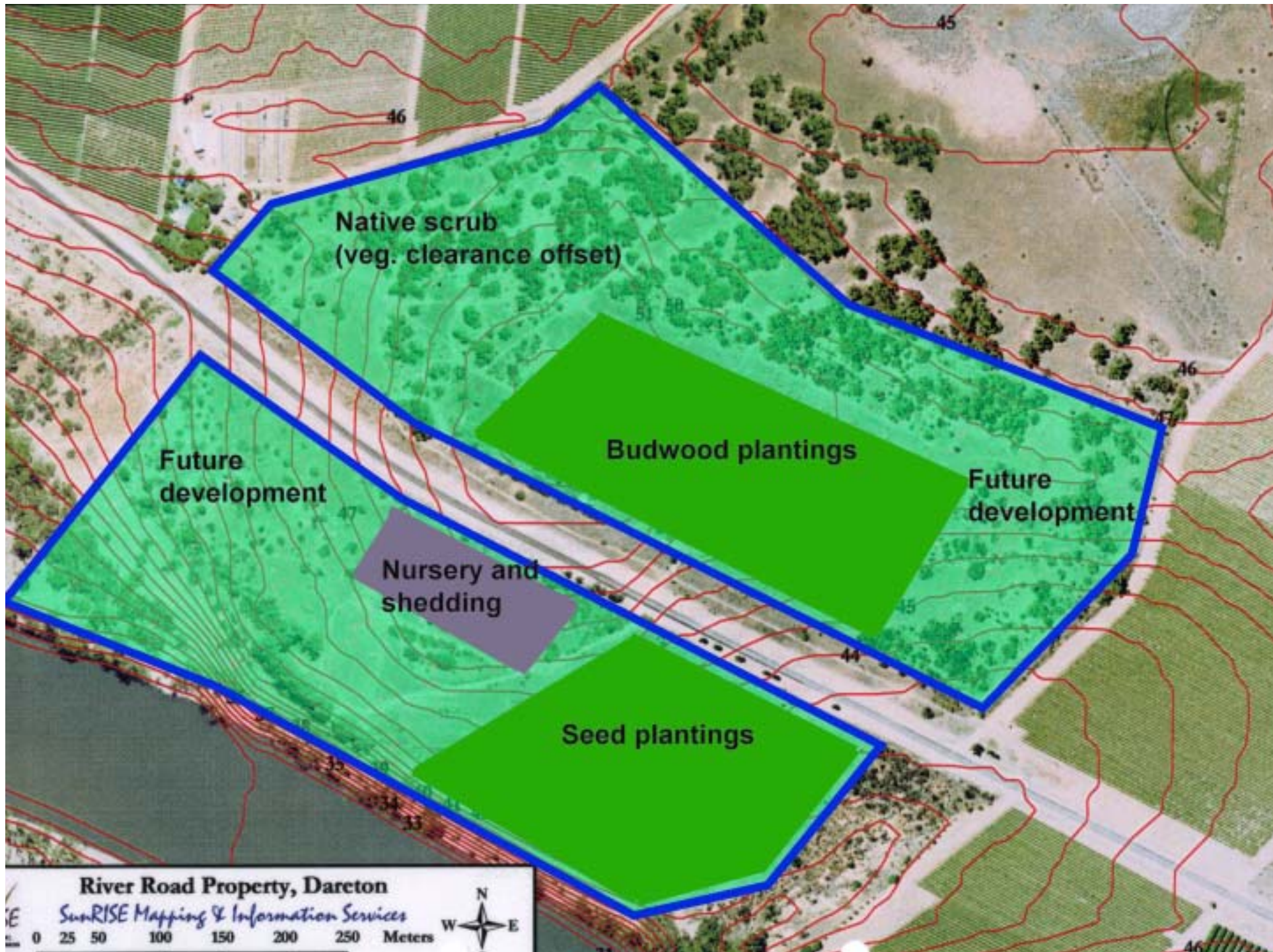
Auscitrus River Road development

Update on progress

- Auscitrus is close to finalizing the purchase of a parcel of Crown land on River Road in Dareton, NSW.
- This will be developed and planted to approx. 11 ha of seed and budwood trees

Soil surveys and all planning and budgeting has been completed.





A modern nursery facility will be constructed on site

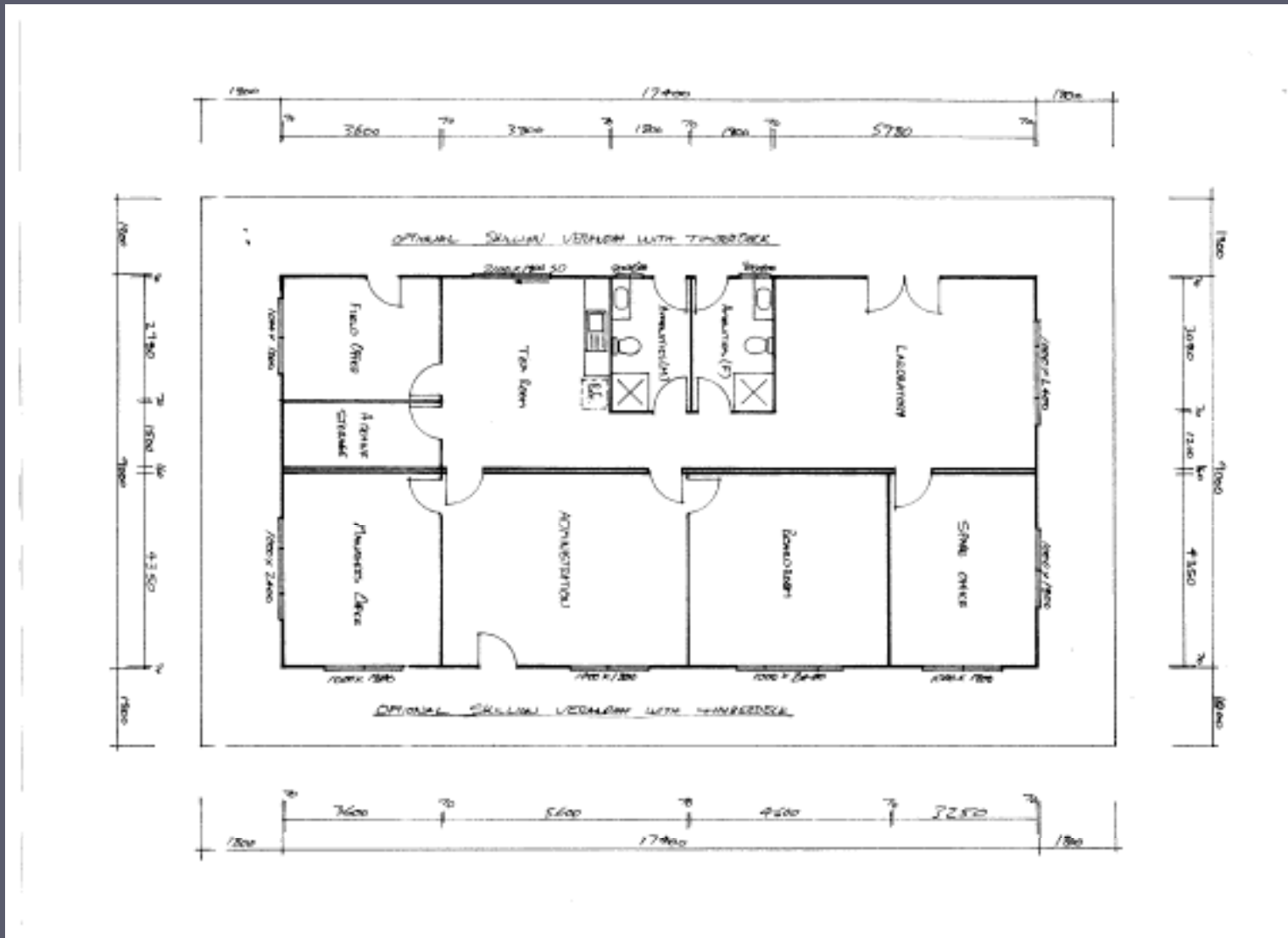


A heated greenhouse structure will allow extended growth of budwood through Winter

A large shade cloth structure will provide an expanded area for rapid multiplication of budwood, using drip fed hydroponics techniques



New office and basic laboratory facilities will be built on site



- Within two years it is expected the majority of the infrastructure will be completed
- Propagation has begun for the new seed and budwood trees
- Planting is expected to commence in Spring 2007
- New plantings are expected to allow phase out of existing plantings within 10 years.

Biosecurity

- A major benefit of the new property will be improved biosecurity
- Physical access to blocks will be restricted to essential staff only
- A border of native scrub provides a buffer from neighboring plantings
- All equipment will be disinfected prior to coming onto the property
- Footbaths and vehicle baths will be installed and usage enforced
- A quality assurance system will cover all aspects of the new property
- The nursery complex will be NIASA accredited

Citrus growers and nurseries should not become complacent about the risk of serious disease being transmitted in or on budwood!

Insisting on trees propagated using material from the Auscitrus seed and budwood scheme greatly reduces exposure to risk.

The logo for Auscitrus, featuring the word "Auscitrus" in a stylized, orange, cursive font with a white outline, set against a white background.

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