



barossa viticulture technical group

# 2013 Geoff Knights Viticulture Innovation Award

The Geoff Knights Viticulture Innovation Award is an initiative of the Barossa Viticulture Technical Group (BVTG) and is named in honour of Geoff Knights (1945–2009). Outside of managing his own Light Pass vineyard, Geoff committed 40 years of his life to supporting innovation amongst growers and viticulturists. Geoff was a founding member of the BVTG and was actively involved in other regional and national organisations.

This biannual award grants up to **\$20,000** to an individual to support a project, trial, study or any other activity that benefits viticulture in the Barossa. The award is open to individuals directly involved in viticulture, or any other person who has an association in this field. The applicant does not have to be a Barossa resident.

Applicants may submit their own proposal or choose a topic from the following list of regional priorities:

- Barossa rootstock trials and rootstock management
- Practical soil and vine water monitoring methods
- Varietal and clonal diversity in the Barossa and future vine improvement opportunities
- Viticulture Best Management Guidelines for the Barossa

Applicants who choose to submit a proposal based on a regional priority should refer to the website for further information before completing the application form. All proposals must be completed within a two-year timeframe.

To apply, individuals need to complete an application form outlining their proposal and submit this by post or email to the BVTG by Thursday 31 October 2013. All applications will be assessed according to the criteria in the Application Guidelines. Applicants may be required to attend an interview and will be notified of the outcome by 22 November 2013. The successful recipient will be formally announced at the Barons of Barossa Declaration of Vintage Ceremony in February 2014, but funding will be made available from 21 November 2013.

Successful recipients will have the capacity to further their networks and involvement within the Barossa through the BVTG.

## Applications close 5pm Thursday 31 October 2013

**Email:** [bgwa@barossa.com](mailto:bgwa@barossa.com)  
Subject: Confidential – GKVIA  
Please request a delivery and read receipt for your email

**Mail to:** Confidential – GKVIA  
Barossa Viticulture Technical Group  
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**Direct enquiries to:** Adam Hall, BVTG Delegate  
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## APPLICATION FORM

<b>First Name:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Surname:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Date of Birth:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Title:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Postal address:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>State:</b>	<input type="text"/>
		<b>Postcode:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Residential address:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>State:</b>	<input type="text"/>
		<b>Postcode:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Email:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Work phone:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Home phone:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Mobile:</b>	<input type="text"/>	<b>Fax:</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Occupation:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Current employer:</b>	<input type="text"/>		
<b>Where did you hear about this Award?</b>	<input type="text"/>		

### WINE INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT

<p>Please detail your past and present involvement, or association, with viticulture and the Barossa. Also list your involvement in industry associations, community groups &amp; memberships (300 words max.)</p>
<input style="width: 95%; height: 95%;" type="text"/>

# PROPOSAL

<b>Nature of proposal</b> e.g. project, study, trial	
<b>Proposal title</b>	[[ ]]
<b>Background to proposal</b> (300 words max.)	
<b>Proposal objectives</b> (300 words max.)	
<b>Please outline the methods and timelines for which your proposal will be executed</b> (500 words max.)	
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**Expected outcomes and benefits to viticulture in the Barossa (300 words max.)**

**BUDGET** (a separate budget sheet or table can be attached if necessary). **Please outline all cost areas anticipated, and include approximate timelines and any in-kind contributions or other funding sources (if required) to undertake your proposal (exclusive of GST)**

**Please list any non-financial resources and assistance required from the Barossa Viticulture Technical Group, other organisations or individuals to complete your proposal (300 words max.)**

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES & CONDITIONS

### 1. GUIDELINES

The successful recipient shall undertake his/her proposal in the timeframe 21 November 2013 to 30 November 2015.

The recipient must within this timeframe;

- 1.1. Implement and complete their proposal.
- 1.2. Provide a written report outlining the aims, methods and outcomes of their Award work, and present this completed report and their findings to the BVTG by 30 June 2016.
- 1.3. Provide quarterly updates (verbal or written) to the BVTG on the progress of their project, or whenever requested by the BVTG.
- 1.4. Keep the BVTG informed on any support or information they require to help ensure completion of the Award requirements.
- 1.5. Work closely with the BVTG to disseminate outcomes of their work to the industry and region including presentations at industry seminars.
- 1.6. Demonstrate involvement in BVTG and the Barossa Grapegrowers' Vine Selection Society, including occasional attendance at meetings upon request.

### 2. APPLICATION & SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be assessed on their individual merits against the selection criteria.

- 2.1. **Close of applications:** Applications emailed or posted after the closing date will not be considered.
- 2.2. **Requirements:** Applicants are required to provide all information outlined in this application form. Failure to meet all requirements will result in the application not being considered.
- 2.3. **Selection Process:** A Selection Panel convened by the BVTG will assess all written applications, from which a short-list of applicants may be chosen for interviewing. From this, a recipient may be chosen, and all applicants will be notified of the outcome by 22 November 2013. The recipient will be expected to attend the Barons of the Barossa Declaration of Vintage event in February 2014 at which the recipient will be recognised. The recipient may however commence their project from 21 November 2013 upon signing a *Letter of Agreement*.
- 2.4. **Final Selection:** The selection of the recipient will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### 3. CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- 3.1. **Letter of Agreement:** The recipient will be required to sign a *Letter of Agreement* as soon as possible after 22 November to formalise their Award commitments and the financial arrangements pertaining to the Award and their proposal.
- 3.2. **Expenses and records:** The Award provides funding to cover costs such as laboratory analysis, document design/printing, travel, accommodation, meals, training courses, and other costs directly associated with completing their proposal and the requirements of the Award upon approval by the BVTG. The total amount of money provided by the Award shall not exceed \$20,000 (excluding GST). The recipient may contribute additional monetary or in-kind funding from other sources to undertake their proposed study and/or travel plans. However, this shall not in any way diminish or change the requirements of the Award. All receipts associated with the Award must be retained by the recipient and presented if requested.
- 3.3. **Changes in circumstances:** If for any reason the recipient is unable to meet his/her obligations under the *Letter of Agreement* prior to commencing his/her proposal, the BVTG reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Award to that person. If the recipient fails to meet his/her obligations under the *Letter of Agreement* after commencing his/her proposal (and incurring costs), the BVTG can undertake appropriate actions to recover from that person part or all of the Award monies provided. In the event of changed circumstances, the BVTG will consult the Selection Panel to arrange for the selection and awarding of an alternative recipient.
- 3.4. **Other Scholarships, Awards or Grants:** Applicants already receiving funding from other scholarship or funding schemes during the term of the Award are still eligible to apply, however the details of these must be disclosed with this application. If the applicant has any pecuniary interests with any party directly associated with their proposal, these must be declared with the application.

### 4. CONDUCT

The recipient is an ambassador for the BVTG, Barossa region, wine industry, and sponsors, and therefore must conduct themselves in a professional manner. The BVTG reserves the right to withdraw the Award from the recipient and seek return of all monies if at the sole discretion of the BVTG the recipient has during the term of the Award acted so as to irreparably damage the image and reputation of those organisations directly associated with the Award.

### 5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 5.1. **Commencement:** The Award will commence on the date of signing the *Letter of Agreement*, and shall conclude 30 November 2015. Extension to this timeframe can be granted by the BVTG if deemed necessary.
- 5.2. **Travel, accommodation and seminar bookings:** This is to be arranged by the recipient. The recipient can request assistance from the BVTG in helping to identify appropriate contacts and information sources so as to help complete their study and travel plans. Such assistance should be identified in the application form.

### 6. EXPENSES COVERED BY THE AWARD

The award provides a maximum of \$20,000 (excluding GST) to cover the following expenses (under these terms and conditions) that relate directly to undertaking the proposal. The Applicant does not have to spend the full \$20,000.

- 6.1. **Research & presentation costs:** Any expenses associated with the collection, interpretation, analysis and presentation of information for the proposal.
- 6.2. **Travel:** Air travel: all domestic and international travel will be economy class only. All travel will begin and terminate at the airport nearest to the participant's home address. Ground travel: ground travel (rail, bus, etc) will be by economy class. Car hire & fuel: car hire should be restricted to a medium sized car.
- 6.3. **Accommodation and meals:** Accommodation and meals whilst travelling away from home are part of expenses that can be covered by the Award. Accommodation should be of a standard that provides safe and comfortable conditions.

### 7. EXPENSES NOT COVERED BY THE AWARD (to be paid for privately):

- 7.1. Re-booking or cancellation fees incurred with air or ground travel due to changes made by the recipient.
- 7.2. Costs associated with obtaining a passport and travel visas.
- 7.3. Insurance: If travelling outside of Australia, the recipient must hold travel and sickness insurance for the period of travel related to the Award (of minimum level suggested by the Australian Embassy for that country). Insurance costs shall be the responsibility of the recipient.
- 7.4. Any expenses incurred that are not directly related to undertaking the proposed Award study and travel plan.

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## DECLARATION & AGREEMENT

I declare that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct.

I agree that the organisers may use the information disclosed in this application for marketing or promotional purposes, and that information may be disclosed in accordance with the Information Privacy Principles in the Privacy Act 1988.

### I have attached:

- My completed application form
- My Curriculum Vitae (maximum 4 pages)

### Referees:

Name:	[ ]		
Association to applicant:	[ ]		
Position:	[ ]	Employer:	[ ]
Mobile:	[ ]	Phone:	[ ]

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Position:	[ ]	Employer:	[ ]
Mobile:	[ ]	Phone:	[ ]

I have read and understood, and agree to abide by the Award application guidelines and terms and conditions.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

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Signature of applicant

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Name of applicant