

PROGRAM STAFF & COMMITTEE

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Program Convener

Nicki Robins
Viticultural Development Officer
Barossa Grape & Wine Association

Nicki Robins has over 20 years' experience in viticulture, winemaking and journalism/communications. As the viticultural development officer for the BGWA, representing 750 growers in the Barossa, she has coordinated, facilitated and delivered a number of grower events on a range of topics that were supported by regional, state and national government funding. Nicki has an active advisory role on the Grape Barossa committee as well as other local groups, including the BGWA Environment Committee, the Barossa Viticulture Technical Group and the Eden Valley Wine Grape Growers Group. She is also a graduate of the inaugural 2011 Next Crop leadership program.



Program Facilitator

Jill Briggs
Managing Director
Rural Training Initiatives

Jill Briggs has been a rural consultant and facilitator for over 15 years. She runs her own consultancy business – Rural Training Initiatives. Jill works primarily with individuals, communities and rural industries in leadership training and capacity building. She facilitates leadership programs for the Wine, Seafood, Aquaculture, Horticulture and Vegetable industries as the principal or co-facilitator.

Jill's qualifications are based on a master's in leadership and post-graduate adult learning. Her career background is teaching and lecturing in primary, post-primary and tertiary learning institutes. Rural Training Initiatives has managed and successfully acquitted projects for government departments, research and development corporations, and industry organisations.



GRAPE BAROSSA COMMITTEE

Grape Barossa Chairman

Adrian Hoffmann

Adrian lives at Ebenezer in the north of the Barossa Valley. He is Barossa 'born and bred' and a fifth generational grape grower. Adrian has an established vineyard, growing predominantly traditional Barossa red varieties, with some small areas of boutique varieties. He has studied Level III and IV viticulture at TAFE in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

In 1999 Adrian was the **recipient** of the inaugural Young Ambassador Award for the Barossa and since then has been heavily involved in representing the Barossa on committees, workshops and industry groups. He was a part of the wine industry future leaders program in 2009 and is now the current chairman of Grape Barossa and a BGWA board member.



GRAPE BAROSSA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Adrian Hoffmann – Chairman

Matt Alexander

Christine Canute

Fiona Habermann

John Hahn

Mike McCarthy

Anne Moroney

James Rosenzweig

Brendyn Hueppauff

