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10th Biennial Exploration Managers Conference 2015

*"Collaborative Research: impact and deliver for discovery"*



**Tuesday 17th March to  
Friday 20th March 2015**

**The Novotel Barossa Valley Resort**  
Barossa Valley, South Australia



# Invitation

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As we all know since the last Exploration Managers Conference in 2012, the minerals industry has faced some very tough times. As always in this situation, expenditure in exploration and research, and in particular collaborative research, are the first areas to be cut or significantly reduced.

It was in this challenging business environment that we were advised by our members to potentially cancel the conference this year. Instead, we have polled several of our members and the consensus seems to be that we should proceed with planning for the conference in 2015.

We thought long and hard about an appropriate theme that reflects the nature of the times and we considered it opportune to examine the value of collaborative research, its impact, and how it can be a driver to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the discovery process.

We have chosen the theme "Collaborative Research: impact and driver for discovery".

Basing the conference off this theme will afford an opportunity to demonstrate that collaborative research can not only deliver successful outcomes but that these outcomes can have a real impact on the discovery process. In the current economic environment, R&D investment is largely focused on the short-term horizon. The conference offers an opportunity to explore the potential impact of this focused investment as well as the value of a longer-term vision and research effort from the point of view of the majors and mid-tier companies and junior explorers.



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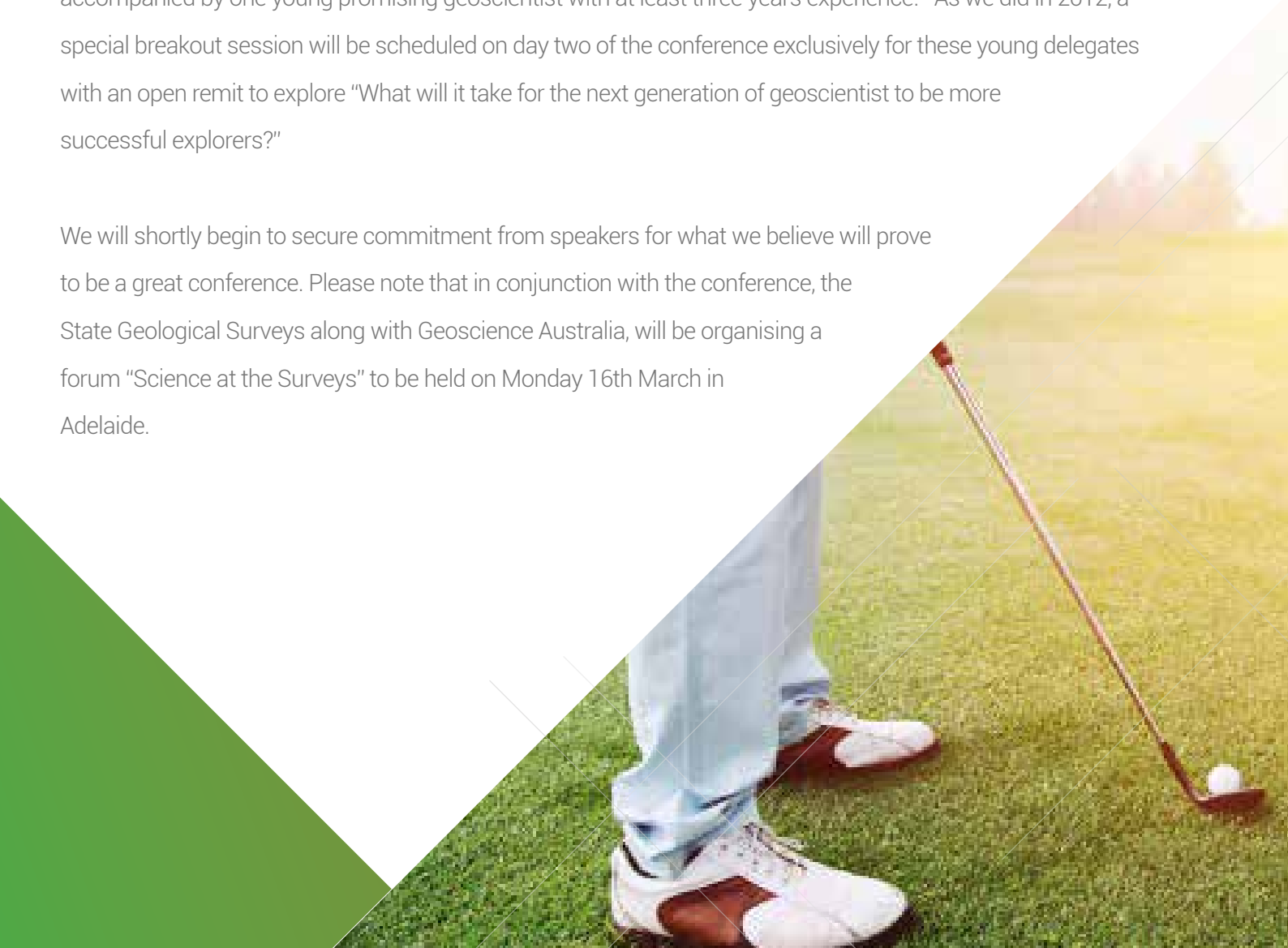
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The conference will be held from Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 March 2015 at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, South Australia. Please note that participation is by personal invitation and is non-transferable without prior approval from AMIRA International.

Key presentations will be made by industry and other invited speakers, who will cover a range of topics related to the theme. In addition, there will also be a poster session in which key research leaders will highlight a project with outcomes that they believe will significantly impact exploration in the next five years. Furthermore, the conference will include breakouts for delegates to explore a number of specific topics.

After success at the 2012 conference, we are continuing the innovation whereby each senior sponsor delegate can be accompanied by one young promising geoscientist with at least three years experience. As we did in 2012, a special breakout session will be scheduled on day two of the conference exclusively for these young delegates with an open remit to explore "What will it take for the next generation of geoscientist to be more successful explorers?"

We will shortly begin to secure commitment from speakers for what we believe will prove to be a great conference. Please note that in conjunction with the conference, the State Geological Surveys along with Geoscience Australia, will be organising a forum "Science at the Surveys" to be held on Monday 16th March in Adelaide.



# Sponsors

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# Conference Venue

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## Background on the Venue

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Novotel Barossa Valley Resort is a restful haven nestled among the vines, an hour from Adelaide. Located adjacent to the 18 hole Tanunda Pines Golf Course and boasting panoramic views across the Barossa Ranges and Jacobs Creek Vineyards, the hotel offers 140 well equipped apartments with private balconies, plus an array of leisure facilities including an outdoor pool, a fitness centre, tennis court, an endota day spa and The Tasting Room, an experiential retail outlet offering daily wine tasting.



Work meets play in a special way. With a dedicated conference centre, including nine function rooms, all with natural light, the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort is the ideal option for a conference with a difference.

# Conference Agenda

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## Tuesday 17th March - Evening

Welcome BBQ, hosted at the poolside. 7pm onwards

## Wednesday 18th March - Day Sessions

Main plenary sessions

### Session 1

Welcome  
Opening Address  
AMIRA Chairman's Address  
Keynote Speaker  
Blue sky research: insights to R&D challenges and successes

### Session 2

Industry challenges and successes

### Session 3

The value of R&D to the minerals exploration industry (case studies)

### Session 4

Current AMIRA project overviews and booth session

## Wednesday 18th March - Evening

Formal conference dinner, hosted at the resort

## Thursday 19th March - Day Sessions

Break-out sessions & close

Sub-theme: Where to from here?

### Session 1

Challenging the status quo

### Session 2 and 3

Breakout groups

### Session 4

Summary and close

## Thursday 19th March - Evening

Informal dinner at one of the local wineries

## Friday 20th March - Day

Optional networking & social activities;

Morning - traditional golf competition

Afternoon - Winery tour



# Social Activities - Optional

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## Morning

Enjoy a morning round of golf at Tanunda Pines Golf Course  
<http://www.tanundapines.com.au/welcome/index.mhtml>

**18 Holes - \$50 per player / Golf cart hire - \$40 each / Golf club hire - \$35 per set**

Tanunda Pines weaves its fairways among 100 year old gnarly gums alive with what seems to be every variety of native parrot in the nation. The course itself has surprisingly sandy loam as a base. This makes for excellent, tightly packed fairways and fast greens. The great Scottish architect Alister Mackenzie visited Adelaide in the early 1920's and wrote: "The ideal hole is surely one that affords greatest pleasure to the greatest number, gives the fullest advantage for accurate play, stimulates players to improve their games and never becomes monotonous. Multiply that by 18 and you have an ideal golf course." Well, Tanunda Pines fits nicely into that description. Tee shots demand technique as much as power, approach shots that employ the old grey matter, tight fairways and fast greens- it's got the lot.

Judge US Golf magazine's Top 100 Courses in the world

## Afternoon

Barossa Valley facts:

There are a total of 13,256 hectares of vineyard area planted in the Barossa Valley region.

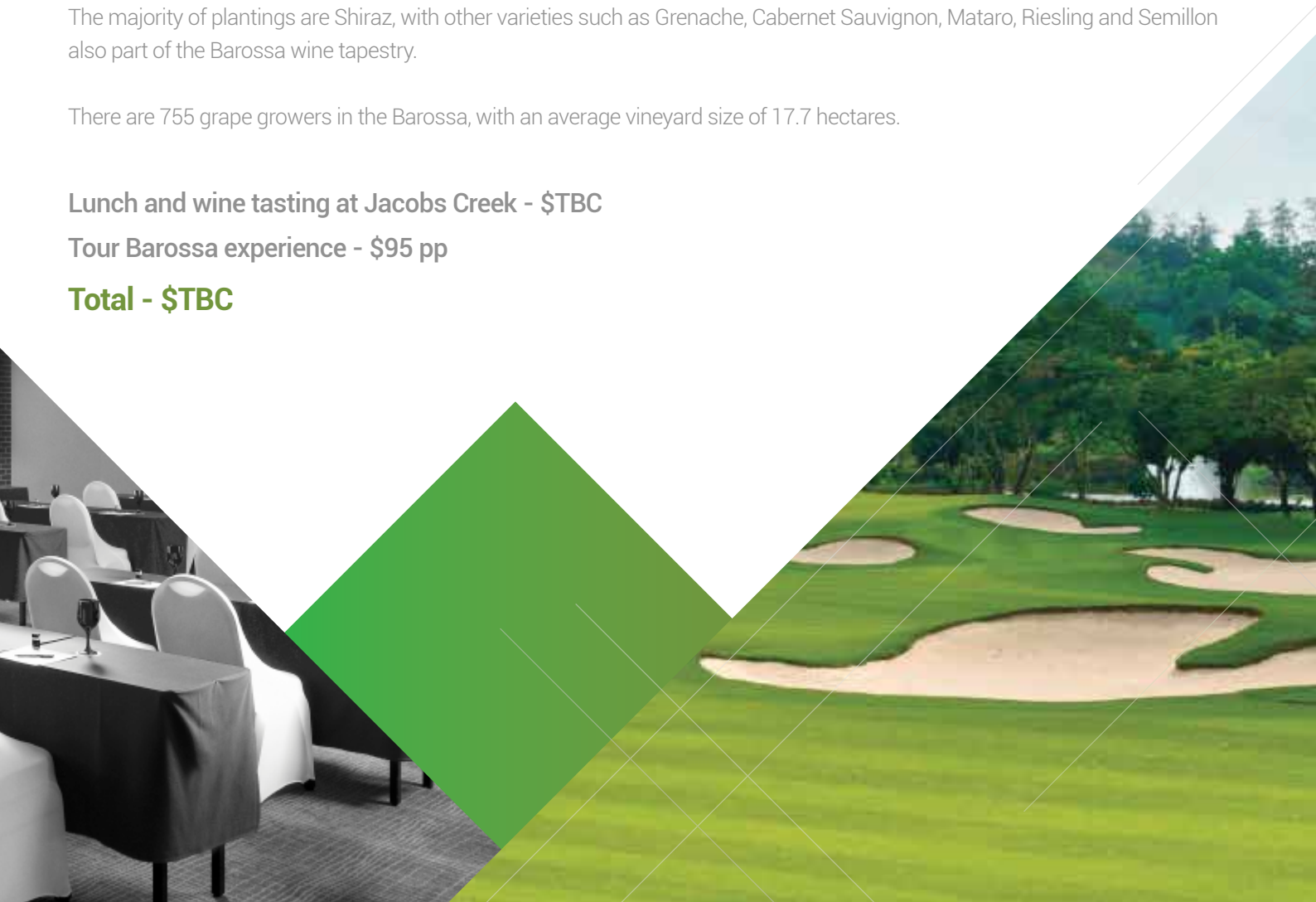
The majority of plantings are Shiraz, with other varieties such as Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mataro, Riesling and Semillon also part of the Barossa wine tapestry.

There are 755 grape growers in the Barossa, with an average vineyard size of 17.7 hectares.

**Lunch and wine tasting at Jacobs Creek - \$TBC**

**Tour Barossa experience - \$95 pp**

**Total - \$TBC**





# Registration Rates

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**Early bird, AMIRA Member and Government Agencies AUD1,400**

**Early bird, Non-member AUD1,600**

**Early bird, Research Institutions AUD700**

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**Late registration, AMIRA Member & Government Agencies AUD1,600**

**Late registration, Non-member AUD1,800**

**Late registration, Research Institutions AUD900**

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# EMC 2015 Registration Form

Please fill in separate form per attendee - Early bird booking expires 31st of January 2015

## Delegate Information

<b>First Name:</b>		<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>Preferred Badge Name:</b>			
<b>Job Title:</b>			
<b>Organisation Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>State:</b>		<b>Postcode:</b>	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Contact Numbers:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Fax:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>			

**Registration fees:** (includes 10% Goods & Services Tax) all in Australian Dollars - refer to Terms & Conditions below

Participant	Early Bird by 31 Jan 2015	After 31 Jan 2015	Amount (Aus \$)
AMIRA Members & Government Agencies	\$1,400.00	\$1,600.00	
Research Institutions	\$700.00	\$900.00	
Non Members	\$1,600.00	\$1,800.00	
Welcome BBQ (including drinks) Tuesday 17 March Free for delegates;		Guests: TBA	
Official Conference Dinner (including drinks) Wednesday 18 March - Free for delegates		Guests: TBA	
Informal Dinner (including drinks & transport) at local winery Thursday 19 March		not free TBA	
Golf 18 holes Please note <b>strict dress code</b> requirements Friday 20 March		TBA	
Lunch and Wine tour at local winery including afternoon tour Friday 20 March		TBA	

## TOTAL PAYABLE

<b>Payment details</b>		<b>Final date for Registration: Friday 27 February 2015</b>	
Banking Details:	<b>Bank Name:</b> Commonwealth Bank of Australia <b>Account Name:</b> Amira International Ltd <b>Swift Number:</b> CTBAAU2S		<b>Branch:</b> 367 Collins Street, Melbourne <b>BSB:</b> 063000; <b>Account Number:</b> 00800335 <b>Email:</b> accounts@amirainternational.com
Cheque payable to:	AMIRA International Limited		
Credit Card:	<b>Amount payable in Australian Dollars: \$</b>		
	MasterCard	Visa	Amex*
Cardholder's Name:			
Card Number:			
	Expiry date:		
Authorising Signature:			<b>Date:</b>

## Terms & Conditions

**Cancellation Policy:** If you cannot attend personally, a substitute delegate is welcome to participate in your place.

**Cancellation Fee:** Cancellations must be notified in writing. Email will be accepted. Cancellations before TBA will incur an TBA fee and NO REFUNDS for cancellations received after 5:00pm AEDT **TBA**

\*Please note all payments made on Amex will incur a 3% surcharge

Tax Invoice: This document becomes a tax invoice for GST purposes upon completion and payment. (Australia Only)

**Free Transportation:** Please indicate your bus requirements. Booking compulsory

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**Final date for booking of accommodation to take advantage of preferential rate: TBA**

**Please book your accommodation TBA**

The Novotel Barossa Valley Resort - TBA

Any questions please speak with: - TBA

## Special Requirements

To assist with catering please advise any special diet requirements, eg vegetarian, Diabetic, Gluten Free, etc.  
Also, please advise of any special considerations needed, eg wheelchair access.