



Position Description

Viticulture Scientist [Research and Extension]

Overview:

The Viticulture Scientist [Research and Extension] is accountable for research, development and information transfer to improve the quality and cost effectiveness of wine grape production in Australia. The Viticulture Scientist [Research and Extension] will support and facilitate the interaction between wine-grape producers, R&D industry stakeholders, SARDI and the AWRI.

This position will be a shared role between SARDI and the AWRI, working collaboratively with research scientists and extension staff within both SARDI and the AWRI. A management team will oversee and coordinate activities, based on an agreed annual work plan.

Reporting to:

The Viticulture Scientist [Research and Extension] will be accountable to a management team consisting of the Group Manager – Industry Development and Support, AWRI and the Research Chief, Sustainable Systems Division, SARDI

Day-to-day reporting will be to the Group Manager – Industry Development and Support, AWRI

Principal accountabilities:

1. Plays a principal role in supporting and delivering viticultural research, development, extension and communication activities, which are aimed at the dissemination of knowledge and information to the grape and wine sector.
2. Develops and undertakes research and development proposals in viticulture which utilise the capabilities of SARDI and AWRI viticulture research.
3. Develops funding proposals for research projects in viticulture, working with staff in R&D projects across disciplines in SARDI and the AWRI, and liaising with external funding providers.
4. Provides confidential advice to requests for technical assistance from Australian viticulturists and provides a support function to the AWRI helpdesk capability.

5. Participates in extension activities including the AWRI Roadshow seminar and workshop program, the New Climate adaptation program and other extension activities as required, delivering content on topical viticulture themes.
6. Contributes to the formulation and dissemination of viticulture information through various communication platforms, including refereed scientific publications.
7. Prepares and updates information used on the AWRI website, journal publications and the AWRI *Technical Review*.
8. Promotes the general well being of SARDI and the AWRI by ensuring that all contact with clients, staff or the public is performed in a professional and confidential manner.
9. Accepts that all Intellectual Property, Patents and discovery arising during the course of employment remains the property of the respective organisation, and any contractual agreement made with the funding party.
10. Mentors junior staff where required in both SARDI and the AWRI.
11. Fulfils reporting and publication obligations in a timely manner.
12. Promotes communication and collaborative linkages between SARDI and AWRI as part of the Wine Innovation Cluster.

Person Specification:

1. Practical understanding of and experience in viticulture research and information dissemination
2. Ability to work and communicate successfully within a multi-disciplinary environment and across research and industry groups
3. Ability to maintain effective working relationships and contribute positively in a team environment
4. Superior oral and written communication skills.

Work, Health and Safety Responsibilities:

Employees must take reasonable care to protect their own health and safety, and have responsibilities to:

1. Ensure that they do not increase the risk to the health, safety or welfare of others through any act or omission.
2. Obey reasonable instructions that are designed to protect their health, safety and welfare.
3. Use, in the appropriate manner, equipment that is provided to protect their health, safety or welfare.
4. Not wilfully interfere with, or misuse, items or facilities provided in the interest of health, safety or welfare of employees.
5. Ensure that they are not affected by alcohol or any other drug to such an extent that they endanger themselves or others.
6. Comply with the use of appropriate personal protective equipment.
7. Report promptly, any hazards, incidents or injuries to their Manager/Team Leader.