

The  
**Barry Johnson - Cryovac  
Young Achievers Award 2009**

**\$15,000**

**STUDY AND TRAVEL GRANT**

*“Established to advance technical knowledge and expose young people to the global developments in meat packaging.”*



Left to right: Dick Adams – Cryovac, Jason Kennedy - Woolworths Ltd, Barry Johnson.



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# AWARD BACKGROUND

The Barry Johnson – Cryovac Young Achievers Award has been established by Cryovac Australia to recognise the achievements of Barry Johnson over the 40 years he has been working with the Australian meat industry.

Barry spent nine years in abattoir production management and 31 years sharing information on training and technical services while employed with the CSIRO and Food Science Australia.

He was the first university graduate to be employed in an abattoir and was managing a plant by the time he was 32.

He has provided significant assistance to the industry, including much work on vacuum packaging of chilled beef exports to Japan hygiene procedures, strategies for optimising meat quality and buyer satisfaction.

The Award will provide a grant of \$15,000 to one person each year which includes an overseas travel component. This award has been established to support aspiring achievers in the meat processing and retail industry to develop their careers through investigations into packaging of fresh meat. Implicit in the Award is the long-term objective of making further contributions to meat packaging technology in Australia.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

- a) Eligible nominees must be directly and actively employed in abattoirs, boning rooms, value added processing rooms or retail processing operations of beef, lamb, goat, pork or game meat in Australia.
- b) Nominees must be between 18 and 39 years of age at 1 October in the year that the grant is awarded. He / She must have completed 12 months (minimum) continuous service in any or all of the areas outlined in paragraph a) by 1 January in the year that the award is entered. The nominee's employer must formally approve the nomination and the award winner must be employed in the red meat industry at the time of accepting the award, as well as while he / she is utilising the award grant.
- c) The award winner will be announced in September 2009 and the recipient will be required to obtain adequate time away from his/her employer to attend the AMIC Annual conference held in September (Cryovac will pay for out of pocket expenses to attend the conference including airfares, accommodation and event meals. Travel is to be taken within 12 months of receiving the award and a report on the achievements of the study tour is to be submitted to Cryovac in hard copy format within three months of returning from the overseas study travel. The winner may also be required to be available for interviews with media as part of the terms of entry.
- d) The report should be at least 1000 words in length. The travel component will be organised by Cryovac and the itinerary will be structured according to individual requirements, but must be agreed to in conjunction with the person's employer and Cryovac. The final agenda is to be ratified by Cryovac Australia and must include a visit to a Cryovac research facility in either Europe or the United States. The basis of the award is for the investigation into meat packaging and this component remains its essence.
- e) The 'Employer Agreement to Participate' section must be completed and signed by an authorised manager from the nominating employer. By agreeing to participate the employer will allow the award recipient time to complete an overseas study tour (approximately 2 weeks) and maintain full wages / salary while the person is away on the tour.
- f) The proceeds of the grant are for the express use of the study tour outlined in the investigative paper.