



GOVERNOR'S LEADERSHIP  
FOUNDATION NETWORK

## THE LEADERS INSTITUTE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

# THE DENNIS MUTTON MEDAL

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In recognition and honour of the achievements of Dennis Mutton, **The Dennis Mutton Medal** was struck in 2010 and is a most prestigious award. It is awarded to a Fellow of the Governor's Leadership Foundation (FGLF) in **recognition of a substantial contribution to the South Australian community** through their voluntary involvement in new initiative(s) and/or through adding value to an existing initiative(s), providing evidence of a **'beyond-self' approach**, and importantly incorporating an understanding of the influence and impact of the GLF Program on those efforts.

### ABOUT DENNIS MUTTON

#### **Dennis Mutton B.Sc (For) Hons, Grad Dip Mgt, and JP Director**

One of the Founding Fathers of the Governors Leadership Foundation (GLF), Dennis Mutton was on the committee that set up the program for SA Business Vision 2010 (in 1999) and moved on to the first GLF Council. The contribution by Dennis became integral to the development of the initial GLF Network as he worked alongside a group of GLF graduates in 2002 to see it formally established. He helped develop the original guiding Charter for the Network and facilitated it being approved through the Council. Subsequently, as the Leaders Institute of South Australia (the Institute was evolving, Dennis worked to develop the Constitution and became the inaugural Treasurer; a position he held for 5 years until his retirement from the board.

Dennis Mutton retired after a long and distinguished career in the South Australian Public sector and industry. He was a former Chief Executive of Primary Industries and Resources S.A. and prior to that Chief Executive of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the South Australian Woods and Forests Department. Dennis also held positions as Deputy President and Commissioner of the Murray Darling Basin Commission.

In retirement, Mr Mutton remains an active contributor, an independent consultant in the fields of natural resource management, industry development, primary industries and mineral resources, regional growth initiatives, business-government relations, leadership and human resource development.

A Board Member and Director of various companies and organisations in the private and public sectors [Natural Resources Management Council of S.A., The Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation, Bio Innovation S.A., Operation Flinders Foundation] and a Councillor of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society of South Australia, Dennis has also conducted major reviews at both State and National level and established major projects in East Timor.

*"My passions are about extending my own mind and continuing to learn, but more importantly supporting young people and not so young people reach their full potential and supporting involvement in lifelong learning. This has been achieved amongst other things through involvement with the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, the GLF, Operation Flinders Foundation and spending time coaching and mentoring people from all walks of life.*

*In all my work endeavours, considerable energy has gone into developing and supporting staff and building a learning culture as an integral part of business. The generation of Australians that follows and replaces people like me are the ones that need to be supported and helped to reach their full potential, they are the ones to lead and make a difference.*

*My other real passion is putting energy and support into rural and regional communities, through advocacy for equality of services and opportunity, which have other levels of challenge beyond those experienced by people in urban environments. I also find time to enjoy nature, travel, read, be entertained, play and watch sport and appreciate fine wine.*

*I am honoured and humbled to be part of a commitment to recognise fine leadership and valued contribution from emerging South Australian leaders."*



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### APPLICATION CRITERIA and PROCESS

GLF graduates (Fellows) who are financial members of the Institute may self-nominate OR be nominated. Those participating in their GLF program year are ineligible to apply.

The application must be supported by two additional referees. Referees can be anyone who can verify the supporting evidence (e.g. employers, community members, beneficiaries of the initiative(s), other Fellows etc). The referees will have a strong understanding of the initiative(s) and community contribution by the applicant and will be able to provide verification of the supporting evidence provided by the applicant.

Fellows or Nominees are to complete and email an application using the template below. Short listed candidates, as deemed necessary by the judging panel, may be invited to meet with; provide further information or conduct a presentation to the judging panel. The judging panel will consist of at least three members and will include the CEO of the Institute, Chairman of the Institute Board of Directors and Dennis Mutton. The panel can include other appropriate members as determined relevant by the Institute CEO (including Chair of the GLF Network Executive), up to a maximum of five people.

The nominees must reflect the core values of giving and not receiving and the basis of their actions and choices that have been made for the good of community, rather than for themselves. The predominant involvement in the related initiative/activity must have occurred POST the applicants GLF year.

Once a nomination has been received, the applicant will be sent email confirmation that it has been lodged and will be reviewed by the **Dennis Mutton Medal Review Panel**. Assuming the nomination satisfies the application criteria it will be considered eligible. Short-listed nominees will receive a letter of recognition. The judging panel will review the applications and make a recommendation to the Institute Board. Where a recommendation cannot be made on initial information/applications or further information is required, the panel may request such further information and/or a meeting/presentation from short listed candidates. The Medal winner will be notified by the Institute Chairman with their name then published in the GLF Network News and on the Institute website, with a Medal presentation to follow at a suitable date. We recognise the personal nature of the applications, however the judging panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

There are 4 elements to be addressed within the application:

**1. OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE/ACTIVITY**

Brief description of the initiative/activity that forms the basis for this application

**2. APPLICANT'S INVOLVEMENT**

Brief description of the extent of applicant's involvement in this initiative/activity

**3. OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS**

Brief description of what has been or is being achieved

**4. GLF LINK**

Brief description of the role the GLF program/GLF Network has played in catalysing this project and/or its influence in making the outcomes/benefits possible

### TIMELINES

- Applications for the Award open Thursday May 12 2011
- Applications for the Award close Wednesday August 31, 2011
- Selection process undertaken by Panel September 2011
- Recommendation to the Institute board October 27 board meeting
- Winner notified by Chairman October 28
- Award presented by Dennis Mutton and announced at 2011 Graduation Ceremony on November 8 (date to be confirmed)



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**APPLICATION TEMPLATE FOR LEADERS INSTITUTE OF SA  
DENNIS MUTTON MEDAL**

Complete and Post or Email to Office Coordinator, Leaders Institute of SA, Lv 1, 164 Greenhill Road, Parkside SA 5063  
email: [claire.johnson@lisa.com.au](mailto:claire.johnson@lisa.com.au)

To be received no later than **5PM ON 31 AUGUST 2011**

**DETAILS OF PERSON NOMINATED FOR MEDAL (FELLOWS MAY SELF-NOMINATE OR BE NOMINATED)**

Title	Given Name(s)	Surname
Address		
Tel [bh]	Mobile	
Date	GLF Year	
Email		

**DETAILS OF PERSON WHO IS NOMINATING (LEAVE BLANK IF SELF-NOMINATING)**

Title	Given Name(s)	Surname
Address		
Tel [bh]	Mobile	
Date	GLF Year	
Email		



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250 Words Max

**2. APPLICANT'S INVOLVEMENT**

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300 Words Max



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### **3. OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS**

Brief description of what has been or will be achieved

500 Words Max

### **4. GLF LINK**

Brief description of the role the GLF program/GLF Network has played in catalysing this project and/or influencing the outcomes and benefits

150 Words Max



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### NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS OF TWO REFEREES WHO CAN SUPPORT YOUR APPLICATION

#### REFEREE 1

Title	Given Name(s)	Surname
Position	Organisation	
Tel [day]	Mobile	
Email		

#### REFEREE 2

Title	Given Name(s)	Surname
Position	Organisation	
Tel [day]	Mobile	
Email		

#### SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE

I the undersigned, certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief as at the date below.

Signature of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

#### APPLICANT'S CHECK LIST

- Application form completed including relevant signatures of Nominee
- Statement regarding reason for supporting nomination
- Relevant supporting evidence attached
- Correct contact details of 2 Referees

*\*NOTE: Missing or incomplete documentation will lead to exclusion from the assessment process*