

Better pulse varieties faster

## 'Kaspa type' for low to medium rainfall zones



### **KEY FEATURES**

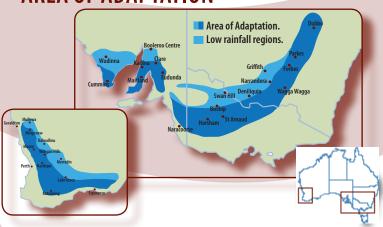
- Higher yielding in low to medium rainfall zones
- Early to mid flowering and early maturing
- Similar plant type to Kaspa<sup>()</sup>
- Disease resistance is similar to Kaspa<sup>()</sup>
- Suitable for crop topping
- Grain marketable as 'Kaspa type'

### MAIN ADVANTAGES

PBA Gunyah<sup>(1)</sup> (tested as OZP0602) is an early flowering field pea with high yield potential. It is better adapted to low and medium rainfall climates than Kaspa<sup>(1)</sup>. It is more broadly adapted than PBA Twilight<sup>(1)</sup> (tested as OZP0601) with a relative yield advantage over PBA Twilight<sup>(1)</sup> in the more favourable lower rainfall areas.

Growers in low rainfall regions have the option of growing both PBA Gunyah<sup>(b)</sup> and PBA Twilight<sup>(b)</sup> to manage the risk of low seasonal rainfall or paddock variability and still market grain from either variety as 'Kaspa type'. Both varieties are better suited than Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup> to the practices of delayed sowing for disease management and crop topping to control annual ryegrass.

## **AREA OF ADAPTATION**



**WA:** Adapted to all cropping regions for field peas across the northern, central and southern cropping zones. PBA Twilight<sup>(b)</sup> will be a superior option in lower rainfall areas.

**SA:** Adapted to all cropping regions across SA. PBA Twilight<sup>(b)</sup> may be a better option in the lower rainfall areas.

**VIC:** Adapted to all Mallee and Wimmera regions, PBA Twilight<sup> $\Phi$ </sup> may be a better option in the lower rainfall areas of the Mallee.

**NSW:** Adapted to short season climates of southern and central west regions. PBA Twilight<sup>()</sup> may be a better option in the lower rainfall areas.

## **SEED PROTECTION & ROYALTIES**

PBA Gunyah<sup>(b)</sup> is protected under Plant Breeder's Rights (PBR) legislation. Growers can only retain seed from their production of PBA Gunyah<sup>(b)</sup> for their own seed use.

An End Point Royalty (EPR) of \$2.75 per tonne (GST inclusive), which includes breeder royalties, applies upon delivery of this variety.

Seed is available from the commercial partner Seednet.





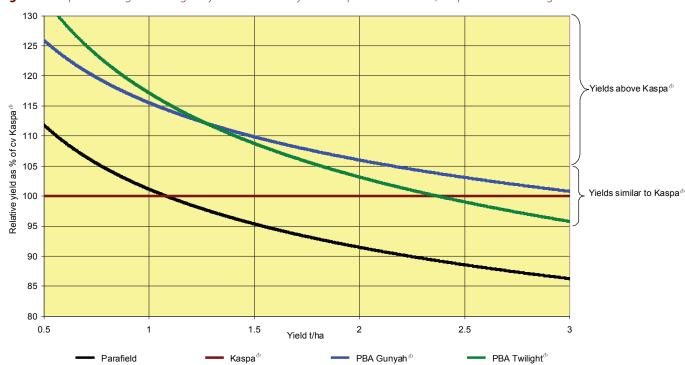
### **YIELD & ADAPTATION**

- Broader adaptation across lower-medium rainfall regions than Kaspa<sup>®</sup>.
- Reliably higher yielding than Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup> when yield potential is below 2.25 t/ha.
- Higher yielding than PBA Twilight<sup>()</sup> in low rainfall regions with cooler or typically longer growing seasons with yield potential above 1.5 t/ha.
- Lower risk option when sowing is delayed for disease management or following a late season break compared to Kaspa<sup>()</sup>.



The relative grain yields of cultivars PBA Gunyah<sup>Φ</sup>, PBA Twilight<sup>Φ</sup>, Parafield and Kaspa<sup>Φ</sup> are represented in Figure 1. Comparative yields are based on extensive evaluation across southern Australia between 2005 and 2009. The relative yield advantages of PBA Gunyah<sup>Φ</sup> and PBA Twilight<sup>Φ</sup> have been highly consistent across cropping regions, particularly in shorter growing seasons. Growers can use prior knowledge relating to performance of Kaspa<sup>Φ</sup> or Parafield (e.g. on farm or regional NVT location grain yield performance) to estimate the yield advantage of growing PBA Gunyah<sup>Φ</sup> on farm. Growers should consider variety choice together with agronomic options to minimise risk from seasonal drought, frost and disease as well as marketability of grain type.

Figure 1: Graph of average relative grain yields of PBA Gunyah<sup>(1)</sup> compared to Parafield, Kaspa<sup>(1)</sup> and PBA Twilight<sup>(1)</sup> in southern Australia.



**SOURCE:** Trial results from Pulse Breeding Australia (PBA) and National Variety Trials (NVT) programs.





### **AGRONOMY**

- Follow the same sowing rate and harvest recommendations as for Kaspa<sup>®</sup> for your region.
- PBA Gunyah<sup>®</sup> commences flowering at least 2 weeks earlier than Kaspa<sup>®</sup> in most cropping regions and is better adapted to shorter growing season climates or when delayed sowing is used to manage disease risk.
- PBA Gunyah<sup>(b)</sup> has a longer flowering duration than PBA Twilight<sup>(b)</sup> and Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup> particularly in shorter growing seasons.
- Sensitivity to recommended rates of registered herbicides has been similar to Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup> in 2 years of testing on calcareous-alkaline soils.
- Follow regional pesticide recommendations for control of pea weevil and budworm.
- PBA Gunyah<sup>Φ</sup> matures earlier than Kaspa<sup>Φ</sup> and is better suited to the practice of crop-topping to manage weeds.

Variety	Plant habit	<b>Plant vigour,</b> early season	Flowering time	Maturity time	Plant lodging, at maturity	Pod shattering, at maturity
Kaspa type						
Kaspa <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	High	Late	Mid	Fair-Good	R <i>(SP)</i>
PBA Twilight <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	High	Early	Early	Fair-Good	R <i>(SP)</i>
PBA Gunyah <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	High	Early-Mid	Early	Fair-Good	R <i>(SP)</i>
Australian dun type						
PBA Oura <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	High	Early-Mid	Early	Fair-Good	MR (NSP)
PBA Percy <sup>(b)</sup>	С	High	Early	Early	Poor	MR (NSP)
Morgan <sup>®</sup>	Tall-SL	High	Late	Late	Poor-Fair	MR (NSP)
Parafield	С	High	Mid	Mid	Poor	MR (NSP)
Yarrum <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	Fair	Late	Mid	Poor-Fair	MR (NSP)
Niche grain type						
SW Celine <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	High	Early	Early	Fair-Good	S (NSP)
Sturt <sup>®</sup>	С	High	Early-Mid	Mid	Poor	MR (NSP)
Excell	SD-SL	High	Early-Mid	Late	Good	S (NSP)
Maki <sup>(b)</sup>	SD-SL	Low	Early	Early	Poor-Fair	S (NSP)

Key: SD=semi-dwarf, C=conventional, SL=semi-leafless, S=susceptible, MS=moderately susceptible, MR=moderately resistant, R=resistant. SP=sugar pod type pod. NSP=non sugar pod type pod.

## **DISEASE MANAGEMENT**

Disease management is needed to maximise yield potential. PBA Gunyah<sup> $\Phi$ </sup> has a similar disease reaction to Kaspa<sup> $\Phi$ </sup>. However it is generally less prone to powdery mildew disease late in the season, due to its relatively earlier flowering and maturity. Compared to Kaspa<sup> $\Phi$ </sup>, PBA Gunyah<sup> $\Phi$ </sup> has shown less blackspot symptoms early in the season, but a better yield response when foliar fungicide is applied or sowing is delayed. The better response is associated with the earlier and longer flowering regime of PBA Gunyah<sup> $\Phi$ </sup> rather than less disease.

- Sow within regionally recommended time periods.
- Follow recommended crop rotation practices.
- Use predictive models to manage blackspot (e.g. blackspot manager).
- Avoid sowing disease infected seed.
- Use regionally recommended seed and foliar fungicides to control downy mildew and blackspot.

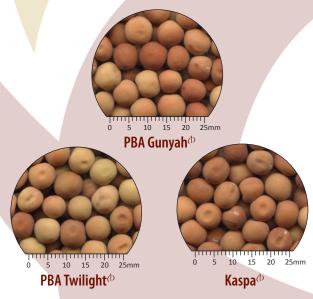
Variety	<b>Blackspot</b> (Ascochyta)	Bacterial blight (Field rating)	<b>Downy mildew</b> (Parafield strain)	<b>Downy mildew</b> (Kaspa strain)	Powdery mildew	PSbMV*				
Kaspa type										
Kaspa <sup>(b)</sup>	MS	S	MR	S	S	S				
PBA Twilight <sup>®</sup>	MS	S	R	S	S	S				
PBA Gunyah <sup>(b)</sup>	MS	S	R	S	S	S				
Australian dun type										
PBA Oura <sup>(b)</sup>	MS	MR	MR	MS	S	S				
PBA Percy <sup>(b)</sup>	MS	R	S	S	S	S				
Morgan <sup>®</sup>	MS	MS	MR	S	S	S				
Parafield	MS	MR	S	S	S	S				
Yarrum <sup>(b)</sup>	MS	MS	S	S	R	R				
Niche grain type										
SW Celine®	MS	S	S	S	S	S				
Sturt <sup>⊕</sup>	MS	MS	MS	S	S	S				
Excell	MS	S	MR	S	S	S				
Maki <sup>®</sup>	S	S	S	S	R	R				

Key: S = susceptible, MS = moderately susceptible, MR = moderately resistant, R = resistance. \* PSbMV = Pea seed borne mosaic virus.



## **GRAIN QUALITY**

PBA Gunyah<sup>(h)</sup> produces spherical grain with a yellow split and a tan seed coat colour similar to Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup>. It has high seed size uniformity and excellent processing efficiency for the yellow split pea market (i.e. similar to Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup>) and is also suitable for stock feed industries. PBA Gunyah<sup>(1)</sup> generally produces grain of higher quality in terms of size and uniformity in lower rainfall regions or short growing seasons compared to Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup>.



## **MARKETING**

PBA Gunyah<sup>(b)</sup>, PBA Twilight<sup>(b)</sup> and Kaspa<sup>(b)</sup> all produce grain, marketable as 'Kaspa type'. This grain type is preferred by major importing markets in the Indian sub-continent, particularly for snack foods. Contamination with other field pea types such as dimpled or white grain varieties will reduce the value for human consumption markets.

## BREEDING

PBA Gunyah<sup>(1)</sup> (tested as OZP0602) was identified by the PBA field pea team and is derived from a line bred at Horsham DPI Victoria, from a targeted crossing selection program to improve yield reliability in low rainfall cropping regions. The final cross made in 2001 was between two high yielding and erect growing lines PS1594 and PS1535 varying in flowering time. PBA Gunyah<sup>®</sup> is named after Gunyah Beach on the Eyre Peninsula of South Australia.

## PULSE AGRONOMY

Agronomy and disease management information has been developed with the assistance of the 'Southern region pulse agronomy project' co-funded by GRDC, SARDI, DPI Victoria and NSW-DPI as well as the South Australian Grains Industry Trust (SAGIT) funded project 'Exploring opportunities for improving pea management practices'.

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