

Viticultural and Oenology Committee

MINUTES		
VOC Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 3 May 2016	9.00am	CGWI Offices

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Sid Kidman (SK), Cathy Hughes (CH), Joe Cory (JC), Martin Wirper (MW), Chris Brodie (CB)

Apologies: Catherine Kidman (CK)

Minutes: Kerry DeGaris (KD)

Chris Brodie welcomed everybody as the new chairperson for the VOC and advocated to instil new blood into the committee to ensure future succession planning could occur.

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 2 February 2016

Moved CB	Seconded SK	The minutes are a true and correct record. NB as a quorum could not be achieved for the April meeting – the February minutes had not been ratified.
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3. Actions Arising Previous Meeting		Who	Completed
03/11/2015	Water Allocation Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB to circulate a copy of report written during deliberations for new WAP pertaining to forestry and potential triggers indicating the health of the aquifer. 	PB	Ongoing
03/05/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 		
02/02/2016	Electronic transfer of 2012 CAS leaders award leftover funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Lambert to contact MW to arrange an electronic transfer of the remaining 2012 funds. 	CL/MW	Ongoing
03/05/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW liaising with CL at completion of meeting to ensure this is done. 		

4. Standing Items

4.1	Weather Station Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH highlighted that this network is part of Jamie McDonalds brief to ensure the members only section will be part of the overall website upgrade. CB suggested that Tim Powell already has the capabilities to undertake this request. Action: CH to liaise with Tim Powell to see if creating a member only specific password is possible through his software.
4.2	Cabernet Leaders Award Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No applications received
4.3	Vine Health Australia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent communications from VHA announcing the appointment of Inca Pearce as the new Executive officer was tabled. Yarra Valley advice on expansion of PIZ zone to accommodate the newest outbreak. In light of this latest outbreak it was thought that a reminder needs to be sent out to members highlighting the protocols for phylloxera prevention. Action: MW to provide the TWE contractor protocol as a potential template.

	MW to liaise with AJ on this request.
4.5	REAL@Coonawarra <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As CK/PB could not attend meeting there was nothing new to report
4.6	Water allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SK reported that at the CGWI board meeting it had been resolved to write a letter to the SENRM to advise of the potential over use of allocated water in the district. It was thought it was wise to be proactive on this front.
4.7	SENRM update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD reported that she was now a board member of the SENRM KD reported on funding obtained (through LSCGWC) from the SENRM through their partnership program to investigate the problems associated with iron bacteria, calcium and salinity across all irrigators in the LSC. This will be co-funded by Wine Australia. This project will commence with a survey to identify the extent of the problem/s and how people go about mitigating the problem. This will be followed up by workshops which will be run via CGWI. KD & CK and Dan Newson are the people undertaking the work along with consultants – Glenn and Nikki Harrington.
4.8	Coonawarra Grape Register <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action, although CB suggested it might be worthwhile looking at the Riverland example. Action: CB to investigate the Riverland grape register
4.9	Ceres Imagery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH reported that the press release had been approved for distribution and had been picked up by a number of media outlets CK absent and unable to report although most people were aware that the final report was due soon.

5. Board Update

- SK highlighted that the VOC needs to develop a budget and outlined the main items: Scholarship (\$5K), Symposium (\$3K) – to be hosted every 3 years, subscription to LSCGWC (\$2K), weather stations (\$5K) & maintenance (\$1.5K), workshops (\$2K).
- Action: CH & SK to finalise budget in time for next CGWI board meeting**

6. Correspondence

- See Vine Health Australia section

7. Finance

- Refer to Board update

8. New Business

- LCGWC – Tech Committee** KD reported that AOP for FY16/17 Wine Australia Regional program had been submitted last week. Three projects that will be utilising CGWI are: the SENRM funded project (see above), the hosting of PhD students funded through Wine Australia and winemaking from the CAS rootstock trial.
- Remaining projects from the 2015/16 that need to be completed:
 - Eutypa workshop on June 16 which will incorporate the release of a BMP manual as well as a summary of the Greenseeker work. Discussed the inclusion of Greenseal who had approach CK to speak at this day. **Action: CK to liaise with Greenseal.**
 - Alternative winemaking tutored tasting: to occur towards the end of June
 - Alternative energy workshop: to occur in July and being run by AWRI.

10. Next Meeting Tuesday 7 June 2016 at 9am – CGWI office

Meeting closed at 10.25am

Date	THESE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING DESCRIBED AND THE CHAIRPERSON OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE WAS DULY AUTHORISED TO SIGN THEM AS SUCH	
	Name	
	Signature	