

Viticultural and Oenology Committee

MINUTES		
VOC Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 5 July 2016	9.00am	CGWI Offices

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Catherine Kidman (CK), Sid Kidman (SK), Cathy Hughes (CH), Chris Brodie (CB), Peter Balnaves (PB)

Apologies: Paul Fitzpatrick (PF), Joe Cory (JC), Martin Wirper (MW), Trent Brand (TB)

Minutes: Kerry DeGaris (KD)

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 7 June 2016

Moved CK	Seconded PB	The minutes are a true and correct record.
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3. Actions Arising Previous Meeting		Who	Completed
03/11/2015	Water Allocation Report	PB	Completed
	<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. 		
07/06/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing 		
3/5/2016	TWE contractor protocol as template for phylloxera prevention	MW	Ongoing
7/6/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MW has not spoken to AJ about utilising this protocol. 		
3/5/2016	Riverland grape register	CB	Completed
5/7/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB to investigate the Riverland grape register CB has investigated and thoughts were that SAWIA would be a better candidate to take this on. 		
7/6/2016	Weather Station Network	CH	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH to proceed with password protection of the weather station network for members of CGWI. 		
7/6/2016	Cabernet Leaders Award	CH	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH to liaise with HL to inform him that the CGWI would not be supporting his request in a financial way. 		
7/6/2016	Water Allocation	PB/CB	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB/CB to liaise with SENRM on the implications for growers if water use has exceeded licence requirements. 		

4. Standing Items

4.1	Weather Station Network
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See actions
4.2	Cabernet Leaders Award Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No budget line for FY 2016/1, as funds not actually required until FY 17-18. returned money from MW (\$4.7K) needs to have an itemised line in budget.
4.3	Vine Health Australia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CK reported on discussions with Inca Pearce and has been assured funding has been committed for FY16/17. She asked about future years and IP reported it

	<p>looked positive (future funding) but needs to bring the new board up to speed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was resolved to write a letter to VHA once new VHA board has been in place for a few months highlighting the need for further funding of the trial. CK reported Anna Hooper is one of the new VHA board members who will represent LSC interests. Action: CK/PB to draft letter to VHA about the rootstock trial and future funding.
4.5	<p>REAL@Coonawarra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PB reported that the main consultant assisting with this project has left the company he was employed with – as a result the project is on hold. CGWI can still process data requirements.
4.6	<p>Water allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD reported on SENRM latest water allocation discussions and noted an upcoming workshop being held by McKillop Farm Management group in August in Coonawarra. Action: KD to forward email from Dan Newson to CH pertaining to McKillop Farm Management group up-coming workshop on the LLSC water allocation plan.
4.7	<p>SENRM update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD reported on a recent climate change report pertaining to the LSC and this will be publically released in the near future.
4.8	<p>Coonawarra Grape Register</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See action list.
4.9	<p>Ceres Imagery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CK reported that final report and findings were reported to CGWI members in June. Remaining funds have been rolled into FY16/17 (\$10K) with a formal contract extension obtained from the state government. From the meeting held in June there had been a lot of member interest on having their vineyard surveyed, with an indication they would be happy to pay for the service. It was thought once the tower had been installed that a press release be written to advertise the service.

5. Board Update

- Finalisation of budget still occurring.
- Peter DeGaris is the new independent chair.

6. Correspondence

- P. Hackworth letter – SA regional focus groups, asking for nominations to be part of these focus groups. PF, TB, SK & PB suggested. **Action: CH to follow up with these people to confirm their participation.**
- Diane Mahany – National harvest labour information service. **Action: CH to distribute through weekly correspondence.**

7. Finance

- It was thought that there needed to be a line within the overall budget titled: VOC Project/s. This would ensure money is set aside and not forgotten about. This would include the \$4.7K from the return of MW CAS leaders award. Motion: \$4.7K needs to have a separate line in FY16/17 budget. Moved CK, seconded CB.
- Membership payment was discussed. A motion was moved by CB that membership fees should be paid annually rather than quarterly. Seconded: PB.

8. New Business

- LCGWC – Tech Committee** KD reported that next meeting of TSC was on July 7. Emphasis on CGWI members filling in survey on irrigating from unconfined aquifer as survey has gone live.
- CGWI membership** – CH gave an update on how overall membership was tracking.

	Discussion arose on how to encourage smaller growers <10ha. as the CGWI board, confidentially, has been asked to revisit the membership fees with consideration for smaller growers.
o	Uni SA brainstorming session – 18th July. CK reported that she and AJ had been invited to Mt Gambier to present CGWI thoughts on any blue sky ideas that Uni SA could assist with. Suggestions from the floor included: Iron bacteria – new technologies to control, upload/download speeds – precision Ag abilities into the future, Soil micro biology – microflora undervine, EM38 from the air – depth to limestone, modelling to look at lag time calculations for refill of the underground aquifer/s.

10. Next Meeting Tuesday 2 August 2016 at 9am – CGWI office

Meeting closed at 11.00am

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	Name	
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