

Viticultural and Oenology Committee

MINUTES		
VOC Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 7 June 2016	9.00am	CGWI Office

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Catherine Kidman (CK), Cathy Hughes (CH), Joe Cory (JC), Martin Wirper (MW), Chris Brodie (CB), Peter Balnaves (PB), Paul Fitzpatrick (PF)

Apologies: Sid Kidman (SK)

Minutes: Kerry DeGaris (KD)

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 3 May 2016

Moved JC	Seconded MW	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	Ongoing
	<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 		
02/02/2016	Electronic transfer of 2012 CAS leaders award leftover funds	CL/MW	Completed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the returned money should be considered a donation from MW and should be acknowledged in REALs report. 		
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	Ongoing
7/6/2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB to investigate the Riverland grape register Ongoing 		

4. Standing Items

4.1	Weather Station Network
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH reported that there is an option to password protect from Tim Powell's computer program. Consensus was to proceed with utilising this facility. Action: CH to proceed with password protection of the weather station network for members of CGWI.
4.2	Cabernet Leaders Award Update
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CH tabled a request from Hans Loder regarding a request for finding assistance to progress an app that he has designed. Consensus was the proposed project does not fit the scope of the CAS leaders award. Action: CH to liaise with HL to inform him that the CGWI would not be supporting his request in a financial way.
4.3	Vine Health Australia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CK reported on communications with Inca Pearce regarding a potential trial to look at electronic fences (virtual) in Coonawarra.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions arose on the continued funding of the rootstock trial CK would like to do more investigating before approaching VHA. It was thought once this investigation was done that a letter be written to VHA seeking confirmation about CGWI's long term funding of the trial – which had only been verbally confirmed by former CEO.
4.5	REAL@Coonawarra <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	Water allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No letter has been written to the SENRM as previously reported (to indicate potential over allocation water use in the region). Action: PB/CB to liaise with SENRM on the implications for growers if water use has exceeded licence requirements
4.7	SENRM update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD reported on some upcoming events being conducted by the NRM: Pathways to Productivity on June 16, and NRM Space (Farm mapping) training available in late June.
4.8	Coonawarra Grape Register <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll until next meeting.
4.9	Ceres Imagery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CK reported that final report had been submitted with the initial response being quite positive. A summary of the findings will be presented on June 15 at Coonawarra Hall. There is some money left in the budget and it is hoped this can be utilised in the new FY.

5. Board Update

- Finalisation of budget still occurring.
- Marketing committee are progressing their marketing action plan, with the priority being the funding of the new website.

6. Correspondence

- EMS solutions – Noted these types of letters are becoming quite common and the committee discussed how to deal with them. It was suggested that there may be an opportunity to have companies like EMS come together for an Open day to present their wares in one place for growers to be able to decipher for themselves.
- VHA advertisement for a new Project Officer.

7. Finance

- VOC specific budget items have been consolidated into the overall budget as discussed at the May meeting.

8. New Business

- LCGWC – Tech Committee** KD reported that AOP for FY16/17 Wine Australia Regional program has been approved with 6 projects:
 - CAS Rootstock Trial - winemaking**
 - Inviting PhD students to LSC to present their work**
 - Irrigating from the unconfined aquifer – implications (SENRM/WA)**
 - Nutritional requirements for optimal wine quality**
 - Alternative varieties tasting and workshop**

6. Aged CAS – Tutoed tasting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Use of drones – CK had been approached about the use of drones to assist with research projects within Coonawarra. It was determined that as the organisation is already involved with existing projects that it would not be interested at this stage. ○ Action: CK to respond to Angus Smibert to inform him of the VOC decision
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Airport shed – A request has been submitted to CGWI to utilise the shed at the Coonawarra airstrip to store a plane. This is currently being organised.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SA Winegrape Growers Summit – June 17 in Adelaide.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VOC committee – CB wanted to table that he will only be president for one year and is looking to appoint a vice president that will take on the presidency in a year's time.

10. Next Meeting Tuesday 5 July 2016 at 9am – CGWI office
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Meeting closed at 10.25am

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	Name	
	Signature	