

Viticultural and Oenology Committee

MINUTES - VOC Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 5 September 2017	8.00am	Katnook Estate Meeting Room

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Chris Brodie (CB), Trent Brand (TB), Luke Trotter (LT), Allen Jenkins (AJ), Martin Wirper (MW), Christian Fraser (CF), Sally Macleod (SM) Olivia Nunn (ON),

Apologies; Catherine Kidman (CK), Josh Clementson (JC), Gavin Hogg (GH)

Minutes: Kerry DeGaris (KD)

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 1 August 2017

Moved MW	Seconded CB	
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3. Actions arising previous meeting		Who	Completed
3.1	Weather Station Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fully operational on new website now. A meeting was held last week to streamline the weather station and modify the look and feel with the website. 	ON	Completed

4. Standing Items

4.2	Coonawarra Cabernet Project (previously Cabernet leaders award) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently recruiting for suitable Masters/post doctorate student.
4.3	Remote Sensing Technologies Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still awaiting notification if the Federal grant was successful. Vinay Pangay and CK meeting next week to progress project for 2017/18.
4.4	Water Allocation Plan (WAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD provided an update on the Tatiara WAP review which has released its draft issues paper for comment, see http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/water-and-coast/water-allocation-plans/tatiara/tatiara-review. A status report on the LLSC is now available, see https://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au/Content/Publications/DEWNR/Lower_Limestone_Coast_PWA_unconfined_aquifer_GSR_2016.pdf The next reduction for the LLSC WAP is scheduled for the end of next Financial Year. Action: KD to seek timeline for review and availability to attend the General Meeting with some advanced questions (including how reliable is the data and basis of modelling) on 19 October for Coonawarra to exert some influence on the next round of review and prevent further cuts. Noted that further interaction from Coonawarra Vignerons is expected.
4.5	SENRM Board update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank Brennan (Chair) resigned and a further Board Member has resigned. Two positions available. Funding \$4k climate change grant available closing on 6 October 2017. Noted Dairy SA presented on inefficiencies of pivots and most farmers have not tested application efficiency.
4.7	Coonawarra VOC Sponsorship Proposal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewing based on risk and positions will be returned next week after out of session board meeting on the 11 September 2017.
4.9	Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last symposium was held in 2014 and focused on viticulture, oenology and marketing. 2018 date & theme to be determined at meeting on Friday 8 September at 8:30am including the speakers and funding. Noted that the source of funding via Wine Australia. Volunteers to assist with organising requested. Action: ON to send out an invitation to all members inviting to attend meeting and get involved in the Cabernet Symposium and include in General Meeting.
4.10	Coonawarra Improvement Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geranium planting around electricity poles to improve the look and feel of the highway is budgeted. Action: Topic to be mentioned at General Meeting for volunteers to participate.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Action: VOC Committee to raise any other ideas for improvement to inform the next meeting.	
5. Board Update and information		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focus on the sponsorship proposal and next steps.• ON raised the wider membership are potentially not accessing the website enough and is concerned that they are not accessing the information and there is the need to maintain correspondence and improve the usage with training to access. VOC members ideas and establishing links was sought.• Organisational Structure is under review to ensure effective governance.• CB noted that the VOC grants were issued to Joy and included in the General Sponsorship document table. Action: ON to collate all grants.	
6. Correspondence		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N/A	
7. Finance		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nil general business raised.• Noted status of grants to be reported on.• Post Minute Note any further VOC WIP status to budget to be reported on.	
8. Vinehealth Australia		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extract the Pinot Gris images available from Vinehealth for communication to members for monitoring and surveillance.• Post Meeting Note: Vinehealth Strategy has been distributed and open for comment.	
9. Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council – Technical Sub-Committee update		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snail Workshop in Coonawarra Hall on 18 September 2017 at 8:30am• Spray application workshop in Padthaway on 13 October 2017• Alternative varieties study for Coonawarra, Wrattontully & Mt Gambier underway on 21 November using a consultant Libby Tassie• Wine Show entries closed and noted Sarah Pidgeon requested time to meet with Olivia in regards to Coonawarra experiences for one of the judges to participate in.	
10. Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) Issues		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Raised whether the geranium project presents any issues for those working adjacent to the Riddoch Highway.	
11. Viticulture and Onology news for social media posts		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nil to report and noted bud images can be shared with vine growth and season change.• Images and facts or updates can be sent to olivia@coonawarra.org.	
12. New Business		
12.1	Community Pitstop Health Check – Proposed for 22 February 2018, encouraging companies to promote to staff and for Vignerons to sponsor under Government funding. The Committee supported the recommendation for Board to endorse the coordination of this Health Check for the Coonawarra Community's benefit. Action: ON and SM to raise with Board.	
12.2	CGWI Grant & Strategy Committee – SM to be VOC representative.	
12.3	CGWI Member involvement, meetings etc –VOC membership promotion is required, need meeting reminders to be updated. Action: ON to update electronic calendar requests.	
12.4	Rail and Wine Trail Walks – Noted a meeting called to discuss the member wineries looking to extend a wine trail walk and meeting to be held at 10am on Wednesday. Action: Meeting attendance.	
Next Meeting Tuesday 3 October 2017 at 8am – Katnook Estate Admin Office Meeting Room.		
Meeting closed at 10.00am		
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	