

Viticultural and Oenology Committee

MINUTES VOC Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 4 July 2017	8.00am	Katnook Estate meeting room

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Chris Brodie (CB), Martin Wirper (MW), Gavin Hogg (GH), Sally Macleod (SM), Christian Fraser (CF)

Apologies; Catherine Kidman (CK), Allen Jenkins (AJ), Josh Clementson (JC), Olivia Nunn (ON), Kerry DeGaris (KD)

Minutes: Chris Brodie (CB)

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 7 March 2017

Moved CB	Seconded MW	
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3. Actions arising previous meeting		Who	Completed
3.1	Weather Station Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to the weather station network now accessible from members page of Coonawarra Vignerons website only 	CB	Completed

4. Standing Items

4.1	Weather Station Network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New web-site launched, so weather station login now available through member logins. These are being created at the moment. CK suggested a cover page that summarised monthly statistics. Action: CB to investigate this with Tim Powell. Map of weather station location is also being uploaded onto the website.
4.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ARC application successful, projects will start in 2018. Final topic to be finalised.
4.3	Remote Sensing Technologies Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data has been written up ad report sent to PIRSA + SE NRM. CK has arranged a meeting to discuss the new funding opportunity through the federal government. . Vinay Pagay is to present work at ASVO Mildura seminar in August.
4.4	Water allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of season meter readings now due. Water allocation plan reviews will start early 2018? Coonawarra grape growers need to be involved.
4.5	SENRM update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update, KG away.
4.6	Coonawarra Grape Register <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief discussion. Feedback on how the register worked in 2017 vintage required to improve the register.
4.7	Coonawarra rootstock trial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB reported on meeting with Inca Pearce & Suzanne McLoughlin from Vine Health Australia who want to see the trial continue.
4.8	General meeting topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date discussed – date to be determined.
4.9	Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Date to be changed, October is difficult for speakers from Europe or US, June-August? Theme discussion, GH explained 2017 Cabernets reminiscent of Cabernets from 70's, 80's, early 90's, when Coonawarra Cabernet was pre-eminent on world wine market, balanced tannins, primary fruit characters, lower alcohol. Potential theme of understanding these wines, their characteristics, place in today's market, and how to achieve this style in a changed climate?
4.10	Vine improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB attended a reference group meeting held in Barossa in May. A new virus sampling protocol is being drafted, CB will circulate.

5. Board Update and information		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SM gave an update on the June board meeting. Olivia Nunn has commenced as Vignerons Executive Officer. Budget was finalised. Subscription review underway. Organisational review underway to reduce duplication and improve organisation efficiency. A Grants & Strategy committee will be part of the new organisational structure. 		
6. Correspondence		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB to follow up on Omnia request to present at next general meeting. 		
7. Finance		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CGWI budget finalised, VOC component attached. 		
8. Vinehealth Australia		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB reported on meeting with Vine Health Australia, mainly concerning the rootstock trial. 		
9. Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council – Technical Sub-Committee update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report. 		
10. Welfare, Health and Safety Issues		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 		
11. New Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AWRI Agrochemical reference group – CB attended the annual meeting. Sooty mould an issue in some SA regions, may be due to more sulphur applications. GH mentioned recent presentation in Mildura about powdery mildew control focussing on early season strategy, GH will forward agenda to CB, possible theme for a general meeting? 		
Next Meeting Tuesday 8 August 2017 at 8am – Katnook Estate Admin office.		
Meeting closed at 9.30am		
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	