

## Viticultural and Oenology Committee

### MINUTES - VOC Committee Meeting

Tuesday 6 February 2018

8.45am

Katnook Estate Meeting Room

#### 1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Chris Brodie (CB), Cath Kidman (CK), Luke Trotter (LT), Christian Fraser (CF) (1<sup>st</sup> part), Olivia Nunn (ON), Gavin Hogg (GH), Kerry DeGaris (KD)

Apologies; Trent Brand (TB), Sally Macleod (SM), Allen Jenkins (AJ), Sean Murphy (SM), Martin Wirper (MW)

Minutes: Kerry DeGaris (KD)

#### 2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 5 December 2017

Moved  
CB

Seconded  
CK

- No changes raised.

#### 3. Actions arising previous meeting

		Who	Completed
5/12/17	<b>Water Allocation Plan</b>		
	• Action: A copy of the letter to Minister Hunter was printed for VOC members to read and uploaded for members to access here: <a href="https://coonawarra.org/cgwi/">https://coonawarra.org/cgwi/</a>	ON	Completed
	• Action: AJ to further seek Glenn Harrington's advice to be sought on how best to review water resources rather than adopt current state methodologies.	AJ	Completed
	• Action: AJ to seek Board Approval to employ Glenn Harrington to continue work and analysis for the Vignerons.	AJ	Completed
5/12/17	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium</b>		
	• Action: Sponsorship document to be sent out.	ON	Ongoing
5/12/17	<b>Coonawarra Improvement Project</b>		
	Action: VOC Committee to raise any other ideas for improvement to inform the next meeting.	VOC committee	Ongoing

#### 4. Standing Items

4.1	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Project (previously Cabernet leaders award)</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB provided update noting no further change to project update communications by UofA. 26 applicants so far interested CB to circulate communications letter from UofA.</li> <li>• Noted historically that this was a Coonawarra led funded research program and sought partnership with UofA to fund the project to get researcher to work on the region in post grad.</li> <li>• Action: Review that Agreement is on file. Considered that the research is owned by UofA and we have access to the research.</li> <li>• Action: A potential media release. ON to discuss with UofA contact.</li> </ul>
4.2	<b>Remote Sensing Technologies Project</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief project update by CK Trial Data noted calculated ET value off the vine which equates to how much water evaporates off the plant and showed the chart for environmental stress over the last heatwaves and lost 110L per vine lost. Based on a deficit program can generate a replacement program and based on 30% deficit can generate the irrigation being applied. Three treatments the control (at Treasury), deficit relying on a ET trigger and dynamic stem water treatment. Noted Towers to be explored further. Capturing leaf area index</li> <li>• KD noted Dr Helen Cleugh (CSIRO) had used towers to calculate ET in SE grapevines in the early 2000's Action: KD to email report to CK</li> <li>• Revenue streams of funding and reporting/communications: \$20k PIRSA (end of May report) + \$10k EDG + \$20k SENRM (TBC at next board meeting)</li> <li>• Action: CK &amp; ON to develop a Communication update for sponsors</li> </ul>

4.3	<b>Water Allocation Plan (WAP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A copy of the letter to Minister Hunter was printed for VOC members to read and uploaded for members to access here: <a href="https://coonawarra.org/cqwi/">https://coonawarra.org/cqwi/</a></li> <li>AJ sought Glenn Harrington's advice on how best to review water resources rather than adopt current state methodologies and Board approved Glenn Harrington to continue work and analysis for the Vignerons which has been since shared with Minister.</li> <li>Minister's Office has responded and redirected us to SENRM based on the cuts in place and the review of the Risk Management Methodology.</li> <li>Resolved this has become a political issue and will await the outcome of the state election in March.</li> </ul>
4.4	<b>SENRM Board Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiatus since Christmas and noted Board member changes and new representatives.</li> <li>National Landcare Partnership for the NRM Boards across Australia with Federal focus on soils, Ramsar sites (including Bool lagoon), Climate Change, acid soils and wind erosion.</li> <li>Noted that Smart farms project of iron bacteria was submitted in December, still awaiting notification if project was successful</li> </ul>
4.5	<b>Coonawarra VOC Sponsorship Proposal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Action: EDG update (CB &amp; ON) to be drafted from this meeting to keep them up to speed.</i></li> </ul>
4.6	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting to be held following VOC. Minutes to be circulated. Sponsors to be sought early in New Year.</li> <li>Date for symposium 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 some key speakers confirmed, accommodation and venues confirmed.</li> <li><i>Action: Sponsorship document to be sent out.</i></li> </ul>
4.10	<b>Coonawarra Improvement Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The improvement project to be opened up to involved the wider community</li> <li><i>Action: VOC Committee to raise any other ideas for improvement to inform the next meeting.</i></li> </ul>
4.11	<b>Coonawarra Rootstock Trial</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rootstock Trial Update 2019 - \$5k budget and \$5k EDG and \$10k Vinehealth Australia and remainder LCGWC. KD raised the need to look at ongoing funding for winemaking (AWRI costs are substantial and potentially cost prohibitive) as unlikely that Regional program funding will continue ongoing support.</li> <li>CK raised the need for a review with specialists such as Rob Walker and Pete Clingeffer and to assist with planning for ongoing trial criteria.</li> </ul>

## 5. Board Update and information

- Key focus is developing policies and procedures with a planned workshop for board members to progress
- The digital content for promotion of Coonawarra will go live this week
- Progression of roadshow venues being determined plus overall overhaul of the event by using outside contractor.
- Wine Australia export driven funding – projects need to be submitted by March 2.
- Need to lock in a General meeting date with a core topic needed – potentially the Coonawarra Improvement topic

## 6. Correspondence

- NIL

## 7. Finance

- NIL

## 8. Vinehealth Australia

- Visitor Campaign Launch held on 2 February 2018 in McLaren Vale. Correspondence of 5 February 2018 outlines pertinent details and action for meeting on 22 February attendance and

## 9. Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council – Technical Sub-Committee update

- Submission of the Regional Program AOP to consist of \$15K for Coonawarra Rootstock Trial Winemaking, \$15K Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium, \$10K Simonit & Sirch (Italian pruners), \$10K Iron Bacteria project (back up \$5K for Biosecurity-pruning if Iron bacteria work is not successfully funded by federal government)
- Submission of Incubator initiatives – will be the same as 2017 with the addition of a summary of research conducted in the LSC over the past 30 years.

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- The recent workshop held on January 31 at Struan looking at resilience and alternative varieties usage was well attended and a final report from Libby Tassie should be completed at the end of FY.
- Reminder AWRI are holding a Shiraz workshop tasting in Robe on February 14.

### 10. Welfare, Health and Safety Issues

- Risk assessment workshop held in Coonawarra in December. Identified a lack of sites that had a Fire Plan.
- *Action: Fire planning to be reviewed and the role to play of CGWI considered further.*

### 11. Viticulture and Oenology news for social media posts

- Encouraging members to forward pictures and updates from the vines for social media posts to [olivia@coonawarra.org](mailto:olivia@coonawarra.org)

### 12. New Business

- CB raised the potential for a disease monitoring service for the region and used the example of: GrowCare Clare written by Peter Magarey. Costs are \$130 / hour to produce and planning meeting as part of the General Meeting in May (after vintage)
- *Action: CB to determine fix a date for next general meeting in May 2018*
- Grape Register: *Action: CB to liaise with ON to finalise template to be sent out to members*
- Re-establishment of a LSC Vine Improvement after the resilience workshop held last week. *Action: CB to investigate the need for this to occur in particular liaising with nurseries to establish if there is a demand.*

**Next Meeting TBC – Katnook Estate Admin Office Meeting Room**

Meeting closed at 10.10am

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