

COONAWARRA

Viticultural and Oenology Committee

MINUTES - VOC Committee Meeting		
Tuesday 4 September 2018	8.45am	Katnook Estate Meeting Room

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Chris Brodie (CB), Christian Fraser (CF), Sean Murphy (SM), Olivia Nunn (ON), Sally MacLeod (SM), Kerry DeGaris (KD), Rae Clark (RC), Catherine Kidman (CK),

Apologies: Allen Jenkins (AJ), Martin Wirper (MW), Paul Fitzpatrick (PF), Luke Trotter (LT), Gavin Hogg (GH)

Minutes: Olivia Nunn (ON)

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 31 July 2018

Approved	Seconded	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were issued shortly after the meeting by CB and circulated by CB in a bespoke email. The Minutes are also available here on the website: https://coonawarra.org/cgwi/.

3. Actions arising previous meeting		Who	Completed
4.6	Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symposium held on July 5th. Survey undertaken and positive feedback with 2021 target for the next one. Action closed. 	ON	Completed on 21.08.18
3.1	Finance Committee Updates – see standing item. To close this action item.		
3.2	General Meeting Report		

4. Standing Items

4.1	Coonawarra Cabernet Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB noted the progress and that the students are currently looking at berry flavours from different regions. <i>Action: Project researchers will continue to identify key cabernet characteristics & circulate to CB for sharing as relevant.</i>
4.2	Irrigation Optimisation (Remote Sensing Technologies) Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data gathered across the 3 treatments on 2 soils and grapes harvested for winemaking, Alexandra 88 trial looked at variable rates of exposure for cabernet. Looking at irrigation practices and thermographic for irrigation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> controlled treatment fixed treatment calculating ETO loss from crop and working on replacing 15% of the loss to see what the vine was using; and dynamic treatment for stomata conductions and leaf for physiological view. Did not suffer a yield penalty as kept vines just on the edge where they were not suffering yield penalties but not applying as much water as the controlled. Report is almost ready to go to Australian Journal of Grape and Wine Research (Yellow Journal) Wine Australia will pick up the trial and expand with Shiraz at Katnook Estate with two plots a younger vineyard and an older shiraz block of 25 years. Acknowledged that accommodation has been made available by Rae Clark, Scoble vineyards. <i>Action: Coonawarra tasting of wines & report presentation in Sep/Oct</i> <i>Action: Noted that a short high level update will be provided at the General Meeting by CK as part of the VOC Reporting.</i>
4.3	Water Allocation Plan (WAP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First meeting held and there is many stakeholders to focus on the science that was behind the water cuts and looking at the validity of the total aquifer figures. 2019 Risk Assessment Review is to be undertaken. Pete Balnaves is the CGWI representative and Stuart Sharman as a proxy. Focusing on questions to raise for Goyder. KD noted that there is a letter to follow with the process and points of contact for feedback. Review is to occur by end of the year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that there are a couple of concepts including unbundling and consumptive pools that are in Federal scheme and this is the preferred approach by Government and the example is in the river system. eg one consumptive pool could be broken down and limits on water that can be taken and looking at geography for shares basis. <p><i>Action: Provide feedback to the letter that comes is issued by NRM.</i></p>
4.4	<p>SENRM Board Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD provided an update as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday 6 September Representatives of Industry to ARLF to assist with sustainable agriculture in South East Region 10am to 1pm, Naracoorte Hall. NRM Board is holding two consultation sessions for feedback to NRM on natural resources noting that there is likely to be a decentralisation of functions given Department of Environment and Water and the Natural Resources has been removed: Tuesday 18 September in Mount Gambier or 19 September in Bordertown <i>Action: Circulate details to Committee and To confirm who will be attending.</i> The fee has been reinstated for weed spray etc. Contact the local NRM Board Contact Alan Robins. <i>Action: Circulate Alan Robbins details.</i> Successful in National Landcare funding several projects such as deer management. Ads for jobs in last few weeks.
4.5	<p>Coonawarra VOC Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB met with EDG on Aug 10th to provide update on status of projects EDG are helping to fund. Sports sponsorships clash hence non-attendance. CB invited EDG to the Tasting associated with the Remote Sensing Project. ON advised that we are still working on the promotion part of activation and ON will be engaging further for 2019.
4.6	<p>Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Symposium planning for 2021. SM raised Peter Magarey as a potential Cabernet Symposium presenter. <i>Action: Take note of speakers when attending Conferences for Cabernet Symposium Sub Committee consideration.</i>
4.7	<p>Coonawarra Improvement Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ON has opened improvement project to be opened up to the wider community by discussing with schools. Noted couldn't progress given the competing priorities and we will consider allocation of funding. CK noted that Mary Retallack has completed a native plants study for promoting biodiversity for sustainable habitat and this can be aligned with the rail corridor. KD noted that this can be a project for funding application. Noted that native barriers can be used. <i>Action: CK to confirm when Mary can meet in Coonawarra.</i> <i>Action: KD noted second round of NLP/Smartfarms is coming up and KD to advise times.</i> <i>Action: ON to follow up with Council as a source of funds.</i>
4.8	<p>CGWI member involvement, meetings etc</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actioned the bespoke VOC emails by CB. Noted the Peter Magarey session was well attended.
4.9	<p>Coonawarra Rootstock Trial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB accepted the AWRI proposal. It was noted in the previous meeting minutes that CB met with Con Simos from AWRI regarding cost of making wines. Con proposed that replicate wines are not required and AWRI use the wines in AWRI roadshow events and contribute \$5,500 towards trial costs. KD advised that the new incubator post doc student using the rootstock trial as part of the project. Limited budget and will utilise the wines made to analyse the wines for potassium and looking at what is influencing. Saving money on not making wine the student can analyse all rootstocks and looking at other factors. He noted he didn't want acid adjustments. Note this could be a timing of sample collections. KD expressed the need to replicate. KD to follow up and to confirm how the wine is to be sampled. <i>Action: Rootstock Trial Group (KD, CK, CB and Susan McLachlan to undertake a pre season meeting to advance.</i>
4.10	<p>Vine Improvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coonawarra Cabernet Clone Project to be scoped for further consideration. Why? To hold onto some old Coonawarra vines and could be promotional. Characteristic value and chosen for flavour,

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	<p>disease resistance and other such factors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Note there is a commercial CW44 clone available from most nurseries. Identified from clonal evaluations of Cirami, McCarthy and Nicholas (1993) however, compared under Nurioopta conditions. Other vines that came out of these initial trials (1960- 80s) trial included the LC10, LC7, LC9 to mention a few through the big clonal trial and they assessed in region and took the superior clones. • Noted that we have a gap in our comms on the vine removal and CB mentioned his Cabernet Symposium Presentation can be reference and CK noted her ASVO presentation included the renewal of vines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Action: CK to send ASVO presentation.</i> - <i>Action: ON to draft an article and send to CB and CK for review.</i>
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5. Board Update and information

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SM provided an update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council attended to discuss funding of signage and railway siding - UNISA Urban planning students to look at development and plans including rail way line options. - AGM 18 October at 3pm. Noted that if you are aware of potential Board Members please let us know. - Coolroom purchased will be available for members rental \$150.day - Cellar Dweller events – Shirazz Jazz not successful based on attendance and supported to channel funds to promote the regional events as a whole - Peter Magarey: Board supported the funding of initiative 1 outlined below, based on the proposal CB issued regarding Peter Magarey's services and this was supported by the VOC with further exploration to address the mechanics: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sensing Alert Service (Decision Tool) to predict the powdery and botrytis outbreaks. Noted Peter Magarey generally charges \$100 per client on basis of weather station access. Note that only two weather stations are owned by CV. Legalities of use of data on basis of the access and the provision of the information is based on a disclaimer of provision. <i>Action: CB to follow up with Peter Magarey and confirm the cost and proposal with the basis of provision for liability, permissions for weather station access and the subsequent process of data reliance ie do they have a process for calibration is place etc?. CB to email the proposal to SM and ON for Board provision.</i> <i>Action: KD to verify if NRM calibrate?</i> 2. Newsletter: Newsletter per occasion \$800 per issue. Given there is the potential for unlimited number of newsletters could be 3 or 4 along with this being somewhat a reactive measure it was not supported. <i>Action: CB to share the Clare copy with SM. SM to review further and re-visit with Board for funding.</i> 3. Spray Set Up and Applications Demonstration by Peter Magarey and Alison McGregor for review of spray management at a total cost \$20k. May undertake 3 demonstrations to maximise coverage, rates etc. Noted that this was not supported by Board given the difficulty in making it useful for all.
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6. Correspondence

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional information was communicated.
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7. Finance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted on budget at present and Board approved the forecasted spend on initiative 1 for Peter Magarey's services – noting the cost is to be confirmed. • <i>Action: Raised during the meeting the need to raise the Rootstock Trial Budget KD is tracking to.</i> • <i>Action: ON to extract the P&L on VOC and update at the next meeting.</i>
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8. Vinehealth Australia

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted again Phylloxera Bumper Stickers in office and continually releasing information such as posters that will be available in the CV Office. • <i>Action: ON will check if the signs have been put up.</i>
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9. Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council – Technical Sub-Committee update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 September unmanned vehicles coordinated by Hans in Joanna Hall from 11am. • <i>Action: KD to send information to ON.</i> • Post Harvest Half Day Workshop could combine with SAWIA • <i>Action: KD to follow up with SAWIA.</i>

10. Welfare, Health and Safety Issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment workshop held in Coonawarra in December. Identified a lack of sites that had a Fire Plan. Further Disaster Relief Meeting held in VIC recently. • <i>Action: Fire planning to be reviewed and the role to play of CGWI considered further. Noted that the meeting was held by Wattle Range for Disaster Relief and CGWI is sourcing this plan.</i>

11. Viticulture and Onology news for social media posts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please forward pictures and updates from the vines for social media posts to olivia@coonawara.org. Ideas included bud bursts, vine rejuvenation and anything else that they come across with a short description please.

12. New Business
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further business was raised.

Next Meeting Tues 13 November – Katnook Estate Admin Office Meeting Room

Meeting closed at 10.15am

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