

## Viticultural and Oenology Committee (VOC)

MINUTES – VOC Meeting		
Tuesday 6 August 2019	8.45am	Wynns Coonawarra Estate Conference Room

### 1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

**Present:** Catherine (Cath) Kidman (CK), Sally Macleod (SM), Rae Clark (RC), Kerry DeGaris (KD), Hans Loder (HL), Chris Brodie (CB), Sean Murphy (SM)

**Apologies:** Allen Jenkins (AJ), Paul Fitzpatrick (PF), Gavin Hogg (GH), Martin Wirper (MW), Olivia Nunn (ON), Christian Fraser (CF), Luke Trotter (LT)

**Minutes:** Kerry DeGaris (KD)

### 2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 30 April 2019

Approved SM	Seconded RC	• The Minutes are also available here on the website: <a href="https://coonawarra.org/cgwi/">https://coonawarra.org/cgwi/</a> .
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3. Actions arising previous meeting		Who	Status / Completed
4.10	<b>Vine Improvement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Coonawarra Heritage Cabernet selection</b> <i>Action: Grower members to identify blocks via a letter to members. Minimum requirements are blocks that are greater than 35 years old and unknown clonal origin.</i></li> </ul>	ON/CK	
5	<b>Board Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Previous minute: 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. PMN: It has been suggested that we seek an alternate quote to compare in the event Peter Magarey is unable to provide the service provision:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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></li> <li>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></li> </ol> </li> <li>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</li> </ul>	CB	Awaiting Peter Magarey to respond. CB to advise status and note alternate service provider quotes to be sought.  NOT DISCUSSED AT AUGUST MEETING

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	this was not supported by Board given the difficulty in making it useful for all.		
8	<b>Vinehealth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action: ON will check if the signs are up across the consolidated Coonawarra order. At the same time to consider if there is sufficient signage on entering Riddoch Highway.</li> </ul>	ON	Carried over in respect to entrance to Coonawarra from Southern and Northern ends. ON to follow up with Vinehealth. NOT DISCUSSED AT AUGUST MEETING
10	<b>Welfare, Health and Safety Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>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 has sourced this plan.</li> </ul>	TBC	Not discussed. To be reviewed in the next meeting.
4.8	<b>CGWI member involvement, meetings etc</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action: HL to assist with scoping of mapping project in order to quantify project costing.</li> <li>Action: Committee to advise at next meeting the projects they will assist with.</li> </ul>	HL  ALL	Not discussed in meeting held over to next meeting. Please consider your interests and be ready to allocate at next meeting.

4. Standing Items		
4.1	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Project (CB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not discussed at AUGUST meeting</li> </ul>	
4.2	<b>Irrigation Optimisation (Remote Sensing Technologies) Project (CK)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CK reported Vinay Pagay (VP) currently writing report, wines from V19 will be ready for tasting in Sept.</li> <li>Currently setting up for V20</li> <li>Action: to get VP to present before next season commences – at the general meeting scheduled for October 3.</li> </ul>	
4.3	<b>Water Allocation Plan (WAP) (PB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KD updated on latest LLSCWAP SAG meeting held in July.</li> <li>Action: KD to provide link to summary from Goyder review. <a href="https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/south_east/water/wap/190403-goyder_review_summary.pdf">https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/files/sharedassets/south_east/water/wap/190403-goyder_review_summary.pdf</a></li> </ul>	
4.4	<b>SENRM Board Update</b> Grant available. 'Agricultural Industries Adapting to Variable Climates and Markets' grants. Contact Nicola turner 0438726 315.	
4.5	<b>Coonawarra VOC Sponsorship (CB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not discussed at August meeting</li> </ul>	
4.6	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium (Members TBC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not discussed at August meeting</li> </ul>	
4.7	<b>Coonawarra Biodiversity Enhancement Project (Dru, Rae and Cath)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action: CK to email Mary Retallack contact details for CVA leads to this project</li> <li>Action: a working group to be formed to formulate a strategy going forward. Some confusion as to the \$3K contribution for three sites and who these sites actually were. Some thought that the Coonawarra siding was meant to be one or was TWE? Need to liaise with WR council to determine if Coonawarra siding can be a site.</li> </ul>	
4.8	<b>CGWI member involvement, meetings etc</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CK tabled activity table</li> </ul>	

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4.9	<b>Coonawarra Rootstock Trial (CK, MW &amp; KD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KD tabled draft 10 year agreement.</li> <li>Action: KD to provide copy to SM ready for CGWI board meeting</li> </ul>
4.10	<b>Vine Improvement (CB)</b> See action table
4.11	<b>External Education &amp; Training</b> – Not discussed at August meeting
4.12	<b>Berry Shrivel Project (CK)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action: To have wine tasting and results presentation at same time as irrigation presentation from VP on October 3.</li> </ul>
4.13	<b>Weather Station (HL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No resolution of plan of attack. Discuss at next meeting.</li> </ul>
4.14	<b>Rail Trail</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not discussed at August meeting.</li> </ul>
5. Board Update and information	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sally provided an update. CV has 33 P&amp;E members and 12 base members.</li> <li>Cellared museum wines belonging to CV to be valued by Langton's then gradually sold.</li> <li>\$25,000 grant received from SAWIA to help fund engagement of "Made with Moxie" to help with promotion of Coonawarra brands and events (especially Roadshow) via social media.</li> <li>Most CV efforts being put in to the promotion and organisation of Roadshow at present.</li> <li>Project 250 progressing well – engagement of a person to pull all the information together and set up the social media APP interface underway.</li> <li>Airstrip lease renewal – Council no longer want to be involved. Negotiations underway with an interested party.</li> </ul>	
6. Correspondence	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIL due to ON absence.</li> </ul>	
7. Finance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIL due to ON absence. PMN: Note the budget was verified at the last General Meeting. See attached.</li> </ul>	
8. Vinehealth Australia	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to maintain close working relationship especially across the Rootstock Trial and sharing of the outcomes. Weekly Vinehealth updates are shared in correspondence.</li> </ul>	
9. Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council (LCGWC) – Technical Sub-Committee update	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both incubator initiative approved for 2019/20               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is organic weed control beneficial for winegrape production in the LSC</li> <li>What is the best way to treat the iron-related clogging problem in the LSC</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	
10. Welfare, Health and Safety Issues	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NIL.</li> </ul>	
11. Viticulture and Onology news for social media posts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please forward pictures and updates from the vines for social media posts to <a href="mailto:olivia@coonawarra.org">olivia@coonawarra.org</a>. Ideas include any activities occurring in your vineyard along with a short description please. Let's also keep photos of the project progress for ongoing updates.</li> </ul>	
12. New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frost discussion – CB to follow up with Bureau of Meteorology for more information on impending frost season.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next Meeting:</b> Agreed to move meetings to quarterly basis 8:45am Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2019 – Hollick Estates (Note 5 <sup>th</sup> November is Melbourne Cup Day) 8:45am Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Host venue TBC 8:45am Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Host venue TBC	
Meeting closed at 10.00am	

<b>Date</b>	<b>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</b>	
	<b>Name</b>	
	<b>Signature</b>	

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Item	Collaboration	VOC Project lead	Support	Budget FY19_20	Income
Weather station network		Hans Loder	Cath Kidman	\$1,700	
Bushfire smoke taint at harvest		Cath Kidman	Olivia Nunn	n/a	
Irrigation optimisation	UofA	Cath Kidman	Chris Brodie	\$5,000	
Coonawarra Cabernet project	UofA	Chris Brodie		\$7,000	
Water Allocation Plan		Kerry DeGaris		\$2,500	
SENRM board update		Kerry DeGaris		n/a	
COV sponsorship	Endeavour group	Chris Brodie			\$15,000
Biodiversity Project (incl Rail trail)	SENRM, Retallack Viticulture	Rae Clarke	Dru Reschke, Cath Kidman	\$3,000	
Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium		Cath Kidman	All VOC	TBC	
Coonawarra Rootstock trial		Marty Wirper	Kerry DeGaris, Cath Kidman	\$5,000	
Vine improvement		Chris Brodie		TBC	
Berry Shrivel		Kerry DeGaris	Christian Fraser	\$14,000*	
LSCGWTC		Kerry DeGaris		n/a	
Board updates		Sally McLeod		n/a	
Membership VOC					\$36,000
				\$38,200	\$51,000

*\*Investigating other revenue income streams / support*

*\*\* (47\*\$768.75)*

#### Committee Members:

Catherine Kidman (Chair)

Chris Brodie (Vice chair)

Olivia Nunn (EO)

Sally McLeod (Board member)

Martin Wirper

Kerry DeGaris

Christian Fraser

Hans Loder

Rae Clarke

Dru Reschke

Sean Murphy