

## Viticultural and Oenology Committee (VOC)

MINUTES – VOC Meeting		
Tuesday 3 December 2019	8.45am	Hollick Estates Boardroom

### 1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

**Present:** Catherine (Cath) Kidman (CK), Sally Macleod (SM), Rae Clark (RC), Kerry DeGaris (KD), Chris Brodie (CB), Sean Murphy (SM), Trent Nankivell (TN), Olivia Nunn (ON)

**Apologies:** Gavin Hogg (GH), Martin Wirper (MW), Dru Reschke (DR), Luke Trotter (LT), Hans Loder (HL)

**Copy:** Allen Jenkins (AJ), Christian Fraser (CF)

**Minutes:** Olivia James (OJ)

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

Approved KD	Seconded SM	• 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>Coonawarra Heritage Cabernet selection</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CK and CB to scope out the proposition. Not not funded and optional opt in of members to participate if minimum requirements are blocks that are greater than 35 years old and unknown clonal origin.</li> <li>CK to follow up with Barossa on any learnings to be shared.</li> <li>The briefing document is to be shared with CV for member email out.</li> </ul>	CK & CB	Scope and follow up with a bespoke Member Correspondence via CV.
5	<b>Sensing Alert Service &amp; Pest &amp; Disease Spray</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.                   <p><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></p> <p><i>Action: KD to verify if NRM calibrate?</i></p> </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.                   <p><i>Action: CB to share the Clare copy with SM. SM to review further and re-visit with Board for funding.</i></p> </li> </ol> </li> <li>Spray Set Up and Applications Demonstration by Peter Magarey and Alison McGregor for review of spray</li> </ul>	CB	Currently not funding this service given the requirements of developed projects. Closing from Action items.

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	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.		
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> <li>Carried over in respect to entrance to Coonawarra from Southern and Northern ends. ON to follow up with Vinehealth. We noted that the member signage is closed.</li> </ul>	OJ	OJ to clarify if anything further proposed.
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>	OJ	Noted this is outstanding and included two further actions identified in meeting for follow up.
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> </ul>	HL	Not discussed in meeting held over to next meeting. HL to provide an update.
NB	<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>	CB	Action Completed.

4. Standing Items	
4.1	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Project (CB) PHD Student</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A further meeting is being held today to clarify a quality assurance process in this project, to ensure that the content being prepared is reviewed by Coonawarra and Coonawarra is ready to respond to content that may require clarification.</li> <li>Action: CB to share MOU to be shared with the group assisting with the Peer Review including Chris Brodie, Trent Nankivell, Cath Kidman and Sarah Pidgeon.</li> </ul>
4.2	<b>Irrigation Optimisation (Remote Sensing Technologies) Project (CK)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CK prepared paper has been published.</li> <li>Vinay Pagay is currently setting up for V20 and will be in region next week.</li> <li>Action: CK to follow up with Vinay Pagay.</li> <li>Action: Invite VP to present in region in February at General Meeting.</li> </ul>
4.3	<b>Water Allocation Plan (WAP) (PB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PB has been actively involved and met with Minister Speirs. Seeking a briefing with Minister Whetstone.</li> <li>Government is yet to share the outcomes of the review formally.</li> </ul>
4.5	<b>Coonawarra VOC Sponsorship (CB)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note this was not discussed however will be further explored as opportunities present. Note we do need to be careful with committed projects.</li> </ul>
4.6	<b>Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium (Members TBC)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CK advised that Margaret River have reached out to seek if a satellite connection can be provided to partner with the Symposium.</li> <li>Action: CB to review with ASVO the platforms required to set this up for their conference with multiple other satellite sites.</li> <li>Action: CK to send out a meeting time to brainstorm. OJ to share the budget and agenda.</li> </ul>
4.7	<b>Coonawarra Biodiversity Enhancement Project (Dru, Rae and Cath)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EcoVineyards has commenced and CV contributing \$3k that has been paid.</li> <li>Proposed in meeting that we seek a costed plan of Coonawarra Siding Planting for readiness of future planting.</li> <li>Action: OJ to contact Mary Retallack for designers to seek quotes.</li> </ul>

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4.8	<b>CGWI member involvement, meetings etc</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted we now have allocated projects and tracking against these quarterly.</li> <li>Note that Trent Nankivell joined for Hollick Estates replacing Christian Fraser.</li> </ul>
4.9	<b>Coonawarra Rootstock Trial (CK, MW &amp; KD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft 10 year agreement was redrafted by OJ and circulated to the partners for review. Awaiting this to re-sign and set the plan.</li> <li>Pivot wine tasting will occur tomorrow led by Sue Hodder and Pete Balnaves and selected panel.</li> <li>Aiming for in region review in February.</li> <li><i>Action: Contract to be finalised.</i></li> </ul>
4.10	<b>Vine Improvement (CB)</b> See action table for the heritage scoping.
4.11	<b>External Education &amp; Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed involvement in the Biodiversity Project specifically the Coonawarra Siding Plantings. Given the 18month lead time good idea to commence discussion for Jan 2020.</li> <li>KD advised the Youth Engagement Leadership Program (YELP)</li> <li><i>Action: Explore connections – CV to assist.</i></li> </ul>
4.12	<b>Berry Shrivel Project (CK)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Action: CK to follow up with Vinay Pagay for a project update and schedule.</i></li> </ul>
4.13	<b>Weather Station (HL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed that we currently invest \$1.7k on this service.</li> <li><i>Action: OJ to follow up with Integrated Irrigation's Tim on presentation of data and provision of historical data.</i></li> </ul>
4.14	<b>Rail Trail</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted that we still do not have government approval to start any formal project.</li> <li>OJ noted RDA Rail Review outcomes will not be shared until March 2020 in conjunction with State review.</li> </ul>

5. Board Update and information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sally provided an update.</li> <li>Cellared museum wines are under review with Langton's for a potential auction in 2020.</li> <li>Roadshow returned a profit.</li> <li>Airstrip lease renewal to Joe Cory.</li> <li>Leigh Street well attended with over 700 in Adelaide on 22 November 2019.</li> <li>Cup preparations are focus and Australian Frost Fans joined as Gold Sponsor. <i>Action: OJ to invite any further VIPs – Paul Smith and CB mentioned PIRSA CE Scott Ashby as a proposed invitee.</i></li> <li>Comedy in Coonawarra pre sale ticket release details to be shared today. See emails.</li> <li>Wattle Range Council funded signage. <i>Action: OJ to send the sign locations.</i></li> <li>Raised the enquiry of PB to review Salinity. PB noted rise in salinity levels in irrigation water – testing of water and where it can be tested? DEW no longer offer. Limestone Coast Landscape Board will look at this as a service provision. Less than \$10 per sample. Traditionally levy money goes to Adelaide DEW possibility that levy money will remain.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CK noted that the observation wells in this zone are of concern. The wells are a good method of observing the water under different agricultural inputs. These bores are modelled for Water Allocation Plan. Available on water connect website. Pressure needs to be applied as less and less monitoring and salinity is dropping off and it is not consistent with different times of data collection. We have what is current and last time the salinity was completed. Each year more and more are dropping off.</li> <li><i>Action: The Letter we sent to Minister regarding the reduced resources is to be revised with inclusion of this information from CK. OJ to reissue the letter to SM and CK.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

6. Correspondence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OJ reiterated that we update the weekly correspondence every Monday with the latest information. It is the go-to for information such as the Biodiversity Information that includes a complete plant list for Coonawarra.</li> </ul> <p><b>Biodiversity Enhancement Project</b> – Workshop materials are available here for members to access: <a href="https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o5op9mrudlmmri0/AACoELOEx3pkpMjzYpdi5Z9ha?dl=0">https://www.dropbox.com/sh/o5op9mrudlmmri0/AACoELOEx3pkpMjzYpdi5Z9ha?dl=0</a> and <b>28 November 2019</b> EcoVineyards Workshop with Mary Retallack went exceptionally well.</p>

7. Finance
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- Budget was discussed and all projects set out were funded. No new projects until grants are secured. See a snapshot below:

6-3500	VOC				
6-3508	Water Level Monitoring	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,000.00	(100.0)%
6-3510	LSCWIC Subs (\$2.00)	\$0.00	\$6,004.00	-\$6,004.00	(100.0)%
6-3511	Remote Sensing Tech Project	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	(100.0)%
6-3513	Water License	\$0.00	\$50.00	-\$50.00	(100.0)%
6-3515	C'warra Cab - ARC Phd Study	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	-\$7,500.00	(100.0)%
6-3520	Biodiversity Enhancement Proj	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
6-3522	Berry Shrivel Project	\$0.00	\$14,000.00	-\$14,000.00	(100.0)%
6-3523	Water Allocation Plan	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	(100.0)%
6-3600	Technical Comms				
6-3604	Phylloxera Rootstock Trial	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	-\$5,000.00	(100.0)%
6-3609	Weather Stations	\$2,216.00	\$1,700.00	\$516.00	30.4%

## 8. Vinehealth Australia

- Raised the need to revisit the Outbreak Plan for the region and to also explore further options for phylloxera controls such as booties for walking trail etc.
- Action: OJ to draft an update on what's available via Vinehealth.*
- Action: CK and KD to raise tomorrow as part of the meeting they are attending.*

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

- KD provided an update and noted that Pete Bissell has stepped down from Chair.
- KD noted there is a Weed Workshop in Naracoorte Town Hall at 5:15pm on Thursday 5 December.
- Next Meeting is tomorrow 2:00pm Wynns Coonawarra Estate. All welcome.
- Incubator initiative updates to be provided tomorrow, including:
  - Is organic weed control beneficial for winegrape production in the LSC
  - What is the best way to treat the iron-related clogging problem in the LSC
- Seeking further incubator initiatives for 2020/21 budget submissions due Feb 2020 to Wine Australia
- Other funding streams include: Smart Farms Grant extension to Iron Bacteria Project & Drought Relief Funding

## 10. Limestone Coast Landscape (SE NRM Board)

- Noted that the new structure and Board is to be confirmed.
- KD to continue involvement and as our contact.
- Potential LCL \$250k per annum guidelines under preparation
- Noted there is no further funding to be allocated.

## 11. Welfare, Health and Safety Issues

- Smoke Taint Session to be planned for greater awareness of all impacts.
- CK noted that The Pennant shared the contact list CFS issued and that this can be shared with members and further to action 1 communication around bushfires and mediums to share this are to be explored.
- Action: OJ to follow up on the above two actions and report at the next meeting.*

## 12. Viticulture and Onology news for social media posts

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

## 13. New Business

- Nil new business raised.

**Next Meeting:** 8:45am Tues 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Katnook Estate  
8:45am Tues 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Wynns Coonawarra Estate

Meeting closed at 10.22am

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