

Viticultural and Oenology Committee (VOC)

MINUTES – VOC Meeting		
Tuesday 7 July 2020	9.00am	Zoom

1. Welcome/Attendance/Apologies

Present: Chris Brodie (CB), Trent Nankivell (TN), Hans Loder (HL), Martin Wirper (MW), Rae Clark (RC), Heidi Eldridge (HE), Kerry DeGaris (KD), Brett Sharpe (BS)

Apologies: Dru Reschke (DR), Sally Macleod (SM), Sean Murphy (SM)

Minutes: Kerry DeGaris (KD)

Guest: Stephen Tyerman (Adelaide University)

2. Minutes of the VOC Meeting held 29 April 2020

Approved MW	Seconded CB	
		• The Minutes are also available here on the website: https://coonawarra.org/cgwi/ .

3. Actions arising previous meeting		Who	Status / Completed
3.1	Vine Improvement - Coonawarra Heritage Cabernet Selection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note 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. The briefing document provided by CB for CV member review and to consider in strategic plan moving forward. What are the Barossa learnings to be shared? Why have they been so successful? SARDI supported it. Government funding. Vine Improvement involved. Was there a commercial outcome recognised? HL proposed a Barossa Visit to review the situation cuttings, root to market and overview when climate permits to review scope for Coonawarra application. Action: Provide an update at General Meeting, but requires further research prior to further steps from CV wide approach. 	CK & CB	CB circulated a briefing document on 29/4. 7/7 Not Discussed
3.2	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. 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. 	OJ	Not discussed however subject of discussion at SAWIA given bushfires and will have a doc ready for HE to present at next meeting. 7/7 NOT DISCUSSED
3.3	Coonawarra Rootstock Trial Contract to be finalised with 10 year term.	Vinehealth	Remains outstanding. OJ has emailed on 29/4 as relates to future budgeting. 7/7 KD noted a meeting will all partners to occur on 15 th July. Report will be provided on outcomes at Sept meeting
3.4	External Education & Training	OJ	Noted constrained by site ownership for ongoing Operations and

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed involvement in the Biodiversity Project specifically the Coonawarra Siding Plantings. Given the 18 month lead time good idea to commence discussion. KD advised the Youth Engagement Leadership Program (YELP) Action: Explore connections – CV to assist. 		Maintenance. OJ will follow up with KD for handover noting that due to COVID-19 interactions and school activity compromised. 7/7 Not discussed
3.5	Weather Station (HL) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HL indicated survey to members about weather stations only showed 30% using and mainly around frost period. Action: HL to communicate intentions to CVA board to commence shutdown post first quarter 20/21 and look to outsource review of existing data to provide insights. HL to investigate and report on alternative options to members for frost monitoring and weather data.	HL	
3.6	Wattle Range Council funded signage. Action: OJ to send the sign locations.	OJ	Note outstanding and to follow. 7/7 Not discussed

4. Priority Projects (Note reordered based on review – see separate attachment and email)			
4.1	Coonawarra Cabernet Project (CB) PHD Student <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB indicated all wine (2020 unoaked CAS) has been collected and delivered to university PhD will offer results to contributors of wine. 		
4.2	Irrigation Optimisation (Remote Sensing Technologies) Project (CB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB reported that trial to continue for 2020/21 Action: CB to follow up with Vinay to find out reporting future timelines 		
4.3	Coonawarra Rootstock Trial (MW, KD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KD reported that draft final report from trial provided to partners to be discussed at meeting on July 15. This meeting will resolve how the trial will be managed into the future. KD to report that the site would be a good fit for the Berry Shrivel work undertaken by Adelaide Uni 		
4.4	Berry Shrivel Project (CB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently on hold and over 12 months plan the next project to recommence Vintage 2022 for multiple years. Initial findings but still a body of work to be undertaken. LCGWC and Wine Australia to advance. Stephen Tyerman gave a 15 minute presentation on the work being undertaken by Adelaide University. Resolved that they had the capacity to broaden their work to the Coonawarra region but but would require assistance with funding travel and accommodation. Action: CB, HL & HE to scope “in kind” contribution by Vignerons to source accommodation and a study site. CB/HL to liase with Vinay Pagay and Stephen Tyerman to share travel arrangements. 		
4.5	Coonawarra Biodiversity Enhancement Project (DR, RC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EcoVineyards has commenced and CV contributing \$3k that has been paid. This is committed for next financial year 2020/21. Mary is convening a meeting of participants in August. Action: RC to confirm a time and location with Jacqui and we can promote opportunity to members. (Not discussed 7/7) Action: HE to follow up status with OJ regarding biodiversity plantings at Coonawarra Siding that is subject to approval of land (State owned). 		
4.6	Vine Improvement (CB) See action table for the heritage scoping.		

5. Ongoing Commitments	
5.1	Water Allocation Plan (WAP) (PB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not discussed
5.2	Coonawarra VOC Sponsorship (CB) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not discussed
5.3	Coonawarra Cabernet Symposium - 2018, 2021 was schedule (CK with support from RC, SM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not discussed.

5.4	External Education & Training • Nil to report.
5.5	Weather Station (HL) • See <i>action</i> table
5.6	Rail Trail Not discussed

6. Board Update and information

HE provided an update as follows:

- Salinity monitoring –Landholders can have water samples from their bores analysed for salinity levels. It is being investigated how to roll out the programme. A trial has been initiated in Padthaway. Landholders can continue to drop in samples at the DEW offices at Naracoorte and Mount Gambier. Awaiting response from DEW (Neil Power) regarding specifications for localised sample testing.
- Grant funding received SAWIDS \$60K for Ecommerce platform integrating booking experiences on CV website. SAWIA Project 250 funding - \$25K for post COVID tourism campaign

7. Correspondence

- Weekly correspondence every Tuesday with the latest information and there is a big focus on COVID-19 given the situation. We are also issuing updates during the week as information is received from other parties given the changing nature of situations.

8. Finance

4-0000	Income		
4-3000	VOC Miscellaneous Income		
4-3100	LCWIC Membership Fee	\$ 6,475.00	\$ 6,475.00
4-3300	Sponsorship	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4-3650	Phylloxera Rootstock Trial	\$ -	\$ -
6-0000	Expenses		
6-3500	VOC		
6-3508	Water Level Monitoring	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
6-3510	LSCWIC Subs (\$0.75)	\$ 6,004.00	\$ 6,004.00
6-3511	Remote Sensing Project	\$ 5,000.00	-
6-3513	Water License	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
6-3514	Workshops	\$ -	\$ -
6-3515	ARC Phd Study	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
6-3516	Coonawarra Environment	\$ -	\$ -
6-3518	Proximal - Sensing Thermography		
6-3520	Biodiversity Enhancement Project	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6-3521	Water Allocation Plan	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
6-3522	Berry Shrivel Project	\$ 5,000.00	-
6-3523	Pest & Control Disease Monitoring	\$ -	
6-3600	Technical Comms		
6-3604	Phylloxera Rootstock Trial	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
6-3609	Weather Stations	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00

9. Vinehealth Australia

- Nil to report. See Action Table.

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

- Did not discuss

11. Limestone Coast Landscape (SE NRM Board)

- KD reported on funding opportunities around the Grassroots program for community bodies

12. Welfare, Health and Safety Issues		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not discussed 		
13. 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 marketing@coonawara.org or tag us via Instagram @coonawarra_wine. 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. 		
14. New Business		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate change and effect on water -- Proposal raised by board to promote the initiatives being undertaken in region and reinforce positive messaging on how Coonawarra is meeting the challenges of Climate Change – ie. Irrigation project, Eco Vineyards Biodiversity project. Proposal to approach Landline to undertake an article/story. Consensus that this was a good idea. <i>Action: HE/HL to develop content and liaise with CVA board to gain support before writing to Landline.</i> 		
Next Meeting: 9:00am 15 th September 2020 – Zoom Join Zoom Meeting ZOOM MEETING INVITE		
Meeting closed at 10:15am		
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	