

CGWI BOARD Meeting Minutes		
Thursday 26 August 2021	8.30am	Brand's Laira Board Room
Attendees	Peter Balnaves (PB) – President & Chair, Bruce Redman (BR) – Treasurer, John Innes (JI), Tony Gleeson (TG), Peter Weinberg (PW), Paul Gordon (PG), Luke Tocaciu (LT), Ockert Le Roux (OL)	
Guest Attendees – Sub Committee Chairs	None	
Apologies	None	
Minutes	Ockert le Roux (OL) Note PMN = Post Meeting Note	
Conflicts of interest	None	

## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2021 were moved by PW and seconded by JI as a true and accurate record. All in favour.

## 3. Outstanding Actions from previous minutes

Date	Action Items	Person	Deadline	Status
24.6.21	<b>3.1 Board to consider Contributors / Icons</b> Profiles for current Patrons were developed and hard copy presented at the meeting. Thanks to all members who assist in getting them written. Profiles to be printed/framed and displayed on Bond Store interior walls and put onto the CVA website. Next stage is to develop profiles for patrons deceased, Eric Brand, Colin Kidd & Col Ross Smith. OLR to contact Bill Brand, Vic Patrick, and Richard Ross Smith to assist with this task. Recognition profiles to be developed for any long-serving members who made significant career contributions to the region. Letter was sent to Chris Brodie to acknowledge his 20 years of contribution to region. Allen Jenkins's last day of work will be 8 October 2021. OLR to prepare similar letter. Develop set of criteria and definition for seconds tier contributors to Coonawarra.	Board Member  OL		Deceased patrons' profiles to be developed. Prepare acknowledgement letter for Allen Jenkins.
24.06.21	<b>3.2 Storage of Wine</b> Eighty percent of member wine donations for 2021 has been received and transferred to the Bond Store. We will endeavour to get the remainder of donations in by month's end. Also, previous year's donations stored at Zema has been transferred. Additional measures to improve security at the Bond Store is being undertaken OLR contacted CVA insurers to obtain a quote to ensure the store content for \$20k. Consider an opening event to recognise sponsors Bendigo Bank, WRC and the Balnaves family. Discussion happened around future use of this facility. Members can hire facility at \$50 per event.	OL		Outstanding wine donations for 2021 to followed up.  OLR to ensure lease for the Bond Store is paid to NTSA.  OLR to present insurance quote to next Finance Committee for consideration.
21.10.20	<b>3.4 Wattle Range Council Actions</b> PB to request specs of proposed tables and chairs for siding land.	PB		CV to continue to be the liaising partner for region PB to talk to Peter Halten
29.07.21	<b>Penola Town Entrance</b>  The construction of the two entrance signs, near each intersection of the bypass, took place in June 2021.	OL	Oct 2021	

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29.07.21	<p>Works still to be completed are interchangeable banners, wrought iron grapes, and up-lighting of the signs. Landscape designs to compliment the entrance signs were presented to interested parties in Penola on Friday 11 July 2021 for comment/feedback. Designs and costing to be finalised by WRC, followed by final consultation. \$94,269 of the \$165,000 project allocation remains for completion by October 2021. Landscape designs were presented to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Rail Trail Project</b></p> <p>The Tender for the construction of the rail trail was released in early July 2021. WRC has negotiated a contract and agreed a design with one of the participating bidders. Feedback from the WRC project manager was that the funding for the Rail Trail Project had to be increased from \$1,2m to \$2,0m to complete the section up to Glenroy. PW questioned watering points along the trail. The design and tender outcome will be tabled at the WRC Meeting of 14 September 2021 for endorsement. The project is now running 3 weeks behind schedule.</p>	OL		<p>CVA awaiting the outcome of the landscape designs and costing after initial consultation.</p> <p>CVA to endorse final design once approved by Council.</p>
04.02.2021	<p><b>Place Maker Signage project</b> (funded by WRC) nearing completion. Signs require to be installed by property owners. MR to be supplied to WRC to provide update. Further update to be shared with members once signage has been erected, with map of locations.</p>	OL + PB		\$15K funding has been received. Project report and photos supplied to WRC
26.08.2021	<p>Issues with the QR codes persist and drawing information through. Consider CVA website to rather host the information</p>			
13.05.21	<p>Majority of signs erected. Signage to be geolocated once all signs have been placed.</p>			Signs to be erected within the next 3 weeks.
27.06.19	<p><b>3.5 Museum Wines.</b></p> <p>Langtons provided an updated appraisal for the Coonawarra Museum Wine collection. Prices increased by 3% at the lower and 2% at the higher end of estimates since the May 2019 appraisal. Langtons advise selling the collection to a single vendor will most likely provide the best auction result. BH recommend maximising the PR value. BR – should the sale happen by selling individual wines or smaller lots, rather than the collection? PB, should we include other rare member wines as part of the sale. Board in agreement to proceed with the sale via Langton.</p>	OL		OL to continue working with Langtons to best present the sale and maximise PR value.
26.08.2021	<p>OLR wrote to James March, CEO for Barossa Valley Wine region to learn from the successes they had this year with their two auctions. Auction prices realised were above expectations and indicates that the timing of the auction is near a cyclical high for rare wine prices. Don't only rely on the Langtons seller database, use own members to promote the auction. Tell the story behind the wines.</p>			

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	<p>Museum wine list sent to the members of the Finance Committee to group wines into auction parcels for recommendation to Langtons.</p> <p>CVA now registered with Langtons as a single vendor seller for the upcoming auction. Sales commissions were negotiated down to 10% instead of the standard 15%, which equates to circa \$5k at the minimum appraisal value of the collection.</p> <p>The collection is currently being photographed and images will be sent to Langtons for assessment of label condition and wine levels. Thereafter wines will be packed, insured, and couriered to Langtons warehouse in Melbourne.</p> <p>CVA and Langtons to finalise publicity plan around the auction.</p> <p>Auction planned to coincide with the Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations in October. Langtons proposed a 14-day online auction commencing 15 Oct and bids to close on Sunday, 31 Oct 2021.</p>			
29.07.21	<p><b>3.6 CV Weather Station</b></p> <p>PB, OL, &amp; Hans Loder met with Tim Powell of Integrated Irrigation on Monday 17th May. Discussed ongoing hosting arrangements for the Coonawarra Vignerons Weather Monitoring Network. The network has been designed to give near real time information to Coonawarra growers. Objective is to ensure members have timely weather data on hand to make informed seasonal decisions providing optimum results.</p> <p>Integrated Irrigation to continue hosting participating weather stations. Service monitoring and repair (needs only basis) of the Coonawarra Vignerons weather stations to continue. It has been agreed that weather stations data to be migrated to the BushLinks platform at the earliest convenience.</p> <p>Comprehensive historical data for each weather station is to be provided to the Coonawarra Vignerons in the .CSV file format. Historic data will be provided to Penola Secondary school as part of STEM program. (Refer to board decision, 13 May 2021)</p>	HL/OL		<p>OL to draw a MOU with Integrated Irrigation to specify service levels and term to.</p> <p>Tim Powell requested to release .csv files to Penola High School for the 3 Mile Lane and Rymill weather stations by August 3, 2021.</p>
21/10/20	<p><b>3.12 Trademark renewal</b></p> <p>Advice received by Lesicar Maynard Andrews, due Jan 2022 "Coonawarra Australia's Red Wine Centre". Cost \$1,005 to renew through Legal Attorney. LT moved should the statement be maintained; renewal be done directly online for significantly lesser fee ca. \$400. JI seconded. All in favour.</p>	OL	Jan 2022	

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24/6/21  13/5/21	<b>3.13 Coonawarra Siding Road Sign</b> Coonawarra Sculpture Sign to be replaced with Coonawarra Signing Road Sign. No progress with Sculpture removal. Highway signage in the system for action. Not timeline given.	JL.PW	March	Signs has been ordered and currently in the system with DTI for manufacturing  Timber is coming down soon. WRC not taking responsibility for demolition. \$8k in budget. Organising working bee to undertake demolition.
24/06/21	<b>3.14 Original Vine at Yallum Park</b>  BH reports that Tony Robinson from AWRI indicated that DNA analysis cannot be included in the CRC project, but there may be opportunities to test heritage material in future projects that result from the initial work.  OL to peruse testing at IFV in France during November 2021. Grapevine DNA testing within Australia is also possible via AGRF/CSIRO, however the reference database in Australia does not have the breadth and confidence of the IFV one and testing in Australia may not deliver a definitive or confident result. Courier and analysis cost circa \$200 tbc.	BH/OL	Nov 2021	OL to proceed with test through IFV. Consider inclusion of other old vines such as Johnsons Block/William Wilson in future.

#### 4. Finance Finance Papers & Update

BR provide a report back on the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday, 23 August 2021.

1. Renewal of the EDG sponsorship beyond its current expiry date of December 2021 looks unlikely during further discussion with them. BH to follow up with Kerry De Garis to see what wines were made as part of the Rootstock trials. OLR to send a copy of the EDG sponsorship agreement to BH and for him to investigate the reporting obligations. BH also to clarify ownership of the trial wines.
2. OLR did work on potential investment managers that could manage a balanced portfolio on behalf of CVA for its surplus funds. It was decided to revisit the decision once the auction proceeds have materialised and the current savings term deposit expired on 28 December 2021.
3. Transfer the Halliday Companion discussion from Finance Committee to the Board Meeting.
4. Age receivables – Petaluma (Accolade Wine) Their annual membership fee of \$5,153.90 for 2021 and Gumlea Q4 membership of \$914.37 remain in the 90+ day payments category. CVA to encourage them to make payment. A few of the black book sponsorship payment remain outstanding.
5. Cash on hand remains at healthy levels. Cheque account currently at \$10,179 and Savings account at \$65,500.00. Funds are sufficient to cover near future expenditure obligations.
6. The P&L as of 19 Aug 2021 shows a \$26,236.84 surplus, against a budgeted loss of \$16,859.00.
7. CVA paid made payment of \$7,000.00 to the Adelaide University under the Australian Research Council (ARC) Ph.D. study agreement. The Training Centre for Innovative Wine Production at the Uni of Adelaide is planning to visit Coonawarra in late October, early November. Ph.D. students and the Centre's director will present research progress. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> payment. The fifth and last payment under the agreement is due in 2022.
8. Wine Australia presented a collaboration agreement which forms part of the Wine Connect international marketing campaign. CVA has eleven members participating in the campaign. One element is a virtual tasting event in the UK in March 2022. Wine Australia requested the \$5,500 to be paid by the end of August. OLR to negotiate for payment to happen closer to the event date.
9. Q1 2021 membership fee invoices were sent out during July and payments are progressing well.
10. The SATC's Regional Event Fund draft sponsorship agreement is still pending. Grant funding of \$20k per annum for the next three years going towards the hosting and marketing of the Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations event were awarded earlier in August.
11. The DTI's Ecommerce Accelerator Program's grant funding has paid \$6,800 (85%) of the \$8,000 grant fund to the CVA. The grant sponsor 11 members participating in Wine Australia's Wine Connect marketing campaign. As recorded earlier, the virtual tasting component of the campaign happens in March 2022 when the remaining of the grant will be paid.

12. The three regions Coonawarra, Langhorn Creek & Clare Valley submitted a joint P250 application in July to undertake collaborative marketing of the regions. After the SAWIA panel approved the project, it was referred to PIRSA for their endorsement. PIRSA have advised they support the collaborative approach, but they had reservations about the make-up of the application. Their concern was the \$60k allocation to generate assets (images and videos) would appear to be disproportionately allocated to the proposed advertise spend of \$30k. This left them concerned about the potential positive impacts of the campaign. They would further like to see evidence that the collaborative group have worked closely with SATC to utilise any existing regional assets to generate their content and leverage exposure. Leveraging existing content would see more of the funding portion of the program allocated to advertising. The three regions are currently working together to address PIRSA's concerns.
13. The audit report and final set of financials for CVA will be available from our auditors by 17 September to be in time for the upcoming AGM on 28 September.
14. PB queried the provision for a potential of \$5,000 for water related expenditure under the 2021/22 budget. BR confirmed that no contingency provisions were made in the current year budget for this purpose.

## 5. Correspondence & Communication

- 5.1 Letter of Support to WRC dated 3 August 2021 re north and south Gateway project and its landscape designs
- 5.2 Email correspondence to WRC on 5 August, listing CVA members who were consulted in May 2021 with respect to the Rail Trail project.
- 5.3 Letter of Support to Coonawarra Experiences dated 25 August to assist them with their SATC grant funding application.
- 5.4 Email correspondence to James March, CEO for Barossa Wine, on 11 August to seek advice re their Langtons auction experience.
- 5.5 A letter dated 21 July 2021 was received from Dr Brett Anderson, General Manager Aviation, Land & Maritime Transport advising that the review of the Aerodrome Forecast Services (TAF) was completed. He was further pleased to advise that the TAF Review committee has concluded that the TAF services funded by the aviation industry Meteorological Service Charge (MSC) for Naracoorte Airport be reinstated from 2 December 2021.
- 5.6 SAWIA requested CVA's assistance with an educational program at the annual Royal Adelaide Show. Unfortunately, the Royal Show was cancelled, and this did not proceed.
- 5.7 CVA had an enquiry from the Warrnambool Rotary Club to seek member interest to participate in their Food and Wine Festival on 16 January 2022 in Warrnambool. The request was referred to the Cellar Door Committee for a decision.
- 5.8 On request from CVA, SAWIA issued us with a value proposition statement from Great Wine Capitals. (GWC) Member regions are currently paying a reduced membership fee (\$650) due to COVID impact. CVA queried the value of their GWC contribution. We put it on notice to SAWIA that if future benefits are not forthcoming, we might reconsider our membership. BR encouraged CVA to remain a member as the membership has broader benefits with SAWIA's involvement.

## 6. CV Resourcing

H Eldridge is seeking two weeks leave in February 2022.

CVA currently fully resourced.

PB asked for an update on the online ecommerce store. OLR reported that the fulfilment agreement was successfully transferred from Raids to Jack Estate. Jack Estate staff were trained on what is required. This far wine dispatchments has been done effectively and without delay. CVA is currently exploring to apply for a new temporary liquor licence. The current licence expires by the end of October 2021. OLR to make a recommendation in October as to the future of the online wine store.

## 7. Brand Reference Committee (formerly Marketing Committee)

- 7.1 **Update** NIL TO REPORT// Last met on 13 May 2020. Group sought to revert to monthly meetings however given the current resourcing and priorities that we maintain every two months

## 8. Viticultural and Oenology Committee (VOC) Sally McLeod reports on the meeting held on Thu, 19 Aug 2021

- 8.1 A couple of members haven't attended for several meetings and needs to be reminded of their obligations.
- 8.2 Concerns re access to the Berry Shrivel project under the Rootstock trial. The previous season Steve Tyerman had problems to collect samples from the trail area. The delay is with the University of Adelaide's legal department in finalising the MOU to provide proper access. Hans Loder to follow up.
- 8.3 Hans Loder proposed a smoke taint project like the work currently being undertake by the Latrobe Uni in Victoria and funded by Wine Australia. The Latrobe trial work is looking into smoke taint on a cumulative basis.

A discussion ensued as to the many variables that may contribute to taint. The most important consideration is for the VOC to determine if work in this field would present tangible benefit to members. Resources are limited and the VOC should focus on existing programs to ensure tangible returns to growers before ensuing new projects. Currently the best control is through good communication with adjacent landowners and with councils issuing permits. Smoke taint has never been an issue for the region, not even during the Ash Wednesday fires in 1983. The meeting felt that smoke taint research should be conducted in future and that it should be part of the VOC strategic plan in consultation with members.

- 8.4 The work under the Irrigation Optimisation Project is concluding during the next season. Final testing of the systems associated with the thermography towers and commercial roll out to follow.
- 8.5 The Berry Shivel Project also concludes at the end of this coming season. This project requires a further 2-3 years extension to complete. VOC to prepare a project brief with associated funding for consideration.
- 8.6 Chris Brodie provided the research results undertaken in the Coonawarra during the past two decades. The research papers will be included in the Limestone Coast Grape and Wine Council library from where members can obtain access in future.

## 9. Industry Engagement

### 9.1 Wine Australia

#### **New Licensing and Compliance Guide**

Wine Australia's newly released Licensing and Compliance Guide covers everything you need to know about the regulatory requirements for the production, sale and export of Australian wine. The guide provides a general overview of requirements across Australian wine production and labelling, export licence and permits, the audit process, fees, levies, and logistics. More information about Wine Australia's regulatory services can be found [here](#).

#### **Cyber security advice to Australian wine businesses**

Australian Government agencies ASIO and ASD have advised that cyber operators (foreign powers and their proxies) are currently targeting a range of Australian businesses, particularly those in the wine production industry. For guidance on identifying and protecting your organisation against this activity, visit [asio.gov.au/TBYL](http://asio.gov.au/TBYL). Suspicious emails or compromised accounts can be reported to the ACSC at [cyber.gov.au](http://cyber.gov.au) or by phone on 1300 292 371 (1300CYBER1).

#### **Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants (Round 3) – registrations close 30 September 2021**

Applications for Round 3 of the Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants are now open and close at 5.00pm ACDT on 30 September 2021.

Eligible wine producers can access a grant of up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive) for their eligible rebatable domestic cellar door sales. Information about the grants, eligibility criteria and how to apply can be found [here](#).

#### **Annual DTC survey commencing 9 August 2021**

Wine Australia's annual direct-to-consumer (DTC) survey will commence on 9 August, and we strongly encourage wineries to participate. This is the only survey in Australia that collects information on the size and performance of the wine DTC channel, and the results provide valuable insights and benchmarks for online sales, wine clubs, cellar door and wine tourism practices. All participants will receive a personal copy of the DTC report and an individual benchmark report that calculates the respondent's key performance statistics and aligns them against the respondent group. In addition, Wine Australia will provide region-specific DTC reports where there is sufficient regional participation in the survey. Anyone who doesn't receive a survey invitation over the next week is encouraged to contact [sandy.hathaway@wineaustralia.com](mailto:sandy.hathaway@wineaustralia.com)

#### **New Export Market Guides available**

Wine Australia has released new Export Market Guides for Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Sri Lanka. The guides provide the latest regulatory information for exporting to these markets, including the regulatory environment, duties, and taxes, and permitted additives. These guides are restricted to Australian wine exporters and levy payers.

#### **More benefits to listing your business with ATDW**

Wine tourism businesses can now simplify marketing efforts and drive online exposure with the integration of Google My Business (GMB) functionality to all ATDW listings. Integration of this feature, funded by the \$50m Package, allows wineries to automatically update opening hours and contact details in their Google My Business account via their ATDW listing.

## **9.2 SAWIA**

### **Work Health and Safety**

#### **Return to Work SA Industry Premiums**

SAWIA noted the new industry premium rates for the 2021/22 financial year have been published. The average all industry premium rate was increased from 1.65% to 1.70%, but the wine manufacturing sector continues to perform better with an average premium rate, of 1.508%. The grape growing sector experienced an increase to its industry premium for the second straight year, going from 2.072% last year to 2.248%. This increase will directly impact the financial bottom line for grape growers. SAWIA is considering a dedicated WHS program for grape growing and is currently seeking additional statistics from RTWSA to identify key causes and injury data.

### **Environment**

#### **SA Climate Change Action Plan 2021-25**

Brian Smedley advised SAWIA's Environment Committee is developing an information sheet about emissions reductions for wineries including options of practical mitigation actions as a precursor to consideration of a possible strategy for net-zero carbon emissions. The committee noted that several member companies have already committed to net-zero carbon emission targets by 2050 or earlier, and that there could be a case for faster ambition.

### **Legislation**

#### **Container Deposit Scheme**

Brian Smedley noted that SAWIA has been advised a paper is being considered by the Government about CDS with wine bottles included. A Discussion Paper would be released soon.

#### **Biosecurity – proposed new act / review**

It was noted progress on this matter continues to be delayed. There are 18 Parliamentary sitting days left in this term of Government before the election, so this matter will be considered by the next Government.

**The Liquor Licensing (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2021** had been provided for consultation and submission dealing with some temporary COVID-19 changes becoming permanent, a return of competition principles within the objects and some new concepts dealing with samples and training, if delivery occurs on the same day.

SAWIA's submission supported inclusion within the objects, a provision to encourage a competitive market for the supply of liquor given the increasing incidence of major retailers increasing their number of outlets. SAWIA will watch carefully the changes relating to samples, to ensure the wine industry is not adversely impacted. SAWIA has also noted that a same day delivery training requirement could impact on legitimate requests for delivery within the wine industry and may be regulatory overreach. A revised Bill is expected.

### **Minister Patterson's Export Recovery Taskforce**

Brian Smedley advised SAWIA attended a meeting on 1 July 2021 to discuss current export issues. The International Freight Assistance Mechanism (IFAM) runs until 30 September 2021 and then will run off in October. Some industry sectors voiced concern about this loss of support. This service is only viable for carriage of wine samples if urgent. In addition, shipping issues were highlighted. There are increased shipping times, costs, and challenges in shipping cargo. It seems to be getting worse even on trans-Tasman routes - shipping of bulk wine. Some shipping routes between the EU and Oceania have noted they will cease those routes. Some wine companies are openly expressing that increased shipping costs meant wiping out margin. Bulk wine shipments appear secondary and shipping lines were prioritising customers. No solutions could be identified given all these challenges.

### **SAWIA / WGCSA - discussions about a future**

Brian Smedley noted that WGCSA appear to be proceeding with a levy increase although this has not been widely or publicly stated. SAWIA had indicated that discussions to merge with WGCSA could not occur until the levy review was concluded. This would allow some certainty regarding available income for a new entity. Forum members discussed the amount of WGCSA contribution being provided to support AGW's national grape growing activity and it was thought to be anywhere in the 35%-50% range. In addition, it was noted that the Langhorne Creek WGCSA representative has stepped down from the role and remains vacant.

### **2021 Year of South Australian Wine**

Forum members raised concern about the organisation and delivery of various SATC events arranged to support the Year



of South Australian Wine. It was noted wine events (for SAWIA and SATC) were held on the same night in June which should have been avoided. The importance of deriving key measurables was highlighted for events to ensure we are adding value.

### 9.3 Landscape South Australia Limestone Coast – Water security and sustainability

The Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub (GTFIH) recently presented their preliminary water research findings to Water and Environment Minister, David Speirs as it prepares for the review of the region's Water Allocation Plan in 2023. Working in collaboration with UniSA and the University of Melbourne they undertook extensive research over the past 12 months to better understand plantation water use to support government in its resource management and decision making. The research includes simplifying management zones into as little as six distinct geo-regions to aid water trading, aligning zones to resource needs and to encourage the best use of available water. Coonawarra Vignerons, and other primary industry irrigators, such as Dairy and Potato plan to meet with the GTFIH in early August to get an understanding of the latest scientific research and preliminary findings.

## 10. CV Executive Officer Activity Report

**10.1 Adelaide Roadshow and Master Class** - The Masterclass event saw 25 tickets sold to 19 members of public and the rest to presenters and wineries. Nick Stock and Dan Redman was not in favour of proceed with the smaller audience. Decision was made to postpone and realign the event with the Adelaide Roadshow in November. Wine Centre's cancellation fee of 75% were waived. The masterclass got alienated due to its original time on Sunday morning and Adelaide Hills presenting their Winter Red event on the same day. The original Roadshow participants were approached on two alternative dates, 14 and 21 November. Most of the respondents was in favour of 21 November. Awaiting Nick Stocks availability for the 21<sup>st</sup> as he is potentially contracted to an event in WA on this day. Feedback to Heidi Eldridge not to be discouraged what remain difficult trading conditions when it comes to ticket sales.

**10.2 Coonawarra Vignerons Cup** – The committee met twice in August and worked on three potential hosting scenarios. At the meeting of 19 August, the Committee decided to proceed with a cocktail style event in a smaller marquee with a combination of standing and seated configurations. The reduced size (30mx10m) marquee led to a reduction in rental cost from \$14k for the bigger, to \$5.5k for the smaller. Likewise catering reduced from \$80pp to \$65pp with the exclusion of breakfast from the program. The Committee recommended a 11am start with a 5pm finish. Ticket price should come to approximately \$150pp with 400-600 people in attendance. Imperial auctions items reduced from 8 to 5. Scenarios 1 and 3 will be kept as fallback positions if COVID circumstances change.

**10.3 Cabernet Celebrations** - The program is in final stages of development. The event page should go live by the end of this week. SATC sponsorship agreement is till pending. Grant was approved earlier at \$20k per annum for the next 3 years. The Cabernet Decadence Tasting scheduled for 15 October has already seen 50% of tickets sold. The plan is to host a second tasting event on 29 October following the cancellation of the Penola Show.

**10.4 Cabernet Symposium** – The Cabernet Symposium Committee met on 10 August. The drawcard of the event is to attract people to the regional and high calibre international speakers. Thomas Duroux from Chateau Palmer, Bordeaux was suggested as the keynote speaker. However, it seems unlikely that international travel to Australia will resume by then unless the 14-day quarantine is to occur. If allowed this will be cost prohibitive to the event. The general sentiment was that pre-covid normality will return but until such time, it is important that the integrity of successful events is not compromised. This is also consistent with the CVA Board approach of other events they host. The Committee unanimously decided to postpone the Symposium until 2023. The Committee tasked themselves to explore and host alternative in-region events during 2022 rather than returning the \$27.5k grant funding to Wine Australia. A few options were discussed: To include ARC training centre PhD visit- this could be worked into a session in Coonawarra followed by other local research "bites" followed by a BBQ – timeframe Oct 2021. Wine Australia would like us to explore the possibility of running a Virtual reality event for Simonet and Sirch. Or other projects include Virtual reality for Pest and Disease monitoring that could be used to help train new people in the industry. Topics could include powdery and downy monitoring using augmented reality, virus detection and so forth. This could also be used in the winery space and may help with HSE compliance and training. OLR to write to Ulrich Grey Smith to officially inform Limestone Coast Grape and Wine of the decision.

## 11. Welfare, Health and Safety (WHS)

**11.1 Risk Planning** – COVID directions to be released on ongoing basis.  
Nil to report.



**12. Membership** – Reported under finance section.

**13. New Business**

**13.1 Limestone Coast Water Partner Group** – The primary producers group met a couple of weeks ago with the Green Triangle Forestry Hub to understand what was presented to Minister David Speirs. Forestry is lobbying for an additional 30,000 hectare of trees to be planted in future. The rest of the collaborative are trying to understand how this number were reached. Previously it was understood to be a 30,000-ha reduction in area under forests. Next week the Natural Resources Committee is undertaking a tour to the South-eastern drainage network where they will have a first-hand look at the water available. The group includes Nick McBride who have since turned more sympathetic toward Forestry. Further work needs to be conducted by the rest of the primary producer's collaborative to get an understanding of this complicated matter. PB request that funding may have to be made available to fund this work on an equitable co-contribution by the Dairy and Potato Boards. BR request that a funding notion need to be tabled for consideration by the CGWI Board for release of funding.

**13.2** Nominations for the board election at the upcoming AGM on 28 September is open and members are encouraged to make their nominations by 22 September 2021.

Meeting Closed 10:32am

Next Meeting – **Thursday, 23 September 2021 - Brand's Laira Coonawarra Board Room**

## Annexure 1

### Grants and Sponsorship Register

GRANT/SPONSORSHIP NAME	FUNDING	Category	Objective	CGWI Board Approved	GRANT VALUE	Application open	DURATION	Application close	MONIES RECEIVED TO DATE	AMOUNT INVOICED	STATUS
Grants currently available											
Wine Tourism and Cellar Door Grants (Round 3)	WA	G	Eligible wine producers can access a grant of up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive) for their eligible rebatable domestic cellar door sales.	-	\$ 100,000	1-Jul-21	-	30-Sep-21	-	-	<a href="#">Cellar Door Grants (Round 3)</a>
Export Market Development Grant	Austrade	G	Under the Export Market Development Grants (EMDG) scheme you claim your promotional expenses after you have spent them.	-	\$40,000-\$100,00 PA	16-Aug-21	-	30-Nov-21	-	-	<a href="#">Export Market Development Grant</a>
Drought Resilience Innovation Program	Australian Government	G	Grants will support innovative projects that equip farmers and agricultural-dependent communities and businesses with the tools and capacity to adapt, reorganise, transition and/or transform in preparation for drought conditions.			29-Jul-21	-	8-Sep-21	-	-	<a href="https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/future-drought-fund">https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/future-drought-fund</a>
Grants currently applied for and awaiting outcomes											
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P250	SAIWA		Combine regions marketing Coonawarra, Lonthorne Creek and Clare Valley								Grant application being prepared. Lodged on 9 July
Regional Event Funding CCC	SATC	G	Funding to assist CVA in hosting CCC in Oct 2021	-	\$ 150,000.00	Jul-21	3 years	June 2024	-	\$ -	Notification due in July 2021
Grants approved and being implemented											
Endeavour Drinks group	EDG	S	Sponsoring various VOC projects		\$15,000 PA	2018	4 years	December 2021	60000	\$60,000.00	Final Term INVOICED March 2021 - Paid
eCommerce Accelerator Program eCAP)	DTI	G	Subsidising 10 members participating in the Australian Wine CONNECT program	13-May-21	\$ 8,000.00	1 May 2021	9 months	30 June 2022	-	\$ 6,800.00	Grant approved - 21 June 2021

I am pleased to advise that the TAF Review committee has concluded that the TAF services funded by the aviation industry Meteorological Service Charge (MSC) for Naracoorte Airport be reinstated from 2 December 2021. Feedback demonstrated an aviation industry requirement for the service.