



## PGIBSA Report June 2013

### 1. Risk Assessment and Management

The first function of the Board (as per the Act) is to assess risk. To enable this process, the Board has established a risk register and has put in place a formal incident reporting process. It is important to note that all information provided is held in the **strictest of confidence**.

Management of incident reporting by the Board is as follows:

1. A Board staff member notes the allegation during a discussion with the informant to ascertain specifically what happened, the time, and who was involved.
2. It is a requirement of the State regulators that all incidents be reported in writing before any investigation can take place. Therefore where the allegation is nonspecific, the Board will request further information in writing, especially regarding any regulatory breaches.
3. An incident form is completed either over the phone with a Board staff member or by the informant.
4. Upon receipt of the details, an assessment is undertaken and an investigation initiated or more information sought.
5. Where a regulatory breach has occurred, it is immediately discussed with Biosecurity SA and the appropriate regulatory State authorities for any appropriate action.
6. Incident reports are reviewed by the Risk and Audit Committee, which then makes a recommendation to the Board.

#### ***Reporting of Incidents or breaches biosecurity practices or regulations***

As part of the ongoing risk review process, the Board will document incidents that are identified and then apply the risk assessment method.

Incident reports require the following information:

- a. What was the incident eg illegal or ignorant human behaviour such as the movement of planting material, machinery or people?
- b. Time/date of the alleged incident,
- c. Who was involved?
- d. Where did the incident occur, and importantly
- e. How the person reporting gained this information eg observation, heard about it from another person etc?

There have been 2 alleged incidents raised during this last reporting period, however additional information is currently been obtained.

The Board welcomes input on any incidents, including any that allegedly may have occurred sometime ago ie. years ago that has caused concern. The Board will apply the risk assessment principles to the incident to ascertain the level of risk. The Board is particularly interested in alleged breaches of regulation (Plant Quarantine Standard) and between PEZ's and PRZ's/PIZ's.

## **2. Policy issues**

The Queensland Government has requested to have the 2011 PEZ recognised in the South Australian Plant Quarantine Standard.

The Board has resolved not to support this request whilst the matters of a review of the National Phylloxera Management Protocol is completed and adjustments made as per the identified risk as a result of the Risk Assessment the Board completed in 2012.

## **3. Neglected vineyards**

Neglected vineyards is currently a topic for consideration with the Wine Grape Council of SA who are seeking to have legislation introduced to require appropriate management of vineyards that are considered neglected. The Board has received a request from PIRSA to determine the extent of the problem that is neglected vineyards.

The Board thanks the regions that provided feedback and will now be preparing a report to PIRSA on the submissions.

## **4. Board Research/Projects:**

### DNA sampling research

The Board has commenced a 3 year study to determine if DNA soil sampling can be used to ensure area freedom for PEZ's. This project is supported by GWRDC and PBCRC. The collaborators for this project are University of Adelaide, SARDI, DPI-Vic and DPI-NSW. The Board has invited the National Vine Biosecurity Committee to provide independent advice on the project.

PGIBSA staff will be carrying out the next round of data collection in the first week of July 2013 in the Yarra Valley, King Valley and Rutherglen.

An update on the progress of the research will be provided to the collaborators in September 2013.

### Rootstock Trials

All of the trial sites were harvested in quick succession with the data currently being compiled. In addition, petiole and leaf blade analyses are being interpreted, as per industry standards.

The Board is currently maintaining data collection for the drought trial at Nuriootpa Research Station, with 77 clone/rootstock combinations being assessed.

If anybody is interested in further post graduate studies based on the trial site data please contact Andrew (08 8362 0488).

### Footbath Study

The Board has undertaken an initial investigation into the efficacy of a potential footbath product option. As the results showed promise, the Board is working with the product's manufacturer in assisting in the trial/registration process.

### Vineyard inspections

The Board will be carrying out vineyard inspections in the Langhorne Creek, Currency Creek and Fleurieu Peninsula for the 2014 vintage.

### Online Vineyard Register

The first testing stage has now been successfully completed and the feedback received is currently been integrated in to the grower register. A second round of testing will be taking place in August 2013.

To assist us with the second round of testing, the Board is seeking 5 grapegrowers in each region, who have an email address to participate. Please advise Rachel on [admin@phylloxera.com.au](mailto:admin@phylloxera.com.au) by the 19 July and she will follow them up.

### **5. Regional Issues (regional concerns regarding vine health)**

The Board is interested in hearing about vine health issues from the respective regions, especially those that relate specifically to pests and disease.

### **6. Board member selection**

At the time of releasing this report there had been no announcement of the new Board members.

### **7. Regional meeting dates**

Thank you to the regions that provided their meeting dates. For others if you now have a schedule please send us a copy so we can arrange our travel schedules to participate. Please email the dates to [admin@phylloxera.com.au](mailto:admin@phylloxera.com.au) so the Board can plan ahead.

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