



## GBWT Vineyard Walk Hygiene Plan-June 2018

This hygiene plan has been developed in order to minimise the risk of spreading grapevine diseases, pests and weeds which may be carried on machinery, people and cars to and from vineyards participating in GBWT vineyard walks. Both the hosting vineyard and the attendees must be mindful of the risks they pose to each other, and both will aim to minimise these risks wherever possible.

1. A designated area for car parking should be offered to attendees. Ideally this will be away from the vineyard and away from a runoff area (water-course or dam). It should be free from weeds that are transferrable. If this is not possible, attendees should be told of whatever risks are posed.
2. Attendees should ensure their boots and clothing are clean from weed seeds and mud
3. Grapevine plant material should not be removed or brought to vineyards. Take a photo instead of transferring material
4. If machinery/equipment is brought to the hosting vineyard for demonstration purposes – the organisers will take all reasonable care to minimise the risks of carrying grapevine pests, diseases or weed seeds, but the owner of the hosting vineyard needs to satisfy themselves that they are happy to allow this machinery to come onto their property.
5. Dogs are considered a low risk for spread of weeds. The condition of entry for dogs will be at the discretion of the host vineyard owner.
6. All attendees to the walk will be required to fill in and sign the attendance and biosecurity register providing their name and details of region visited in the last 21 days if they went to a vineyard outside of the Granite Belt. Non-GBWT members will be asked to provide contact details as well.
7. Phylloxera, all Granite Belt growers are all the same risk to each other since this region is in a Phylloxera Risk Zone and not in a Phylloxera Infested Zone. For this reason it is only attendees to the walk who may have visited a phylloxera infested zone in the 21 days prior to the walk who pose a potential risk. Organisers of the walk will have available one of the measures approved by Vinehealth Australia for limiting the spread of phylloxera, should they be necessary. A map of the Phylloxera Management Zones in Australia will also be available for consultation.

Thus, Phylloxera control measures such as chlorine foot baths, shoe covers and clothing coveralls will NOT be offered to all attendees, only those posing a risk.

The final decision on entry to the vineyard will always be at the discretion of the host vineyard owner.

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Please note: This GBWT Vineyard Walk Hygiene Plan- June 2018, has been developed based on discussions with local growers, representatives of DAF and Vinehealth Australia and on preliminary discussions involving risk analysis. It is intended that this Hygiene plan will continue to evolve, with changes in pest and disease threats. For more information please contact Sue Smith or Michelle Coelli.

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