

# BWBC newsletter



**Next Meeting**  
Wednesday  
February 17th

**Start at 7.15pm**  
**Please note earlier start**

## BWBC 2016 AGM

### Speaker

Health benefits of alcohol?  
*Des Williams*

### Competition

No Competition this  
month

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*Banner photo: A great place to enjoy a vintage BWBC wine.  
Des Williams' Balcony - The committee meeting was held here last Wednesday*

## BLACKWOOD WINEMAKERS AND BREWERS CLUB INC. PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2016

As is the standard practice, this Annual report of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club records the main events conducted by the Club in 2015, the state and number of members, the general health and standing of the Club and also wishes to acknowledge the excellent hard work, spirit and friendship of its members and committee.

### Overview of 2015

Again this year, the Club has continued to grow and develop, both in Club membership, attendance at meetings and total involvement and commitment by members in Club activities and functions. Building on the past thirty plus years of growth and support, this year has continued the outstanding work of past Committees and Club members, so that this year has shown again what a strong, cohesive and very welcoming group of people this Club is and continues to be.

### Membership

In 2014, the Club set the ceiling on membership – 80 – and again this year we have had a waiting list of people wishing to join. The Club has benefited enormously over the past few years with the growth in numbers and the extremely positive and valuable

contribution that these newer members have contributed to the Club. The strong involvement and positive nature of all of our members coupled with the experience and knowledge of the longer serving members, has resulted in an increase in the numbers at meetings and Club functions, such that with the latter there have been waiting lists for Club activities.



### Committee

Led by a vibrant and dedicated Committee, they have overseen the activities and programme of the club. It

has been their total commitment of this hardworking group whose singular focus has always been the betterment of the Club and its members. With monthly meetings, social functions and the annual bottling, as well as specific responsibilities, the Committee has spent many hours so that the Club may function in the semi-professional manner that it has.

Again, I must publicly thank Richard Blake for stepping into the President's role when I was overseas travelling, for this incredible experience and leadership has been invaluable to the Committee and the Club.

The Club is blessed that their present



Committee has a blend of incredible experience and backgrounds –

Secretary Chris Bills for his understanding, experience and knowledge of the Club

Treasurer Ian Maxfield for his excellent monthly financial reports, Budgeting, fiscal processing of the bottling and Club functions and wise assistance in so many ways  
Steve Potiuch stepped down from the Treasurer's role after nearly two decades and the Club is forever grateful for his total belief and commitment to the Club. This year, again as the Social Convenor Steve arranged an excellent programme of events

As the Newsletter and Web editor David Tulloch has continued to bring a level of professionalism to our communication with the members.

In a variety of roles, we are indebted to David Lewis for this excellent organisation of the annual wine bottling and the overseeing of the technical aspects of the Club equipment

Des Williams undertook the membership role, liaising with new members and assisting at the club meetings

In his roles as Deputy President and Acting President, Richard Blake was responsible for the arranging and organising the outstanding Meeting Programme – each month, Club members are introduced to another aspect of the wine and beer industry, and this has deepened our understanding of the industry

We must thank Glenn Snook for again continuing to organise and oversee the Competition programme which again increased in number of entries and quality of wine. Glenn is stepping down at the end of the year, and as a club we thank him for his extensive service and commitment to the Club over more than thirty years. Glenn was so ably assisted on competition nights by Trevor Ward who recorded the results and Ron Head and Jim Hay who assisted in the organisation of each competition – our thanks.

Also, on behalf of the Club members, I must also acknowledge Roger Pounder and Bill Neubauer who have supervised and managed the Club equipment. Over the years, the Club has built an extensive level of equipment, quite expensive and we must thank Roger and Bill for their overseeing of its management

## Finances

For an Amateur Club, the BWBC finances are in an extremely strong and healthy state, the result of many years of planning and excellent members support, as well as the past planning and organisation of present and past Treasurers. A few years back, the Committee decided that we would retain a sufficient annual bank balance that could sustain the Club for a year minimum if we were not to undertake a wine bottling and wine sales. We have maintained this balance again this year and continued to grow fiscally.

Treasurer Ian Maxfield has continued the professional basis and planning to the fiscal aspects of the Club, with regular financial statements both to the Committee and Club, all in a form that is easily understood by the layman. As a result of this foundation, the Club has been able to subsidise functions, meetings, social activities for both members and their spouses/partners. Again this year, it has been estimated that members, for their annual fee of \$25, they were subsidised to the tune of in excess of \$130.

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With an Autumn wine sale of bottled white and red wines and the Spring wine bottling, again held at Serafino's, this was the primary source of fundraising for the Club. For the first time, we bottled a premium Shiraz (600 litres) and it was an instant success for the members. As well we again bottled 3000 litres of Shiraz and Cabernet.

The bottling was extremely well supported by the members with over 70 attending and thoroughly enjoying the day.

Such a bottling is long in planning and organisation and the Club must sincerely acknowledge and thank David Lewis for his excellent professional organisation of the bottling, Ian Maxfield for the pre-planning, liaison with the winery and sale of the wines, David Tulloch for the excellent Club labels and Steve Potiuch for the catering arrangements.

## Social Programme

Over the years, we have broadened and enlarged the social programme as we have realised its importance as an enjoyable and friendly social time for our members. The Musical/Dinner night where we began with dinner in a city hotel then attended the performance of “CATS” the musical at the Arts Theatre was a huge success. The annual May Apple Crush with the Adelaide Club was a success, the June Sunday night Film/Dinner function at Mitcham was well attended, October brought the annual Bus Trip, this time south to Langhorne Creek where we visited four wineries and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. The mid year dinner became the Spring dinner and eventuated as the November dinner at TAFE Regency Park where we enjoyed the ambience and service of the staff and students at the catering school and thoroughly enjoyed a four course dinner. Concluding the year was the December Christmas function and Presenta-



tion Day where we recognised Club members' achievements and success. Despite the heat, over 110 attended, the highest on record and they enjoyed a fully catered dinner, as well as quality entertainment.

The Committee is not only very aware of the extremely strong and positive support from the members and that all social functions fill very quickly, but as well the very positive impact such activities have on further bringing the Club and its members together. All committee members were actively involved in all of these social events and I thank them for planning such a diverse and fulfilling programme.

### Speakers Programme

We cannot thank Richard Blake enough for the excellent work that he has done in arranging an outstanding and varied Speaker Programme. It has both an educational and enjoyable focus, our members were both challenged with new information as well as taking us into new directions. We had our knowledge extended with outstanding speakers, multiple tastings of wines, beers, spirits, at times with suitable foods, all from highly qualified people from the wine and beer industry and food companies.

January saw Club member Lindsay Elliot conduct a highly entertaining and enjoyable wine options evening where we have our wine knowledge tested and extended. The February AGM was accompanied by Chris Bills and David Tulloch introducing the members to the Club brewing equipment and training. The brewing theme continued in March with Frank Samson from Prancing Pony Brewery talking about Mash Brewing and introducing different beer styles. Wes Gilson brought Spanish wines and their Australian equivalents to the April meeting and this was very much enjoyed by the members. May saw a highly educational meeting where Tracey Siebert presented a fascinating talk on the organoleptic properties of wines. Our bus trip the previous year to 919 Wines was followed up with their visit in June with their award winning wines. The beer theme returned in July with member Andrew Williams giving again another excellent talk, and in August Kym Milne from Bird in Hand Winery presented an excellent talk on their wines. With Richard away for September, member Anne Marie Franklin arranged a highly informative meeting where we arranged for cheeses from La Casa Del Formaggio to be tasted with a variety of different wines; a wonderful tasting evening. For the October meeting we continued the practice of the Club ANAWBS winners presenting their award winning wines. Our programme concluded with Linda Vulfs presenting an interesting and challenging talk of the tasting foods with wines. The Speaker programme has become an important educational information resource and the members are highly appreciative of the time and commitment undertaken by Richard and Anne Marie in planning such a

programme ..

### Competition Programme

Our first competition was in 1978, the first year of the Club and there is a strong tradition and positive friendly rivalry between Club members and syndicates as they present their wines and beers for judging. Again this year saw an increase in number of entries and the judges noted the continued improvement in the quality of the entries. Thank you to Glenn Snook for overseeing the programme, and the assistance from Trevor Ward in the collation and recording of entries and Ron Head and Jim Hay for their ongoing support. Again at the Christmas presentation function, we were able to recognise the individual winners. The Club publicly thanks and acknowledges the outstanding voluntary support of wine and beer judges, many whom have been involved with the Club for years.

### Newsletter and Club Website

The Club Newsletter is the vital communication avenue for the Club, and the monthly newsletter continues to be of the highest quality. David Tulloch is passionate about the newsletter and this year he further improved the quality and presentation of the newsletter. We cannot thank him enough for this quality production as it is of the highest standard, informative and with such interesting and a wide range of topics. Also David undertook to manage, improve and update the Club website; already there is excellent evidence that our site will be of the most informative standard.

### ANAWBS

ANAWBS continued to grow in 2015 with valuable contributions from both host Clubs. The Committee oversaw a highly successful show and BWBC was represented on Committee with longstanding members – Trevor Ward (Secretary), Ian Maxfield (Treasurer), David Lewis (Wine Conve- nor), David Strachan (Logistics) David Tulloch (Programme, Website) and Brian Ferris (Chairperson). Over the course of the Beer and Wine Show and the Presentation Day, many BWBC members assisted at the Waite Campus in a variety of roles – thank you for this commitment.

### Conclusion

2015 has been another outstanding year for the BWBC as the Club and its members have continued to build on a fine tradition and the work of so many from the past; I am sure that this will continue for the future. My sincere thanks to the Committee and the Club members for their ongoing support for myself, their understanding and their forbearance.

Brian Ferris  
President, Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers' Club  
7th February 2016

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## February Meeting

Following the AGM, BWBC member Des Williams will present a talk on Health benefits of alcohol?

Des is a pharmacist, chartered chemist, teacher and researcher within the School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences at the University of South Australia. He is currently the Program Director for the Bachelor of Pharmaceutical Science and the Bachelor of Pharmacy Double Degree. He commenced working at the University of South Australia in 1999 as a Senior Lecturer after a long career in the pharmaceutical industry.



## AGM 2016 Annual General Meeting

The BWBC annual general meeting will be held on February 17th. At the meeting all places on the committee will be declared open.

PLEASE NOTE THE AGM WILL START AT 7.30PM.  
MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE BY 7.15PM.

Nominations have been received for all committee positions.

Nominations for  
President - Brian Ferris  
Secretary - Chris Bills  
Treasurer - Ian Maxfield

Nominations for the 5 committee members are

Richard Blake	David Lewis
Steve Potiuch	David Tulloch
Des Williams	

At the AGM the membership subscription will be set for 2016 and members are reminded that payment must be made before the end of April to secure your continuing membership. We have an extensive waiting list of new members wishing to join.

Payments can be made by EFT. See page 7 for details.

## Membership Fees



\$ As set by the  
2016 AGM

**Must be paid by 30th April**

Payments can be made by EFT. See page 7 for details.

## From Social Media

the demise of BWBC member Brian Cloudsley



*One fork,  
No spoon,  
One place setting,  
No Brian.*

## Wine Festival

February 26 - February 28  
Adelaide Convention Centre

Meet, Taste and Discover more than 180 wineries, brewers and food producers from 15 South Australian regions.



More information and ticket sale -  
[www.cellardoorfestival.com/](http://www.cellardoorfestival.com/)

A members subsidy is available for this show. Keep your ticket and contact Ian Maxfield

## Beer Making Group

The beer making day has had to be postponed till April because of wine making activities in the earlier part of the year.

The next full mash beer making day will be in April. If you would like to join this group and learn how to make beer using the Club's mash brewing equipment. The beer style will be dark ale. This will be in time for the members to brew an entry for the July beer competition.

A further brewing day will be held later, and we will be making ale for the September competition.

Please contact David Tulloch 8270 1907 or Chris Bills 8370 6279.

## Bottles for Sale



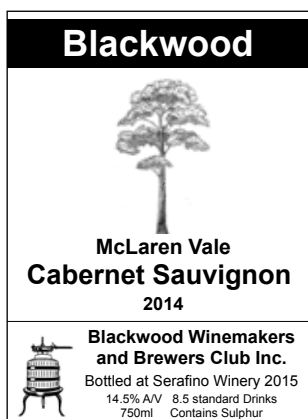
34 doz new bottles for sale. Sealed in cartons with dividers. \$5 per doz.

Contact Bempton Estate, Chris Bills at  
Ph 8370 6279 for more details.



## Wine Sales

### Cabernet Sauvignon

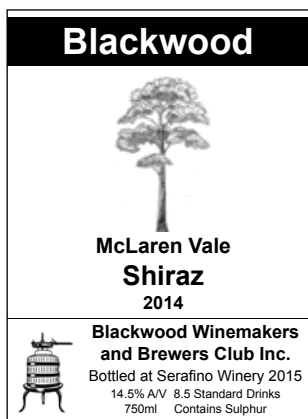


### 2014 McLaren Vale Serafino Cabernet Sauvignon

The fruit had a short journey to the Serafino winery where the grapes were crushed and destemmed. This transforms the grapes to what is known as 'must' which is the first step in the winemaking process. The must is then transferred to open fermenters where it is inoculated with a yeast culture. Here the fermentation takes place for a

period of eight days. The wine was then pressed off and allowed to finish malolactic fermentation. After malolactic fermentation, the wine was racked to a combination of French and American seasoned oak hogsheads (300L) for a period of ten months. A fantastic vintage with proof in the pudding! Enjoy now and up to 2018.

### Shiraz



### 2014 McLaren Vale Serafino Shiraz

The fruit was destemmed and fermented in a combination of stainless steel and open fermenters using selected yeast strains. The ferments remained on skins for a period of 7 days in order to keep the tannins soft and supple and the fruit right and fresh. Post ferment the wine was pressed and allowed to undergo malolactic fermentation. Enjoy now and up to 2018.

Thanks to the response by members we have reduce our stock of wine but we still have 16 doz Shiraz and 10 doz Cabernet Sauvignon left.

Wine sales are the major fund raiser for the club. It helps subsidise our activities throughout the year, the dinners, bus trip, film nights etc as well as the cost of running our monthly meetings. As Brian mentioned in his report "It is imperative that we clear this stock as soon as possible as it will have ramifications on the 2016 Budget for the Club. Can we please urge all members to sell the wine, whether to friends, family or purchase for oneself."

Please contact Brian ph 8278 6227 or Ian mobile 0499 039 132 to place your orders. Hurry while stocks last.

Shiraz \$95 per doz. Cabernet Sauvignon \$95 per doz.

### Clearance special

6 x Shiraz and 6 x Cabernet Sauvignon \$95 mixed doz.

To order Contact Ian 0499 039 132 or at the next meeting

## Spanish Wine Snapshot

A quick look at what's going on in Spanish Wine

Andrew Halliwell was born in Rochdale in the UK and grew up a fairly typical northern lad. A Europhile aunt and uncle first stirred his curiosity about wine, as did a trip to France, aged 11. From the age of 15 or so, he realised that he wanted to leave the north for sunnier climes, but it was not until studying Engineering at Oxford that he first started buying and drinking wine regularly. By age 22 he was hooked and spent most of his 20s reading up on wine and going to Spain as often as possible, with side visits to Stellenbosch, Margaret River and Mendoza thrown in.



"El Llano" vineyard Bierzo

In a now or never moment in his early 30s Andrew Halliwell studied winemaking at The University of Adelaide and then spent the next 9 years making wine anywhere he could get a visa - ending up across Spain and in Australia, India, Mexico, Chile and Canada. Increasingly disillusioned with large-scale winemaking and the associated cynical branding, he felt the need to return to Spain, have some fun and regain his passion for his favorite subject.

During a two year break from winemaking, Andrew hired a car and hit the road. Spain is roughly two-thirds the size of NSW, with a population of around 47 million people. He learned something at every winery he visited and came away impressed and envious. All the winegrowers he met had something in common: passion bordering on devotion, yet always combined with an uncommon humility. The result is a 100 page book he has written, giving a fascinating insight into Spain's wines written in a very engaging, personable way. Andrew has made the book available free to anybody who is interested by going to his twitter account <https://twitter.com/ADHalliwell> and click on the tweet <https://twitter.com/ADHalliwell/status/690232464334258176> and then clicking on the "Please share my book" icon near the top of the page. A very interesting engaging read.

Thanks to Dan Traucki's blog [www.wineassist.com.au/\\_blog](http://www.wineassist.com.au/_blog) for the story lead.





## Film / Dinner Night Sunday April 3rd, 5.30pm

The popular film dinner night at the Mitcham Theatre Complex will again be held this year on Sunday April 3rd starting at 5.30pm.

### Dinner Menu

Main: Buttered Fish, Chips, salad/ Roast Beef, Vegetable  
Sweets: Pavola/Flake Cheesecake  
Drinks: BYO or purchase from bar. (no corkage).  
Please nominate preferred choice when booking.

### Film Details

These will be listed in March newsletter. It will include "My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2".

Bookings are now open.

\$10 deposit is require with booking, full payment by March meeting.

The evening is limited to 60 places. Members and partners only, no guests. Cost \$30 per head

## Dinner/Musical at Arts Theatre May 11th - 6 for 6.30pm



The musical is "Sugar" based on the famous comedy film "Some Like It Hot" - a fun musical. Evening will include dinner at the Wakefield Hotel, Wakefield Street and ticket to the show at the Arts Theatre, Angus Street, Adelaide.

Bookings are now open.

\$10 deposit is require with booking, full payment by April meeting.

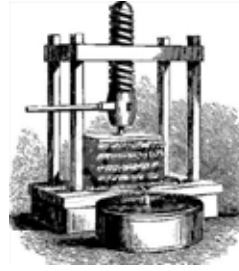
The evening is limited to 50 places.  
Members and partners \$35 per head.  
Guests \$45 per head

## Mid Year Dinner



This years mid year dinner is tentatively scheduled for July 24th. Details are still to be finalised as to venue etc. More details will be in later newsletters when they become available

## Apple Crush May 1st



The date for the Apple crush is Sunday May 1st, at Geoff Trenorden's property on, Tregarthen Road Summertown. This is a tentative date at the moment.

This is a combined gathering with The Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide - a great social day.

Please bring food for a barbecue, the Club's barbecue will be available. More details will be in the next newsletter.

## 2016 Bus Trip Clare Valley October 29 -30



This year's bus trip will be a two day trip to the Clare Valley. This was the destination of the first two day bus trip the club organised back in 2009.

Places on the trip are limited to the number of seats available on the bus and also the wineries' limit on the number of people that can be catered for in the tasting area. Members and partners only. The expected cost is \$170 per person. This includes Motel accommodation, dinner, lunch (2), breakfast and winery entry fees as well as bus cost. Further details and itinerary will be in future newsletters. Booking will open for the trip at the May meeting.



Remember ... Clare bus trip July 2009





## ANAWBS Sponsors

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## BWBC Loan Equipment

The BWBC has an extensive range of equipment available for loan to members for use with your wine and beer making activities. If you would like to borrow this equipment you must make all arrangements with the property officers Bill Neubauer 8278 8866 or Roger Pounder 0412 565 256. Please book early.

## Members' Duty Roster 2016

Those rostered for duty are asked to arrive at 7pm to help set up for the meeting and then clean up afterwards.

**All members are asked to wash, dry and place in the provided trays their own tasting glass.**

Feb	March	April
Jim Barnett	Garry Bettison	Philip Biggs
Brian Cloudesley	Nathan Crase	Joao Dos Santos
Ron Head	Errol Hepworth	Phil Hicks
Robert Knight	Manfred Kurmis	Michael Lineage
Mario Nocita	Brenton Pain	Andrew Thomson
James Szpunar	Chris Taylor	Berndt Wulf
Andrew Williams	Mark Williams	

\* The hall needs to be set up with tables and chairs in groups for tasting session.

## Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

### 2015/16 Committee

President	Brian Ferris	8278 6227
Secretary	Chris Bills	8370 6279
Treasurer	Ian Maxfield	0499 039 132

### Committee Members

Richard Blake	Deputy President	8278 5530
	Speaker Co-ordinator	
David Lewis	Technical Officer	8277 5053
Steve Potiuch	Social Co-ordinator	8278 5718
David Tulloch	Newsletter, Website	8270 1907
Des Williams	Membership	8370 2363
Glenn Snook	Competition Co-ordinator	8370 3390

### Property Officers

Bill Neubauer	8278 8866
Roger Pounder	0412 565 256

### Patron

Geoff Patrilli

### Life Members

Chris Bills	David Lewis	Glenn Snook
Bill Ekins	Bob Morton	David Tulloch
Ron Head	Steve Potiuch	

### Postal Address

PO Box 755 Blackwood SA 5051

### Web site

[www.bwbc.org.au](http://www.bwbc.org.au)

### Meetings

3rd Wednesday of each month  
except December

### Venue

Blackwood Memorial Hall  
21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood  
7.30pm.

### Newsletter

Editor David Tulloch  
Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month.  
Contact [davidt@internode.on.net](mailto:davidt@internode.on.net)



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BSB - 035-082 Account Number - 145202

Account Name - Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club inc.



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