



Blackwood Winemakers And Brewers Club Inc. President's Report 2016

To be presented to the Annual General Meeting Wednesday 15 February 2017

The Annual Report of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club is a record of the main functions and activities undertaken by the Club in 2016, and as such it details the membership of the Club, the present position of the Club with regards to its financial situation and the Report also is very important in recognising and acknowledging the exceptional hard work, spirit and natural friendship of the Club members and Committee.



Brian Ferris at the 2016 presentation day

and encouraging realism from the Committee, past and present and the strong Membership, over the past nearly four decades. With such a focussed and solid

base, the Club will continue to grow as the members and Committee are strongly committed to the Club, in all its many aspects.

Membership

With a ceiling membership, the Club has again this year had a lengthy waiting list of people wishing to join. With such a strong name in the community, the Club has

benefited enormously from the recent growth in membership numbers and on behalf of the Committee. I must again, thank the members for their positive and valuable contribution to all the Club

Overview of 2016

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in ANAWBS and a wonderful involvement and commitment by all Club members in the many and varied Club activities and functions. This development has been the result of a positive

activities. With such an involvement from all of our members, coupled with the experience and knowledge of the longer serving members, this has been reflected in the consistently high numbers at meetings and Club functions and their willingness to participate

Next Meeting
Wednesday
February 15th
Start at 7.30pm
AGM

Competition
There is no competition this month

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*Banner photo: Days of wine and roses
McLaren vale*



in all Club activities.

Committee

A strong Club is the outcome of an active and dedicated Committee, and Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club must thank and acknowledge the outstanding planning and organisation that the Committee has shown in preparing and overseeing the multitude of activities and extensive programme of the Club. I cannot speak highly enough of the total commitment of this hard working group, whose singular focus has always been to add to the betterment and development of the Club and its members. The Committee has spent an enormous amount of time, planning the monthly meetings, the many and varied social

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functions, the training and mentoring programmes, the Autumn wine sales and the annual November bottling. To all intents and purposes, the Club has been able to function in a semi-professional manner.

I need to personally thank the Committee, firstly Richard Blake for again stepping into the President's role so naturally when I have been overseas travelling. The Club has benefited greatly from his love of the Club, and this, coupled with his excellent experience and leadership have been invaluable to the Committee and the Club.

Blackwood must be truly thankful for its present Committee with its blend of incredible experience and backgrounds – Secretary Chris Bills – how can one quantify and equate the outstanding knowledge and understanding, that Chris has for this Club Treasurer Ian Maxfield – this Club turns over a considerable amount of money and the work that Ian does in preparing excellent monthly financial reports, the annual Budget, fiscal statements, as well as overseeing the bottling and Club functions finances is enormous, and we are extremely thankful to Ian for all of this. Steve Potiuch - as the Social Convener, we thank him as he has overseen and arranged another excellent programme of events, ranging from a film/dinner evening, mid-year dinner, 2-day bus trip and the annual Christmas function. David Tulloch – as the Newsletter and Web Editor, he has continued to amaze the Club members with the level of professionalism and innovation that he has brought to our many and varied forms of communication with our members.

David Lewis has again undertaken a variety of roles and the Club is indebted to his excellent organisation of the annual November wine bottling and the overseeing of the technical aspects of the Club equipment Des Williams has continued as the Membership supervisor and he has been our link and liaison with both new and old members; thank you Des. Ann-Marie Franklin undertook the Speaker Programme role and was responsible for the arrangement and organisation of the outstanding monthly Meeting Programme. We must thank Anne-Marie for such an excellent programme as she introduced Club members to many new and different aspects of the wine and beer industry Bernie Morgan stepped into the Competition Programme Supervisor role and he liaised with a variety of wine and beer judges, was responsible for the successful introduction of four new Beer Competitions, and oversaw an increase in number of entries and quality of wine. Bernie was very ably assisted on competition nights by Trevor Ward, who recorded the results, and Ron Holmes and Jim Hay who assisted in the organisation of each competition – the Club acknowledges their wonderful support and we thank them

For the past few years, Roger Pounder and Bill Neubauer have acted as Property Officers and they have supervised and managed the extensive amount of Club equipment; we again thank Roger and Bill for their excellent management and overseeing of the equipment.

Finances

Again, I can report that the BWBC finances are in an excellent position, and for this we must thank the planning and focus of the present and past Committees, the present and past Treasurers as well as continued fine support from our members. With such a healthy and positive fiscal balance, the Club has been able to build and strongly support its members and Club activities.

I must acknowledge the outstanding organisation and planning that our Treasurer Ian Maxfield has put into his role and with his professional approach and planning, the Committee and Club receive regular financial statements, all in a form that is easily understood by the layman. Again this past year, the Club has been able to heavily subsidise monthly meetings with supper and beverages, the many and varied social activities for both members and their spouses/partners and the education programme. For an

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annual fee of \$25, members were subsidised in excess of \$50 for meetings alone, and over \$290 per couple if attending all the social events; this is quite an incredible achievement.

This subsidy is the result of our two major fund-raising events, the Autumn wine sale of bottled white and red wines and the November red wine bottling, this year returning to Scarpantoni's in McLaren Flat. After last year's success with the offering of a premium Shiraz, in November we repeated the process with premium Shiraz selling well before the bottling and the 2400 litres of Shiraz and Cabernet being sold within a month. The November bottling was another highly successful Club event with over 60 members assisting and thoroughly enjoying the day.

These two fund-raising events are the result of a high level of planning, preparation and organisation, and again the Club is indebted to David Lewis for his outstanding professional planning and organisation of the bottling, as well as his liaison with the winery over many months, Ian Maxfield for overseeing the finances for the bottling and the sale and delivery of the wines, David Tulloch for again producing the quality Club labels and Richard Blake for overseeing the well received catering arrangements.

Social Programme

Our members have been able for many years to appreciate a varied and interesting social programme and this year was no different. Beginning with a Musical/Dinner night in April which began with dinner in a city hotel, members then attended a musical at the Arts Theatre. We have been fortunate to be able to continue with the annual May Apple Crush with the Adelaide Club for many years and again it was a success. Mid year brought the annual Sunday night Film/Dinner function at Mitcham and again it was well attended, then in July the dinner at TAFE Regency Park where we enjoyed a silver service four course dinner. The last weekend in October brought the bi-annual two day Bus Trip, this time returning to the Clare Valley. The two days saw the 58 members and spouses/partners visit six wineries, enjoy a three course dinner with wines at the Clare motel where we stayed overnight, then a hot breakfast, more wineries, concluding with pizza luncheon at the last winery. We returned to Adelaide, tired but very complete. As in past years, we brought the year to an end with the December Christmas function and Presentation Day, an event where we recognised Club members' achievements and success in the many competitions. The catered roast Christmas luncheon was again a big success and the

over 80 attendees were entertained by our resident Band who showed their musical roots with hits from their rock 'n roll days.

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such a friendly and happy social environment has the outcome of further bringing the Club and its members together. I must thank all Committee members who were so actively involved in all of

these social events and I thank them for planning such a diverse and fulfilling programme.

Speakers Programme

Ann-Marie Franklin took over the responsibility for the Speaker Programme and we cannot thank her enough for the excellent work that she has done in arranging an outstanding and varied Speaker Programme. Ann-Marie has continued the framework of past organisers, notably Richard Blake in planning speakers who have both an educational as well as an enjoyable focus. Again this year, our members were both challenged with new information, new challenges, different ideas as well as broadening our knowledge and understanding of beer, wine and accompanying foods and beverages. Our taste buds have been tested as we have experienced the multiple tastings of wines, beers, spirits, at times with very interesting and different foods.

For the second year, Lindsay Elliot led off our Speaker Programme with other highly interesting and enjoyable wine options evening; he fully tested our wine taste buds in a fun and educational way. Again, the February AGM was introduced with Des Williams expanding our horizons with a talk that informed our members of the (alleged) benefits of drinking alcohol. March saw a total change in direction with Sean Payne's presentation, with the appropriate tastings, of the history, development and many types of coffees – it was extremely well received and we were able to further taste his wide choice of coffees at the Christmas function later in the year. Ann-Marie further wetted our taste buds with the excellent presentation from Michael Harbison and Michael Johnston of Olives and Olive Oils; it was fascinating to listen to this information. For May and June we returned to an alcohol focus with May being a Beer and Cuvees presentation and Beach Road Wines presenting in June; both were excellent talks. Jeremy Sibbald from Adelaide Archives presented an interesting



July talk on the history of wine and beer making in Adelaide and then August, saw Andrew Williams expanding our knowledge and tastes with a Whisky presentation. Our patron Geoff Patrilli was the September speaker and he again was highly entertaining, so experienced and all present thoroughly enjoyed his talk, For the first time the Club members who were successful in the Beer section of ANAWBS presented their winning beers to the Club in October and that was accompanied by our first Oktoberfest evening, with the appropriate German singing from our resident German Band, German dress code and understandably German beers and sausage-style foods – it was a fun and lively evening. Finally in November we continued the practice of the Club ANAWBS winners presenting their award winning wines.

I cannot state highly enough the importance of our Speaker programme as it has become such a vital educational resource; our members are extremely appreciative of the time and commitment undertaken by Ann Marie in planning such a varied and informative programme.

Competition Programme

Competitions have been a life-blood of this Club and since the first competition in 1978 there has been a very strong tradition and positive friendly rivalry between Club members and syndicates as they present their wines and beers for judging. This year saw a further increase in number of entries and the judges repeatedly noted the continued improvement in the quality of the entries. The Committee, over the past few years has been determined to increase our Beer understanding and making and with the four new Beer Competitions this year, all named after Club Life Members, this has been part of the Committee policy to increase the number of Beer competitions, which was previously one. These new competitions were very well received and we look forward to more entries in the future years.

Organising the Competition programme is a large task and I sincerely thank Bernie Morgan for the wonderful task that he did in taking over the reins in contacting judges, the necessary documentation and informing members. Bernie, like myself, would also acknowledge the excellent assistance from Trevor Ward in the collation and recording of entries and Ron Holmes and Jim Hay for their ongoing support in the success of the competitions.

The Club is entirely thankful for the continued support and encouragement that the Club receives from our Judges, many whom have a long affinity with our Club. Their voluntary support coupled with the excellent mentoring and comments when they assess the entries is very much appreciated by the Club.

Newsletter and Club Website

Our Club is privileged to have such an outstanding Club Newsletter. This is our main communication channel for the Club, and that this monthly newsletter continues to be of the highest quality is due to the dedication and professionalism of David Tulloch. David is truly passionate about producing a quality and highly readable publication and he strives every year to improve the standard. 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. As the Website supervisor, David has also continued to improve the standard of the Club website and we thank him for that.

ANAWBS

2016 was another good year for ANAWBS with an increase in number of entrants and entries. Approaching its 40th Year, this National Competition has continued to have strong support from the BWBC, both on Committee and areas of responsibility as well as fiscal support. There is no doubt that 2016 was a very successful Show and we must thank the Committee. BWBC was represented on Committee with Trevor Ward (Secretary), Ian Maxfield (Treasurer), David Lewis (Wine Convener), David Tulloch (Programme, Website), Ann-Marie Franklin (Marketing) 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

As I have said, the last year was another outstanding year for the BWBC. 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, plus their understanding and their forbearance.

Brian Ferris
President, Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers' Club
February 15, 2017

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AGM 2017

Annual General Meeting

The BWBC annual general meeting will be held on February 15th. At the meeting all places on the committee will be declared open.

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

Anne-Marie Franklin

David Tulloch

Steve Potiuch

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

At the AGM the membership subscription will be set for 2017 and members are reminded that payment **must be made before the end of April** to secure your continuing membership. We have a long waiting list of new members. Payments can be made by EFT. See page 8 for details.

2017 Beer Competitions

The committee has rescheduled the beer competitions for 2017. The reason is to spread the competitions out over the year and to put more emphasis on beer making in the club.

March 15th - Lager, Pilsner and Pale Ales

(Generally beers with a colour range below 12 SRM)

This will be the first competition in the 2017 program.

September 20th - Brown Ales, Porter and Stout

(Generally beers with a colour range above 12 SRM)

Beer Style	Colour	EBC	SRM / Lovibond
Pale lager, Witbier, Berlin Weisse		4	2
Maibock, Blonde Ale, Pilsner tedesca		6	3
Weissbier, Pilsner Urquell		8	4
American Pale Ale, Indian Pale Ale		12	6
Weissbier, Saison		16	8
English Bitter		20	10
Biere de Garde, Double IPA		26	13
Lager scura, Marzen, Amber Ale		33	17
Brown Ale, Bock, Dunkel, Dunkel Weizen		39	20
Irish Dry Stout, Doppelbock, Porter		47	24
Stout		57	29
Foreign Stout, Baltic Porter		69	35
Imperial Stout		79	40+

February Meeting

At the February meeting there will be a display of the club's equipment that is available for loan to members to help with your wine making and brewing.

Label your bottles

David Tulloch will show the process of designing and print cost effective labels for your next bottling.

Wine for Sale

The club has been fortunately able to purchase a limited number of cases of 2016 Adelaide Hills Sauvignon Blanc from Lambrook Winery.

The wine will be available for tasting and purchase at The February meeting. The price is \$95 per doz.

"We harvest our Sauvignon Blanc in the cool of the night when the fruit is cool and fresh. (It looks a bit like the aliens have landed with the lights of the harvester shining down the hillside). It makes for a crisp, vibrant wine that is deliciously drinkable."

From Lambrook tasting Notes
www.lambrook.com.au

Wine Stock Reduction

The committee has for sale a very limited number of cases of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon from our bottling at Serrafino Winery(2015 bottling) and Scarpantoni Winery (2016 bottling).

Please contact Ian Maxfield 0499 039 132

Pale Ale

The term pale ale originally denoted an ale that had been brewed from pale malt. The pale ales of the early 18th century were lightly hopped and quite different from today's pale ales. By the mid-18th century, pale ale was mostly brewed with coke-fired malt, which produced less smoking and roasting of barley in the malting process, and hence produced a paler beer. One such variety of beer was October beer, a pale well-hopped brew popular among the landed classes, who brewed it domestically; once brewed it was intended to cellar two years.

The first known use of the term "India pale ale" is an advertisement in the Sydney Gazette and New South Wales Advertiser in 1829. It was also referred to as pale ale as prepared for India, India ale, pale India ale, or pale export India ale, the high hop content preserving the beer for the long journey from England to India.

From Wikipedia



BWBC Social Program 2017

Social Bowls Afternoon

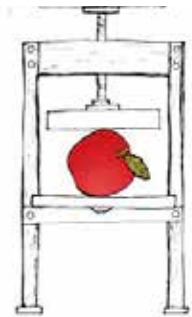


Sunday March 19th
2pm – 7pm

Venue - Blackwood Bowling Club
10 Simla Parade, Blackwood
Cost - \$35 per member;
\$40 non-member
Includes – Bowls, Nibbles
Finger food and refreshments during play, Meal with wines/beverages;
Fun events.



Members need to wear flat soled shoes



Apple crush – Lenswood May

Date TBC
Annual event with the Adelaide club
BBQ facilities

Wine Tasting and Lunch

Patritti Wines

Sunday May 28
12noon – 5pm
Patritti Winery

13-23 Clacton Road,
Dover Gardens

Tastings, winery tour, catered
Lunch and wines/beverages
Cost - \$35 per member



Gavin's Fine Wine Tasting Sunday July 23rd 2pm

An Afternoon with Fine Red Wines from Gavin Pennell's personal cellar
Finger Food and Nibbles.
Limited Number (50)
Details in later newsletters.



Film /Dinner Night Sunday August 27 5.30pm

Mitcham Cinemas
Cost - \$35 includes – 2 course dinner, wines and film of choice
Limited Number (55)

Bus Trip

Friday October 27th
Southern Adelaide Hills
Visit 3 wineries

Includes – winery entries and tastings, lunch, bus
Cost - TBC
Limited Number (57)



Christmas and Presentation Day



Sunday December 3rd
Blackwood Football Club lunch, wines, drinks.
Details in later newsletters.

Social Event Bookings

Bookings for the Bowls, Patritti Lunch, Film night and Bus trip can be made by contacting Ian maxfield at the meetings or Ph 0499 039 132. Bookings for Gavin's Fine wine tasting, contact Garvin Pennell Ph 8270 4744 or 0412 107 107



CPR Training

16 members successfully completed the CPR course conducted by St John last Thursday night. The club was successful in obtaining a Community Development grant from the Mitcham council for First Aid training for our members. This training also included training on safe and proper use of a defibrillator. With Sudden Cardiac Arrest being one of the leading causes of death in Australia, having a defibrillator available can make the difference between life and death. They are easy to use, maintain, and can save a life prior to the ambulance arriving. The club is currently in the process of acquiring a portable defibrillator that will be available for used at meetings or on club organised events if the need arises.



Those completing the course were

Chris Ball	Emmily Patterson
Chris Bills	Steve Potiuch
Bob Carmichael	David Strachan
Brian Ferris	Dean Swinden
Ann-Marie Franklin	Maeve Swindon
Ron Holmes	Chris Taylor
Ian Maxfield	David Tulloch
Bill Neubauer	Richard Williams

Several of other club members have indicated they have current CPR certificates.

In line with Australian Resuscitation Council guidelines, CPR skills should be recertified every 12 months.

January Wine Option Night

Lindsay Elliott's wine option night once again had the members trying to make informed decisions (or guesses) on the type, origin and year of a diverse range of wines.

The wines presented were

- 1 - 2015 Villa Wolf - Pinot Gris from Germany
- 2 - 2011 Huntington Estate - Semillon from Mudgee NSW
- 3 - 2012 Bottega Vinaia Teroldego Rotaliano from Trentino region, Italy
- 4 - 2015 Fox Gordon - Nero d'Avola from Adelaide Hills
- 5 - 2014 Manieri Nero di Troia from Puglia, Italy
- 6 - 2012 Leonfield Cabernet Sauvignon from Coonawarra

Thanks to Lindsay for the chance to sample unusual wines and learn about them in a fun way.

The winning table scored 16 out of 24 and won a bottle of Vineyard 28 Nebbiolo from the Geographe Wine Region WA (½ way between Mandurah and Bunbury)



Bottles for sale

David Strachan has a 1/2 a pallet of new wine bottles surplus to his group's requirements. Please contact David 8270 1402 if you are interested.

Bottle Labels

Put the finishing touch to your next wine or beer bottling. The club has the facilities to produce bottle labels to your design at a very reasonable cost. We also have labelling machines available for members use to make bottle labelling very easy and accurate.

Contact

David Tulloch, 8270 1907, for full details.



SA Wine Events 2017

Some of the wine events scheduled for this year. If there are other wine or beer events, please pass on the details to the editor for listing in the newsletter. List thanks to the Wine Guild of SA newsletter

24-26 February	Cellar Door Festival, Adelaide
7-8 April	Coonawarra After Dark Festival.
19-23 April	Barossa Vintage Festival
30 April-7 May	Tasting Australia
19-22 May	Clare Valley Gourmet Weekend
21 May	Langhorne Creek Wine Show Public Tasting, Langhorne Creek
9-12 June	McLaren Vale Sea & Vines Festival
12 & 13 August	Langhorne Creek Cellar Treasures Weekend

BEFORE 6 BEERS

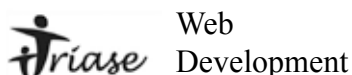


AFTER 6 BEERS



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Items for Sale

If you have any wine equipment or other items for sale, information about grape supplies for the coming vintage, or any other items of interest to members please let the editor know so we can advertise it in the newsletter or if urgent send out an email to members.

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 2017

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.

February	March	April
Tony Iaccarino	Shirley Jansen	Rudi Tromp
Peter Vigants	Paul Hakendorf	Pat Vartuli
John Starr	John Godden	John Callus
Glenn Glasson	George Walusiak	Clayton Fisher
Helen Glasson	Colin Raston	Berndt Wulf

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

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc. 2016/17 Committee

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

Committee Members

Richard Blake	Deputy President	8278 5530
Ann-Marie Franklin	Speaker Co-ordinator	0406 338 166
David Lewis	Technical Officer	8277 5053
Bernie Morgan	Competition Co-ordinator	8370 2145
Steve Potiuch	Social Co-ordinator	8278 5718
David Tulloch	Newsletter, Website	8270 1907
Des Williams	Membership	8370 2363

Property Officers

Bill Neubauer	8278 8866
Roger Pounder	0412 565 256

Patron Geoff Patriitti

Life Members

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

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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

You can transfer payments for Wine purchase, Club fees, Social activity fees and other payments directly to the BWBC bank account.

Bank - Westpac Blackwood
BSB - 035-082 Account Number - 145202
Account Name - Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club inc.



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