



BWBC

*Another New Year
and another vintage*

news

January 2014

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

John Benda

16.7.1927 - 2.1.2014



John Benda, a long term and valued member of the Blackwood Wine-makers and Brewers Club Inc, passed away on January 2nd 2014.

A summary of John's life from the eulogy written by the family
"John was born on 16 July 1927 at Miss Rowe's Private Hospital, in Wakefield Street. John

grew up in Kensington Park. By chance, he started school in Melbourne, while his mother was there looking after his ailing grandfather.

When the family returned to Adelaide he went to St Peters College completing his primary and secondary schooling there. John had a varied working life. He started as a representative for various wholesale agents.

For many years he worked at Brown and Dureau, which imported a wide range of products, and went on to work for a period at AWA as an Engineering Products Salesman. But in 1972 he decided to start his own business, in a field that he knew well and loved – fishing. He set up Bite Well Fishing Supplies, opposite the water at Glenelg. The business still stands today and even has the original signage above the entrance, designed by John's daughter Suzy.

John was determined to make a home for his family and started building at 18 Gladstone Road, Blackwood during 1954. He had the help of a carpenter and stone mason, but did much of the work himself. It was hard physical labour, digging out many ironstone rocks, cutting the gum trees and Yacka bushes in order to lay the house foundations. Nothing was wasted in those days with the sand excavated from under the house being used for the cement and the rocks used to form walls for the

vegetable garden. He also terraced the steep block, using stone from a house demolished to make way for the Angas Street Police station, for the driveway retaining walls and barbecue. John designed the house himself, incorporating a cantilevered concrete balcony and plate glass picture windows. A particular source of pride was the flooring he obtained: the rare Wandoo timber, harder than jarrah, recycled from an old ballroom in Western Australia.

He also enjoyed catching up with his friend Glen Snook at Racquets Bar & Bistro. John always liked a beer with friends and was a regular at the Blackwood RSL and the Belair Country Club.

In his later years John took up brewing beer and then making wine, with the Blackwood Wine Club, setting up his own brewing and wine making area in the cellar under the house. His products maturing nicely there and luckily for him, were all drunk before he left us! He also got a lot of interest and pleasure from excursions with the wine club members.



John with Glenn Snook at the BWBC Presentation Day 2009.

We were told of one night at the wine club when there was a local wine tasting competition to determine which club member made the best wine. Wines were passed around anonymously from table to table and were rated with a score from 1 to 10. One particular wine which he rated at 2 out of 10 (meaning BAD!) won the best wine of the night! So maybe it's a bit like tastes in art, as the saying goes - 'I don't know much about art, but I know what I like...'"

He will be sadly missed.

Next Meeting Wednesday January 15th 7.30pm

Speakers

John Callus - Fiji Project
Richard Blake - Making kit Beer

Competition

No Competition this month

2013 Presentation Day

Fruit Wine Competition

Mike Butcher	1st Place
Andrew Williams	2nd Place
Mario Micarone	3rd Place

Sparkling Wine Competition

Mike Butcher	1st Place
Ian Maxfield	2nd Place
Mike Butcher	3rd Place

Fortified Wine Competition

Lindsay Elliot	1st Place
Glenn Snook	2nd Place
Mike Butcher	3rd Place

Liqueurs Competition

Chris Bills	1st Place
Mike Butcher	2nd Place
Mike Butcher	3rd Place

1 to 3 year old Shiraz Competition

David Lewis	1st Place
Bempton Estate	2nd Place
Bempton Estate	3rd Place

BWBC 2013 Winemaker of the Year

David Lewis

Current Vintage White Wine

Mike Butcher	1st Place
David Lewis	2nd Place
Mike Butcher	3rd Place

Current Vintage Red Wine Competition

Thumbs Up	1st Place
David Lewis	2nd Place
Thumbs Up	3rd Place

Red Wine 4 Years or Older

David Lewis	1st Place
David Lewis	2nd Place
Tony Iaccarino	3rd Place

Beer and Stout Competition

Chris Bills	1st Place
Chris Bills	2nd Place
Chris Bills	3rd Place
Glenn Snook	3rd Place

BWBC 2013 Brewer of the Year

Chris Bills



Results of 2013 Beer and Stout Competition

Judged by Andrew Williams.

1st	Kolsch	Chris Bills	42.5 points.
2nd	American pale ale	Chris Bills	41 points.
Equal 3rd	Dry stout	Glenn Snook	40.5 points.
Equal 3rd	American brown ale	Chris Bills	40.5 points.

Results of 2103 Current Vintage Wine Competition

Judges

Matt Jackson - McLaren Vale Vintners
Brendan Schmook - Wine consultant

No. of entries

White - 10

Red - 20

White Wines

1st	Mike Butcher	Vermentino	17.75pts
2nd	David Lewis	Chardonnay	17.25pts
3rd	Mike Butcher	Chardonnay	16.9pts

Red Wines

1st	Thumbs Up	Shiraz	18.25pts
2nd	Wattiparinga	Dolcetto	17.5pts
3rd	Thumbs Up	Shiraz	17.1pts

South Australian Wine Industry Association Courses

Brilliant Wines of South Australia

Join NWETC wine educators for a two hours session tasting 12 premium South Australian wines, highlighting sensory characteristics, regions, food and wine matching.

Wed, January 22, 2014 - 7:00pm to 9pm

Contact: Marcia Burnett

Phone: 08 8222 9277

Email: admin@winesa.asn.au

National Wine Centre

Corner of Botanic and Hackney Road

Adelaide South Australia 5000

BWBC Contribution to Fiji Village Relief Project

by John Callus

Myself, Denise and 3 children first went to Fiji nearly 30 years ago. It was suggested by a friend who at the time was married to a Fijian and lived in Blackwood. We decided to take a holiday but only stayed in a resort for a short time and then lived amongst the Fijian population which was arranged by our friend in Blackwood. During our stay we were fortunate to be invited to the village of Nabukeru which is one of 6 villages on the main island of Yasawa.

The Yasawa Islands are made up of several islands and Nabukeru is on the southern tip of Yasawa. The village is on the beach front and faces the Blue Lagoon made famous by the movie of the same name.

Unfortunately Fiji suffers from frequent summer cyclones and the one which struck the Yasawas in February 2013 washed away 5 of the village houses and damaged every other house in the village.

In November of this year we decided to hold a Fiji night to raise some money to assist in the repairs to the houses. We also needed to purchase some good bright solar lights. The village has a generator and it only works when they have fuel and money to purchase the fuel.

At the fund raising we managed to raise enough money to purchase a decent solar light for each house and also enough money to assist in the repairs. Blackwood Wine and Beer Club was very generous and assisted us with a \$100.00 donation towards the fund

Denise and I will be returning to Nabukeru in July of this year and be staying for a period of 6 weeks. During that time we will make sure that the money raised is spent on the repairs and not given to the villagers as a cash donation.



John will give a short talk at the next meeting how he is helping rebuild their small Fijian community.



Presentation Day 2013



ANAWBS 2014

Planning for ANAWBS 2014 has started. The tentative dates for this years competition are

Entries close: Monday 22nd September

Beer Judging: Friday 26th and Saturday 27th September

Wine Judging :Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 1st October

Presentation Day: 5th October

The competition relies on volunteers for its success. Please consider volunteering, contact the ANAWBS committee.

ANAWBS Raffle Prize Winners December 2013

	Name	Club	Prize
1st Prize	John Rabone	Adelaide	Better Bottle Fermenter
2nd Prize	Greg Jackson	Blackwood	3 bottles Woodstock Cab Sauv
3rd Prize	Tony Iaccarrino	Adelaide/Blackwood	3 bottles Woodstock Cab Sauv
4th Prize	Judy Morton	Blackwood	3 bottles Woodstock Cab Sauv
5th Prize	Ian Maxfield	Blackwood	3 bottles Woodstock Cab Sauv
6th Prize	Peter Vigants	Blackwood	3 bottles Scarpantoni mixed wines
7th Prize	Joab Dos Santos	Adelaide/Blackwood	\$50 Dymocks Gift voucher
8th Prize	Jack Van Ryan	Adelaide/Blackwood	12 bottles Birbeck Beer
9th Prize	Peter Avery	Adelaide	12 bottles Birbeck Beer
10th Prize	John Rabone	Adelaide	12 bottles Birbeck Beer
11th Prize	David Lewis	Blackwood	12 bottles Birbeck Beer

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Which Winegrape Varieties are Grown Where?

University of Adelaide researchers have compiled statistics from 44 countries to develop the first database of the world's winegrape varieties and regions.

The new database, funded by the Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation (GWRDC), provides an in-depth analysis of the world's wine varieties and winegrape growing nations that account for 99% of global wine production.

University of Adelaide School of Economics Professor Kym Anderson says a database of this nature has been highly sought by the wine industry.

"In the wake of wine's globalisation, wine producers need to exploit their geographical and varietal distinctiveness in order to boost their competitiveness. This database, for the first time, offers transparency across the world's wine varieties and regions," Professor Anderson says.

This detailed database also uncovers more about changing trends in wine consumer behaviour.

"The database reveals that 20 years ago Airen, a white winegrape variety from Spain, was the most widely grown globally, but now Cabernet Sauvignon is the world's most grown winegrape," Professor Anderson says.

"In 2000, white winegrapes were more widely grown; however, in the decade to 2010 red winegrapes increased their share of the global vine-bearing area from 49% to 55%.

"This is consistent with what we know about changes in wine consumption, with numerous countries moving away from white and consumption rising in recent years in China where red wine is preferred."

Professor Anderson says wine growers can also use this database to adapt to climate change. "Wine producers are well aware of the impact climate change is having on their winegrapes. They're continually on the lookout for attractive varieties that perform well in climates similar to what they expect theirs to become in the decades ahead."

Dr Stuart Thomson, GWRDC Executive Director, says this database is an exciting new tool for Australian wine producers.

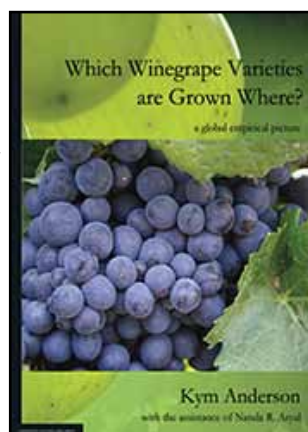
"GWRDC is pleased to have teamed with the University of Adelaide to build and implement this exciting new tool to further support a competitive Australian wine sector," Dr Thomson says.

The database is available online at: www.adelaide.edu.au/wine-econ/databases/winegrapes and an e-book can be freely downloaded at: www.adelaide.edu.au/press/titles/winegrapes

"One of the most extraordinary wine publications of last year... an unexpected post-Christmas gift for grape geeks."

Max Allen,

The Australian, 04 Jan 2014



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AGM 2014 Annual General Meeting

The BWBC annual general meeting will be held on February 19th. At the meeting all places on the committee will be declared open and now is the time to consider nominating yourself or another member for the 2014/15 committee.

Please contact Brian Ferris Ph 8278 6227 for more information or to register your nomination.

Nominations must be received by the committee by the 5th of February.

Speaker Program 2014

Richard Blake is working on a great speaker program.

Feb - Aim Scientific - Jim Chronis

May - Patriti wines - visit to winery

June - Pof Vladimir Jiranek - Development of Yeast

This is just some of the confirmed program



Are you interested to learn how to make quality wine?

The club will be running another beginners wine Group this year. Please contact Brian Ferris if you are interested. We have run these groups for many years and have given many

members a great start into the art of winemaking.

For Sale

Manual crusher/de-stemmer in as new condition. \$190.
Contact Ian Maxfield 83705400.

Members' Duty Roster 2014

Those rostered for duty are asked to arrive a little bit earlier to help set up for the meeting and clean up afterwards.

All members are asked to wash and dry their own tasting glass.

January	Febuary	March
Joa Dos Santos	Bill Ekins	Gary Bettison
Errol Hepworth	Philip Hicks	Lindsay Elliott
David Lewis	Michael Lineage	Dave Holliday
Gavin Pennell	John Plate	Steven Potiuch
David Tulloch	Jacob Van Eyk	Jack Van Reyem

2014 Social Events



Film Evening - Sunday May 25th

Apple Crush - May

Dinner - August

ANAWBS Presentation Day - Sunday 5th October

BUS Trip - October

Presentation Day - Sunday Dec 7th 12 noon

The committee is currently planning a great social and exciting speaker program for 2014.

Details to follow in later newsletters.

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc. 2013/14 Committee

President	Brian Ferris	8278 6227
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Meetings

3rd Wednesday of each month
except December

Venue

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7.30pm.

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