



BWBC

Newsletter

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Wednesday

20th February 7.30pm

2019 AGM

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2018/9 Presidents Report

40 Years Young

2018 was the year that we celebrated 40 years of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club – this is a major achievement and milestone for our Club and a recognition of the sheer hard work, persistence and friendship that has been the backbone and body of the Club. The Club has continued to grow and develop over the past four decades and this is a quite clearly a credit to the Club Committees and their support from the members over that time

Overview of 2018

As President, I can report that 2018 was another outstanding year for our Club, with continued strong growth in membership, high attendance at monthly meetings, increased entries in Club competitions, a waiting list for membership and a very active and positive participation in ANAWBS. All this is because of the involvement and commitment by all Club members in the many and varied Club activities and functions. The foundation of our Club is because of the determined and strong leadership from past and present Committees, and a very keen and active membership,

Club Committee

Our Club has been blessed with outstanding and committed Committee members, both this year and in the



Brian Ferris

past. Their dedication and excellent planning and organisation has been clearly evident with a strong social series of activities, a quality speaker programme and other activities that have been positively received by the members. To be part of this highly committed and hard working group, with their singular focus to always develop and improve the Club for its members, has been a special privilege. Members do not realise the enormous number of hours that the Committee spends in planning the monthly meetings, the varied social functions, the competition programme, the training and mentoring programmes, the Autumn wine sales and the annual bottling.



It is vital, I believe that we recognise and thank all the members of the Committee: -

- Richard Blake, as both Membership Officer and Deputy President has been an ongoing strength and support for both the Club and myself. During my absences, he has chaired the meetings and the members have appreciated his leadership and understanding. As well, he has efficiently managed the Club membership list with a new membership package for new members, detailed and regularly upgraded data base and contact with present and future members

- Our Club has been privileged to have Ian Maxfield as our Treasurer for a number of years. Our Club has a sufficiently large amount of money annually passing through our coffers and not only has Ian overseen these financials, he has prepared monthly extensive and understandable financial reports for the Committee, reported monthly at club meetings, and has prepared the annual Budget which has given direction and purpose to the Club. The professionalism that Ian has brought to this role is evident and recognised by the Club and its members. As well this past year, Ian has again organised not only the financials of the annual bottling but also the sale and delivery of the wine and as well the payment for all Club functions. The Club owes Ian a a massive vote of thanks and recognition

- The key communication vehicle of the Club is the monthly Newsletter, and we are eternally thankful that David Tulloch has nurtured and managed it and the Club Website so successfully for so long. The Newsletter is a quality and detailed publication, setting the tone and standard of the Club and is so newsworthy and readable. As well, in this the 40th Year, David prepared the many brochures, articles, historical events of the Club's development, photographs and images – he did an outstanding job and reflects his love and belief in the Club. Thank you David.

- In David Lewis, the Club has been blessed with a thoroughly professional and focussed winemaker and a man of many technical skills. Again this year, he has organised and managed the annual Club bottling, no mean feat when one considers the scale of the project. As well, he was, as in the past, supervised and managed all of the technical aspects of the Club equipment, and also continued to mentor Club members with our equipment. He is a vital person on committee and we sincerely thank him for his commitment and love of this Club.

- Again this year. Ann-Marie Franklin has prepared and managed the Speaker Programme for the Club, having to negotiate and organise speakers for the monthly meetings, arranged their audio-visual requirements, meet and greet them and be the first and welcoming person for the guests. She has excelled in this and we thank her for continuing to develop this important aspect of the Club. Well done Ann-Marie.

- Bernie Morgan stepped into the Secretary role this year and on behalf of the Committee a big thank you, not only for the quality of the Minutes, but their promptness and clarity. Bernie is a valuable member of the committee, focussed and determined that we work for the members and in ways to continue to improve the Club,

- Lindsay Elliott took over the role as the Competition Convenor and again this year we have seen an increase in number of entries for both wine and beer competitions. Lindsay has built on the excellent links that we have with a number of wine and beer judges, and they regularly speak highly of the quality of the wine/beer that they judge. Assisting Lindsay on the night has been Ron Holmes and Jim Hay whose assistance with the entry requirements and organisation of each competition is very much appreciated

- This year we welcomed three new committee members - Ian Di Bartolo, Gavin Pennell and Clayton Fisher – and they have been very welcome additions, bringing new vision, different ideas and questions. They have stepped into various roles and have learnt of the running of this vibrant Club. Their assistance and involvement at Club functions and meetings has been good and I know that they will contribute so much to the Club in the next few years.

We must thank our Property Officers Roger Pounder and Bill Neubauer for again quietly and so efficiently overseeing and managing the extensive quantity of valuable Club equipment. They have provided access to all members of this equipment, arranging their use, accessibility, repairs if necessary and upgrading when necessary. Again we thank Roger and Bill.

Finances

Again I can report that the BWBC finances are in an outstanding situation, the result of the meticulous commitment and diligence of Ian Maxfield, strongly supported by the guidelines from the present and past Committees and Treasurers. As above, I indicated that the Club is indebted to the professionalism and excellent planning of our Treasurer Ian Maxfield. Our very strong fiscal position has again allowed the Club to heavily subsidise all our activities whether they be the monthly meetings with supper and beverages, our social activities and the education programme. Profits from our wine sales underpin this subsidy and we need all members to purchase wine to enable this support.

This year we again had our Autumn wine sale of bottled white, sparkling and red wines and an August red wine bottling, this year at Patritti Winery. Their outstanding support and assistance made not only the day of bottling successful, with over 50 members attending, but we bottled 3000 litres of their quality premium and standard shiraz, and cabernet. The continued success of our bottlings is very



much due to the incredible level of planning, preparation and organisation, led by David Lewis with Ian Maxfield overseeing the finances for the bottling and the sale and delivery of the wines and David Tulloch for again producing the quality Club labels.

Social Programme

The committee organised a very well attended and successful social programme with early on in the year, the annual Sunday night Film/Dinner function at Mitcham and the combined Clubs annual May Apple Crush in the Adelaide Hills with the Adelaide Club. We recognised the 40th Year of the Club with a special dinner, attended by over 100 past and present members in the midyear. Life Members were interviewed and recalled events and individuals from the past 40 years. A number of poster boards prepared and developed by David Tulloch, showed the history of the Club, and along with former newsletters and club documents provided a rich history of the Club. With many former members attending, it was a highly successful afternoon.

The annual Bus Trip to the Adelaide Hills was held in August, again a week day and was another excellent day, visiting wineries and a brewery as well as enjoying a delightful lunch. Thank you to Ann-Marie for organising the trip. The December Christmas function and Presentation Day concluded the social activities and was again well attended and we recognised Club members' achievements and success in the many competitions. Ian Maxfield was the prime organiser of the day and we thank him again.

Speakers Programme

An ongoing strength of this Club is the Speaker Programme and we must thank Ann-Marie Franklin for her excellent organisation and planning for this past year.

We began with a Sparkling Options evening led by Richard Blake, then Martin Day from Wine Research Institute speaking on fermentation, then an outstanding presentation, with live animals from Corey Young of Snake Catchers Adelaide. Adam Dickson from Winequip brought us up-to-date with latest in equipment, with the next meeting, Roger Pounder on the club equipment, and in June, another splendid night tasting Sake under the tutelage of Rob Walker. July saw Whistling Kite Winery presenting their organic wines and in August we tasted Italian wines under the guidance of Lindsay Elliott. A special treat was September when Jim Hay presented a special Scottish evening, including haggis and whisky. The programme concluded with the annual Oktoberfest and the tasting the beers from the Club members who were successful in the Beer section of ANAWBS, as well as German food, and at the last meeting, we continued the practice of the Club

ANAWBS winners presenting their award winning wines.

Competition Programme

Lindsay Elliott, assisted by Ron Holmes and Jim Hay oversaw the Club competition with again increases in beer and wine entries. The judges acknowledged the quality and diversity of entries and the passion that the brewers and winemakers showed. We must thank and acknowledge the judges, many whom have been judging at Blackwood for many years, for the care and genuine interest and their excellent comments and words for the entrants; we thank them sincerely for their support.

Newsletter and Club Website

Our Club Newsletter is the main communication channel for the Club, and this monthly newsletter continues to be of the highest quality. This is solely due to the dedication and professionalism of David Tulloch whose determination and passion to produce a quality and highly readable publication is clear to all. The Club and its members are the beneficiaries of this excellent attitude as we read so many informative and interesting topics relating to wine and beer. Also as the Website supervisor, David has continued to improve the standard of the Club website and we thank him for that.

Membership

With a membership of over 80 persons and a lengthy waiting list, the Club is in a fine position. Richard Blake reviewed and upgraded the membership list and the continued strong support from our members has been again obvious this year. We have consistently had between 50 – 60 members for meetings and they have very much enjoyed the company and friendship of the members.

ANAWBS

For 39 years, Blackwood and Adelaide Clubs have hosted the National Wine and Beer Show (ANAWBS) and this year was another successful show. Blackwood has strongly supported the Show with members on the Committee - Trevor Ward (Secretary), Ian Maxfield (Treasurer), David Lewis (Wine Convener), David Tulloch (Programme, Website), Bob Morton (Wine Judges) Ann-Marie Franklin (Marketing), and Brian Ferris (Chairperson). Also Gavin Pennell (Beer Convener) and Sandy Matz (Marketing) are members of both the Adelaide and Blackwood Clubs. To operate the Show needs volunteer support and over the course of the Beer and Wine Show and the Presentation Day and many BWBC members assisted at the Waite Campus in a variety of roles – thank you for this commitment.

Conclusion

I believe that we can look back on 2018, our 40th year' as one of great success, on so many levels. We recognised



throughout the year the successes, history and achievements of the Club, a membership that is so active and positive, and a Club built on, and sustaining a fine tradition. This has been the product of the work of so many from the past and I know that this will continue for the future.

As this is my last President's Report, I must also publicly acknowledge and thank a number of members. I was fortunate and honoured when joining the Committee over 16 years ago, to be mentored by Bob Morton, Steve Potiuch, Chris Bills and Glen Snook - they showed their love and belief in the Club and their friendship and trust was very special. I joined the committee with David Tulloch, and David Lewis joined the next year - their work ethic and passion knows no boundaries. More recently, it has been a privilege to work for a number of years with Ian Maxfield and Richard Blake, both who have been so generous of their time and commitment to the Club. The ongoing support of the members to myself, whether on Committee or as President has been a sheer blessing and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to be part of this Club.

Finally to my wife Roslyn for her understanding and forbearance over this past two decades, whether on Committee or as President. She has assisted in the hosting of the monthly Committee meetings which can be rather lengthy, been so supportive at all functions, particularly when I would go off to do "something" for the Club, taken many phone calls and questions, and been my sounding board when I needed to discuss an issue. My thanks.

Brian Ferris
President, Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club
February 2019

Membership Subscriptions

The subscription for 2019/2020 will be set by a vote of members at the AGM.

To ensure your continuing membership of our club subscription must be paid to the treasurer by Tuesday 30th April.

Wanted variable capacity tanks

Andrew Seifried is looking for a stainless Variable Capacity tank [with lid etc] around the 500 -600 litre range and/or also one in the 200 to 250 litre volume range either to borrow from someone who doesn't need it this vintage - [for the appropriate remuneration!], or possibly to buy if they no longer want it.

Contact Andrew 0478 294 101



Change to Constitution to be voted on at the AGM

3. MANAGEMENT

3.1 COMMITTEE

d. ~~Five~~ Seven other members, whose duties and responsibilities shall include membership, social activities, meeting organisation, speaker programme, newsletter, links with other clubs and similar organisations, and supervision of judging of Club competitions.

Due to the increased work load of running the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club, it is proposed that clause 3.1 part d. be changed from five to seven other members. At 2017/8 AGM, 5 members were elected and 3 members were subsequently co-opted on to the committee. The committee will still have the power to co-opt members onto the committee if needed.

Wine for Sale

The club still has for sale some of the quality wines from the 2018 wine bottling at Patritti Winery. Please help us sell all the wine.

2017 Patritti McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon \$99 per doz **only 3 doz available BE QUICK SELLING FAST**

2017 Patritti McLaren Vale Shiraz \$99 per doz **SOLD OUT**

Contact Ian Maxfield for orders 0499 039 132 email maxfieldian01@gmail.com



CPR update

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is one of the leading causes of death in Australia. The BWBC has a defibrillator and knowing how to use it can make the difference between life and death.

Des Williams will give members and update on how to use this device at the February meeting.

Des has been a member of the BWBC for some time, commencing in the early days when meetings were held in the small community hall in Belair.

Des is an academic pharmacist and chemist and is still working at the University of South Australia teaching undergraduate pharmacy and pharmaceutical science students. He is currently the club's first aid officer.

Mash Beer Brewing

The club has a full range of brewing equipment available to members to make their own full mash beer. Beer making workshops are held during the year using the Club's brewing equipment. If you would like to join one of these groups please contact Gavin Pennell email hegaelect@gmail.com



Vale Ron Head

10th August 1939 - 19th January 2019

Ron was on the inaugural committee of the BWBC formed in 1978 and has been a contributing member ever since.

He has witnessed the club through both highs and lows to the point where we now have a membership of over 80 . Ron and Glenn Davies ran the club when the membership got down to nearly single figures and was ready to be wound up.

He persevered and has witnessed the complete resurrection of the club and was proud to see it thriving.

Ron was mainly responsible for two major initiatives of the club...namely the annual club bottling and the formation of the Australian National Amateur Wine and Beer Show.

The bottlings themselves started out as a fun venture with those helping taking the proceeds home with Ron, Glenn Snook and Glenn Davies being the co-directors of the entire operation.

We now bottle thousands of litres of wine each year which is what sustains the club financially.

Ron and Glenn Davies had a the vision of establishing an Australia wide competition for amateur winemakers and brewers.

ANWABS will celebrate its 40th anniversary this year. It began as an adjunct to the McLaren Vale bushing festival with the judging taking place at the Blewett Springs Hall and the presentations were conducted at the McLaren Vale institute with a prominent McLaren Vale wine maker involved in the presentations each year.

Most members fondly remember Ron's involvement in the club's 40th anniversary celebrations last year at the Blackwood Memorial Hall ;where he reminisced about the early days of the club.

A lot of members viewed Ron as being indestructible as he seemed to always bounce back from several major mishaps showing amazing resilience.

His positive attitude to life and his energy and enthusiasm for the club will be sorely missed.

*Eulogy given at Ron's funeral by Chris Bills
Written by Bob Morton and Chris Bills*



Ron Head - photo from family

BWBC

Inaugural Member 1978

President 1996 - 1997

Secretary 1990 - 1995

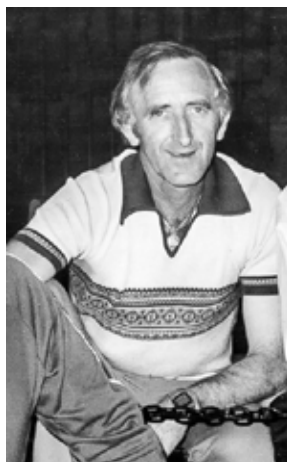
Newsletter Editor 1979 - 1983, 1987 - 1998

Life Member

ANAWBS

Chairman ANAWBS 1980

Secretary 1983 - 1984, 1988 - 1994



Ron at ANAWBS 1981



Ron at Club Bottling 2014



*Ron receiving life membership gift
from President Brian Ferris 2017*



Fine Wine and Opera

What an opening to our 2019 meeting program!

Nick and Cate Foskett from Top Note Winery gave a very interesting and unusual presentation about their winery and how they came to be involved in the industry. They had been looking for a while for a property in the country that would allow them to grow some vegetables, an orchard and some vines so Nick could make some wine.

After much searching they came across an established vineyard at Kuitpo Foorrest, 58 acres of planted vines with 7 varieties and embarked on a new career as vigneron and wine makers.

Nick had previously worked in the IT and Cate has a professional career as a opera singer, singing with opera companies around the world. (Catriona Barr)

Taking on a vineyard meant retraining and both enrolled in courses at Adelaide University, Nick as a winemaker and Cate as a vigneron.

During the evening we were able to taste

2016 The High C - This sparkling wine is a blend of 60% Pinot Noir and 40% Chardonnay, made using the "méthode traditionnelle". This is a single vintage sparkling.

2018 Red Semillon - The grapes picked in March 2018, were given an overnight soak to extract some colour from the skins before being fermented slowly in tank at 15°C. The softness of this wine makes it a lovely foil to spicy food.

2016 Pinot Noir - The grapes allowed to begin fermentation naturally for 2 days.

Once fermentation was underway a Burgundian yeast isolate was used. This complex and delicious wine will continue to improve and develop as it gains bottle age.

2015 Block 4 Shiraz - The wine was left on skins post ferment before pressing and Malolactic fermentation (MLF). Post MLF the wine was racked into barrels; 1/3 new French oak and the balance into older French oak. The wine was bottled after 18 months maturation and has had 6 months bottle aging prior to release. 94 Points (Halliday) "...elegant, red-berried, medium-bodied palate, spice and tannins adding complexity to

the finish"

Bronze Medal (2017 National Cool Climate Wine Show)

Silver Medal 2018 Adelaide Hills Wine Show

2017 The Noble Rose - The grapes were crushed on arrival at the winery and left to soak on skins overnight. The fermentation was stopped at 9.7% alcohol (aiming for 10%). After some maturation time in tank, the wine was clarified, stabilised and bottled.

After the tasting and question time Cate entertained us with excerpts from Bizet's opera Carmen – Seguidilla and the Habarera.

Top Note aim is to produce top quality wine from their vineyard and are able to achieve this as they control all aspects of the growing, making, packaging and sales of their product.

The cellar door situated at 558 Peters Creek Road in Kuitpo is only open on the weekends and offers a very personalised and rewarding tasting experience with Nick and Cate. Well worth a visit.

For more information www.topnote.com.au



Nick and Cate Foskett

Grapes available

A very kind grape offer received from Top Note Winery. "We have some rows near our avenue of trees that we can't machine harvest. There is some MV6 Pinot and which is fairly lightly cropped, and also some good looking Merlot that has a section that isn't sapped by the tree roots. If anyone in the club is looking for some fruit we'd be happy to let them have it if they organised their own picking team and let us know when they'll be around.

We're still a long way off but I'd rather see the fruit used than fed to kangaroos!"

Please contact David Tulloch to register your interest. Ph 8270 1907 email davidt@internode.on.net



Vale Errol Hepworth

15th September 1939 - 21st January 2019

Errol was a member of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewer's Club for 6 years.

He will be fondly remembered as the face behind the big bore trombone which he played several times for our special Octoberfest Celebrations.

He was also bass guitarist for the band which played at several end of year Christmas shows held at the Blackwood Football club.

As a musician Errol's special interest and perhaps his most treasured moments came when playing jazz at which he excelled. He was a master of improvisation and harmony and was able to play any known song from memory. His trombone was really an extension of his right arm.

He was not interested in the key of any song and always found the right starting note when the music began when playing 'by ear'.

Errol was an enthusiastic member of the club and was proud of the product which we produced. He attended as many meetings as he could but his fight with lung and then bowel cancers over 11 years resulted in his not attending all functions at all times.

He showed an interest in people and was keen to learn more by asking questions of visiting guest speakers even though he did not make wine. He did however make kit beers before joining the club.

Errol was a man of many talents. As an example, he built 2 houses, became a pilot, taught overseas as well as locally. When he retired from teaching he spent many years as a property manager. When younger he restored vintage cars. He also played in numerous bands during his life. He lived life to the full and was always a 'larger than life' figure.

His passing will be sadly felt by those with whom he came into contact, and especially those like me who have known him for 40 plus years.

R.I.P. Heppers
Chris Bills



Errol in full flight at the October 2018 meeting.

2019 Social Programme

Film /Dinner Night

Sunday May 5th

5.30pm

Mitcham Cinemas

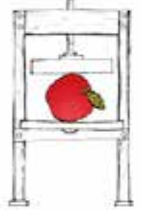


Apple crush – Lenswood

Sunday May 19th 11am

Geoff Trenorden's property,

Tregarthen Road Summertown.



2019 Wine Bottling

The committee is currently planning to hold the bottling day in August.

More information will be in later newsletters.



Bus Trip

The committee has started planning for our annual bus trip.



ANAWBS 2018

Presentation Day

September 29th 1pm

Waite Campus

Christmas and Presentation Day

Sunday December 2nd 12noon

Blackwood Football Club



Full details of social events will be in future newsletters.

Loan Equipment



The club has 2 refurbished single bottle fillers for loan to members.

The 'Enolmatic' is a semi automatic single bottling system, able to fill bottles at a rate of 250 bottles per hour via a VACUUM pump all air is eliminated in the bottle and throughout the entire process.

A demonstration video of the Enolmatic is available from https://youtu.be/87du_AE7iAc

Contact our property officers to book . see page 8

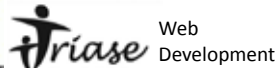


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Please support them.



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MCLAREN VALE

Members are pleased asked to wear their name tags to all meetings, it helps to get to know who is who and particularly helpful for new members to get acquainted.

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. Contact the property officers Bill Neubauer 8278 8866 or Roger Pounder 0412 565 256.

Members' Duty Roster 2019

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. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day can you please arrange with another member to cover your duty.

February	March	April
Graham Ellender	Chris Bills	Andrew Bills
Dave Holliday	Errol Fisher	Brenton George
Paul Kuchel	Manfred Kurmis	Dean Huggins
Roger Pounder	Joshua Pozenel	Michael Lineage
Glenn Snook	John Starr	Roy Pozenel
Rob Walker	Trevor Ward	David Strachan
		Richard Williams

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

2018/19 Committee

Brian Ferris	President	8278 6227
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
Ian Maxfield	Treasurer	0499 039 132

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David Lewis	Technical Officer	8277 5053
Lindsay Elliott	Competition Co-ordinator	8278 3345
David Tulloch	Newsletter, Website	8270 1907
Clayton Fisher	Social Committee	8374 0296
Gavin Pennell		8270 4744
Ian Di Bartolo	OH&S	0412 373 739

Property Officers

Bill Neubauer	8278 8866
Roger Pounder	0412 565 256

1st Aid Officers

Des Williams

Life Members

Chris Bills	Steve Potiuch
David Lewis	Glenn Snook
Bob Morton	David Tulloch

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