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Banner Photo - Hut Block Vineyard
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The Annual General meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc. will be held on the 19th of February 2020.

All members, wives and partners are invited to this important occasion. The Committee looks forward to welcoming you at 7.20pm for champagne and nibbles prior to the meeting commencing at 7.30.

The Agenda is

- Adoption of the 2019 AGM minutes.
- Presidents Report
- Treasurers Report
- Election of the committee of management consisting of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and 7 other members.
- Determine the annual subscription fee for membership.

The AGM will be followed by the normal monthly club meeting.

2019/20 Presidents report

Well what an eventful year it's been for the Blackwood Winemakers & Brewers Club. With full membership, excellent finances, stimulating Social and Speaker programs, and good attendances at monthly meetings our club is in excellent shape.

I wish to acknowledge our exceptional hard-working Committee. They are second to none and the backbone of our club.

Under the watchful eye of our meticulous Treasurer, Ian Maxfield we have continued to prosper. We are indebted to his dedication, commitment and hard work in this role as well as many other tasks that Ian did quietly in the background. Ian is retiring from the committee this year. His contribution on the committee as Treasurer and other positions has been outstanding.

Ian's final Treasurer's Report is being emailed separately with the newsletter. I know we all wish him and Christine well with their new 'sea change' at Endeavour Bay.



My thanks to Secretary Bernie Morgan who despite the battles with his new 'Acer' (laptop), has brought us the Minutes and attended to all secretarial matters with enthusiasm and alacrity.

As Deputy President/ Membership Richard Blake brings a wealth of wisdom and expertise. I am grateful for his mentoring, great interpersonal skills and counsel. I have learned so much from Richard this year.

David Tulloch, Editor Newsletter/Website, IT expert, Wordsmith extraordinaire, the list goes on and on. What a mammoth job David does. A (very) quiet achiever.

David Lewis Technical Officer / Engineer & Sound Man.

David has gone to exceptional lengths in his quest to perfect my sound requirements. Now that I have abandoned the 'Madonna mike' and am adapting to more conventional amplification I think he's cracked it!

Ian Di Bartolo, Social Program (ably assisted by Tracey) has organized our entertaining social functions including the Bent Creek Winery luncheon which was outstanding. Many thanks to Ian and Rudi for doing a reconnoitre to the venue a couple of times to ensure the success of that soiree!

Rudi Tromp Social & Competition Program. This was Rudi's first year on the committee and he took on the epic task of organizing the very successful two-day Barossa Bus Trip. No mean feat. The amount of work involved is huge. Rudi also assisted Ian D with the other social activities. Great job Rudi.

Bill Neubauer Wine Sales/ Property Officer. Another newbie, Bill was apprentice to Ian Maxfield in learning the ropes on managing the Autumn and August wine sales. A lot to learn and a job well done Bill. The committee meets regularly at Bill & Carols home and we really appreciate their hospitality.

Lindsay Elliott Competition Co-ordinator. This is a demanding role in the co-ordinating of the competition program and organizing judges. Lindsay has done this well and built a good relationship with the judges. Many having said they are impressed with the quality of our member's entries. Thanks Lindsay.

Des Williams Speaker Convenor. First year on the Committee Des has organized a diversity of speakers. Commencing with Top Note winery, and including others such as Peter Williams from the Virtual War Memorial, Jeremy Blanks from Tarac and our own club members Graham Ellender and Andrew Williams. Such an interesting variety of topics. Something for everyone. Good work Des.

Des is also First Aid Officer and has been organising the CPR Refresher course for 2020.

My grateful thanks to Roger Pounder Property Officer and Trevor Ward who has helped behind the scenes with the Competition program.

What a hardworking, dedicated team they are. So much time and effort go into the planning, preparation and delivery of the activities for our members.

A Year in review

Some sad and many glad times. We farewelled three of our

members, Vale Ron Head, Errol Hepworth and Bob Morton this year. Their service to our club and the legacy they left will long be remembered.

A new subscription fee structure was introduced for the first time in 2019. The subscription fee included a rebate of \$30 to be deducted from the first carton of wine purchased from the August Club bottling. This has been well received by most members.

Remember, it is our Autumn and August bottling wine sales that is our main source of income. It is pleasing to note that members' contributions to our social events, have not increased this year because of the committee's increased subsidies. We also subsidise members who attend Wine and Beer shows.

In March we reorganised the Duty Roster, which was split into a set-up team and a clean-up team. This continues to be a work in progress. There are still many glasses left to wash after everyone has left leaving committee and a few very dedicated stalwarts to finish the clean-up which is not really fair. Sid Thomas has taken responsibility for the roster. Thanks for the great initiative Sid.

In order for the Duty Roster to work fairly and efficiently I ask that members

- Wash their own tasting glass
- Or, preferably bring their own glass
- Arrive on time for Set Up and stay until Clean Up is completed
- Advise Sid if they are not available on their rostered date

In July David Tulloch introduced the BWBC Online Registration and Response form. Initially, trialled for members to register their wine or beer entries online prior to the actual competition night. By knowing entry numbers well in advance helps in planning for judges who are busy people and need plenty of notice. Up until now numbers have been unknown until the actual night making it difficult to estimate judges required.

Unfortunately, we had a couple of rather challenging competition nights prior to this system when we had a larger than expected number of entries resulting in very late nights, very weary judges and very weary members. Because of David's resourcefulness, we are now using the Online forms to register and reserve places in all upcoming events on the BWBC social program. This gives us a huge advantage in the planning of club activities. I thank members for their patience and understanding during this transition.

Our club has been meeting in the "Studio" of the Blackwood Memorial hall since the early 1990's and Ian Maxwell initiated the grand idea of having two timber wall plaques made to record the presidents and life members of the club. These were made in July and are now proudly displayed in the hall.



Members and friends enjoyed a splendid social program this year organised by 'social gurus' Ian D & Rudi. Events included

- Movie & Dinner Night at Mitcham Cinemas,
- Adelaide & Blackwood combined clubs annual Adelaide Hills Apple Crush
- Mid- Year Lunch Bent Creek Winery
- Barossa Bus trip

The last event for the year was the Presentation Day & Christmas Lunch held at the Blackwood Football Club. A most successful day and I congratulate all trophy and award winners.

Special thanks are due to Joan and Les Seatree for their artistic direction in decorating the hall, and the helpers who assisted. (Possibly, a number of bottles of wine were consumed in the making of the table settings. What dedication!)

Also, a big thank you to Gavin Pennell for supplying 2 kegs of his excellent beer to help the celebrations. Gavin has resigned from the club and I would like to thank him for his great support. Gavin served on the committee, was Cellar-master for "Five + 1" and hosted several Beer Mash days at his home. Thanks for your contribution Gavin

Well done everyone involved in bringing such a variety of excellent, entertaining events to our club this year. There really was something for everyone.

We congratulate BWBC Club member Rudi Tromp and his wife Deb who took part in this year's 'Daniher's Drive' in October to help raise funds for vital research into the very debilitating Motor Neurone Disease. They raised \$5184 which was an excellent result. The club gave a donation to help with their fund raising for this worthy cause.

We returned to Pattriti's again in 2019 for the Club bottling of 3000 litres of quality red wines. I acknowledge and appreciate their immense support and assistance both before and on the day itself. We are blessed in having such a good working relationship with them.

David Lewis our Bottling Engineer and Technician serviced and tested all equipment prior to bottling. A mammoth task. David has organized our bottling days for many years and puts in many hours inventing ways of improving our efficiency and productivity. We are eternally grateful for such expertise.

Thanks to all those members who came to help on the day. In fact, the committee was a little overwhelmed by the numbers as many turned up without registering beforehand. There are several issues that need addressing after this bottling, which will be the focus of a 'Bottling Sub-committee' in 2020. For example, safety and bottles not being sealed correctly with the Novatwist screw caps, are a couple of matters to be discussed.

2019 was the 40th Anniversary of the Australian National Amateur Wine & Beer Show (ANAWBS). Held in Adelaide for forty years, this event is jointly hosted by The Adelaide Club

and BWBC. I congratulate Brian Ferris (ANAWBS Chair), his hard-working committee and team of volunteers for another superb show. This event is sponsored by the Australian Wine Research Institute and could not continue without their generous support.

Work in Progress

Richard Blake, on behalf of the committee, has been consulting some of our best beer makers with the aim of raising the club's beer results at ANAWBS and competing more successfully with interstate brewers. The aim over time is to bring the club competition more in line with the ANAWBS structure which uses the BJCP guidelines. There are also plans being developed so club brewers can gain more continuous feedback through the year on their brews. The changes will take place over time and will be publicised well in advance. Richard would appreciate any specific comments for improvement on this matter and I thank him and his consultants for their hard work.

The Interclub Beer & Wine Competitions between Amateur Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide and BWBS have been suspended. It is planned to resume them hopefully in 2021. The committee welcomes any comments or suggestions on revitalising this activity.

Summary

Brian Ferris has been an exemplary role model in my first year as President. I thank him sincerely for his support and encouragement.

BWBS is a welcoming, caring and active club. As we move into the new decade, I am confident we are in an excellent position to continue to thrive and develop whilst remaining true to its aims which are:

- To keep alive the traditions of winemaking and brewing.
- To discuss methods and exchange ideas for the mutual improvement of amateur wines and beers.
- To assist beginners in the art and science of brewing and winemaking.
- To foster good fellowship between amateur winemakers and brewers.
- To further an understanding of viticulture.
- To foster an appreciation of wine and beer.

However, it is you the members who make our club successful. Without your participation, trust, loyalty and support it would not prosper. Many of you work quietly in the background, assisting at social functions, promoting and selling wine, helping at club competitions. You are noticed and appreciated.

Thank you.

Ann-Marie Franklin

Attendance at the January meeting

52 members, 3 partners, 6 apologies and 3 guests



Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc

Annual General Meeting 20th February 2019

Held at the Blackwood Memorial Hall



President Brian Ferris opened the meeting at 7.30 with 49 members, 4 partners and 1 guest present. Apologies were received from 9 members.

Brian welcomed members, partners and guests. Minutes of 2018 AGM - Moved that minutes of 2018 AGM as circulated be accepted by Steve Potuich and seconded Malcolm Snell - approved unanimously. President Brian then gave a summary of his Annual Report (full report circulated in the February Newsletter) thanking his committee and helpers.

Ian Maxfield gave his 4th Financial Report. Audited and found to be correct as sent out with the February Newsletter. Ian answered questions regarding details in the budget. Moved by Des Williams and seconded by Richard Blake that the Financial Report be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Moved by Ian that the auditor (Hayden F. Edwards) be reappointed for 2019, Seconded Richard Blake – passed. Ian then moved that the annual subs be maintained at \$40 with a \$30 rebatable fee added. \$30 will be refunded off the first dozen wine purchased from the major bottling. Discussion ensued. Overwhelming supported by a show of hands.

The recommended Constitutional amendments given in the Newsletter was also passed overwhelmingly. This change will need to be ratified with the State Business and Community Affairs Department.

Nominations for positions had been received from the following members and they were elected unopposed as follows:

Ann-Marie President.
Bernie Morgan Secretary
Ian Maxfield Treasurer
Committee,
Des Williams, Rudi Tromp, Bill Neubauer, David Lewis,
David Tulloch, Lindsay Elliott and Richard Blake.

Richard Blake then moved a vote of thanks to Past President Brian, and that the new Committee would look at appropriate recognition of his many years of service. Seconded Chris Bills. Passed with acclamation. Ann Marie then took the chair to acclamation. A short video presentation showing photos of Brian's service to the Club was then shown by David Tulloch. Ann-Marie then closed the AGM after a short introductory speech.

Q&A is an BWBC panel discussion session, where you can ask questions to a panel of club members. Questions on wine and beer making are welcome.

Fermentation management

- Use of cold maceration[soaking] or not – perceived benefits.
- Yeast nutrition – protocols used – anyone having the nitrogen levels in the grapes measured pre ferment?
- Pre-ferment adjustments – eg pH and acid concentrations – target ranges.
- Temperature control – desired range, methods of cooling/heating.
- Length of fermentation – time on skins [for reds].

Malolactic fermentation

- Co-inoculation, or later – pros & cons of both?
- Preferred strains
- Sulphur additions
- Timing
- Desired concentrations, frequency of testing, comments about technique.

Other tips

- Pressing of red skins, wine transfer in general
- Use of CO2 or other blanket gas?
- Anyone using must pumps, or is transfer into press by hand [bucket]?
- Any tips for improving the process, particularly for white wines?

Use of oak

- Barrels vs staves, or chips blocks or other techniques?
- Monitoring wine in barrel, how frequent, suggested parameters?

For brewers

Mash preparation, including temperature, yeast preparation and addition, addition of malt, brewing temperature, brewing duration, transfer techniques from primary ferment to bottles, duration before consumption, possible shelf-life.

If you wish to ask a question from the panel. please standup and wait for the microphone to be passed to you. This will ensure that everybody will hear the question.





Hi Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers
Thankyou for the invitation to present and speak at the January meeting, it was great as a speaker to have such engagement from the audience with so many pertinent and considered questions during and after the presentation. For those of you who enquired about purchasing some of our product please check out our website www.southcoastbrewingco.com to find a retailer close to you or better still come down and visit us at our brewery in Jay Drive Willunga. We are open 12-7pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday and if you show your BWBC badge or card we will give you our local glass and packaged beer pricing. You will be able to taste all the 10 beers we have on tap and find your new favourite!
Thanks again for the invite and hope to see you soon
Cheers
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EFT

Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) of paying directly into the Club's bank account has increased in popularity for payment of subscriptions, events and wine purchases and I encourage

members not using this method to consider it. Our Bank details are included in all the newsletters. This is our preferred option for making payments as this provides both the Member and the Club with a record of the payment.

From the 2019 treasures report



2019 Club Wine Bottling

The wine we bottled at Patritti Winery last August is selling fast We have had lots of great feedback from people who have tried the wine, and many repeat orders.

We still have 4 doz Shiraz and 2 doz Premium Shiraz left.

If you would like to order some before it all goes please contact our wine sales organiser Bill Neubauer email bill@bn-products.com.au
You can pay for the wine by EFT - bank details are on the last page of the newsletter

Australian Brews News

Australian Brews News is a web site for the brewing industry brewers and its enthusiasts. The online site is Australia's definitive, independent online source of beer news and current affairs. Part blog, part online magazine, Brews News delivers a daily digest to your inbox and browser. They also publish comprehensive feature articles about beer, brewing, its history and its future. The web site is www.brewsnews.com.au
Thank you Andrew Thomson for the lead

For Sale

1 - 1000ltr Fibre Glass Fermentor
Pickup at Aldgate Valley
Contact Glenn Snook 0403 069 024 for details.

Online registration Competition and social events

The online registration introduced last year has proved to be a success and makes the job of planning competitions and social events much easier. This will be continued in 2020. Please fill in the online forms that will be attached to the email that is sent out with the newsletter notification. Competition entries must be registered before the due date and will not be accepted on the night.

Newsletter delivery

Rather than attaching a pdf copy of the newsletter with the notification email, a link to the BWBC web site will be provided where you can download the newsletter. This may eliminate some of the problems encountered last year with large email messages to some members. If you have troubles with downloading please contact David Tulloch email davidt@internode.on.net
For those members who do not have an internet connection a newsletter and booking forms will be posted as usual.

Picnic in the Park



Sunday 22nd March
12 noon

Karinya Rotary Park
Shepherds Hill Rd, Eden Hills

This will be the first BWBC social event for 2020.

BYO food and wine etc.
The Club BBQ will be available

Smoke detector for grapes

Winemakers across Australia are in for a nervous wait to determine the damage caused to their grapes from heavy bushfire smoke, but developing technology means they may soon know those effects sooner.

According to Wine Australia, major fire events since 2003 have affected over \$400 million worth of grapes and wine that were either rejected commercially or downgraded because of smoke taint.

Australia is now shaping up to become a world leader in helping to mitigate the cost, stress and labour associated with smoke taint, as the nation prepares to face longer and harsher bushfire seasons.

La Trobe University professor Ian Porter is eager to see sophisticated smoke detector technology soon become a standard for Australian grape growers.

Some 16 of these smoke detectors have been rolled out to vineyards across Victoria as part of its development period.

The technology uses cumulative smoke dose from bushfire events and aligns it with grape, wine and phenyl data to make a smoke taint prediction.

Currently, grape growers have to wait until later in the season to test their grapes and wine for smoke taint. No wine is made from smoke affected grapes, so the new technology, which could eventually alert winemakers about their smoke taint risks via an app, will mean no more waiting.

“They save labour costs, netting costs, harvest costs, and now if they know for certain if their crop is damaged by smoke they can manage it in an appropriate way,” Dr Porter said.

The full story is available on www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-16/new-tech-trialled-to-detect-smoke-taint/11873140

Thanks to Andrew Thomson for the story lead





Competition	Meeting	Registration Deadline
Fortifieds & Liqueurs	February	31st January
Sparkling Wine	March	29th February
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	April	31st March
Shiraz - 1-3 year old	May	30th April
Cabernet Sauvignon - 1-3 year old Other Red Wine - 1-3 year old	June	31st May
Red Wine - 4 years and older	July	30th June
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	31st July
ANAWBS	September	Details to be advised
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	31st October

Registration of competition entries was introduced in 2019. This allows the competition co-ordinator time to plan the competition and to organise the judges.

REGISTRATION is required and entries that have not been registered by the due date cannot be accepted on the competition night.

A link to the online registration form will be given in the email that is sent to all members with the monthly newsletter. Members who do not have internet access will need to register by contacting the competition co-ordinator, see last page of newsletter for details.



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Ian Maxfield	Treasurer	0499 039 132

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David Tulloch	Newsletter/Website	0414 581 401
Des Williams	Speaker Co-ordinator	0416 041 629

Property Officers

Bill Neubauer	0412 525 343
Roger Pounder	0412 565 256

1st Aid Officer

Des Williams	0416 041629
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Members' Duty Roster 2020

Members rostered for the meeting set-up are asked to arrive by 7pm to organise seating, tables and to assist with bringing the trolleys up from the store room.

Members rostered for the clean-up team will assist with glass cleaning, table and chair stacking, mopping the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

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

February	March	April
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Set-Up:

Michael Lineage
Mario Micarone
Peter Tilsley
Paul Bohlmann

Set-Up:

Robert Keen
Murray Barber
Mark Dorman

Set-Up:

Dino Donati
Simon Long
Ian Toogood

Clean-Up:

Colin Routley
Brian Kearvell
Dave Holliday
David Russell

Clean-Up:

Barry Long
Ron Holmes
John Redmond
Kevin Salt

Clean-Up:

Paul Hakendorf
Chris Ball
Graham Ellender
Greg Thomas

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day can you please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 482 to arrange a replacement.

Life Members

Chris Bills	Steve Potiuch
Brian Ferris	Glenn Snook
David Lewis	David Tulloch

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Meetings

3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm

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Blackwood Memorial Hall
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Newsletter

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