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The Annual General meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc. will be held on the 17th of February 2021.

The Agenda is

- Adoption of the 2020 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.

2020/21 Presidents Report

My opening comments in my 2019/20 report were “what an eventful year it’s been”. However, no-one could have predicted the extraordinary events that occurred in 2020. Fires, flooding and ‘fever’! (COVID-19). New jargon, i.e. social distancing, flattening the curve, asymptomatic, herd immunity, lockdown, PPE, self-isolation, vertical consumption, QR code etc. BUT we got through it. And many have become stronger, more resilient in the face of such adversities.

As far as our Blackwood Winemakers & Brewers Club, some big decisions were made. Monthly meetings suspended, subscriptions deferred, ANAWBS cancelled.

However throughout, your hard-working Committee prevailed. My thanks to Secretary ‘Fast Fingers’ Bernie Morgan who brought us the Minutes in record time. Our accredited COVID Marshal is quick on the QR code and contact tracing recording!



This year we welcomed Andrew Seifried as our new Treasurer. Andrew has done an outstanding job performing all duties meticulously. You can now pay by EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) club subscriptions, socials events and wine purchases. This is our preferred option for all payments as it provides both the Member and the Club a record. (Please remember to put your name in the reference and description fields. (Andrew also makes great wines. His Nero is fantastic!)

Rudi Tromp as Deputy President and Bus Trip organiser took us to the Adelaide Hills in October. Rudi had many frustrations in managing the event due to COVID restrictions. His diligence paid off as it was a very enjoyable day with lots of variety. Great job Rudi.

David Lewis Technical Officer / Engineer & Sound Man maintains club equipment and this is no mean feat. He's still looking for the perfect sound. It was excellent at the Christmas Lunch David. Well done.

David Tulloch, Newsletter Editor/Website designer and so much more. He keeps us informed and entertained with his newsletters. What a fantastic job David does.

Ian Di Bartolo, Social Program (ably assisted by Tracey) organized the Vigna Bottin Winery September luncheon. Our first social event for the year. It was such a happy occasion. (Our Christmas Lunch was a joint effort of Ian and Rudi which was appreciated by all.)

Bill Neubauer, Cellarmaster/ Wine Sales/ Property Officer. Onerous jobs done well. The committee meets regularly at Bill & Carol's home and we really value their hospitality.

Des Williams Speaker Co-ordinator / First Aid Officer. Des provided a great variety of speakers in 2019 but, unfortunately had to cancel guests booked for 2020 due to COVID. We look forward to a diverse range of speakers in 2021.

'Biker' Brenton George was conscripted to be Competition Convenor. An avid beer maker Brenton has lots of enthusiasm about all things brewing - Kit or grain, techniques and equipment, styles, recipes and guidelines. He is happy to share his knowledge with fellow brewers and those who will listen.

Vale Membership Officer Richard Blake. I am so grateful for his mentoring, great interpersonal skills and counsel. Rick was a quiet achiever. A respected and valued member for over fifteen years.

Sincere thanks to Sid Thomas, Roger Pounder, Trevor Ward and others who helped behind the scenes. Congratulations to Ian Maxfield on his Life Membership. A worthy recipient.

My thanks to Rick Blake, Colin Routley and Brenton George for their work on beer guidelines They achieved their goal to bring the club competition more in line with the ANAWBS structure which uses the BJCP guidelines.

These changes will be implemented in ANAWBS and future club competitions.

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Although monthly meetings were suspended from March 2020 your committee continued to meet monthly. Initially via Zoom video conferencing, (a new experience for me) then latterly resuming in situ.

Subscriptions were deferred for a year as was the wine rebate introduced in 2019. This greatly impacted on our wine sales which are slow compared to 2019. As a community service we continued to pay our Memorial Hall hire fees.

Social events: The Picnic in the Park was scheduled then cancelled three times. Very frustrating. However, in the last quarter we had the Vigna Bottin Winery lunch in September, the fully booked Adelaide Hills Bus Tour in October and our Christmas Lunch in December. Well organized and attended events. Member feedback was very positive.

All of these were generously subsidised and exceptional value for money. Yet there are many members who benefit but have not purchased any wines. This is very disappointing as those who do are subsidising those who don't. We do not charge for drinks and supper at our meetings. We do not hold raffles. We also subsidise members who attend Wine and Beer shows. Our wine sales are our main source of income. Please support your club and buy.

Wine Bottling: This was a real saga. We returned to Patritti Wines for our August bottling of 3000 litres of quality red wine. This became a September event due to COVID. There was no actual bottling by members followed by the traditional barby. Instead Patritti bottled and labelled the wines which many members collected on the day. I wish to acknowledge the outstanding support from James Mungal and Patritti.

Beginner's Wine Group: Under the guidance of master vintner Greg Jackson and five members a Sangiovese style wine was produced. As Mark Dorman, one of the group said, "Greg Jackson has been a thoughtful, knowledgeable, flexible and diligent leader of the group and everyone stepped up when things needed to be done". A job well done. Thanks Greg.

ANAWBS: This is a collaboration between Adelaide Club and BWBC. It was cancelled in 2020 because of COVID. Brian Ferris and David Lewis have retired after many years of exceptional service. I thank them for their hard work and dedication. ANAWBS is currently being restruc-



tured and is scheduled to return in 2021. Because of COVID-19 Safe practices there has been an impact on our Club. Yes, there are some changes to our meetings and social events protocols. We must now have a COVID Safe Plan; marshals; pre-registering; QR codes, social distancing, sanitizers; drinks and supper being served. This is manageable as our successful January meeting confirmed.

SUMMARY

We sadly farewelled three of our Club stalwarts, Jack Van Rey, Jim Hay, and Richard Blake Their support and commitment was an inspiration. They will long be remembered. Vale.

Monthly meetings have resumed. What a great start to the New Year with our first meeting in January 2021. Superb wines provided by our own Club winemakers, Michael Lineage, Mike Butcher, David Lewis and Andrew Seifried. And with members BYO glasses there was very little clean-up with no washing of hundreds of glasses. This will now be the club standard. There was a nice buzz in the air. Our club competitions restart in February with Fortifieds and Liqueurs. (Note entries must be pre-registered. None will be accepted on the night).

Please don't be put off with our meeting numbers capped at 51. Our previous years records show an average attendance of between 50-55. Be assured there will be room for members wishing to come. However, guests are not permitted at this time, members being first priority. If circumstances change and you can't make it after registering please let us know as there may be another wanting to come. Remember, our Club culture has not changed. We just need to adjust a little.

As BWBC was built on the following aims. It is our legacy to continue them. I urge anyone interested in either conducting or attending a wine or brewing group to see myself or Brenton George (our 'Beer man')

- 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.

Finally, we have a full membership with waiting list. We are financially sound. We will continue to thrive and develop. Your Club is in good hands. Although our social activities were curtailed in 2020, our Club camaraderie flourished, It is 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.

I am privileged to work with such a dedicated, enthusiastic, hard-working team and our Club members.

Thank you.

Ann-Marie Franklin
President
February 2021

January Meeting

It was great to again get back to our regular meeting schedule. Hopefully this will continue for the rest of 2021.

After the formal part of the meeting 4 members showcased their wines.

Michael Lineage
Chardonnay/ Pino Noir NV
Mike Butcher
Malvasia Bianca 2020
David Lewis
Chardonnay 2020 – Marananga Vineyard
Shiraz 2018 - Marananga Vineyard
This wine received a bronze medal at the Marananga Wine Show
Andrew Seifried
Nero d'avola 2019

The wines presented showed the excellent quality of wine made by members of the club.

February Meeting

Following on from the great wines tasted at the January meeting we will turn our attention to the Brewers of the club.

March Meeting

At the March meeting BWBC member Sid Thomas will give a talk about his "58 years on the Beat". Sid was originally scheduled to talk at the March 2020 meeting but COVID got in the way.





Member profile

Michael Lineage

My name is Michael Lineage born 7.10.1954 I am the 5th sibling of 5 brothers and 5 sisters. Yes, we were Catholic, and had no TV until I was about 10 years old.

My Interests

Music: I currently play the clarinet, and used to also play the sax, but sold that many years ago.

Family life: I'm married and have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Home maintenance and gardening
Wine and beer making – and drinking it
Wine and beer syndicates

I'm currently the Secretary for the Adelaide Wine and Beer Club, but have held all offices over the years involved with this club. I am a Life Member.

My Working Life

I have had many jobs – piano tuning and repair, plus pipe organ building, tuning and repair. My next career move was to a chemical plant which manufactured heat treatment salts and industrial oils. There, I was sent to school to learn chemistry, and, as a consequence, I worked in the laboratory as a chemistry technician implementing the quality control of our products, as well as being involved in some research and development. Seventeen good years ensued. Following the cessation of this industry in South Australia, it was necessary to reinvent myself, so I completed a degree in nursing and worked for over twenty years until my retirement from the Royal Adelaide Hospital in 2019.

My Happily Fermenting Life

My interest in winemaking began at a very young age, watching my mother make beer and 'rhubarb champagne', as she used to call it. Yes, mothers are to blame! I did not know at the time that fermentation involved chemistry because my mother never used a pH meter, refractometer, titration equipment or chemicals of any sort.

In my earlier years, I had an interest in dinghy sailing. A crew member's father made wine, so I asked him if his father would be willing to teach me. They were Italian.



The wine we made was awful until I met Laurie Temple in a home brew shop on Hampstead Road at Greenacres. Laurie invited me along to the Adelaide Amateur Wine Club in about 1985, and there I found out that chemistry was involved in wine-making. I purchased 'Making Good Wine' written by Dr. Bryce

Rankine, and I could not put it down. We then decided to take a crack at utilising the stuff I had learnt in Rankine, and we never looked back. We planted more varieties of vines and really started to enjoy our wine.

It was at the Adelaide Wine and Beer Club that I met Graham Stallard, who was an excellent sparkling wine maker. I picked his brains on the subject and added that to what I had learned from reading Rankine.

I joined the Blackwood Wine and Beer club a few years ago so that I could learn more.

I think that it's well known that I enjoy making sparkling wine, but I make many other wine styles as well. Sparkling quince wine would have to be up there as a favourite.

My favourite wine regions are the Barossa and the Adelaide Hills. I purchased a bottle of Grange for \$785 in May



2013 following the untimely death of a son-in-law, and decided to open it on my retirement and share it with my immediate family. The wine would have to be the best red I have ever tasted.

My wife works for Coopers brewery and has kept me in supply of beer for many years. As a consequence, I have not made much beery stuff, but when I have done so, I only make full mash beers. I did win a national competition making stout a long time ago, but have not been able to reproduce it since.

What I most enjoy is working with my wine syndicates, and sharing the love. This year, there are thirteen people involved. I keep saying I'm going to cut down the time I devote to this hobby, but have miserably failed to do so. Six batches are planned this year, in all amounting to about 1.7 tonne of grapes.

I hope to continue enjoying the camaraderie and good fellowship that the making and tasting of wine brings.



Michael Lineage - Current Vintage Red competition winner 2015

Social events

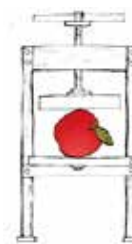
The committee is planning this years social events. Some suggestions are

- Picnic in the park
- Mid year lunch/dinner
- Film night
- Bus trip
- Port River Dolphin Cruise & lunch
- Monarto Zoo
- Caravan tour to a wine area
eg Coonawarra, limestone coast, Rverland, Victoria, NSW

If you have any ideas for a club event please contact the committee.

2021 Apple Crush Sunday May 16th 11am

Geoff Trenorden's property,
Tregarthen Road Summertown.



Head north from Summertown on Tregarthen Road. Look for the "Apple Juice" sign on right.

This is a combined gathering with The Winemakers and Brewers Club of Adelaide.

The crushing is limited to 1200lts. Once the 1200 litres is filled there will be no more orders taken.

This is a great social day. Please bring food for a barbecue, the Club's barbecue will be available.

Please note orders for juice must be in by 9th May. To place an order contact Michael Lineage preferably by email mclineage@bigpond.com or ph 0415 604 788

Order Apple Juice Now
Orders close 9th May

2021 Wine and Beer Events for your diary

Date	Event
14th - 18h April	Barossa Vintage Festival www.barossavintagefestival.com.au
30th April - 9th May	Tasting Australia - Adelaide www.tastingaustralia.com.au
1st May	Tasting Australia - Adelaide Beer and brunch www.tastingaustralia.com.au
2nd May	Taste of Streaky Bay www.streakybay.com.au/long-table-lunch-on-the-bay-taste-of-streaky-bay/
15th - 18th May	Clare Gourmet Weekend www.clarevalley.com.au/whats-on/gourmet-weekend
1st - 31st October	Coonawarra Cabernet Celebrations www.southaustralia.com/products/limestone-coast/event/coonawarra-cabernet-celebrations
TBA October	Robe Home Brew & Craft Beer Festival www.mountgambierpoint.com.au/events/the-robe-home-brew-craft-beer-festival/





2021 Club Competition Schedule

Competition	Meeting	Registration Deadline
Sparkling Wine	March	28th February
Shiraz - 1-3 year old	April	31st March
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	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

At the January meeting under the suggested social events for 2021, was an idea about a club caravan trip to visit the more distant wine regions of SA and maybe Victoria/NSW depending on COVID restrictions. The basic idea would be for members to meet at a designated caravan park in a wine region eg Coonawarra, for 2 or 3 (or more) nights and individually visit wineries during the day and socialise at night. (Happy hour) Most caravan parks have cabin accommodation or there are local motel/hotels that can be booked for members who do not have caravans.

The advantage of a caravan trip is Visit further wine regions that maybe not practicable for the annual bus trip.

- Can be incorporated by members as part of a more extended tour of the region.
- You can visit wineries of your choice as individuals or small groups. This will allow visits to smaller wineries that would not able to carter for a bus load.
- Self catering allows members visit local restaurants, bakeries etc. A members dinner could be arranged at a local hotel/restaurant.

If you would like to pursue this idea further and maybe help organise it please contact our social organiser Rudi Tromp

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.

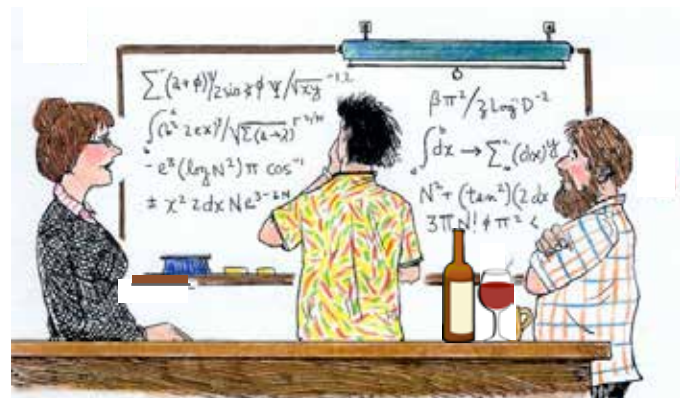
A link to the online registration form will be given in the email that is sent to all members with the monthly newsletter. Members who do not have internet access will need to register by contacting the competition co-ordinator, see page 8 of newsletter for details.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

At the AGM the membership subscription will be set for 2021/2 and members are reminded that payment **must be made before the end of April** to secure your continuing membership. We have a waiting list of new members.

Payments can be made by EFT.

See the page 8 for details.



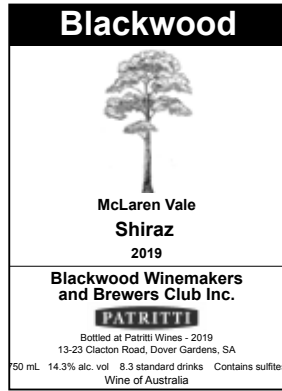
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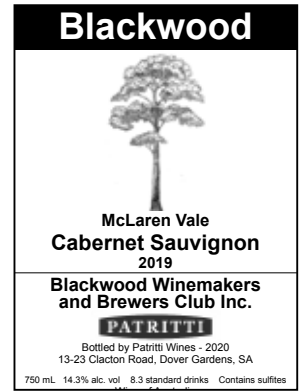
BWBC Club Wine Sales



Premium Shiraz
\$170 per doz



Shiraz
\$100 per doz



Cabernet Sauvignon
\$100 per doz

Tasting of the Club 2020 wines will be available at the February meeting.
An order form with tasting notes is attached to the newsletter email or contact Bill Neubauer
email bill@bn-products.com.au

Please promote this wine to family ,friends and colleagues and help clear the stock.

Beginners Group

If you are interested to learn wine or beer making, please contact the committee to enquire about our beginners groups.

For Sale

Grape crusher
Demijohns (7 large + 1 small)
Wine press
Fermentation tank - 600 Litres



Contact
Anita Franze email:- Anita@smallacombe.com.au

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club COVID Plan

- You must register on line before attending the meeting. Members only - no guests.
- You will receive an acknowledgement email.
- If the number of persons allowed to attend (51) is exceeded you will receive an email informing you not to attend.
- On arrival please scan COVID Safe Check-In with your smart phone or register manually with the covid marshal.
- All wine and food will be served by designated person- **DO NOT HELP YOUR SELF.**
- **Please bring your own tasting glass.** This not only complies with COVID rulinsg but saves and enormous amount of work cleaning glasses after the meeting.
- Our COVID marshal for February meeting is Rudi Tromp.



Please bring your own tasting Glass



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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 their own tasting glass.

February

March

April

Suspended until further notice

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

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 0412 525 343

Roger Pounder 0412 565 256

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

2020/21 Committee

Executive

Ann-Marie Franklin	President	0406 338 166
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
Andrew Seifried	Treasurer	0478 294 101

Committee Members

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Roger Pounder	0412 565 256

1st Aid Officer

Des Williams	0416 041629
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Life Members

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

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Meetings

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

Venue

Blackwood Memorial Hall
21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood

Newsletter

Editor David Tulloch
Deadline 2nd Wed. of each month.
Contact davidt@internode.on.net

EFT Payments

Members 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

