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Due to the rapid spread of the covid virus the committee has decide not to hold a meeting in January.

The safety our members is very important .

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## Greetings to all

Well, it's "Summertime, and the livin' is easy" as that great old George Gershwin chestnut goes. (Perhaps not so easy at the moment). However, I'm sure many are enjoying their season's harvest of fruit and vegetables. Nothing like homegrown produce eh! With an excess of tomatoes, I've been making a relish which Ron is putting on just about everything.

With so much negativity around it's good to reflect on the glad times more than the sad. We cannot change what has happened so better to embrace the New Year positively.

Our Presentation Lunch on the 12 December was a great success. My thanks to committee and helpers in the setting / clearing up. A big thankyou to Joan and Les Seatree for the splendid table decorations which gave a wonderful festive air to the occasion. And to Gavin and Ian D for their generosity in donating outstanding beers which went down a treat on the warm day.

Because of the current COVID situation January's meeting is cancelled. As the BWBC AGM is planned for 15 February, we are exploring the option of a "Zoom" meeting for this so that it can be held as scheduled in the event it is also cancelled in these uncertain times. All committee positions being declared open. If you would like to nominate, please fill out online Nomination form. For more information please contact the secretary Bernie Morgan [bmcpa@gmail.com](mailto:bmcpa@gmail.com) (0447 212 278)

Plans are underway for a full social program this year. Our first event will be a 'Picnic in the Park' in the Mitcham Council area on Sunday 27th February. (Venue to be confirmed as we are still checking out suitable parks). The Club will supply food and drinks

It is with regret that I advise I am retiring as president this year and not standing for re-election. It's untenable for me to continue in this role as I am not Covid vaccinated. Given the pressure for Club policies to be introduced concerning vaccinations I feel this decision is in the best interests of our Club. I will still remain a member.

What a joy it has been for me to serve.

"Let's be kind and calm and patient. We are all in this together. Let's respect each other." These wise words were on a sign in Aldi.

Keep happy and healthy.

Ann-Marie Franklin  
President

Banner Photo - Presentation Day Lunch



Sunday 27th February  
Details to be confirmed



Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club inc.  
...promoting excellence in wine and beer making...

January 2022



The Annual General meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.  
16th of February 2022.

Nominations are open for all the committee positions. President, Secretary, Treasurer and 7 committee members. If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow member for a position on the committee, fill in the nomination form. The link to the form is attached to the newsletter email. If you would like more information about serving on the committee please contact Bernie at 0409 768 366.

**Nominations close on Wednesday 2nd February 2022**



## Vineyard project

The committee is keen to pursue the possibility of finding and ultimately managing a small vineyard, 100 -200 vines, that members could be involved in. Although this would very much depend on membership involvement through out the year, it would be in line with the Club's aims, "understanding of viticulture", and provide a source of grapes for making small batches of wine. If you are interested in being involved or know of a small patch of vines that would be suitable, preferably in the Blackwood or surrounding area, please fill in the vineyard project form, the link is included in the newsletter email, or contact the committee.



## BWBC Web Site [www.bwbc.org.au](http://www.bwbc.org.au)

The BWBC web site is [www.bwbc.org.au](http://www.bwbc.org.au)

You can download from the website newsletters for 2018-2022, the 2022 competition schedule as well as other club information. Newsletters from 2005-2018 are available. Contact David Tulloch

## Equipment for sale

Richard Williams has some winemaking equipment for sale.

Crusher-destemmer (\$300),  
500mmm basket press (\$300),  
Fermenting tub and Rover pump.  
Plus various small items (tubes, glassware etc) gratis.

Please contact Richard on 0428 885574



## Label it

**FOR FREE**

Members put so much effort and time into making wine and beer. How about putting a professionally made label on it to finish the job.

The club has label making facilities available to members, and it's now FREE to members. Contact David Tulloch for details 0414 581 401

## Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club

The objectives of the club are:

- To keep alive the traditions of winemaking and brewing;
- To discuss methods and exchange ideas for the making 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.



2021 Brewer of the Year

# Colin Routley



Colin Routley with Ann-Marie Franklin

2021 Winemaker of the year  
(still and sparkling wine)

&

2021 Winemaker of the year  
(all classes)

# Mike Butcher



Ann-Marie Franklin, Mike Butcher and Glenn Snook



Phil Hicks receiving his life membership award



Brenton George winner of the ale competition



Table decorations thanks to Joan and Les Seatree

## BWBC 2021 Presentation Day



Ian and Tracy Di Bartolo



Sigrid and Fred Wojtasik with Sid Thomas



David and Jan Strachan



# BWBC Wine Discovery Tour

## Riverland Wine Region

Monday 4th - Friday 8th April 2022

Following the success of the clubs trip to the Coonawarra wine region last year the committee is organising a similar trip to the Riverland wine region this year.

The basic itinerary for the tour is for individuals or small groups to visit wineries in the area or any of the other attractions, ie distilleries, breweries, food markets, etc, and then gather in the late afternoon for a happy hour or two at the holiday park camp kitchen, taste the days discoveries and swap notes on your tasting experiences and discoveries during the day.

This years tour will be based at the Berri Riverside Holiday Park. The Park is centrally located in the Riverland region, a comfortable 3 hour drive from Adelaide and in close proximity to many of the regions wineries.

An interactive map of the area can be found at [www.visitriverland.com.au/rivertastes](http://www.visitriverland.com.au/rivertastes) showing the river tastes food and beverage trail experiences. A PDF version of the map can be downloaded from this web site or copies of the map can also be found at local Riverland Visitor Information Centres.

Accommodation available at the Berri Riverside Holiday Park is in cabins (various sizes) or caravan sites.

The Club has tentatively reserved a number of caravan site and cabins for the Blackwood Wine makers and Brewers Club and if you would like to be part of the this tour please book with the park either on line or by phone and let them know you are part of the BWBC group.

If you can't make it for the full 5 days just book for part of the week.

Berri Riverside Holiday Park website

[www.berriholidaypark.com.au](http://www.berriholidaypark.com.au) or phone 8582 3723

Please also complete the registration form attached to the newsletter email so we know who is coming to the event.



Images courtesy of Riverland Wine

Dan Traucki wrote in a recent article for the Wine Business magazine, July/August 2021 edition, a great introduction to the area

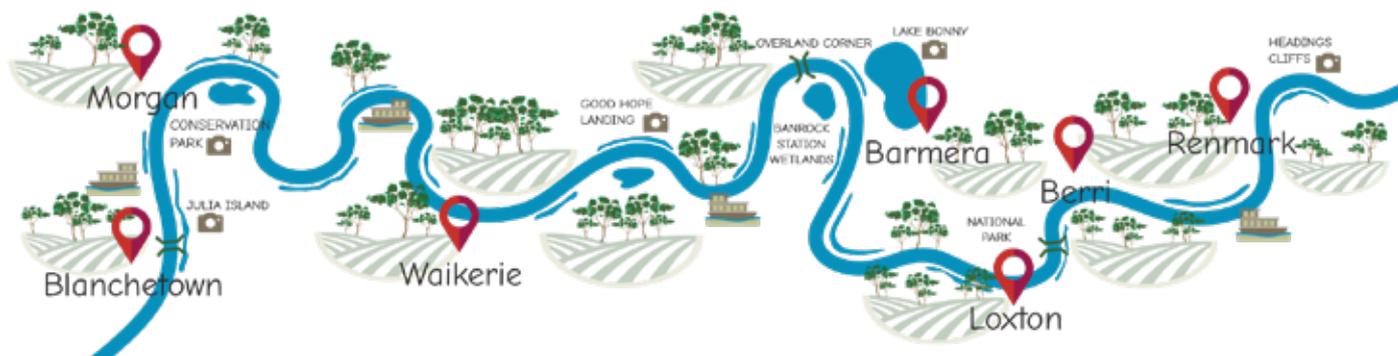
....Last century, while being acknowledged as the engine room of Australia's wine industry and especially its exports, most wine drinkers considered the Riverland as merely a producer of cask and low-end commercial wines. So much so that the local wineries labelled their wines as South Australia rather than the Riverland Geographical Indicator (GI).

In recent times this has started to change. Since the turn of the century a number of premium boutique producers have sprung up in the Riverland, lifting the quality and perception of Riverland wines. One of the main features and reasons for this rise, is the fact that many, if not most, of the wines being produced by these small producers are made from emerging Mediterranean grape varieties that are significantly better suited to the Riverland's warm climate than what the classic French/noble varieties are. As global warming continues to impact upon our climate, this move to more heat and drought tolerant varieties will become of greater importance in the survival and evolution of the Riverland...

From "River is Rising" [www.wineassist.com.au/dans-articles](http://www.wineassist.com.au/dans-articles)

The club bus trip in 2014 visited the riverland wine area.

On that occasion we visited Caudo Vineyard, 919 Wines, Kahlon Estate and Banrock Station. Eric Semmler, from 919 wines, gave a presentation about his wines at our June 2015 meeting and Luke Hale, from 23rd Street Distillery, talked about the distillery at Renmark at our June 2021 meeting



# 2021 Current Vintage Competition

Held at the November Meeting

## WHITE WINES

Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Placings	Medal
8	Mike Butcher	Malvasia Bianca	18.5	1st	Gold
3	Mike Butcher	Sauvignon Blanc	16	2nd	Bronze
2	Mike Butcher	Semillon	15.5	3rd	Bronze
4	Lindsay Elliot	Vermentino	15		
7	Richard Williams	Chardonnay	15		
1	Ian Maxfield	Riesling	14.5		
5	Mike Butcher	Chardonnay	14.5		
6	David Lewis	Chardonnay	14.5		

## RED WINES

Entry No.	Name	Entry Description	Score	Placings	Medal
35	Grumpy Old Men	Cabernet/Malbec	19	1st	Gold
10	Jacob John van-Eyk	Cabernet Sauvignon	18.5	2nd	Gold
17	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz (Oak)	18.25	3rd	Silver
29	Ian Maxfield	Sangiovese	18		Silver
36	David Lewis	Grenache	17		Silver
30	Lindsay Elliot	Dolcetto	17		Silver
21	Lindsay Elliot	Grenache	16.5		Bronze
31	Lindsay Elliot	Barbera	16.5		Bronze
32	Lindsay Elliot	Tempranillo	16.5		Bronze
27	Lindsay Elliot	Nero D'Avelo	16		Bronze
11	David Lewis	Cabernet Sauvignon	15.5		Bronze
19	David Lewis	Shiraz	15.5		Bronze
24	Jacob John van-Eyk	Grenache/Rose	15.5		Bronze
26	Ian Maxfield	Montrpulsiano	15.5		Bronze
33	David Lewis	Mataro	15.5		Bronze
34	Lindsay Elliot	Cabernet/Merlot	15.5		Bronze
9	Ian Maxfield	Cabernet Sauvignon	15		
12	G & A Seifried	Shiraz	15		
16	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz (No oak)	15		
18	Michael Butcher	Shiraz	15		
22	Jacob John van-Eyk	Grenache	15		
23	Mike Butcher	Grenache	15		
28	G & A Seifried	Nero D'Avelo	15		
20	Glen Snook	Grenache (McLaren Vale)	14		

Judges - Sam Watkins, Mike Mudge and Sid Pachare

Entries received - white wine 8 - red wine - 24



# Club Wine Sales

A tasting of these wines will be available at our monthly meeting



## 2019 Langhorne Creek Shiraz

2019 Shiraz from one of the coolest parts of Langhorne Creek, coupled with the significant amounts of limestone in the vineyard sees a wine of structure yet elegance. A lifted nose of fresh figs and blackcurrant sits atop a fresh and vibrant palate with the acid line and bold, chewy tannins to see this wine last for years to come.

Wines produced and bottled by Watkins Family Wine, Chandlers Hill SA

**\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)**



## 2019 McLaren Vale Shiraz Premium

The fruit was sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards including Malpas and Little Road vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia.

This Shiraz has a lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak. On the palate the purity of this Shiraz and freshness of flavour, we believe this wine over-delivers with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins.

Matured in 1 to 4 year old hogsheads. American oak (70%) and French oak (30%).

Enjoy now and up to 2024. Alc 14.5% pH 3.53 TA 6.6

Wines produced and bottled by Serafino winery, McLaren Vale.

**\$170 per doz (\$14.17 per bottle)**



## 2019 McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon

The fruit is sourced from a combination of our Estate grown vineyards including Communication and Little Road vineyards in McLaren Vale, South Australia.

This Cabernet Sauvignon displays a lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and spice and has purity of fruit and freshness of flavour, black pepper, sage leaf and black cherry complemented by fine supple tannins on the palate.

Matured in 1 to 4 year old hogsheads. American oak (50%) and French oak (50%).

Enjoy now and up to 2024 Alc 14.5 % pH 3.61 TA 6.3

Wines produced and bottled by Serafino winery, McLaren Vale.

**\$100 per doz (\$8.33 per bottle)**

### To place orders

Contact Bill Neubauer at the next club meeting,

Email:- [bill@bn-products.com.au](mailto:bill@bn-products.com.au) or ph 0412 525 343

A wine order form is attached to the newsletter email.

***Please promote all these wines to family, friends and colleagues and help clear the stock.***

## Secretary's Report

### Secretary's report of the November general meeting

Present were our President, Ann-Marie, in addition to 35 members, and 33 partners or guests. Apologies were received from 2 members. If any member wishes to note their apology for any meeting, please ring/text me on 0447212278.

### COVID requirement at the Presentation Day day lunch

As we were in Licensed Premises, we had to submit our club's Covid plan for this event at the Blackwood Football Club. This had the added advantage (at that time) of allowing standing consumption of food and beverages. The Football Club President (David Richardson) was most obliging and help set up the hall to ensure that social distancing could be undertaken without a problem. Thanks to all for the level of compliance displayed on the day.

Bernie Morgan



# 2022 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds Liqueurs	February	31st January
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 - Stoutt	August	31st July
ANAWBS	September	TBA
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	31st October

## Members' Duty Roster 2022

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. After the meeting clear meeting room, mop the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

**All members are asked to bring their own tasting glass.**

February	March	April
Rob Walker	Tony Philips	Jim Anderson
Colin Routley	Malcolm Snell	Andrew Williams
Peng Kang	Manfred Kurmis	Brian Ferris

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

Ian Di Bartolo	Social Program	0412 373 739
Brenton George	Competitions	0432 535 163
David Lewis	Technical Officer	0409 678 366
Andrew Thomson	Membership	0422 285 720
Bill Neubauer	Wine Sales	0412 525 343
David Tulloch	Newsletter/Website	0414 581 401
Des Williams	Speaker Co-ordinator	0416 041 629

The committee can also be contacted at: [committee@bwbc.org.au](mailto:committee@bwbc.org.au)

### Property Officers

Bill Neubauer	0412 525 343
Roger Pounder	0412 565 256

### 1st Aid Officer

Des Williams	0416 041629
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### Safety officer

Ian Di Bartolo	0412 373 739
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### Life Members

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

### Web site

[www.bwbc.org.au](http://www.bwbc.org.au)

### Email address

[bwbc@bwbc.org.au](mailto:bwbc@bwbc.org.au)

### 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](mailto: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

