



BWBC

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Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc. President's Report 2022

Presented to the Annual General Meeting Wednesday
15 February 2023

As I review the past year, the memories include more than the past single year, but the totality of the past three years as we, as a Club, and as a Community and Country, have had to endure the covid pandemic. The ongoing and immediate short and long term impacts have had devastating effects on everyone. Through all of this, our Club has continued to meet, enjoy each others company and experience excellent speakers and social outings. For myself, this year has brought many highlights, challenges and memories, and I sincerely thank the Club and its members for having continued faith in myself as your President.

Firstly I must acknowledge and recognise the excellent work that Anne-Marie Franklin did as the previous President. Her genuine care and concern for each member, her pride in our Club and her work ethic during the years of the pandemic, were so vital and important as the Club faced new and difficult challenges of "living and existing" during a pandemic.

Overview of 2022

2022 saw the Club able to meet regularly with fewer and fewer restrictions though clearly covid has had a lasting effect on Club membership. The Committee developed and presented a vibrant and varied programme of activities, events and speakers. In our fifth decade, the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club has had a year of challenges and review. Membership numbers have been impacted by the pandemic, a fact that has been recorded with so many social and service clubs, and we will have to realise that the former high member numbers is in the past and that we will have to adjust to fewer members. Though monthly meetings numbers have been consistent, there has been an increase in the number of entries in Club competitions; new categories have had to be created to reflect the newer wine varieties that are more common nowadays. Even with these challenges, I firmly believe that there is strong involvement and commitment by 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 past. Their dedication and excellent planning and organisa-



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tion 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 and the wine sales.

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

- Bernie Morgan as our Secretary has been such a support and friend to me, and to our Club. His attention to detail, the quality and promptness of the Minutes, and his understanding and knowledge of our members is always to the fore. Bernie is a valuable and important member of the Committee, totally focussed and determined that we always work for the members and in ways to continue to improve the Club.

- Our Club has been privileged to have Andrew Seifried as our Treasurer for the past few years. With not only large amount of money annually passing through our coffers, the pandemic had restricted club events and expenditure so our finances have expanded, all of this adding to the duties and responsibilities for Andrew. With his monthly extensive and understandable financial reports for the Committee, his monthly club meetings reports, and his annual Budget, as well as expanding our online banking and payment systems, Andrew has been a vital cog in our Club.

- We are eternally thankful that David Tulloch has nurtured and managed our outstanding Newsletter for so many years, as well as the Club Website. These communication formats are of the highest quality and detail, and our members are so fortunate to have such high standard publications that are so newsworthy and readable. Also, David prepares the monthly meeting powerpoint and I sincerely thank him for that.

- In David Lewis, the Club has been blessed with a thoroughly professional and focussed winemaker and a man of many technical skills. David has, 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 with his extensive knowledge and passion for winemaking, as well as his love of our Club, always to the fore

- Sid Thomas has prepared and managed the excellent Speaker Programme for the Club, having to negotiate and organise speakers for the monthly meetings, arrange their audio-visual requirements, meet and greet them and be the first and welcoming person for the guests. Sid has excelled in this and our members are the beneficiaries of such a diverse interesting programme and we thank him for continuing to develop this important aspect of the Club.

- Andrew Thomson has undertaken two roles this year – Membership Officer and Competition Convenor. He has efficiently managed the Club membership list, at a challenging time because of the ongoing impact of the pandemic. Andrew has prepared regular detailed and upgraded data base lists, and has been constantly in contact with present and non-attending members to check on their status. With an increase in number of entries for wine competitions and new categories, Andrew has built on the excellent links that we have with a number of judges, and they regularly speak highly of the quality of the wine that they judge. Assisting Andrew on the night has been Trevor Ward whose computer skills and organisation have been essential with the entry requirements and organisation of each competition

- As the Social Programme Convenor, Ian Di Bartolo has been outstanding, organising a varied and dynamic number of activities, ranging from Club picnic, mid year Christmas in July luncheon at a winery, a Bonfire picnic and the annual Christmas Presentation luncheon. Also, he worked closely with Ian Maxfield with the October Bus trip to the wineries of The Fleurieu Peninsular. Ian had assistance from Chris Ball, the newest Committee member and their extensive and varied social activities were very well received by our members

- Bill Neubaeur has fulfilled a number of roles again this year, firstly as the Convenor of the Wine Sales where he has been excellent as he has had to manage and maintain the sales inventory, check payment arrangements, liaise with members and the Treasurer and Newsletter Editor with our online sales and keep the Club aware of the extent of sales, on top of storing the wines. Also, with his extensive contacts in the wine industry, Bill is so valuable to our Club when we consider future wines for sale. As our Property Officer, Bill Neubaeur has again quietly and so efficiently overseen and managed the extensive quantity of valuable Club equipment. Finally, Bill and his wife Carol, have been the hosts for the monthly Committee meetings and we thank them sincerely for their wonderful willingness to open their house to the Committee..

Finances

Again I can report that the BWBC finances are in an outstanding situation, the result of the meticulous commitment and diligence of Andrew Seifried, strongly supported by the guidelines from the present and past Committees and Treasurers. 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 reversed our wine sales with red wines in winter and sparkling wines in spring. Because of the covid restrictions of over the past few years, our wine bottling has had to be replaced with the purchase of bottled red wines, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, from two Southern Vales wineries. The launch day for the red wines, in winter at the Serafino winery was very successful, as was the afternoon launch of the sparkling wines in September.



Social Programme

The Committee organised a well attended and successful social programme with early on the year, an innovation of a Club Picnic at the Mitcham Reserve. It was a very relaxed and friendly afternoon with the Club providing all the catering and drinks at no expense to attendees.

April brought the second Wine Discovery Tour, this time, Berri in the Riverland. Bernie Morgan organised an excellent trip with visits to a number of wineries, distillery, brewery and evening meals. Those attending thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the friendship; big thank you to Bernie for his planning and organisation.

The joint annual Apple Crush day in the Adelaide Hills, with the Adelaide Club was well enjoyed by those attending.

The Christmas in July at the Watkins Winery was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The Argentinian food was balanced with fine wines and we celebrated winter in a very warm environment. Ian Di Bartolo's excellent preparation and planning was very much appreciated.

September brought the Picnic Bonfire in the grounds of Carol and Bill Neubauer's house. This new innovation was extremely well received and the Club again full subsidised this activity.

The annual Bus Trip to the Southern Fleurieu Peninsular was held in October, again a week day and was another excellent day, visiting local wineries as well as enjoying a delightful lunch at the Port Elliott Bowls Club. Organised superbly by Ian and Chris Maxfield, it was a very well balanced and detailed programme and members were made aware of the new and emerging wineries of that region. .

The annual December Christmas function and Presentation Day concluded the social activities and was again well attended, with the invitation to wine judges being well received. This is an important event for the Club as we formally recognise Club members' achievements and successes in the many competitions.

Speakers Programme

An ongoing strength of this Club is the Speaker Programme and we must thank Sid Thomas as he prepared a wide ranging and very interesting programme which included in May, Dan Traucki introducing the members to new and different alternative wines, many which are now widely available. June brought Riverland Winemaker from Ricca Terra wines, Ashley Ratcliffe to the Club and the presentation of his wines and rationale for these newer varieties was extremely interesting and informative. Justin McNamee from Samuel Gorge Wines was the July speaker, and further expanded our members' awareness and understanding of the newer varieties and the growing impact. Wines from Italy featured in August with Club stalwart, Lindsay Elliott widening our knowledge of Italian Wines and their growth because of the effects of our warming climate.

The combined Inter-Club September meeting, was privileged to have Katie Spain, renowned wine writer as the speaker and she brought a new perspective and vitality to the meeting as she discussed the changing wine industry. The annual Oktoberfest

meeting was led by Andrew Williams and he introduced a variety of different German brews. The year concluded with wine-maker Daniel Zuzola speaking of issues and problems with wine making.

Competition Programme

This year, we had no beer competitions as entry numbers were low; this is an area that the Committee is very aware needs review. Andrew Thomson and Trevor Ward oversaw the Club wine competitions with again increases in wine entries, as well as some new wine styles. The judges continue to acknowledge the quality and diversity of entries and the passion that the winemakers showed. We must thank and acknowledge the judges, many of 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 that 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 also continued to improve the standard of the Club website and we thank him for that.

Membership

With the pandemic, our membership dipped to mid 60s, and meeting attendance also dropped accordingly. One of the many effects of the covid has been the decline in volunteer numbers across all organisations and the Committee is very conscious of this effect. We have already contacted those members who have not been attending to ascertain their future and the Committee is very conscious of what impacts reduced membership will have on Club finances and our future.

ANAWBS – Inter-Club Competition

Like for the past few years, ANAWBS was again cancelled and its future will have to be reviewed.

Working with the Adelaide and Southern Clubs, the Inter-Club Competition has been expanded with new categories for both white and red varieties. There were an increased number of entries and we must thank Andrew Thomson and Trevor Ward for the extensive work in preparation and on the night to make the event such a success.

Conclusion

In our fifth decade, BWBC has come through the many challenges of the pandemic, stronger and vibrant. We can look back on our history with so many successes and achievements and forward to a very bright future. With a Club that is so active and positive and built on, and sustaining' fine traditions, we have come through in a very strong position. For this, we must acknowledge that this has been the product of the work of so many from the past and I know that this will continue for the future.

It is an honour to preside over this Club and there are so many to thank. In particular, as I have mentioned, we are blessed with an outstanding Committee and their ongoing support has been



a sheer blessing and I sincerely thank them for the opportunity to be part of this Club.

Finally to my wife Roslyn for her understanding and forbearance, not only this past year when I returned as President but for more than my two decades with the Club, whether on Committee or as President. For so many years, she assisted in the hosting of the monthly Committee meetings, 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 sincere thanks

Brian Ferris
President,
Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club
February 15, 2023

Secretary's Report The January Meeting

All committee members were very pleased with the attendance and enthusiasm of our first meeting of the year where members were asked to provide feedback on various issues affecting the Club. There were 29 members and 2 partners present, and I received apologies from 15 members. Written feedback was received on almost every issue raised from all tables, and discussion at the tables was vigorous. All members will receive a summary of the feedback received with this newsletter, and Brian will lead further discussion to complete the feedback loop at our February meeting.

A.G.M.


I am pleased to announce that I have received written nominations for all committee positions, but not enough to demand a ballot for any position. I am sure the nominations will be endorsed on the 15th. Please ring me with any apologies.

Regards

Bernie Morgan
Secretary

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Jennifer Lewis



It is with great sadness that we record the passing of Jennifer Lewis, on the 30th January, wife of our Life Member David Lewis. Jen was a regular participant in our Club's activities and a great support to David. The Club expresses condolences to David and his family and have made a donation to Mary Potter Hospice in lieu of a floral tribute.

BLACKWOOD WINEMAKERS AND BREWERS CLUB Inc.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 16 February 2022

Secretary Bernie Morgan opened the meeting at 7:32 pm and welcomed all.

Present

Thirty four members and one partner attended, names are with Bernie Morgan (Secretary and Covid Marshal).

Apologies

President Ann-Marie Franklin, Andrew Seifried, Brenton George, Andrew Thomson, Steve Potiuch, Colin Routley, Dave Strachan, Clayton Fisher, Dino Donati, and Mark Williams.

Confirmation of minutes of meeting 17 February 2021

These had been circulated with the February newsletter. Moved by David Tulloch that the minutes be confirmed. Seconded David Lewis, and unanimously accepted.

Business Arising - Nil.

President's report

This had also been included in the February newsletter in which she thanked all members of the Committee and others who had worked to make the club the success it is. Bernie reported that she was given a gift of appreciation at the Committee dinner last Sunday for her three years of leadership, and moved a formal vote of thanks for her work. It was seconded by Bill Neubauer and passed unanimously.

Finance

Audited accounts and the Treasurer's (Andrew Seifried's) report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. The meeting resolved to accept the Treasurer's report (proposed Bill Neubauer, seconded Ian Di Bartolo).

Election of committee for 2022

Bernie read a letter from President. Ann-Marie Franklin advising her regretful retirement as President, although she will remain a member. Brian Ferris was the only person to nominate for the position of President for 2022. It was therefore resolved that Brian will be the incoming (returning) President. President Brian then chaired the meeting.

The nine other available positions were declared vacant for 2022. For the position of Secretary and Treasurer, Bernie Morgan and Andrew Seifried, respectively, were the only nominations received and were therefore elected. For the remaining seven available positions, there were five nominations and they were all therefore elected. For 2022, they are Sid Thomas, David Lewis, Bill Neubauer, David Tulloch and Ian DiBartolo.

Appointment of auditor

It was announced that Hayden F Edwards would continue as the Auditor.

Annual subscriptions and wine rebate

It was passed that subscriptions will remain at \$40 and the wine deposit will remain at \$40 for the coming year.

Brian thanked all and closed the meeting at 7.45.



2023 BWBC Wine Sales

2018 Currency Creek Cabernet Sauvignon

An intense ruby colour, still with vibrant hues at its edge are indicative of the nose. Given enough time to mature, this Cabernet is still displaying primary characters of ripe plums and mint, while just starting to develop some more earthy and tobacco leaf complexity, all being tied together with some subtle, dark cocoa oak notes. The palates structural tannins are balanced out by a rich generosity from the beginning through the mid-palate up to the lingering acid line holding together the finish.

Approachable now and for the next 6 years.

NEARLY SOLD OUT \$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. In 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.

NEARLY SOLD OUT

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

How to order wine

A link to the online order form is always included with the email sent out with the monthly newsletter advice. Complete the form and click the submit button. An acknowledgement message will appear on your screen and an itemised invoice will be emailed to you.

Payment can be made via EFT before you pickup the wine or by card at the time of pickup.

Contact Bill Neubauer ph 0412 525 343 to organise a suitable pickup time.

Please bring your invoice and if paying by EFT a copy of your transaction.

All orders MUST be placed on line using the online order form.



Sunday 30th April

1.30pm

The Blackwood winemakers and brewers club in association with Bassham Wines from the Riverland will hold a public tasting afternoon featuring a range of Bassham wines.

Bassham Wines is a family owned business leading the way in Organic viticulture and Mediterranean emerging varieties in the Riverland wine region.

The tasting will be held in the main hall, next to our usual meeting venue, at the Blackwood Memorial Hall.

Please promote this event to all your friends and associates as it will be a unique opportunity to taste these wines Introduced by the growers, Bruce and Val Bassham.

A discount will be available for orders over 6 bottles place on the day.

Cost \$20 per head. **Please bring 2 tasting glasses**

Please register your attendance on the online form. A link is provided with the email sent out with the Newsletter.

Payment can be made by EFT or card (at the next meeting).

A tentative list of Social Events for 2023 was published in the January newsletter. Please add these to your diary. Check in future newsletters for more information and possible date changes.





Sunday 19th March

Mitcham Reserve

Old Belair Rd, Mitcham

Start 11am

Members/Partners and Guests

\$10 per head

This will be our first social event for 2023.

A great chance to catch up with other members in the very pleasant setting of Mitcham reserve.

Lunch will be provided together with red and white wine.

PLEASE BRING CHAIRS, PLATES AND CUTLERY, WINE/BEER GLASSES.

SOCIAL DISCOVERY TOUR

Normanville

Friday 12th to Monday 15th May

(please note date change)

As accommodation costs for Clare and the Barossa Valley are exorbitant, and the Riverland will still be dealing with the effects of the flood (and mosquitoes) in May, the proposed weekend and venues for our "Discovery Tour" were changed. We are now having our social weekend at the Jetty Caravan Park at Normanville 12 May to 15 May. Whilst there are no wineries in the immediate vicinity, there are a couple of breweries for the beer lovers and the Club will provide wine.

Reservations have been made for 5 x 1 bedroom Cabins, 5 x 2 Bedroom Cabins, 4 x Large Powered Sites, and 4 x Small 18' Max Sites under the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club. These sites and cabins are close to the camp kitchen and other facilities. However, they are only holding our reserved cabins until 5th April, when they will allow other bookings to take them. They were too heavily booked on the weekend before (our first choice) for us to fit in easily! If you are intending to go, please telephone the Jetty Caravan Park on Ph: 08 8558 2038 and book under the Club's name to get a discounted rate.



Forktree Brewing
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Carrickalinga



Smiling Samoyed Brewery
Hansen St
Myponga



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2023 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds & Liqueurs	February	1st February
Sparkling Wine	March	1st March
Shiraz - 1-3 year old	April	5th April
Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	May	3rd May
1-3 year old other red wine 2022,2021,2020 Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon blend Other Red Wine (NOT SHIRAZ)	June	7th June
Red Wine - 4 years and older (<=2019)	July	5th July
Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	August	2nd August
Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA	TBA
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	1st November

Please note competition closing dates. Entries cannot be received after the closing date due to administration organisation.

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
Fred Wojtasik		
Malcolm Snell	TBA	TBA
Phillip Hicks		
Karl Kuhn		

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 officer
Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

2021/22 Committee

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Brian Ferris	President	0423 125 269
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Andrew Thomson	Membership/ Competitions	0422 285 720
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Chris Bills	David Lewis	Steve Potiuch
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David Tulloch	Phil Hicks	

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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

BWBC 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

Payments can also be made by card at the meetings.

