



BWBC

Newsletter

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Wednesday 20th September

7.30pm

Speaker
Derrick McManus

Please bring your own tasting glass.

Competitions

October

A special beer competition open for all classes of beer and methods of brewing will be held at the October meeting.

Entries close 4th October

Please register your entries on line

November

November 16th meeting

Current Vintage Red Wine

Current Vintage White Wine

Entries close 5th November

Please register your entries on line

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Banner Photo - Bonfire 2023

Bernie and Dave tasting the club muscat.

Our guest speaker at the August meeting is Derrick McManus. Derrick was shot 14-times in less than 5-seconds and defied medical understanding. He survived alone, with severed arteries and massive injuries, for 3-hours before rescue while serving with the elite Special Tasks And Rescue (STAR) Group. He not only returned to full physical duties with STAR Group, he suffered zero anxiety, stress or PTSD.

Taking his experiences as a Police Sniper, Diver and Counter Terrorist Operative, Derrick has developed a world first philosophy of 'Durability of Human Performance'. This philosophy goes well beyond resilience – it's about being able to sustain optimum performance under pressure. Durability is cutting edge research into human psychology and performance. His distinction between resilience and durability is so significant that the School of Psychology; University of South Australia is collaborating with him in research

For more information go www.humandurability.com.au



President's Report

For our Club, Spring is a very active and committed time with three social events over the next few months and the Sprig Wine Sale.

The month begins with the BBQ at Carol and Bill Neubauer's house and I know that those who will attend will enjoy not only excellent food and wines, but more importantly, fellowship and fun. The Langhorne creek Bus Trip in October is always a highlight of our calendar year and I am very much looking forward to revisiting this wonderful wine region and tasting their wines. The final social event of the year will be the Christmas luncheon presentation and I encourage all members to go online and book for what is



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always a wonderful way to conclude the year.

Club wine sales have continued over the past few months, and I strongly encourage those members who have not used their membership dues to offset the price of the wine to do so very soon as there is limited stock available. This newsletter also has the date for the launch of the sparkling wines and it is a good opportunity to purchase these fine wines.

Our competition programme has again highlighted quality wines from our members and on behalf of the Club a very big thank you to Andrew Thomson and Trevor Ward for their planning and organisation. We conclude the year with the Current Red and White Competition in November.

We are very privileged at our Club to have such excellent speakers year upon year. Syd Thomas must be sincerely thanked for his arrangement of the speaker programme this year.

Brian Ferris
President

Secretary's Report

Our August meeting

Given the late change from having a guest speaker to watching the Matildas play The Poms, the Committee was concerned for the outcome. Thanks to the work of David Lewis, Kym Hutton and David Tulloch, attendees were able to watch, cheer and boo the televised game. The Committee was pleased that 21 members, 5 partners and 2 guests attended, and the atmosphere of the meeting was great. I also got apologies from 20 members, including 4 committee members.

Two door prizes were on offer. First prize was won by Life Member Phil Hicks, and second prize was won by Life and Committee Member David Lewis. A great and applauded result.

I am always pleased to get apologies on my mobile on 0447212278. Also if you know any members needing contact or support, AnnMarie Franklin is doing the job of Almoner and membership officer. She may be contacted on 0406338166.

Regards
Bernie Morgan
Secretary

Wine Sales

The Committee is quite concerned regarding the rate of sales for our current bottling of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is exceptional value at \$10 and \$9 a bottle respectively for good quality McLaren Vale wines, and the committee has a proud reputation for sourcing wines of quality. Currently we have about 90 dozen red wine in storage and have only sold 3 dozen in the last 2 months.

The reason we have wine bottled is (most importantly) to fund our activities, as well as to provide wine for Club use. Our membership fees must cover hall hire, insurance, guest speaker costs, as well as judging competitions and consequent trophies and awards. When you add wine beer and food costs, you can see that membership fees would be inadequate without profit from wine sales. Then there are the subsidies of our social activities.

Newer members should also appreciate that our wine makers and Life Members can not be expected to sell much wine. However, in the last two years, about 90% of our wine sales are made by about 6 members, and it is incumbent on the broader membership to carry their share of the sales effort.

I call on everyone to market our wine among their broader networks, rather than just buying wine for their own consumption. The reason for giving a discount off your first dozen wine is to encourage you to use that dozen to promote it to your networks. It is not hard to promote wine that is recommended by wine makers (albeit amateur). Finally, unless wine sales improve markedly, the committee will be forced to change the way the club is run and the benefits all members receive.

Bernie Morgan
Secretary

2024 "Discovery tour" – Social Week/end

In the last two years, we have tried a social week in the Coonawarra, and a social weekend at Normanville. They were lightly subsidised, and those members who attended greatly enjoyed them. The Committee is considering Wallaroo (North Caravan Park) and a weekend between Easter (31/3) and Anzac Day (25/4). Long range weather forecasts indicate a hot, dry and protracted summer.

Please ring me if you support this planned social event, or if you have any suggested changes, improvements or alternatives.

Regards, Bernie Morgan. 0447212278



2023 Bonfire



Head chef Dave Kennedy



The weather was great - cool spring day



And then there was only 2 (about 5pm)



2023

Due to the lack of entries in the beer competitions scheduled for this year, Ale and Lager in May and Stout and Porter in August, causing them to be cancelled, the committee has decided to have a special beer competition at our October meeting. The October meeting has traditionally been a beer meeting night with an Oktoberfest theme so it will add another aspect to the night.

This year we will hold a beer competition open for all classes of beer and methods of brewing. This can be a straight kit beer from a beer supply company, a kit based beer with your modifications added or a full mash beer. The beers will be judged on the night and then available for the members to taste and discover how good beer making in the club is.

Now is the time to get a brew going and enter it in this competition and help add to the night's beer focus. If you do not have the equipment for brewing you can borrow equipment from the club's stock of loan equipment and there are always members available to help get you started. If you can use a can opener then you can brew a kit beer. It's the easiest and most rewarding DIY project you'll ever do!. A link to the registration form is included, as usual, with the monthly newsletter email.



Due to the acclaimed success of the Sunday wine tasting the club held in April this year the committee has started planning another tasting session for next April. Again this will feature a selection of wines from Bassham's large collection of alternate variety wines.

Web Links

For the last few editions of the newsletter I have been including interactive links to other web sites, where appropriate. These are in [blue and underlined](#) and if you click on them will take you straight to the appropriate web page. I am reluctant to do the same with links to the club booking pages as these could be activated by anyone who has a copy of the newsletter, which is freely available on our web site. Members only links, bookings, wine orders etc., will continue to be sent out with the monthly newsletter email. *Editor*





2023 BWBC Bus Trip Langhorne Creek Wine District Friday 27th October 2023

Tour Highlights

- **2 Pickup points** - Eden Hills Karinya Park(8.00am) or Belvidere Winery (9.15am)
- **Vineyard Road Winery.**
Group 1 Chocolate and wine tasting
Group 2 Coffee and Cake
Swap venues at 10:30am
- **Metala - Brothers in Arms Winery and Rusticana Winery**
- Group 1 wine tour and tasting (Brothers in Arms)
Group 2 wine tasting and product tasting (Newman’s horseradish).(Rusticana Winery)
Swap venues at 12:15pm
- **Lunch - The White House, Langhorne Creek**
- **Free time** - Time to visit
Meeschi Brewery, within The white House,
Kimbolton Winery adjacent to The White House
- **Arrive Eden Hills** (5pm)

\$65 per person

Book NOW.

Only 4 seats available

Bookings are now open (limited to 50 persons)

Please book on line by EFT to secure your booking.

Link to bookings form included with newsletter email

Bookings only confirmed when full payment is made.



Presentation/Christmas Function

Sunday 3rd December

11.30 for 12 noon start

Blackwood Football Club

Trevor Terrace Blackwood

Full details will be in the October newsletter. Enter the date on your calendar.

New Members

The Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club has vacancies for new members. If you know of somebody who is interested in wine or beer making and would like to join the club please contact the membership officer. (see back page of the newsletter for details). A membership application form can be downloaded from here.

[Membership form](#)



FOUND

The club defibrillator has been located and returned safely to our storeroom for use at all club events.

Sudden cardiac arrest is one of the leading causes of death in Australia.

The BWBC has a defibrillator and

having it at all our club events can make the difference between life and death.

[Link to defibrillator instruction video](#)

The answer may not lie at the bottom of a bottle of wine.

But you should at least check.



2023 BWBC Wine Sales

The club has available for sale to members and friends the Serafino Shiraz and Patritti Cabernet Sauvignon. We also have been able to source a limited supply of a very impressive Muscat liqueur and Patritti sparkling red.

Members are reminded that when you paid your annual subscription fee you also paid \$50 toward your first case of 2022 shiraz or 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon wine. This discount must be used this year.

Serafino 2022 Shiraz - McLaren Vale

Colour: Bright red with purple hue

Bouquet: Lifted bouquet of red berry fruits and oak

Palate: Purity and freshness of flavour, the Shiraz over-delivered with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins

Cellaring: Enjoy now - cellar up to 2027

Winemaking: Matured in 2 year old hogsheads. American Oak (70%) and French Oak (30%) for 9 months

Food match: Tapas

Technical details: Alc 14.5% pH:3.51

Price: \$120 per doz

Patritti 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon - McLaren Vale

The McLaren Vale Cabernet Sauvignon is a blend of three vineyards. The wine shows aromas of black currant and mulberries with added complexity from Maturation in French and American 500 litre Puncheons.

Technical details: 14.0% Alc

Price: \$110 per doz

Muscat Liqueur NV

The BWBC Committee has sourced a limited amount of Muscat liqueur. The provenance of this liqueur can be traced back to the Settlement Wine Co and is believed to be 25 years old. A barrel of this wine was purchase by Waywood Wines and has been stored in their cellar at their McLaren Vale winery.

This unique Australian muscat, matured in oak barrels, enabling the wine to mellow and develop further complexity of rich raisin and honey characters. Enjoyed as a traditional fortified dessert wine, a perfect accompaniment to rich cheese or a refreshing summer's day sip over crushed ice.

The club has only 100, 500ml bottles, of the Muscat Liqueur NV available.

Price: \$25.00 per bottle

Back by popular demand - Patritti sparkling wines

NV Sparkling Shiraz Premium

This premium sparkling wine is dark purple in colour with a bright crimson hue; the nose displays blue fruits, plum and raspberry, but it also has a savoury edge with wet slate and subtle integrated oak. The palate is seamlessly integrated, structured and long. Plum and blue fruit flavours work well with oak derived complexities of subtle coffee and dark chocolate.

Price: \$80 per 1/2 doz

NV Sparkling Red

This sparkling red bend shows an alluring dark garnet colour and a bouquet of rich, complex fruit and oak development. Rich, full bodied flavours are evident on the palate, which has a drying finish.

A superb choice for events, pre-dinner drinks, BBQs, and special occasions.

Price: \$100 per doz

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 copy of your order will be emailed to you.

Payment can be made via EFT before you pickup the wine or by card at the regular monthly meeting.

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

(Links to these form are sent out with the monthly newsletter email.)



2023 Competition Program

Competition	Meeting	Entries Close
Fortifieds & Liqueurs	February	1st February
Sparkling Wine	March	1st March
Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2022,2021,2020)	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	6th August
Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA	TBA
Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	November	5th 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.

Sid Thomas is organising the members roster and will contact individual members to help at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer please contact Sid 0401 123 482

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

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2022/23 Committee

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Meetings	3rd Wednesday of each month, except December, at 7.30pm
Venue	Blackwood Memorial Hall 21 Coromandel Pde., Blackwood

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.

