

BWBC

Newsletter

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Wednesday
21st February 7.30pm
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Guest Speaker

Daniel McEvoy

Chief Sommelier of 2KW restaurant

Please bring your own tasting glass.
Beer and wine will be available for
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Registration closed

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Banner Photo - grape vines in McLaren Vale

Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.

President's Report 2023

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 21st February 2024

Reviewing the past year, I am very proud of a Club that has not only come through the covid pandemic, but has continued to meet, enjoy each other's company and experience excellent speakers and social outings. For myself, this year has brought many highlights and challenges and I sincerely thank the Club and its members for having continued faith in myself as your President.

Overview of 2023

2023 saw the Club Committee develop and present a vibrant and varied programme of activities, events and speakers. Membership numbers have been consistent with over 40 on average attending meetings. Though Covid has meant that the Club has had to adjust to fewer members, the number of entries in Club competitions has been very pleasing and similarly, attendance at Club functions has been very promising and fully supported

Financial Status

2023 again showed the BWBC finances in a very strong position. As a Club, this situation is the direct result of the meticulous diligence and monitoring from our Treasurer Andrew Seifried, following on from the clear guidelines from the present and past Committees and Treasurers. With this very strong fiscal position, the Club has been able to heavily subsidise all our activities - monthly meetings with supper and beverages, our varied social activities and the education programme. As always, it is the profits from our wine sales that underpin this subsidy and I thank all members who have purchased our wine.

Wine Sales

2023 saw the Committee review our mid-year red wine options, reducing the quantity of Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon offered, and adding two new emerging wines – Grenache and Tinto Amarala. At the launch, the two new red wines were pre-sold and over the rest of the year, nearly all the red wines have been sold. Spring saw the offering of two sparkling wines and their sales have been very good. The Committee has established excellent links with a number of well-known wineries and the Club has been the beneficiary, with not only



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...promoting excellence in wine and beer making...

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quality wines but also being able to have our launch days at Serafino winery for the red wines in winter and an afternoon launch of the sparkling wines in September.

Social Programme

Our social programme has always been an integral part of our Club and I thank the members for their support. Starting with the Club Picnic at the Mitcham Reserve, the relaxed and friendly afternoon was very successful with the Club providing all the catering and drinks.

April saw a new innovation – Bassham Wine Tasting at the Memorial Hall. Our Club has established a very friendly and positive relationship with Val and Bruce Bassham, visiting their Riverland winery during the previous year's Discovery tour where we tasted their alternate or emerging wines and were very impressed. The April Club tasting was a great success with over 70 attending, enjoying a wide variety of red and white wines, Dan Traucki adding more information of the wines, and the ability to purchase these quality wines, then concluding with a pizza meal.

May brought the third Wine Discovery Tour with members visiting the South Coast from the Normanville base. Bernie Morgan organised an excellent trip with entertaining visits to a distillery and brewery and the friendly get together evening meals. Those attending thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the friendship; big thank you to Bernie for his planning and organisation.

Christmas in July at the historic Horndale Winery was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all, with a varied menu and very good wines, all within a secure and 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 and despite the wintry weather, it was well attended and all enjoyed the ambience and each other's company. A big thank you to Carol and Bill for hosting this popular event.

The annual Bus Trip to the Langhorne Creek held at the end of October was another excellent day, where 50 members visited a number of local wineries, where they enjoyed a chocolate and wine tasting, coffee and home-made carrot cake, horseradish and dips, variety of regional wines and then concluding with a delightful lunch at the Wine House. Here, we could relax and enjoy the wines and local beers, or visit another winery. Many thanks to Ian Di Bartolo and his Sub-Committee for an excellent day

The December Christmas function and Presentation Day has proven to be an excellent way to not only conclude our social activities but also the positive year. The luncheon

was again well attended, at which also are able to recognise and thank the wine judges. It is important that this annual event formally recognise Club members' achievements and successes in the many competitions.

Competition Programme

The Club acknowledges and thanks Andrew Thomson and Trevor Ward for overseeing the Club wine competitions. There were increases in wine entries, and it is interesting to note the increase in entries of new wine styles. Again, the judges highlighted the quality and diversity of entries and the passion and care that the winemakers show. 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. Lack of numbers resulted in no formal beer competitions, though when there was an open invite for the Oktoberfest meeting, we saw a number of excellent and varied beers and styles

Speakers Programme

Club members were again offered an informative and wide ranging series of Speakers this past year and we must thank Sid Thomas for his willingness to organise such a programme. Beginning in March with Will Dalwood from Green Street Distillery, members tasted their varieties of gins, followed in April with Club member Andrew Williams discussing varieties of whiskies, which included a spirit tasting.

With a decision from Committee to introduce members to a greater understanding of the growth of Emerging Wine Varieties, the Bassham April wine tasting, was followed in May with Dan Traucki, presenting more wine varieties and the expansion of this style of wine. July saw the ever-popular Options Night, led by Dan Traucki followed in August with the Club supporting the Matildas, Women's Australian Soccer team in watching the semi-final at the World Cup.

September, saw a very interesting presentation from Derrick McManus who spoke of his time in the S.A. Police Force. The traditional October meeting with its Oktoberfest focus saw David Medlyn from Cooper's Brewery discussing his role as their Master Brewer. David Lewis hosted the November meeting where members were able to taste the Club Competition winners of the past year. January concluded the year with Peter David, former Beer Master Brewer presenting a very informative talk on beer and how to best choose.

Newsletter and Club Website

One cannot speak highly enough of our Club Newsletter, with its quality, interesting articles and listing of Club events, all a reflection of the strong desire and professionalism of its editor, David Tulloch. The Club and its members



are the beneficiaries of his 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

Our membership stabilised this past year and thanks must be given to Ann-Marie Franklin for her efforts to contact members, her follow-up with prospective members and also her role as the Club Almoner. With a consistent number attending meetings, the Committee believes that the Club is in a very stable and positive position

ANAWBS – Inter-Club Competition

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

Club Committee

Over the past five decades, our Club has been blessed with committed and dedicated Committee members, and their excellent planning and organisation 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. I am so privileged to work with and see this highly committed and hard-working group. Members do not fully realise the excessive 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.

Thus I believe that it is important that we recognise and thank all the members of the Committee: -

As Secretary, Bernie Morgan has been such strong support and friend to me, and to our Club. Many times, throughout the year he had to substitute for me when I was away. Not only does he present quality and prompt Minutes, but his understanding and knowledge of our members is valuable within the Committee. With this total focus he is always working for the members and in ways to continue to improve the Club.

Andrew Seifried as our Treasurer has been outstanding, not only accounting for the large amount of money annually passing through our coffers, and monitoring the expenditure of club events, but always presenting monthly reports that the layperson can understand. Through his diligent work, the Club is in a very strong position. Also, Andrew has prepared the Club for the transition to the increase access in online banking and payment systems.

David Tulloch has managed our outstanding Newsletter for many years, as well as the Club Website, and the Club is

the clear beneficiary. He has introduced to members, new online communication formats and processes so that the online booking arrangements for competitions, wine sales, functions and attendance is working so well. The very high standard of our publications and communication forms is recognised by our members as they enjoy such newsworthy and readable articles. Personally, I must thank David for preparing the monthly meeting PowerPoint

David Lewis, has for over two decades been a strength and focus for our Club and the Committee. He has always brought a professional and focussed approach to any task undertaken and as an outstanding winemaker, he is held in high regard within the Club. For many years, David has supervised and managed all of the technical aspects of the Club equipment, including the excellent sound system for meetings. As well, he always finds time to continue to mentor Club members with regards to winemaking and our equipment.

As earlier mentioned, our Speaker Programme has again been outstanding, very much due to excellent organisation from Sid Thomas. For a number of years, Sid has had 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. We must acknowledge and thank him for continuing to develop this important aspect of the Club.

Andrew Thomson, as the Competition Convenor, has an unenviable task of organising our Competition Programme, and with an increase in number of entries and new categories, he has been very successful. Over the past few years, Andrew has built strong links 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.

Ann-Marie Franklin returned to the Committee as the Membership Officer and Club Almoner and she has not only efficiently managed the Club membership list, but always kept the Committee aware of any health or personal concerns of members. Ann-Marie has welcomed a number of new members and always made them feel at ease in the Club, and always been in contact with present and non-attending members to check on their status

Our positive Social Programme is very much due to our Convenor, Ian Di Bartolo who has been outstanding, organising a varied and dynamic number of activities, ranging from Club picnic, Bassham Wine Tasting, mid-year Christmas in July luncheon at a winery, a Bonfire picnic and the annual Christmas Presentation luncheon. The success of



the Langhorne Creek Bus Trip was very much due to his planning and contacts.

Chris Ball was a strong support in the Social Programme and his willingness to be involved and assist was always to the fore. Within the Committee, Chris has brought a perspective from the member point of view and this has been important as we plan events and functions,

The Club is indebted to Bill Neubaer as he has fulfilled a number of roles again this year. As the Convenor of the Wine Sales, his knowledge of the wine industry and personal contacts have enabled the Club to continually present quality wines to our members. He was a very strong influence in arranging for the two new red emerging wine varieties to be offered at the mid-year wine sales. Then, as Convenor, he has had to manage and maintain the sales inventory, check payment arrangements, liaise with members, 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. Finally, as Property Officer, Bill 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.

Conclusion

In our fifth decade, BWBC can look back on our history with so many successes and achievements and forward to a very bright future. We are a Club that is so active and positive and has built on fine traditions. 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 but for more than my two decades with the Club, whether on Committee or as President. For so many years, she hosted 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 21, 2024

Secretary's Report

The January Meeting

It was great to have a meeting with a focus on beer and to welcome back 2 previous members who are brewers, Gavin Pennell and Colin Routley. We hope to see more of them and their beers at our future meetings. There were 28 members, 6 partners and 6 guests in attendance with apologies from 12 members. With a positive meeting focus on beer, we hope that some other guests also seek membership of our Club. There were two door prizes, both won by committee members Andrew Seifried and Ian Di Bartolo. I thought that Ian had generously donated his bottle of Tina Amarella to the members in attendance, but apparently, he had left it too close to the club wine tasting table and it was opened as such. However, he did get a replacement bottle.

Regards

Bernie Morgan

Secretary

February's Guest Speaker

Daniel McEvoy

Chief sommelier of 2KW Bar & Restaurant
2 King William Street, Adelaide

After dropping out of his engineering degree, Dan McEvoy fell in love with the Adelaide hospitality scene after dining at some restaurant institutions, and decided on entering the fray in 2010.



After working interstate at establishments in Tasmania and Hamilton Island, he made the move to Dunkeld, Victoria to work at the two-hatted restaurant within The Royal Mail Hotel, to further his knowledge of Burgundy, Bordeaux and the wider world of wine.

Since returning home to Adelaide, Dan has been at the helm of 2KW Bar & Restaurant's wine list since for over 5 years, guiding the venue to a three glass rating from Australia's Wine List of The Year Awards as well as a number of other domestic and international awards.

Dan was named in the top 6 Young Sommeliers in Australia in 2018 in a competition ran by Chaine des Rôdfddtis-seurs as well as holding the title of 'Advanced Sommelier', through the Court of Master Sommeliers, of which there are less than a handful of in SA. He is determined to mentor the new wave of Adelaide's wine scene, something he is really passionate about.

Outside of the restaurant, Dan is a football tragic and loves to tell you all about his exploits as a ruckman for his local C-Grade team, and is still waiting for an AFL call-up.

<https://2kwbar.com.au/>



Minutes of the BWBC Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 15 February 2023

BLACKWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

21 COROMANDEL PARADE, BLACKWOOD, 5051

President Brian opened the meeting at 7:32 pm and welcomed all.

1. Present

Thirty-two members and one partner attended, names are with Bernie Morgan (Secretary).

2. Apologies (11)

Carl Kuhn, Chris Ball, Chris Bills, Chris Taylor, Dino Donati, Ian Di Bartolo, Ian Toogood, Jim Anderson, Roy Pozenel, Steve Potiuch and Mark Williams.

3. Confirmation Of Minutes Of Meeting 16 February 2022

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

4. Business Arising

Nil.

5. President's Report.

Brian gave a brief overview of some of his report, focusing on thanking other Committee members for their efforts. His full report had been included in the February newsletter. His report was received with acclamation.

6. Finance

Audited accounts and the Treasurer's (Andrew Seifried's) report had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. In presenting his report to the meeting, Andrew thanked President Brian for his leadership over the year.

The meeting resolved to accept the Treasurer's report (proposed Bill Neubauer, seconded Bernie Morgan).

7. Election Of Committee For 2023

President Brian then handed over the meeting to Secretary Bernie. Bernie also acknowledged the work done by Brian over the last 12 months, not only to lead this Club, but also the Blackwood Action Group and the Rotary Club Coromandel Valley. Bernie then announced that there had been no other nominations for President, and Brian was duly elected by a unanimous show of support from members present.

President Brian then chaired the meeting.

The nine other available positions were declared vacant for 2023. For the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, Bernie Morgan and Andrew Seifried, respectively, were the only nominations received and were therefore elected. There were seven nominations for committee membership and they were all therefore elected. For 2023, they are Sid Thomas, David Lewis, Bill Neubauer, David Tulloch, AnnMarie Franklin, Andrew Thompson and Ian Di Bartolo.

8. Appointment Of Auditor

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

9. Annual Subscriptions And Wine Rebate

President Brian announced the committee recommendation that subscriptions be raised to \$100 with \$50 being deducted from the first dozen red wine bought from the 2023 bottling. .

Brian thanked all and closed the meeting at 7.45.



2024 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 28th 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 \$25 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).





Sunday 24th March

Mitcham Reserve

Old Belair Rd, Mitcham

Start 11am

Members/Partners and Guests

\$10 per head

This will be our first social event for 2024
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.

Please register your attendance on the online form

Social Discovery Tour

Walloo

Friday 17th to Monday 20th May

(you can extend your holiday before or after)

Walloo Holiday Park has something to suit everyone, from luxury beach front apartments to powered and unpowered camp sites. Situated right on the beach front & just 2 hours from the heart of Adelaide.

Accommodation

Walloo Holiday Park has accommodation to suit all including stunning 2 story beach front apartments, 4 & 6 berth beach front units, beach front spa units and villas.

All accommodation is fully self-contained with a kitchen, living and dining area, 2 or more bedrooms and a bathroom/s.

Choose between newly renovated 2 or 3 bedroom accommodation with various facilities to best suit your needs.

Variety of powered and unpowered caravan sites.

Camp Kitchen

Our outstanding camp kitchen is one of the most popular facilities in the park. With ample space & a huge dining area, it holds up to 200 people! It is fitted out with full kitchen facilities including ovens, stove tops, BBQ plates, dishwashers, fridges, microwaves & much more! There is also a large lounge area with a flat screen TV.

To Book

Please contact the Wallaroo Holiday Park office Ph 8823 2531

Book in as part of the Blackwood Wine makers and Brewers Club to receive a discount. Bernie Morgan has arranged a special discount for members of the BWBC. Book for 3 nights for the price of 2 nights.

Please complete the registration form (the link is included in the newsletter email) so we know who will be attending the Discovery Tour.

For more information about the Wallaroo Holiday Park go to <https://www.wallooholidaypark.com.au/>



2024 Competition Program

Meeting	Competition	Entries Close
February	Fortifieds & Liqueurs	14th February
March	Sparkling Wine	13th March
April	Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2023,2022,2021)	10th April
May	Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	8th May
June	1-3 year old other red wine (2023,2022,2021) Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon Blend Other Red Wine(NOT SHIRAZ)	12th June
July	Red Wine - 4 years and older (<2021)	10th July
August	Beer - Porter Beer - Stout	14th August
TBA	Interclub Beer and Wine	TBA
November	Current Vintage - White Wine Current Vintage - Red Wine	13th November

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

Members' Duty Roster 2024

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
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Please contact Sid if you are able to help either setting up for the meeting or clearing up afterwards.

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.

Executive 2021/22 Committee

Brian Ferris	President	0423 125 269
Bernie Morgan	Secretary	0447 212 278
Andrew Seifried	Treasurer	0478 294 101

Committee Members

Chris Ball	Competitions	0400 344 467
Ian Di Bartolo	Social Program	0412 373 739
Ann-Marie Franklin	Membership & Almoner	0406 338 166
David Lewis	Technical Officer	0409 678 366
Bill Neubauer	Wine Sales	0412 525 343
Sid Thomas	Speaker Co-ordinator	0401 123 482
David Tulloch	Newsletter	0414 581 401
Trevor Ward	Competitions	0466 608 423

Property Officer

Bill Neubauer	0412 525 343
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1st Aid Officer

Des Williams	0416 041 629
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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	

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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.

