

BWBC

Newsletter



President's Report

At the February AGM meeting, the Club Committee was finalised and we welcomed Trevor Ward and Roger Henderson, and farewelled Andrew Thomson. A sincere thank you to Andrew for his excellent contribution and involvement with our Club over many years, and in his last role as Competition Organiser, he was very organised and diligent and maintained the very high standards of our competitions. I also must acknowledge and thank all Committee members for their dedication and commitment to our Club and know that they share a common passion for the Club and its members.

Also at the AGM, the Club fees were agreed and this Newsletter has the details and final date for payment. The \$50 subsidy with the purchase of the first dozen wine has been continued and the Committee is planning for a mid-year launch of the red wines. I strongly encourage all members to use their subsidy and to promote our wines to friends and family, It is planned that the wines will be in half dozen lots, for ease of carry and the opportunity to purchase two different wine varieties to make up the dozen sale lot.

Our extensive Social Programme begins this month with the popular Club Picnic at the Mitcham Reserve Sunday March 24, with the Club providing the food and drink at a cost of \$10 per head, Sunday April 28 sees the return of the Bassham Wine Tasting afternoon at the Memorial Hall with the tasting of their alternate/emerging wines, many different from those of last year. With the wine tasting and pizzas for early dinner, it is excellent value for \$25 per head. May brings the Caravan/cabin Discovery Tour to Wallaroo caravan park, May 17 – 20. The mid-year luncheon has been finalised with the Mt Compass Golf Club the venue for Saturday July 27, as has been the October Bus Trip. All details of each event in the Social Programme are in the Newsletter. I strongly advise members to book early as there are limited numbers for each event and they have always been very popular.

Our speaker programme has been an ongoing strength of this Club and already we have had the privilege of excellent speakers. Many thanks to Sid Thomas for his detailed planning and organisation. Also, the Competition Programme has commenced and the online system is working well.

The Committee and myself are always keen to listen and note the views and thoughts of all members, so that we can continue to enjoy each other's company and be part of such a friendly and positive Club.

Finally, can I please ask for members' assistance at the end of meetings to help put away the chairs and tables, rather than leaving it to a few.

Brian Ferris
President

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Wednesday
20th March 7.30pm

Guest Speaker
BWBC Member
Dave Kennedy
"Operation Flinders"

Please bring your own tasting glass.
Beer and wine will be available for
tasting at the meeting.

Competitions

March

Sparkling Wine

Registration closed

April

Shiraz -

1-3 year old

Registration closes 10th April
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Picnic in the park - March 24th
Bassham wine tasting - April 28th
Social Discovery Tout - May 12-20th

Banner Photo - photo by Elle Hughes





Letters to the editor

Received 22nd February 2024

Since I began editing the BWBC newsletter back in 2005 and have regularly asked for contributions from members, this is the first time I have actually received a "Letter to the Editor" as far as I can remember. This is a forum that is open to any member to canvas ideas about all aspects of the club.

"Have just attended this month's meeting and loved the way the sommelier presented a wine and then characterised it by means of a descriptor. It made me search my palate and memory as I tried to give it attributes. It was a terrific exercise in developing and reflecting upon our own awareness of wine and informing us of other nuances. Perhaps at some meetings it might provide an interesting focus, but it also could provide a focus for the development of a beer palate also. Finally, as we were talking about the Riesling that we, were making this year, one of our table members raised a number of considerations we needed to make when we were making it. That sort of insight for winemakers trying something for the first time might be worthy of several segments in meetings in the future.

We also need to develop strategies for increasing our membership. We need some young blood or am I perhaps being too sanguine?"

Mark Dorman"

An additional paragraph in Mark's letter was

"At the end of the meeting someone approached and asked if Val and I would like to join them for a Mahjong day. For me that was a terrific idea and perhaps club days might centre on this type of event."

This highlights a very important function of clubs and associations. The BWBC is a group of people who share a common interest in the making and the appreciation of wine and beer. Our membership is made up from people with a wide variety of backgrounds and other interests and during our gatherings we get to know other people and exchange ideas and interests members could peruse with other members.

Thank you Mark

Pickaxe Beer Bottles

Peter Nixon has, under the managing director's orders, to clear out his garage. As a previous home brewer, he has more than 150 (750ml) Pickaxe beer bottles and would like to see them go to a current brewer rather than send them into recycling. Any member who is interested, please contact Peter ASAP on 0404050148.



Secretary's Report

The February Meeting

At the time of writing, the Secretary's desk is currently near Launceston, and experiencing the same (almost) burst of heat that Adelaide is enduring.

February Meeting

There were 33 members, 4 partners, and 2 guests in attendance with 15 members registering their apology (including me). Reports of the meeting were positive, and I believe that Mark Dorman won the door prize. I believe that the homebrew supplied by Brenton George (a Bière de Garde which Wikipedia describes as a strong pale ale or keeping beer, traditionally brewed in France) was a hit. Brenton reported that the alcohol content was 7.4%. Thanks Brenton, and we hope that this tempts other non-brewing members to give it a try.

Regards, Bernie Morgan

March Meeting

Dave Kennedy

Club member Dave Kennedy will give a presentation about his involvement with Operation Flinders.

Dave was a member of SAPOL for 42 years. During this time he spent 15 years at Port Augusta as the Training and Development Senior Sergeant traveling throughout the Far North of the State.

He has been involved with Operation Flinders since 1992 having performed most roles including abseiling, team leader, exercise commander etc. and currently 'volunteers' every week at their warehouse doing a variety of tasks, repairing stuff, driving, making things. Operation Flinders owns a property in the north Flinders Ranges where Dave manages the environmental aspects of the property, water flows, collection, plants etc. Dave is a Life Member of Operation Flinders.



OPERATION FLINDERS

ONE STEP AT A TIME



Our cause - To transform young people's lives through evidence-based remote, outback intervention programs.

The Foundation - established in 1991, works to transform the lives of young people from the age of 13 - 18. The core 8-day program is held in the northern Flinders Ranges where young people trek up to 100km, experience abseiling, Indigenous culture, bushcraft and build self-confidence through challenging themselves. These young people come from all across South Australia and are typically referred to us as part of a team of 10 from one school or agency.

For more information - www.operationflinders.org.au

2024 Social Calendar

Picnic
in the Park



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



BASSHAM WINES

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).

Social Discovery Tour

Wallaroo

Friday 17th to Monday 20th May

(You can extend your holiday before or after)

Wallaroo 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

Wallaroo 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.

Variety of powered and unpowered caravan sites.

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.wallaroholidaypark.com.au/>



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

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Mt Compass Golf Club 1 George Francis Dr, Mount Compass

Saturday July 27th 12.30pm

This year's Christmas in July lunch will be held at the picturesque Mt Compass Golf, located in the heart of the Fleurieu Peninsula Club, an easy 45min drive from Blackwood. The menu for the lunch includes entrée platters, main course, wine, beer, soft drinks and coffee.

\$55 per head. A link to bookings form is included with newsletter email



2024 BWBC Bus Trip Adelaide Hills Wine Region

Friday October 25th

\$75 per person

Visit 3 wineries

Lunch at Gruntal Brew

2 pickup points -

McLaren Vale - Visitors Centre (7.45am)

Eden Hills - Karinga Park, Northcote Road (8.30am)

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 1st December

11.30 for 12 noon start

Blackwood Football Club

This year it will be a fully catered function.

The cost will be \$35 per head for members and partners and \$45 per head for non-members.

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.

LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

\$100 per doz (\$8.33 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.



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.

March	April	May
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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.

2024 Committee

Executive

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
Roger Henderson	Social Program	0491 154 017
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	

Contact

Web site	www.bwbc.org.au
Email address	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

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.

