



BWBC

Newsletter

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Wednesday
17th April 7.30pm

Guest Speaker
Kieran Hirlam
AWRI

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

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Shiraz - 1-3 year old
Registration closed

May

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Beer - ale & lager

Registration closes 8th May
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Banner Photo - Picnic 2024

Photo by Ian Di Bartolo

President's Report

This year's social programme began with the March Family Picnic at Mitcham Reserve, with 40 attending enjoying quality food and wines, friendly company, perfect weather and a very relaxed time. A very big thank you to Ian DiBartolo and Anne-Marie Franklin for the catering, Bill Neubauer for the bbq and the specialist chefs who cooked the food.

Late breaking news

Our second Bassham Wine tasting has had to be postponed. Due to an unexpected business commitment at their home in the Riverland Bruce and Val Bassham have had to postpone their trip to Blackwood but are keen to reorganise a visit at a later date in the year. Members who have booked and paid can organise a refund by contacting the Treasure or keep it as a credit for the rescheduled date.

Over the May weekend 17 – 20, we will travel to Yorke Peninsular - Wallaroo for the fourth Discovery Tour, staying in cabins and caravans, overlooking the sea. During this very relaxed weekend, Berni Morgan has planned daily outings with evenings enjoying each other's company Our Newsletter has the arrangements for booking.

The Newsletter has the details for the Mid-Year July luncheon at Mt Compass Golf Club, always a highlight for the Club. The second half of the year has the annual Bonfire Picnic in September, the Bus trip in late October to Adelaide Hills and we conclude with the annual December Christmas function, The Newsletter has all the details of our social programme and I strongly encourage members to book early as numbers have to be limited for some activities.

With vintage upon us, all reports have been very promising and we can look forward to wines of quality. The Committee plans to finalise the Club bottling soon and will inform our members of the details, as well as the launch date and venue.

One of the many strengths of the Club is the excellent Speaker programme, both in the variety of topics, presentation style and quality of the speakers. The Club must thank Sid Thomas for his excellent forward planning and in seeking ideas and topics from members.

At our Club meetings this year, there has been the introduction whereby our members have been able to taste a wide variety of kit beers that our members have prepared. The Club has purchased equipment that will allow for these beer tastings at all meetings, including at the recent picnic. Big thank you to Ian DiBartolo and Brenton George for organising the equipment, as well as providing kit beers



Finally, I thank those members who have already paid their membership dues with the final date the end of April. With a \$50 reduction on the first dozen wine, the actual membership is \$60 and considering the subsidies and programmes offered within the Club, this membership fee is very unique. If you are aware of friends, colleagues, family who are keen or active in beer and/or wine making, encourage them to attend a meeting, enjoy our relaxed and friendly company and then join as there are now vacancies
I look forward to meeting you at the next Club meeting
Regards
Brian Ferris
President

April Guest Speaker

Kieran Hirlam
AWRI

Kieran Hirlam is the Project Team Manager for Affinity Labs, the commercial arm of the Australian Wine Research Institute, responsible for a diverse team of engineers and chemists who tackle proof of performance and benchmarking trials for food and beverage products, in particular wine. Kieran has worked in the wine industry since 2014, with extensive knowledge in agricultural and horticultural waste management and transformation, sustainability, carbon accounting and packaging. He will be presenting an overview of the Australian Wine Research Institute and what they do to support the Australian grape and wine industry through world-class research, practical solutions and knowledge transfer. There will be a number of case studies and examples of projects the institute has been involved in over its history. He hopes to allow a good portion of time for Q & A as they are a knowledge transfer organisation.



Kieran Hirlam

www.awri.com.au

Wine making equipment for sale

Crusher \$100-150
Large press \$250-350
Small press 180-220
Demijohns \$60-100 ea
Kegs \$20



Contact Sean Muldoon 0478159631

Secretary's Report

At the time of writing, the Secretary's desk is currently on Bruny Island in steady rain.

March Meeting

There were 31 members, 3 partners, and 1 guest in attendance with 13 members registering their apology (incl me). Reports of the meeting were positive, and the 2 door prizes were won by Graham Ellender and Chris Bills.

Colleen and I will be going on the Wallaroo weekend and I will ensure that this month's newsletter includes details of possible York Peninsula attractions. I hope to see you there, as well as the May meeting when I will be back at the centre of the universe.

Regards, Bernie Morgan

Sunny Hill Distillery



A top one of the highest points of beautiful Yorke Peninsula with incredible views stretching all the way west to Spencer Gulf is Sunny Hill Distillery, Yorke Peninsulas first micro distillery. Creating Vodka from 100% raw wheat grown on our property. A portion of the Vodka is then redistilled into gin using the finest botanicals and is also used as the base for three liqueurs. Whisky is also made from barley grown on the property and we also have Rum and Brandy produced on site to complete the dark spirits range.

At the prestigious 2023 Australian Rum Awards held in November, the Distiller of the year was won by the head distiller from Sunny Hills Distillery, Justin Murdock.

For many years Justin was also very involved with the organisation of the beer competition schedule and judging beer at ANAWBS competition.

Sunny Hill Medium rum was also awarded 1st Place Column Still Rum and 2nd Place 2 – 4yr old Rum

Sunny Hill Distillery, at Arthurton York Peninsula, is just an easy 45 min drive from Wallaroo, our Discovery Tour base, and well worth a visit.

Opening hours Thursday to Sunday 11am - 6pm
www.sunnyhilldistillery.com.au



February Competition Results

Entry No	Name	Description	Score	Placing
Liqueurs				
1	Michael Lineage	Limoncello	19	1st
2	Peter Tilsley	Limoncello	18	2nd
6	Gavin Pennell	Cumquat Liqueur	17.3	3rd
5	Mike Butcher	Finocchietto Liqueur	17.2	
10	Mike Butcher	Coffee Liqueur	16.5	
7	Gavin Pennell	Scotch Liqueur	16	
8	Michael Lineage	Butterscotch Shnapps	15.9	
4	Peter Tilsley	Lemon/Mandarin/Spice	15.8	
9	Gavin Pennell	Butterscotch Shnapps	15.6	
3	Mike Butcher	Limoncello	15	
Fortifieds				
13	Gavin Pennell	Fortified Cabernet	17.8	1st
12	Gavin Pennell	Fortified Semillon	17.3	2nd (equal)
15	Mike Butcher	Muscat	17.3	2nd (equal)
14	Mike Butcher	Tawny Grenache	16.1	3rd
11	Gavin Pennell	Fortified White Blend	15.5	

JUDGES COMMENTS

Overall - a very good 'effort' and results on ALL creations
14/15 entries were medal quality (in consideration of amateur status)
The winning entry truly deserving a GOLD medal for originality of style
Keep up the "EXPERIMENTING"

Carmine De Ieso
Carmins Wines

www.carmineswines.com.au



Judge - Carmine De Ieso

March Sparkling Competition

This competition was postponed due to a lack of entries.

The committee has decided to rerun this competition at the May meeting along with the Beer - ale and lager competition. Entries for this competition will close on the 10th May. See the newsletter for entry form.



Membership Subscription

At the Annual General Meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers & Brewers Club, held on 21st February 2024, the Annual Membership Subscription for the 2024/25 year was set at \$110. The subscription fee is in 2 parts \$60 for the membership fee and \$50 reduction on the first dozen wine purchased.

Payment by EFT - see the back page of the newsletter for full bank details.

Payment by card - card payment facilities are available at the meetings.

If you can not use EFT or pay by card, please contact the treasure 0478 294 101 or at the next meeting.

Members subscriptions must be paid by the 30th of April 2024 to maintain your membership.



2024 Social Calendar

POSTPONED



The Bassham Wine tasting due to be held on Sunday 28th April has had to be postponed. Due to an unexpected business commitment at their home in the Riverland Bruce and Val Bassham have had to postpone their trip to Blackwood but are keen to reorganise a visit at a later date in the year. Members who have booked and paid can organise a refund by contacting the Treasure or the keep it as a credit for the rescheduled date.

Social Discovery Tour

Wallaroo

Friday 17th to Monday 20th May

(Like many of us, you can extend your holiday before or after)

Besides enjoying the sights of Wallaroo, the history of Moonta Mines, and the culture and seafood of the Copper Coast, there are several places of interest to our wine, liqueur and beer experts.

You may wish to consider:-

- The Bond Store, Wallaroo, (Restaurant, distillery and micro brewery)
- Sunny Hill Distillery, Arthurton, (“a crop to drop experience”).
- Westacowie Brewing Company, Minlaton, (food and craft beers).
- Barley Stacks Wines, Maitland (The first commercial vineyard and winery on the Peninsulat - try their Viogscato!!!!)
- Hendonbar Brewing Company, Kadina (micro brewing and taproom).
- Emoyeni wines, Ardrossan, (wine tasting on Sundays or by appointment)

ACCOMMODATION

We will have shared meals, drinks and nibbles at the Wallaroo Holiday Park, which has accommodation 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.

Book in as part of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club to receive a 3 nights for the price of 2 offer. Please also register on the link in the email, so that we can cater appropriately for members attending.

To Book

Please contact the Wallaroo Holiday Park office Ph 8823 2531

For more information about the Wallaroo Holiday Park go to www.wallaroolidaypark.com.au



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



Spring



Bon Fire / BBQ

Bill and Carol Neubauer's home

5 Hillside Road Blackwood

Sunday 8th September 2024 11am

\$10 per head includes BBQ lunch and club wine or BYO

Link to bookings form included with newsletter email

More details and map will be in the August newsletter

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.

Link to bookings form included with newsletter email

2024 BWBC Wine Sales

Patritti 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon - McLaren Vale

\$110 per doz (\$9.16 per bottle)

LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

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.



2024 Competition Program

Meeting	Competition	Entries Close
February	Fortifieds & Liqueurs	14th February
March	Sparkling Wine - Canceled	13th March
April	Shiraz - 1-3 year old (2023,2022,2021)	10th April
May	Beer - Ale Beer - Lager Sparkling wine (rescheduled)	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.

April	May	June

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

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Ann-Marie Franklin	Membership & Almoner	0406 338 166
Roger Henderson	Social Program	0491 154 017
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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
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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.

