

BWBC Newsletter



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Next Meeting

Wednesday
15th January 7.30pm

Speaker

Dan Traucki

Verdejo

an Emerging Spanish White variety

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

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Des Williams

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President's Report

On behalf of the BWBC Committee and myself, we trust that you have had a lovely Christmas and an enjoyable New Year and that you are looking forward to 2025. Last year was another good year for our Club with many highlights and we finished on a high with the December Presentation and Christmas function.

The Committee Planning Meeting was held early January and we discussed and finalised the format, programmes and functions for the year. This Newsletter has our calendar which details our Competition and Social programmes. Also, Sid Thoms has again prepared an excellent Speaker programme that will present diverse and practical presentations and will expand our knowledge and take us in new directions.

The Club is able to continue to offer such an extensive and supportive programme because of the sale of wines. For 2025, there is planned an Autumn White Wine Launch, followed by a Winter Red Wine and Spring Sparkling Wine Launches. Also, with the success of the sale of Muscat last year, the Committee has purchased a Rutherglen Muscat which will be bottled very soon and available for purchase – more details to follow next month. It is the sale of these wines that has continued to create the extensive subsidy that Members have had for the Club meetings, social functions and training events.

Last year, for an annual membership that includes one's spouse/partner, the Club was able to offer a subsidy of well over \$100 per member for attending Club functions and meetings. This included the food at meetings, the wines and beers that guest speakers present, beverages for meetings and Club functions, subsidy for social events – lunches, picnics, bus tour - training subsidy for members attending tastings, and the list grows. The sale of wines is what has allowed us to continue this subsidy.

On behalf of the Committee, may I thank all the members who have continued to purchase our bottled wines already; there is a limited stock still remaining so check the Newsletter as it has the details and purchase arrangements

I again look forward to meeting members and their spouses/partners at our Club meetings and functions, enjoying each other's company and gaining from another excellent year for the BWBC Club.

Kind regards

Brian Ferris,

President



Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club inc.

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

January 2025

Secretary's Report

Welcome to the beginning of another great year for our Club.

FUNERAL FOR DES WILLIAMS

Although it was a sad start to the year on the 2nd of January, the celebration of Des's life at Centennial Park was a tribute to the broad facets of Des's very full life. I was pleased to see the Club represented there to support Des's family, not least of which are his two member sons, Andrew and Mark.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION MEETING

What a good celebration of our Club's activities for 2024. In addition to the presentation of Competition winners, the many years of work of two Life Members was honoured. President Brian acknowledged David Lewis's many years of work both on the Committee and for all Club activities with a trophy donated by Glen Snook. David will need to undertake modifications at home to add this one to his many other trophies for his wine making. The long-standing work of President Brian was acknowledged with a slide show and the acclamation of all present.

The Committee was pleased with the total attendance of 79 people (including some children) 40 members, and 2 wine judges Scott Heinrich and Dan Traucki. Whilst I did not ask for apologies, I know that one Life Member is unable to participate in Club activities due to his commitment to his carer role. Of course, the 3 Williams members could not attend.

NOVEMBER MEETING

For our final normal meeting of the year, we were able to taste many of the wines that had been awarded trophies in this year's competitions. Members added their acclamations to those of the wine judges regarding the quality of the wines presented. There were 39 members, 5 partners and two of our wine judges in attendance and I received apologies from 10 members.

Regards

Bernie Morgan

Secretary

Patritti Wines

Patritti based at Dover Gardens is the last remaining family-owned suburban winery in Adelaide and with its associated vineyards in McLaren Vale is up for sale, with the family behind the business looking to exit the wine industry.

Patritti was founded in 1926 by Giovanni Patritti and is Adelaide's only remaining 100% family owned, fully operational urban winery. He was among the first Italian immigrants to arrive in South Australia.

In 1925, a 25 year old Giovanni boarded a ship at the port of Genoa and left his Piedmontese village of Carru for a brighter future. He believed he was on his way to America to meet his sister. Instead he landed at Port Adelaide, South Australia, on the 28th of April, 1925.

With not a word of English, Giovanni still managed to swiftly gain employment. He changed his Italian name to the more 'Australian' John, and after a number of different jobs, began selling ice-cream at the gates of the Botanic Gardens in Adelaide.

Just one year later, Giovanni was leasing vineyards in the Brighton District, 15km south of Adelaide City (now the City of Marion), and making wine for the 'new Australians'.

Patritti wine has been made at the Dover Gardens site continuously since 1926 and currently uses grapes grown at the company's Blewitt Springs 11-hectare vineyard (predominantly Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Mataro) and the Tatachilla 15.5-hectare vineyard (Grenache, Shiraz and Canernet Sauvignon).

The chief winemaker and third-generation Patritti family member is James Mungall, who has worked at the winery ever since he could walk.

The BWBC has had a long association with the company and for many years Geoff Patritti was our patron.



2024 Presentation Lunch



Nafe

Desmond Berry “Des” Williams

27 November 1944 - 21 December 2024



Des Williams passed away peacefully on Saturday 21 December 2024. Aged 80 years.

He is survived by his wife Robyn and sons Andrew, Michael and Mark.

His sons Andrew and Mark are also members of the BWBC.

Des joined the Blackwood Wine Makers And Brewers Club in 1985 and was elected to the committee in 2016, 2017 and 2019 to 2021. His roles included membership officer, speaker co-ordinator and was our first aid officer from 2017 to 2025.

His funeral notice concluded with

“Great friend of many, lover of good reds and chemistry. A true gentleman, now at peace”.

He will be missed at the BWBC.

His funeral memorial was conducted at Centennial Park on the 2nd January 2025.

At time of writing a live stream of the service was available at

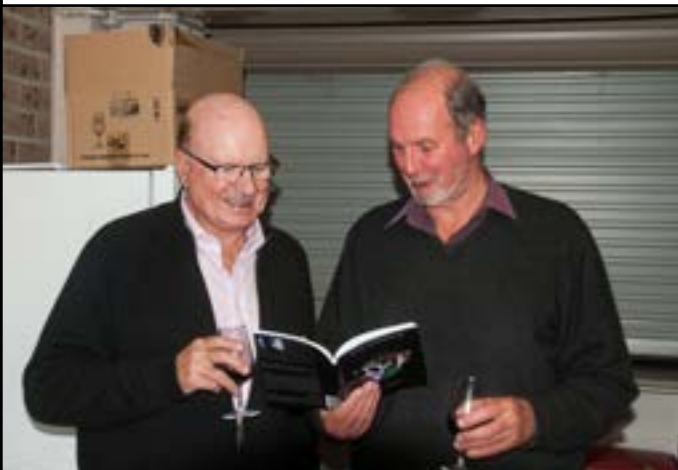
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Bob Morton, president 2004-15, with Des



Des with Ann-Marie, president 2019-21, and Trevor Ward



Sid Thomas and Des discuss a book by BWBC member Rob Walker



Chris Bills and Des perform at the 2015 Christmas Show

At Des’s funeral one of the speakers spoke about Des’s passion for the correct use of the International System of Units, internationally known by the abbreviation SI, the modern form of the metric system and the world’s most widely used system of measurement. This brought a smile to my face as I remembered Des pointing out on a couple of occasions to me that I had not used the correct SI symbols in the newsletter. Editor





The Annual General meeting of the Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club Inc.
19th of February 2025.

Nominations are open for all the committee positions. President, Secretary, Treasurer and 9 committee members. If you would like to nominate yourself or a fellow member for a position on the committee, fill in the nomination form. The link to the form is attached to the newsletter email. If you would like more information about serving on the committee please contact Brian Ferris at 0423 125 269.

Nominations close on Wednesday 5th February 2025

BWBC 1st Aid Officer

With the passing of Des Williams we are looking for a member to take over the role of the BWBC first aid officer. The club has a defibrillator and a first aid kit, that is available at all our club functions, that needs to be periodically maintained and upgraded. The 1st aid officer should have some training in first aid or is willing to undertake a St Johns training session which the club will pay for.

Please contact Brian Ferris 0423125269 if you are interested in filling this role.

BWBC Archivist

The BWBC was formed in May 1978 after an initial meeting of interested persons in April of that year. We still have the original minutes of these first meetings.

Since then some records have survived, a lot have not, but we still have a collection of newsletters from the beginning of the club and all newsletters 2005 to now. Together with the newsletters we have close to 9000 images of club activities from 2004 and all copies of the ANAWBS results books which the club was involved in running for 40 years.

At the moment these are stored in a box on the floor of my study, taking up valuable space, so the club is interested in appointing an archivist to properly maintain, catalogue and store these items for the future. Storage can be arranged in the club storage room at Blackwood and possibly cloud storage for any digitised information. This could then allow easier access by club members or interested public researchers. It could be a useful resource to anyone writing a book or a Ph.D. thesis on amateur wine and beer making in SA. Home brewing was only allowed in SA after 1973 and in the United States, homebrewing beer became legal on October 14, 1978, when President Jimmy Carter signed a bill that allowed it. (Jimmy's legacy).

Please contact Brian Ferris 0423125269 or David Tulloch 0414581401 for more information

BWBC Club Wines

2023 Shiraz Serafino

Purity and freshness of flavour, the Shiraz over-delivers with flavours of dark plums, spice and a long lingering palate complemented by fine supple tannins. Only 10 doz available. Price: \$100 per doz

Patritti Premium Sparkling Shiraz NV

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: \$180 per doz

A link to the wine order form is sent out with the newsletter email. Please contact Bill Neubauer 0412 525 343 to arrange pickup.



2024 Trophy Winners

Month	Competition	Trophy	Winner	Entry	Points
February	Fortified Wine	Glen Davies Trophy	Gavin Pennell	Fortified Cabernet	17.80
February	Liqueurs	Barry and Gwen Freeman Trophy	Michael Lineage	Limoncello	19.00
March	Sparkling Wine	Ron Head Trophy	Michael Lineage	2020 Chardonnay Pinot Noir	18.50
April	1-3 years old - Shiraz	Jack Van Reyden Trophy	Grumpy Old Men	2022 Shiraz	17.50
May	Beer – Ale	Chris Bills Trophy	Gavin Pennell	Celtic Red Ale	40.75
May	Beer - Lager	Steve Potiuch Trophy	Colin Routley	German Leichbier	39.75
June	1-3 year old - Red Wine Blends	David Lewis Trophy	David Lewis	2021 Cabernet Sauvignon	17.25
June	1-3 year old - Cabernet Sauvignon	Phil Hicks Trophy	No Competition	Combined with Red Wine blend group	
June	1-3 year old - Other Red Wines	David Tulloch Trophy	Lindsay Elliott	2022 Lagrein	18.50
July	4 years and older - Red Wine	Glenn Snook Trophy	Rednelle	2015 Pinot Noir	18.00
August	Beer - Porter	Bill Ekins Trophy	Brenton George	Baltic Porter	43.00
August	Beer - Stout	Bob Morton Trophy	Brenton George	Imperial Stout	44.00
November	Current Vintage - White Wine	Inaugural Committee Trophy	Mike Butcher	Malvasa Bianca	16.25
November	Current Vintage - Red Wine	President's Cup	Jacob Van Eyk	Montepulciano	17.50

Due to the low number of entries received for the Cabernet Sauvignon and Red Wine Blends competitions, these were combined so the Phil Hicks trophy for Cabernet Sauvignon Blend was not awarded last year.



**2024 Brewer of the year
Brenton George**



**2024 Winemaker of the year
Bill Neubauer
“Grumpy Old Men”**



Competition Results

Current Vintage Red Wines

20th November 2024

Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Placings	Medal
11	Jacob Van Eyk	Montepulciano	17.5	1st	Silver
10	Lindsay Elliott	Montepulciano	17	2nd	Silver
9	Jacob van Eyk	Shiraz	16.5	3rd	Bronze
3	Lindsay Elliott	Cabernet/Barbera	16		Bronze
8	G & A Seifried	Shiraz - Onkaparinga Hills	15.75		Bronze
15	Lindsay Elliott	Aglianico	15.75		Bronze
5	Ian Maxfield	Shiraz	15.5		Bronze
2	M&M (Ian Maxfield)	Grenache	15.25		
7	Jordan Estate	Syrah	15.25		
6	Jordan Estate	Shiraz	15		
14	M&M (Ian Maxfield)	Nero d'Avola	14.75		
1	Mike Butcher	Gamay	14		
4	Mike Butcher	Shiraz	14		

Current Vintage White Wines

20th November 2024

Entry No.	Entrant	Description	Score	Placings	Medal
17	Mike Butcher	Malvasia Bianca	16.25	1st	Bronze
20	Mike Butcher	Semillon	15.75	2nd	Bronze
19	Lindsay Elliott	Pecorino	15.25	3rd	
18	Mike Butcher	Sauvignon Blanc	14.5		

Judges Mike Mudge and Dan Traucki

Changes to the BWBC competition program.

- The 100 point judging system to be adopted for wine competitions. This is inline with industry standards. The 100-point system is one of the most recognised and respected methods for rating wine. The beer competitions will continue to be judged using the 50 point system.

Medal	Wine	Beer
Gold	95 to 100	45.0 to 50.0
Silver	89 to 94	40.0 to 44.9
Bronze	83 to 88	35.0 to 39.9

- Restrict the number of entries to 3 per member per individual competition.
- The scoring system for deciding the major trophies, Winemaker of the year and Brewer of the year, is 1st =10 points, 2nd = 6 points, 3rd = 3 points for each competition.



Cellar Door Fest—Adelaide's favourite food & drink festival—brings three days of gourmet fun to the heart of the city, 31 January – 2 February 2025.

Meet, taste & discover the best of South Australia as wineries, distilleries & food producers from across the State come together under one roof at Adelaide Convention Centre.

For more information go to www.cellardoorfestival.com

As part of the BWBC education program there is a subsidy of \$10 per member for the cellar door festival. You need to show the treasurer a copy of your admittance ticket.



BWBC Discovery Tour 2025

Port Elliott

BIG 4 Caravan Park (on the edge of Horseshoe Bay)

Friday 4, Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 April 2025

A program is being developed but pre-booking with the caravan park will assist.

They have offered the following prices.

When you pre-book say you are with Blackwood Winemakers and Brewers Club!

Powered site	\$136 (3 nights)
Budget cabin	\$460.70 (3 nights)
Holiday Unit	\$630.50 (3 nights)
Villa	\$709.30 (3 nights)

BIG4 membership 10% off up to the value of \$50 per booking.

“If we get to a certain amount of bookings we may be able to offer better pricing as a group.”



Any questions to Bernie on 0447212278

For more information about the Port Elliott caravan park go to [.www.big4portelliott.com.au](http://www.big4portelliott.com.au)

2025 Draft Calendar

Month	Meeting Date	Competition	Social Event	Club Wine Launch
January	15th			
February	19th AGM	Fortifieds and Liqueurs		
March	19th	Sparkling Wine	16th - Picnic in the Park	
April	16th	1-3 yr old Shiraz	4th - 7th Discovery Tour	White wine
May	21st	Beer - Ale and Lager		
June	18th	1-3 yr old Cabernet Sauvignon		
July	16th	Red Wine 4yr and older	20th – Christmas in July	Red wine
August	20th	Beer - Stout and Porter/Dark Beer		
September	17th	1-3 yr old other Red Wine		
October	15th		Bonfire BBQ, 31st Bus Trip	Sparkling
November	19th	Current Vintage Red and White wine		
December	No Meeting		14th - Christmas/Presentation Day Lunch	

Full information of events will be published in the newsletters. See the newsletter back page for competition program and entry closing dates.



2025 Competition Program

Meeting	Competition	Entries Close
February	Fortifieds Liqueurs	12th February
March	Sparkling Wine	12th March
April	Shiraz 1-3 year old (2024,2023,2022)	9th April
May	Beer - Ale Beer - Lager	14th May
June	Cabernet Sauvignon >85% Cabernet Sauvignon Blend 1-3 year old (2023 ,2023, 2022)	11th June
July	Red Wine 4 years and older	9th July
August	Beer - Porter/Dark Beer Beer - Stout	14th August
September	Other Red Wine Not Shiraz or Cab. Sauvignon 1-3 year old (2023 ,2023, 2022)	10th September
November	Current Vintage White Wine Current Vintage Red Wine	6th November

A maximum of 3 entries per member for each competition is allowed.

At the February, May, June, August and November meetings there are 2 competitions.

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

Members' Duty

Members are needed to help before the meeting (by 7pm) to organise seating, tables and to assist with bringing the trolleys up from the store room.

After the meeting help is needed to clear meeting room, mop the floor and returning trolleys to the store room.

Please contact Sid Thomas 0401 123 482 if you are able to help either setting up for the meeting or clearing up afterwards.

All members are asked to bring their own tasting glass.

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

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.

