



Brief Histories of its Affiliate Clubs chartered by the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Incorporated

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While much of the following was researched and written by Dr Vin Thomas, particularly the foundation of each club, the history of the clubs that is more developed through to recent times have been contributed to by members of the clubs, whose input has been much appreciated and where known acknowledged.

Other clubs in existence, or any former members of past clubs reading this, are invited to submit further information or material, which will enable their club's history to be more complete.

As the title says, these are brief histories to give a snapshot of each club, its founding, membership, activities, venues for meetings, club cellar, significant member contributors, and the like.

Any contributions can be sent to gensec@bsb.org.au and will be much appreciated. Periodically the post on the website will be updated to reflect the further contributions.

Clubs that no longer exist have their name italicised.

Charter Number	Affiliate Club Name	Type M/F/Mix	Year Charter Awarded	Year Charter Revoked	Years in Existence
1	Brighton, SA	M	1955 – 18 July		
2	Lockleys, SA	M	1955 – 31 October		
3	Burnside, SA	Mixed	1956 – 20 February		
4	<i>Edwardstown, SA</i>	Mixed	1956 – 19 March	2019	63
5	<i>Angas, SA</i>	M	1956 – 16 April	1966	10
6	Nagambie, VIC	M	1956 – 18 June		
7	Sydney, NSW	M	1956 – 6 August		
8	<i>Broken Hill, NSW</i>	M	1956 – 6 August	1956	0
9	Norwood, SA	M	1956 – 27 August		
10	<i>Glenelg, SA</i>	Mixed	1956 – 22 October	1998	42
11	Port Adelaide, SA	Mixed	1957 – 12 February		
12	Port Lincoln, SA	M	1957 – 12 February		
13	Hobart, TAS	M	1957 – 16 April		
14	Perth, WA	M	1957 – 18 June		
15	<i>Whyalla, SA</i>	M	1957 – 18 June	2009	52
16	<i>Cygnets, WA</i>	M	1957 – 19 August	1993	36
17	Brisbane, QLD	M	1957 – 19 August		
18	Melbourne, VIC	M	1958 – 3 March		
19	Moreton, QLD	M	1958 – 17 June		
20	Mount Gambier, SA	M	1958 – 17 June		
21	Largs Bay, SA	M	1958 – 15 December		
22	Surfers Paradise, QLD	M	1959 – 16 February		
23	John Batman, VIC	Mixed	1959 – 27 April		
24	<i>Dandenong, VIC</i>	M	1959 – 18 May	2017	58
25	North Sydney, NSW	Mixed	1959 – 14 December		
26	<i>Elizabeth, SA</i>	M	1960 – 15 February	2003	43
27	<i>Toowoomba, QLD</i>	Mixed	1960 – 26 April	1999	39
28	Millicent, SA	M	1960 – 17 May		
29	Victor Harbor, SA	M	1960 – 4 July		
30	Torrens, SA	M	1960 – 29 August		
31	Ballarat, VIC	M	1960 – 19 September		
32	Yarra, VIC	M	1960 – 14 November		
33	Port Phillip, VIC	M	1961 – 17 April		
34	<i>Alice Springs, NT</i>	M	1961 – 15 May	1982	21
35	Caxton, VIC	Mixed	1961 – 20 September		
36	Somerton, SA	M	1961 – 1 November		
37	Holdfast, SA	M	1962 – 26 March		
38	The Rocks, NSW	M	1962 – 15 June		
39	Mirrabooka, VIC	M	1962 – 6 August		
40	<i>Port Moresby, PNG</i>	M	1962 – 12 November	1968	6
41	<i>La Trobe, VIC</i>	M	1963 – 13 March	1991	28
42	Launceston, TAS	M	1963 – 16 April		
43	Mosman, NSW	M	1963 – 21 May		

44	Francois de Castella, VIC	M	1963 – 21 May		
45	<i>Warrandyte, VIC</i>	Mixed	1963 – 20 August	2018	55
46	Manly, NSW	M	1963 – 20 August		
47	Botany Bay, NSW	Mixed	1963 – 20 August		
48	John Oxley, QLD	M	1963 – 19 November		
49	Penola, SA	M	1963 – 19 November		
50	<i>Cessnock, NSW</i>	Mixed	1964 – 3 February	2014	50
51	<i>Orana, VIC</i>	Mixed	1964 – 3 February	2009	55
52	Cowell, SA	M	1964 – 26 May		
53	Pipeclay, VIC	M	1964 – 11 August		
54	Rockhampton, QLD	M	1964 – 11 August		
55	<i>London, GB</i>	M	1964 – 8 December	2017	53
56	Bundles, VIC	M	1965 – 23 March		
57	Shepparton, VIC	M	1965 – 23 March		
58	<i>Coolangatta-Tweed Heads, QLD</i>	Mixed	1965 – 3 March	2014	49
59	Canberra, ACT	M	1965 – 23 June		
60	Wellington, NZ	M	1965 – 7 September		
61	Christies Beach, SA	M	1965 – 22 October		
62	<i>Gourmet Sans Chic, VIC</i>	M	1966 – 17 February	1969	3
63	<i>Eastern Suburbs, NSW</i>	M	1966 – 17 February	2022	56
64	<i>Frankston, VIC</i>	M	1966 – 19 May	1973	7
65	John Bowen, TAS	M	1966 -19 May		
66	The Cellarman, Sunshine Coast, QLD	M	1966 – 19 May		
67	Whyalla Monarch, SA	M	1966 – 14 July		
68	<i>Newcastle, NSW</i>	M	1966 – 31 August	2014	48
69	<i>Ryde, NSW</i>	M	1966 – 17 November	2010	44
70	<i>Old Trafford, Manchester, GB</i>	M	1967 – 16 March	1973	6
71	<i>Port Hacking, NSW</i>	M	1967 – 16 March	1984	17
72	Nital, VIC	Mixed	1967 – 11 May		
73	<i>Tea Tree Gully, SA</i>	M	1967 – 11 May	2017	50
74	Fringes, SA	M	1967 – 15 June		
75	Carne, VIC	Mixed	1967 – 15 June		
76	Woodville, SA	Mixed	1967 – 3 August		
77	Launceston-Esk, TAS	M	1967 – 7 September		
78	<i>Sunbury, VIC</i>	M	1967 – 7 September	1986	19
79	<i>Windsor, VIC</i>	M	1967 – 10 October	1984	17
80	Leichhardt, QLD	M	1967 – 10 October		
81	Kingsford Smith, QLD	M	1967 – 14 Nov		
82	Metropolitan, QLD	M	1968 – 8 January		
83	Naracoorte, SA	M	1968 – 8 January		
84	Auckland, NZ	M	1968 – 8 January		
85	Cummins, SA	Mixed	1968 – 12 August		
86	Stawell, VIC	M	1968 – 12 August		
87	<i>Joseph Banks, QLD</i>	Mixed	1968 – 30 September	1999	31
88	Darwin, NT	M	1968 – 11 November		

89	Rangitoto, NZ	M	1969 – 24 February		
90	Ararat, VIC	M	1969 – 24 February		
91	North Shore, NSW	M	1969 – 12 May		
92	Orange, NSW	M	1969 – 12 May		
93	Beauty Point, TAS	M	1969 – 21 July		
94	<i>South Brisbane, QLD</i>	M	1969 – 27 October	1988	19
95	Frome, SA	M	1969 – 27 October		
96	Toowoomba-Wheatsheaf, QLD	M	1970 – 9 March		
97	Cobram, VIC	M	1970 – 9 March		
98	Blackwood, SA	M	1970 – 6 April		
99	<i>Ceduna, SA</i>	M	1970 – 8 June	2004	34
100	Ad Astra One, VIC	Mixed	1970 – 13 July		
101	<i>Randwick, NSW</i>	M	1970 – 13 July	1982	12
102	Devonport-Van Diemen, TAS	M	1970 – 13 July		
103	<i>Macquarie, NSW</i>	Mixed	1970 – 10 August	2020	50
104	<i>Compass, NSW</i>	M	1970 – 10 August	1981	11
105	<i>John Pascoe Fawkner, VIC</i>	M	1970 – 19 October	1981	11
106	Gosford, NSW	M	1971 – 18 January		
107	Horsham, VIC	Mixed	1971 – 15 March		
108	<i>Avoca, VIC</i>	Mixed	1971 – 15 March	2007	36
109	Burnie, TAS	Mixed	1971 – 19 April		
110	<i>Glenelg Sportsmen, SA</i>	Mixed	1971 – 10 May	1991	20
111	<i>Pittwater, NSW</i>	M	1971 – 10 May	1986	15
112	<i>Dionysus, NSW</i>	M	1971 – 13 Sept	1980	9
113	Devonport, TAS	M	1971 – 18 October		
114	<i>King George, QLD</i>	M	1971 – 18 October	2004	33
115	Erehwon, SA	M	1971 – 13 December		
116	<i>Mount Isa, QLD</i>	Mixed	1972 – 13 March	1991	19
117	Illawarra, NSW	M	1972 – 13 March		
118	Townsville, QLD	M	1972 – 10 April		
119	RPAYC, NSW	M	1972 – 10 April		
120	<i>Emu Bay, TAS</i>	M	1972 – 10 April	1985	3
121	<i>Kedron Wavell, QLD</i>	M	1972 – 10 July	1974	2
122	<i>North West, QLD</i>	Mixed	1972 – 10 July	2007	34
123	Cordon Bleu, QLD	Mixed	1972 – 10 July		
124	<i>Maryborough, VIC</i>	Mixed	1972 – 11 August	1998	16
125	<i>Lacepede Bay, SA</i>	M	1972 – 11 September	2009	37
126	Tokyo, JAPAN	M	1972 – 11 September		
127	<i>Alcocks, QLD</i>	M	1972 – 13 November	1980	8
128	<i>Fiveways, QLD</i>	M	1972 – 13 November	1999	27
129	Maryborough, QLD	Mixed	1973 – 9 January		
130	National Capital, ACT (Originally Woden Valley)	M	1973 – 12 January		
131	<i>Auguste, VIC</i>	M	1973 – 12 February	1985	12
132	Streaky Bay, SA	M	1973 – 12 February		
133	Adelaide Hills, SA	M	1973 – 12 March		

134	Newcastle-Hunter, NSW (Originally Hunter)	M	1973 – 12 March		
135	Bundall, QLD (Originally Palm Beach)	M	1973 – 9 April		
136	Bendigo, VIC	Mixed	1973 – 14 May		
137	<i>St Vincent, SA</i>	M	1973 – 4 June	1978	5
138	Fortitude, QLD	M	1973 – 23 August		
139	Maryborough-Wide Bay, QLD	Mixed	1973 – 17 Sept		
140	Ballina-Summerland, NSW (Originally Summerland)	M	1973 – 15 October		
141	Broken Hill, NSW	M	1973 – 23 November		
142	<i>Commonwealth, QLD</i>	M	1973 – 29 November	1981	8
143	<i>Wollongong, NSW</i>	M	1974 – 11 March	1982	8
144	Innisfail, QLD	M	1974 – 8 April		
145	<i>Janus, NSW</i>	M	1974 – 8 April	1983	9
146	Rutherglen, VIC	Mixed	1974 – 13 May		
147	<i>Diamond Valley, VIC</i>	Mixed	1974 – 10 June	2017	43
148	<i>St George, NSW</i>	M	1974 – 10 June	1982	8
149	Aldinga, SA	M	1974 – 7 October		
150	King Island, TAS	M	1975 – 14 April		
151	Sheoak Hill, VIC	Mixed	1975 – 12 May		
152	<i>Le Hunte, SA</i>	Mixed	1975 – 14 July	2008	33
153	Noosa, QLD	M	1975 – 14 July		
154	<i>Auburn, NSW</i>	M	1975 – 15 August	1990	15
155	<i>Grafton, NSW</i>	Mixed	1975 – 15 August	2010	35
156	Park Royal, QLD	M	1975 – 8 September		
157	<i>Top of the Town – Burnie, TAS</i>	M	1975 – 20 October	1989	14
158	<i>Bon Viveur, NSW</i>	M	1976 – 12 April	1978	2
159	<i>Lismore, NSW</i>	M	1976 – 12 April	2011	45
160	<i>Andrew Petrie, QLD</i>	M	1976 – 7 June	1996	20
161	<i>Rose and Thorn, QLD</i>	Mixed	1976 – 7 July	2003	27
162	<i>Tattersalls, SA</i>	M	1976 – 7 July	1981	5
163	Walkerville, SA	Mixed	1976 – 7 July		
164	<i>Silenus, SA</i>	M	1976 – 13 September	2022	46
165	<i>Taurus, VIC</i>	Mixed	1976 – 13 September	1995	19
166	Tinakori, NZ	Mixed	1976 – 8 November		
167	Alexandra, SA	Female	1976 – 8 November		
168	<i>Castle Hill, QLD</i>	M	1977 – 14 March	1987	10
169	Bayettes, SA	Female	1977 – 11 July		
170	Coonawarra, SA	M	1977 – 11 July		
171	Prince Charles, VIC	M	1977 – 11 July		
172	<i>Bairnsdale, VIC</i>	M	1978 – 20 February	1990	12
173	<i>Trogenza, SA</i>	Mixed	1978 – 8 May	1992	14
174	<i>Belconnen, ACT</i>	M	1978 – 12 June	1981	3
175	<i>Katherine, NT</i>	M	1978 – 25 August	1998	20
176	<i>Exeter, TAS</i>	M	1978 – 11 September	2002	24
177	Victoria, Hong Kong, CHINA	M	1978 – 16 October	(1985)	(7)

178	McLaren District, SA	Mixed	1978 – 13 November		
179	Charon, SA	M	1978 – 13 November		
180	<i>Logan, QLD</i>	M	1978 – 13 November	1982	4
181	<i>Mary River, QLD</i>	Mixed	1978 – 13 November	1994	16
182	<i>Brolga, QLD</i>	Female	1979 – 12 March	2001	22
183	Kapiti, NZ	Mixed	1979 – 14 May		
184	<i>Kurwongbah, QLD (Originally Kwongbah)</i>	M	1979 – 3 August	1993	14
185	Macadamia, QLD	Mixed	1979 – 10 September		
186	<i>Bienne, SWITZERLAND</i>	M	1980 – 14 January	1989	9
187	<i>Pancetta, SA</i>	Mixed	1980 – 8 September	1999	19
188	<i>Hamilton, VIC</i>	Mixed	1980 – 15 December	2020	40
189	<i>Ponsonby, NZ</i>	M	1981 – 19 January	1986	5
190	Goolwa, SA	M	1981 – 19 October		
191	Blumers, QLD	Female	1981 – 15 December		
192	<i>Angaston, SA</i>	M	1982 – 8 February	1982	0
193	Sudbury, CANADA	Mixed	1982 – 19 April		
194	<i>Hutt Valley, NZ</i>	Mixed	1982 – 13 August	1993	11
195	<i>Escoffier, VIC</i>	Mixed	1982 – 18 October	1999	17
196	Law 'n' Order, SA	M	1983 – 10 January		
197	<i>Eliza Fraser, QLD</i>	Mixed	1983 – 14 March	1992	9
198	Paremata, NZ	Mixed	1983 – 11 July		
199	Lords, VIC	M	1983 – 12 August		
200	Bathurst, NSW	M	1983 – 14 November		
201	Gympie, QLD	M	1984 – 9 April		
202	Manly Harbour, QLD	M	1984 – 18 June		
203	Black Swan, SA	Female	1984 – 18 August		
204	Tabletop, QLD	Mixed	1984 – 15 October		
205	<i>Cairns, QLD</i>	M	1985 – 11 March	1991	6
206	<i>Bermagui, NSW</i>	Mixed	1985 – 13 May	1999	14
207	Hamilton, NZ	M	1985 – 12 November		
208	<i>Veritas, SA</i>	Mixed	1986 – 13 May	1999	13
209	<i>Jubilee, SA</i>	Female	1986 – 17 June	1996	10
210	Middleback, SA	M	1986 – 8 September		
211	Nepean, VIC	M	1987 – 10 March		
212	Beijing, CHINA	M	1987 – 10 March		
213	<i>Pica, VIC</i>	Mixed	1987 – 14 July	1994	7
214	<i>St Francis, USA</i>	M	1987 – 7 September	1997	10
215	Yarra Falls, VIC	Mixed	1987 – 7 September		
216	Mackay, QLD	Mixed	1987 – 6 October		
217	<i>The Hills, NSW</i>	Mixed	1988 – 8 August	1994	6
218	The Never Never Ladies, NT	Female	1988 – 7 November		
219	Port Hacking, NSW	M	1989 – 4 January		
220	<i>Cairns Stingers, QLD</i>	Mixed	1989 – 6 March	1999	10
221	Alice Springs, NT	M	1989 – 3 April		
222	Accolade, SA	Mixed	1989 – 4 September		

223	Byron Bay, NSW	M	1989 – 4 September		
224	Bridgeman, QLD	M	1990 – 4 June		
225	West Coast, WA	Mixed	1990 – 1 September		
226	Alice Ladies, NT	Female	1990 – 5 November		
227	Stonetown, CANADA	M	1992 – 2 November		
228	Bunurong, VIC (Had erroneously been Bunnerong)	Mixed	1992 – 2 November		
229	<i>Miri, MALAYSIA</i>	M	1993 – 3 May	1998	5
230	Hervey Bay, QLD	Mixed	1993 – 2 August		
231	<i>Omnivores, VIC</i>	Mixed	1993 – 6 September	1996	3
232	Tropo Femmes, NT	Female	1994 – 30 May		
233	Broadbeach, QLD	M	1994 – 4 July		
234	3H Wine & Food, SA	M	1995 – 1 May		
235	Brazil, BRAZIL	M	1996 – 12 August		
236	Yarrawonga/Mulwala, VIC	M	1996 – 4 November		
237	Eden Valley, SA	Mixed	1997 – 5 May		
238	Shanghai, CHINA	M	1997 – 25 August		
239	Wellington Lunch Bunch, NZ	Mixed	1998 – 2 April		
240	<i>Sesqui, QLD</i>	Mixed	1998 – 2 April	2002	4
241	<i>New Age, SA</i>	Mixed	1998 – 6 July	2017	19
242	Tauranga, NZ	Mixed	1998 – 3 August		
243	Fleurieu Friends, SA	Mixed	1999 – 4 August		
244	Townsville Ladies, QLD	Female	2000 – 9 August		
245	Echuca Wine & Food, VIC	M	2000 – 9 August		
246	<i>Barkly, NT</i>	Mixed	2000 – 13 December	2002	2
247	Les Femmes Rouge, SA	Female	2001 – 12 September		
248	<i>Coral Sea Quaffers, QLD</i>	M	2001 – 14 November	2012	11
249	Bangkok, THAILAND	M	2002 – 18 September		
250	Macarthur, NSW	M	2003 – 16 July		
251	<i>Sydney Convention 2006, NSW</i>	N/A	2003 – 16 July	2006	3
252	<i>Uncorked Darwin, NT</i>	Mixed	2003 – 22 October	2020	17
253	Singapore, SINGAPORE	M	2004 – 20 October		
254	<i>Caulfield, VIC</i>	Mixed	2004 – 15 December	2008	4
255	Not Issued (Records Error)	N/A			
256	Copenhagen, DENMARK	M	2005 – 11 May		
257	<i>Shanghai Ladies, CHINA</i>	Female	2005 – 22 June	2014	9
258	<i>Cygnets, TAS</i>	Mixed	2007 – 19 September	2010	3
259	Marlborough, NZ	M	2007 – 17 October		
260	Alloura, NSW	Mixed	2008 – 20 February		
261	<i>Shanghai Cosmopolitans, CHINA</i>	M	2008 – 26 March	2018	10
262	<i>Coomera, QLD</i>	M	2008 – 29 April	2017	9
263	<i>Edinburgh, GB</i>	Mixed	2008 – 21 May	2011	3
264	Manilla, PHILIPPINES	M	2008 – 22 November		
265	Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA	M	2009 – 16 December		
266	Newport Ladies, NSW	Female	2010 – 15 September		
267	<i>Southern Germany, GERMANY</i>	M	2010 – 27 September	2013	3

268	<i>Astorians, SA</i>	Mixed	2011 – 9 March	2017	6
269	<i>Suzhou, CHINA</i>	M	2011 – 14 March	2013	2
270	<i>Malmö, SWEDEN</i>	M	2011 – 17 March	2015	4
271	Taipei, TAIWAN	M	2011 – 10 June		
272	Shanghailanders, CHINA	M	2011 – 6 December		
273	Hong Kong, CHINA	M	2012 – 24 February		
274	Not Awarded (Records Error)	N/A			
275	Mont Albert, VIC	M	2012 – 22 August		
276	Hobsons Bay, VIC	Female	2012 – 4 September		
277	Shanghai Belles, CHINA	Female	2013 – 26 November		
278	<i>The Hong Kong Originals, CHINA</i>	M	2014 – 28 February	(2023)	(9)
279	Darwin Divas, NT	Female	2014 – 27 March		
280	<i>123 Convention 2014, SA</i>	N/A	2014	2014	1
281	Fabulous + Beautiful, CHINA	Female	2015 – 28 February		
282	<i>At Sea Convention 2017, SA</i>	N/A	2016	2017	2
283	Bribie-Pumicestone, QLD	Mixed	2016 – 28 November		
284	<i>Johannesburg, SOUTH AFRICA</i>	M	2017 – 18 March	2018	1
285	<i>Brisbane 2020 Convention, QLD</i>	N/A	2017 – 17 September	2020	3
286	<i>Seoul, SOUTH KOREA</i>	M	2018 – 29 May	2019	1
287	<i>The Crown and Sceptre, SA</i>	Mixed	2018 – 22 August	2020	1
288	Angas and Hutt, SA	Mixed	2019		
289	<i>Holdfast 2022 Convention, SA</i>	N/A	2019 – 4 July	2020	1
290	Taiching, TAIWAN	M	2019		
291	Fremantle, WA	Mixed	2020 – 21 September		
292	Hanoi, VIETNAM	M	2021 – 21 May		
293	Southern Sweden, SWEDEN	M	2021 – 22 July		
294	New Taipei, TAIWAN	M	2021 – 21 September		
295	Southern Highlands, NSW	M	2021 – 21 December		
296	B&B Club Conventions, SA	N/A	2021 – 21 December		
297	2023 Convention, NT	N/A	2022 – 23 May		

Of the 297 Charter numbers to this stage, two were not issued and seven were awarded to clubs organising conventions, to cover public liability. That leaves 288 awarded to affiliated clubs. The following table shows the geographical locations of these, as well as an indication of how many and what percentage remain in each geographical location. (The table excludes Convention clubs)

Note also that the list of the affiliate clubs. The foundation club is not included and so for the total number of clubs, one more would need to be added, giving 289, or which 177 currently (1/1/2023) exist.

Number of years in existence of clubs that have ceased operating

Years	0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50	51-55	56-60	61-65	66-70
Clubs	24	24	14	15	3	3	6	5	5	6	4	2	1	0

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION	CLUB NUMBERS	CLOSURES	EXISTING	% REMAINING
AUSTRALIA	240	95	145	63.6
Australian Capital Territory	3	1	2	66.67
NSW	41	20	21	51.22
Northern Territory	10	4	6	60
Queensland	54	24	30	55.56
South Australia	64	21	43	67.12
Tasmania	13	4	9	69.23
Victoria	51	20	31	60.78
Western Australia	4	1	3	75
BRAZIL	1	0	1	100
CAMBODIA	1	0	1	100
CANADA	2	0	2	100
CHINA	11	4	7	63.64
DENMARK	1	0	1	100
GERMANY	1	1	0	0
GREAT BRITAIN	3	3	0	0
JAPAN	1	0	1	100
MALAYSIA	1	1	0	0
NEW ZEALAND	12	2	10	83.33
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	1	1	0	0
PHILIPPINES	1	0	1	100
SINGAPORE	1	0	1	100
SOUTH AFRICA	1	1	0	0
SOUTH KOREA	1	1	0	0
SWEDEN	2	1	1	50
SWITZERLAND	1	1	0	0
TAIWAN	3	0	3	100
THAILAND	1	0	1	100
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1	1	0	0
VIETNAM	1	0	1	100
TOTAL	288	112	176	61.11

Decade Clubs Established	Number of Clubs Established	Number of Clubs Not Now Existing
1950s	25	7 (28%)
1960s	70	21 (30%)
1970s	90	46 (51%)
1980s	38	15 (39%)
1990s	20	4 (20%)
2000s	20	9 (45%)
2010s	20	4 (20%)
2020s	5	0 (0%)

001 BRIGHTON, SA

When the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was established on 9 August 1954, its founding members, the First Eight, approved its constitution, a clause of which said that membership was limited to thirty. This number was reached within seven months, so the decision was made to establish branch clubs.

So, after preparing a *Branch Constitution*, the July 1955 Foundation Club committee meeting “resolved to accept the petition and to grant the Club’s First Charter to the ‘Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Brighton’”.

There were eight petitioners for Brighton (a suburb of Adelaide): Brian Leahy, a director (President), Peter Brokensha, a civil engineer (Vice-President), Colin P Haselgrove, a director (Winemaster), David Crosby (a founding member of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club), sales manager (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer), Len Faul, a hotel manager, Jim Hardy, a clerk, Kevin Crowhurst, a hotel manager and Robert Horwood, a photographer.¹ They were a group of old friends, all of whom were involved in the wine industry. At one of their regular lunches together the idea of forming a club was suggested.

The Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Brighton held its inaugural dinner on 10 August 1955 at the Seacliff Hotel (of which Brian Leahy was a director and Kevin Crowhurst the manager).²

At the inaugural dinner of the Brighton Club, official guests were R (Bob) W Clampett, the new president of the parent Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (following its first AGM on 3 August 1955), George Fairbrother, cellarmaster of the parent body, R Sabine, president of the Bacchus Club and Vladimir Micenko, president of the Wine Lovers’ Club.³

In the early days of the club, most meetings were held at hotels in Brighton. An area was designated for the club and members initially needed to come from this area. A number of Christmas parties were held on the lawns near the Hardys Reynella Cellars, while 117 members and guests attended a Christmas Party and dance at the Hamilton Winery at Warradale (an Adelaide suburb), which was arranged by member, Richard Hamilton.

The club had several tasting nights, including of champagne and sparkling wines, Grange and Hill of Grace. Many winemakers were invited to speak to club members, including Brother John May from Sevenhill, D’Arry and Chester Osborne (D’Arenberg) Tim Knappstein, Robert Crabtree and Tim Adams.

Over time, the club used venues outside the Brighton area, including Orlando Cellars, the Stock Exchange Club, Chesser Cellars, Coopers Brewery, the Queen Adelaide

¹ The Brighton 50 Year history also has Tom Hardy listed as a founding member of the Brighton branch club. The Club Committee minutes of 22 October 2003 record the approval of his Life Membership of the Sydney Club (No 7). The minutes state that he was a foundation member and President of the “historic first branch club, Brighton”. He joined the Sydney Club in May 1962 after transferring to Sydney and maintained membership of both clubs.

² *The News*, 10 August 1955

³ *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 20 August 1955

Club, the Adelaide Club, the Public Schools Club, the Naval, Military and Airforce Club, Jarmer's, Ayers House, Botanic Gardens and the Regency Park Training Centre.

In the early 1980s the club experienced low membership numbers and poor attendance. To counteract this, members were encouraged to bring their partners to meetings, other than the AGM and one other. Guests were also encouraged, especially younger ones to help address the increasing age profile of the membership. These measures brought about increased enthusiasm of members and an increase in membership.

002 LOCKLEYS, SA

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The Sarah family have played a key role in the establishment and development of the Lockleys Club. Harry Sarah was the Charter President in 1955, with his brother Mock being the first Secretary; Harry's eldest son, Don, joined in 1971 and Don's son, James, in 1991; Harry's second son, Neil, joined in 1980 and Neil's son, Tim, in 1994. All have served as office-holders for the club: Harry as President in 1975 and 1976 and Secretary in 1960-63 and 1978-88; Mock was President in 1959, following his

⁴ *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal*, 20 December 1955

time as Secretary 1955-57; Don was President in 1978 and Secretary from 1988 until the present time; Neil President in 1984; James in 1993; and Tim in 1997-99.^[2]

The number of members over the years has ranged from 18 to 30. Members have sometimes needed to resign or take a leave of absence for health reasons, and unfortunately occasionally the Club has lost a member who has passed away. Current members are encouraged to invite guests and to consider their friends and acquaintances who may be potential members.

The range of restaurant and cuisine styles have become more variable over the years. In the early days, the typical restaurant was quite formal, featuring traditional cuisine. In recent years, dinners have been held at, for example, Indian, Asian, and Pizza establishments, ranging from formal to casual in style.

A club cellar was established in 1956 and was discontinued in 2011. The wines were cellared in the basement of the home of the longstanding and current Club Secretary, Don Sarah. Members were entitled to source any wines that they considered appropriate to be added to the cellar. For many years the Club had a Permanent Wine Master, and three members have occupied this position. Rodger Warren, Winemaker at Thomas Hardy & Sons, fulfilled this role until he passed away in 1960. He was followed both in the position at Lockleys, and as Winemaker at Hardy's, by Dick Heath. Dick ceased the role in 1990. He in turn was succeeded by Rob Johnstone who held the position until the cellar was discontinued in 2011. Rob also worked at Hardy's, as an accountant.

For many years there was an annual Winter Barbecue held on a Sunday afternoon, held at the home of Don Sarah, and sometimes at Hardy's picnic ground at McLaren Vale, organised by a selected group of members and with varying menus. Children, grandchildren, and friends joined with members on an enjoyable family occasion. The barbecue was an opportunity to consume wines of which only a small amount remained in the Club Cellar, and any wines of "considerable age". One memorable event included barbecued kangaroo, emu, and crocodile. Another saw dessert provided by a "Mr. Whippy" van which arrived at the appropriate time. Recently there has been consideration of reinstating a barbecue event.

Some Lockleys members have attended Annual Conventions, both interstate and overseas.

Lockleys holds *Partner* dinners in May, August, and the Christmas dinner in December. February features an *Offspring* night when members may invite adult children and their partners, adult grandchildren, and other family members other than partners of members, to dine with the Club.

Life members of the Lockleys club are Harry Sarah, David Kirby, and Don Sarah.

003 BURNSIDE, SA

The third *branch* to be established was Burnside, whose petition, signed 14 February 1956, was approved at the 20 February 1956 committee meeting.

Two of the original members (who became life members of the club), Mick Auld and Joe Stevens, were instrumental in bringing together a group of friends who met at the Richmond Hotel on 14 February 1956 and resolved to form a new club, the Burnside Club, with the northern boundary being the Parade, the western boundary Portrush Road, and the eastern and southern boundaries being the foothills.⁵ The five petitioners were Mick Auld, a vigneron, Henry Martin, a winemaker, Dick Clark (a founder of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club), a secretary, Joe Stevens, a manager, and Peter Osborn, a brewer.

The President was Joe Stevens, the manager of S Smith & Sons (Yalumba), the Winemaster Mick Auld, vigneron, the managing director of H M Martin & Son Ltd (Stonyfell), committee members Henry M Martin, winemaker (Stoneyfell) and Dick Clark (Secretary, Thomas Hardy) and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Peter W Osborn, chief assistant to the Head Brewer at Southwark Brewery. Of the five, R D (Dick) Clark, founder of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Peter Osborn and Joe Stevens, were also members of the foundation club, Adelaide.⁶

The numbers soon grew and Mr John Evans, the manager of the National Mutual Life Association in South Australia became the second President, Lance Pellew, president of the State Industrial Court, the Vice-President. Mick Auld remained as Winemaster and John Minks as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

It was established as a male-only luncheon club, initially attracting (largely) people associated with the wine industry, and meals generally consisted of a steak and salad accompanied by a glass or two of red wine. However, John Minks was Foodmaster in June 1961 when he served squid and kangaroo as the dishes at the club lunch at the Da Costa Restaurant. The menu was not revealed until comments were called for with many thinking the kangaroo was venison or veal. The Winemaster, Mick Auld, accompanied the courses with a German Moselle Bernkastler Braunes and a 1948 Wendouree Claret from Clare.⁷

Records of the early years, and particularly of the 60s, are scarce, and sadly these members have passed away, but it is possible to piece together a sketchy scenario of this period.

After an early base at the Imperial Hotel, and later the RSL Club in Angas St, lunches were enjoyed at the Feathers Hotel, which opened in the late 1960s. Evening functions, to which partners were invited, became popular, and were generally held at Christmas and in July, often at prestigious venues. The roles of Foodmaster and Winemaster were crucial, with the Foodmaster arranging venues and menus, and the Winemaster providing wines to match.

The club has more comprehensive records of the 1970s, which reveal a club clinging to its all-male membership and luncheon format but widening its focus. Picnics at

⁵ There is no indication of other branches, other than the first, Brighton, establishing boundaries. The Burnside Club certainly applied it for a number of years in the 1960s, rejecting applications for membership from men outside the stated boundaries.

⁶ The minutes of the Club Committee meeting of 19 August 1957 record the resignation of Joe Stevens "stating his desire to make room for another member because of his association with the Burnside Branch".

⁷ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 July 1961

wineries and members' homes were held, and a wider range of venues attended - in the late 1970s venues included the Drumminor, Lotus, Maximillians, Granada Lodge and Ayers House restaurants. A wine cellar was created, albeit limited by current standards, and regular winery visits and club bottlings were held. However, a members' poll held in 1979 showed a strong preference to retain all-male membership rules, and a core of luncheon meetings held at a fixed venue.

In the early 1980s major changes occurred. The role of the Foodmaster was gradually abandoned, and responsibility for arranging dinners was handed over to members, resulting in a much more diverse range of food and venues. Dinner organisers also chose their own wines, with the responsibilities of the Winemaster changing to the management of the rapidly growing club cellar. In 1985 a new committee made the first of a number of major changes - members' partners were invited to attend all functions except the AGM, and they would become predominantly evening functions (this move was not without controversy, and several resignations occurred, but generally the changes were well received, and club membership has been at or near the maximum ever since). In 1988 membership was opened to women, and the Club became a mixed club, with the first female member joining in September 1988.

A levy was introduced to assist in the growth of the cellar, and an annual trip away to a wine region on a May⁸ weekend became a regular event. Features such as the "Winetaster of the Year", the Nicol Trophy, awarded to the winner of a wine tasting held at the AGM, and the "Taster of the Month", awarded to the winner of a wine quiz held at the monthly dinner became established and popular features.

This format still prevails. The Club has a committee which meets monthly, consisting of a President, Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Cellarmaster and four ordinary members, elected annually at the AGM. There are currently five active life members (awarded for long and distinguished service). Five Presidents out of the twenty-two since 1990 have been women, and currently, twelve members of the club are women.

The current program is generally as follows: January, luncheon at a winery; February, dinner at a restaurant; March, Sunday luncheon hosted by the President, including taster of the year competition; April, restaurant lunch; May, a restaurant dinner; June, restaurant dinner; July, black tie gourmet dinner; August, the AGM held on a Saturday afternoon, including Nicol Trophy tasting; September a restaurant dinner; October a weekend wine trip; November, a restaurant lunch; and December, black tie Christmas function.

Presidents

Joe Stevens	1956/57	Bill Seppelt	1982/83
John Evans	1957/58	Gordon Vogan	1983/84
Lance Pellew	1958/59	Peter Budini	1984/85
John Kelly	1959/60	Grant Mackintosh	1985/86
Harry Graham-Sutton	1960/61	Peter Baturin	1986/88
Henry Martin	1961/62	Alan Steele	1988/89
John Minks	1962/63	Bob Bowes	1989/90, 2001/02

⁸ Changed to October in 2017 and in 2018 it was decided by the club's committee that it would occur bi-annually.

Frank Durbridge	1963/64	Darrol Fullgrabe	1990/92, 2003/04
Mick Auld	1964/65	John Driscoll	1992/93
Charles Mueller	1965/66	Vin Thomas	1993/95, 2002/03, 2017/19
Kevin Kilcariff	1966/67	Chris Waples	1995/96
Colin Crompton	1967/68	Chris Palumbo	1996/97
Jim Trevivian	1968/69	John Hutchins	1997/98
Stan Minson	1969/70	Leone Scholefield	1998/99, 2007/08
Howard Cohen	1970/71	John Swift	1999/00, 2006/07
Hal Lines	1971/72	XX	2000/01
Dick Rebbeck	1972/73	Bob Brinkworth	2004/05, 2010/12
John Gibbs	1973/74	Tom Muecke	2005/06
Noel Davey	1974/75	Lorraine Curtis	2008/09
John Lawson	1975/76	Bob Morton	2009/10
Chris Heinrich	1976/77	Lee Miller	2012/14
Murray Perryman	1977/78	Tom Mittiga	2014/16
Roger MacMahon	1978/79	Dianne Betterman	2016/17
Wim Grothauzen	1979/80	Ken Ridley	2019/21
John English	1980/81	Tony Scholefield	2021/23
Ken Smith	1981/82		

004 EDWARDSTOWN, SA

A petition from nine “businessmen in and near Edwardstown” for the formation of a *branch* Club was submitted to the 19 March 1956 Club Committee meeting at which the committee approved the granting of the Club’s fourth charter.

President of the new *branch* was Rodney Robertson, an advertising contractor, Vice-President, Jim Lawler, the General Manager of the Lewis Berger & Sons paint firm, Winemaster John Stanford from the Emu Wine Company, Morphett Vale and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer S C Ford, bank manager. Committee members were Ralph Knox, managing director of Knox Engraving Ltd, Edgar Jansen, owner of Jansen Motors, Alan Cleveland, manager of Ditters Limited, Peter Masters, manager of Mopar Division, Chrysler, and Gordon Seddon, manager Lamson Paragon Limited.

The Club Committee was advised in 1996 that the Edwardstown Club was having problems in gaining members.⁹ This prompted the club that year to become a mixed club, accepting both male and female members.

The club ceased to operate in 2019, after 63 years of existence, because of a gradual decline in member numbers.

005 ANGAS, SA

The Club’s fifth charter was granted at the Club’s committee meeting on 16 April 1956 to the Angas *branch* to eleven petitioners.

Its first president was Glen K Hutton, a company secretary, Vice-President John P Gardner, an agent, Winemaster John C Kilgour, a winemaker, Honorary Secretary

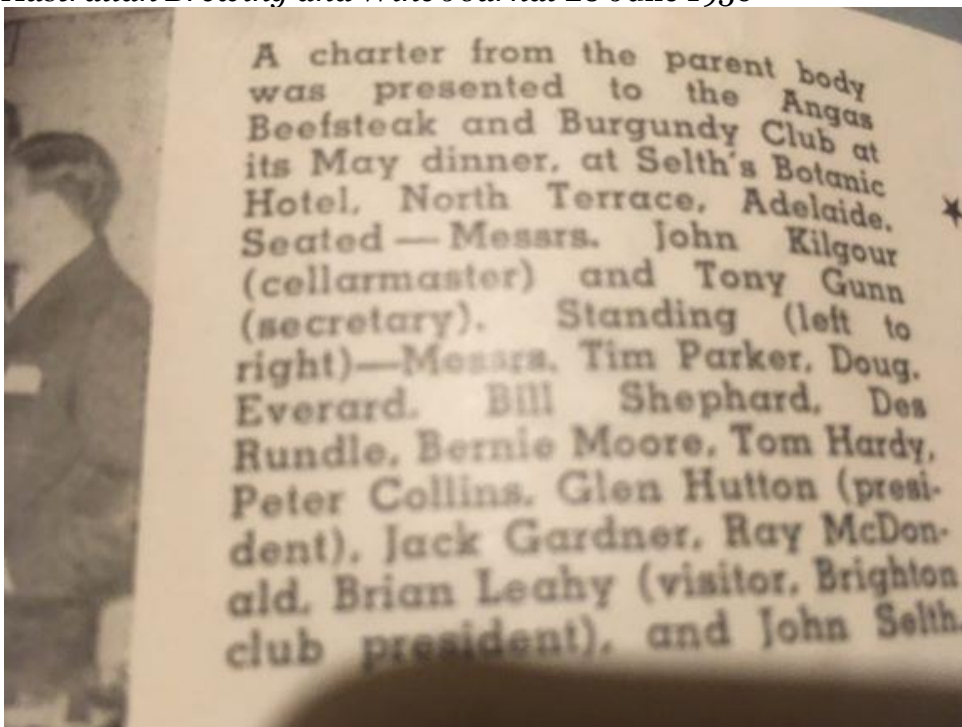
⁹ Club Committee Minutes 11 June 1996

and Treasurer A (Tony) T Gun, a representative, with committee members Bernie A Moore, a publican, John H Selth, a manager, Tim Parker, a manager, Dick Destree, a company secretary and W (Bill) S Shepherd, an accountant. In addition, Des J Rundle, an accountant, and Doug Everard, a manager, were petitioners, giving an initial membership of eleven.

Its charter was presented to the Angas Club by Tom Hardy at its dinner on 22 May 1956, held at Selth's Botanic Hotel. John Selth, committee member and Peter Collins were joint foodmasters.



Australian Brewing and Wine Journal 20 June 1956



The minutes of the Adelaide Club's Committee of 28 September 1959 record that the Angas Club had challenged the Adelaide Club to a golf match. A while later an item in the local paper reported that the Angas Club, "most of them topline golfers from a topline golf club had a crack at the Adelaide team. Adelaide won. But there is a whisper they sabotaged the opposition by playing the nineteenth hole first".

A report in the *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 21 December 1959 is more expansive stating that "credit does not go wholly to the Adelaide B&B because the winners in the match against (the Angas B&B champion golfer Bob) Stevens were ring-ins from Brighton B&B, namely Dr Dick Burnett and Phil Culley".

The Angas Club held its 1963 Christmas dinner dance at the Kooyonga Golf Club. Club President, Glen Hutton, and his wife welcomed attendees, while John Selth was the acting Winemaster in the absence of Jack Kilgour.

In 1966 the Club Committee was concerned that the Angas Club had not paid its affiliation fee. The 31 August 1966 Club Committee minutes record that Mr G K Hutton c/- the Kooyonga Golf Club would be written to "advising that if the fee is not paid within two months the Committee will have to consider withdrawing the Charter".

At the next Club Committee meeting on Thursday 13 October 1966, it was recorded in the minutes that a "Letter dated 1 September 1966 from D J Rundle (who was one of the original petitioners) was considered by Committee and it was resolved that the Charter for this Club should be withdrawn". As reported in the 17 November 1966 minutes this was followed up by a letter to D J Rundle "asking for surrender of Charter No 5".

Ray Drew reported at the Club Committee's 13 April 1967 meeting that John Selth intended to endeavour to revive the *branch* and that the Charter had been stolen from the Botanic Hotel "a few years ago". Then at the Club Committee's 15 June 1967 meeting, Ray Drew reported that "from his enquiries there is no chance of this *Branch* being revived and it was reluctantly decided to withdraw the Charter No 7 (sic) and that the minute of 17/11/1966 writing off the 1966 Affiliation Fee still stand".

So, one of the early Clubs ceased after ten years of official existence (it probably ceased operating before the official notification). One can assume as with most cases of Clubs ceasing that there was a decline in numbers with no re-generation leading to a loss of momentum and interest.

006 NAGAMBIE, VIC

Nagambie, a town ninety kilometres from Melbourne in the centre of an historic wine regions, with the most well-known winery being Tahbilk, Victoria's oldest family-owned winery, was given the Club's sixth Charter at the Club's committee meeting on 18 June 1956.

There were nine petitioners, three, at least of whom, had a connection with Chateau Tahbilk. There were three graziers, two station managers, a vineyard manager, a medical practitioner, army officer and a salesman, making up the petitioners.

President of the new *branch* was John Purbrick, station manager, Vice-President, Dr J Rutter, Winemaster, Eric Purbrick, grazier and vigneron, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer AD Horne, station manager, with the rest of the Committee being George Comi, vineyard manager, Captain R Joshua and S Barrington, grazier.

A report in the 20 July 1957 edition of the *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* on the holding of the Club's 'Ladies Night' on 22 June gave evidence of the vitality of the club, with all members stated as being in attendance as well as two guests from Melbourne. The dinner was held at the Railway Hotel, East Murchison, with the wines served being: Seabrook Oloroso Sherry, Mildara Chestnut Teal Sherry, Modbury Chablis, Tintara Sauternes, McWilliams 1953 Mount Pleasant Burgundy, Mc Williams Tokay, Chateau Tahbilk Champagne and Tintara Liqueur Brandy.

The Nagambie Club held its 63rd dinner at the Murchison East Hotel in August 1961, which began with three sherries, followed by the McWilliams 1958 Lovedale Riesling, Quelltaler 1957 White Burgundy, 1951 Modbury Estate Chablis, 1956 Chateau Tahbilk Cabernet Sauvignon, 1956 Tintara St Thomas Burgundy and a 1958 Tahbilk Cabernet.¹⁰

007 SYDNEY, NSW

The *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 21 May 1956 reported on the formation of a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Sydney with it adopting the rules of the South Australian organisation of the same name. A meeting was convened on 7 May by John Collins, the New South Wales manager for Thomas Hardy & Sons, to establish the new club.

He was elected the president and Gordon Ward, manager of Kork-n-Seal Pty Ltd, the honorary secretary and treasurer. The initial lunch was stated as being on 26 May 1956.

One presumes that through John Collins' Thomas Hardy connections, discussions were held about the Sydney group becoming an official *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club for at the 6 August 1956 committee meeting a petition to establish a *branch* in Sydney was considered and approved. The seventh Club Charter was thus granted to Sydney.

The petition was signed by nine applicants. John Collins was designated as President and Gordon Ward, a company manager, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, consistent with the original formation. Phil McLean, a company director, was the Vice-President and John Addison, a company manager, the Winemaster and they added the position of Cheesemaster, filled by Barry Davis, an architect. Other members of the committee were Rigby Williams, a manager, Colin Millard, an accountant, Fred Dickinson, a company director, and Boyd Gerathy, a stock manager.

¹⁰ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 September 1961

It is noteworthy that the *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 20 August 1958 reported that at the Adelaide Club's Annual Dinner and Ladies Night the 44 people present "included Mr and Mrs Des McDowell of the Beefsteak Club, Sydney (a club that was discovered to have been operating before the Beefsteak and Burgundy movement was started)"¹¹, along with Mr and Mrs Henry Nicholls of the Sydney Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

008 BROKEN HILL, NSW

At the Club Committee meeting on 6 August 1956 the petition from residents "in and near Broken Hill" was approved and it was resolved "that the Club's Eighth Charter be granted to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Broken Hill".

There were five petitioners listed, with occupations of chemist (the first President of the Club, M Roberts), clerk, bookmaker, clerk and waiter, which is a different set of occupations from most previous petitioners and showed that the Beefsteak and Burgundy movement was able to appeal to different socio-economic groups.

The petition listed nine office-holders and committee members. It was the first petition that actually split the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer into two positions, which is the most common format in Club's today. That may have been because the designated Secretary was also the appointed winemaster, so it may have been too much to also have been the treasurer!

The President of the new *branch* club was M Roberts, Winemaster and Honorary Secretary, E Waller, a waiter, Assistant Secretary, T Williams, a clerk, Treasurer, D Winter, a bookmaker, with K Tilley, G McDonald, M Coorey, F Cole and A Harding completing the committee.

The Broken Hill Club is not listed in the 1967-68 *Branch Booklet*, now Handbook, which was the first one printed. So, from that the club certainly lasted less than 10 years, possibly only a couple as it does not have any mentions in the Club records. One record in the Club archives is a list of clubs, at the time, that were *defunct*, with the finish dates recorded.¹² Against Broken Hill it has 6 August 1956, which if so, would make its existence very short, given that was its Charter date. This would seem to be verified by John Macklin's research.

John Macklin, when General Secretary, did some research on clubs that were no longer listed in the Handbook. In his report to the Club Committee in April 2007, he stated that Broken Hill (No 8) was *really a false start*, saying the club never actually

¹¹ The Beefsteak Club began in London about 1705 (Wikipedia) with the Melbourne Beefsteak Club commencing in May 1886 (Australian Food Timeline) but no record of a Sydney club has been found.

¹² The record has its beginning pages missing and its provenance is not clear. The pages remaining are undated but as there are no clubs mentioned beyond 2004, it would appear to have been developed around that time. When referred to again in this document it will be classified as *List of Defunct Clubs*. Its sources are not revealed, although there are instances of direct correlation with the Club Minutes. Beyond those instances, the evidence for the dates is unknown and does not necessarily correlate with the current research.

got underway. *Our records show Broken Hill opening and closing on the same day 6 August 1956.*¹³

009 NORWOOD, SA

The Club's ninth charter was granted at the Foundation Club Committee meeting on 27 August 1956 to eight petitioners from in and around Norwood. These included two prominent Penfolds' identities, Max Schubert and Jeffrey Penfold-Hyland (another Penfold's identity, John Davoren, became a member), as well as Peter Tolley, vigneron, from what was then Tolley, Scott and Tolley. The other petitioners were listed as either managers or directors, along with one master butcher, Harold Hancock.

The President of the new *branch* was Jeff Penfold-Hyland, Vice-President, Geo Stone, a manager, Winemaster Max Schubert, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was H Ron Peake, a director, and Member of the Committee Peter Tolley.

On 14 September 1956, the inaugural dinner of the Club was held at the Botanic Hotel on the corner of East and North Terraces, Adelaide.

The menu for the first dinner was "Julienne Consommé soup, Whiting Caprice, Turkey and York Ham, Ice Cream Cake, Cheese and Assorted Greens" accompanied by Hardys and Penfolds Fino Sherries, Penfolds Private Bin Chablis, Hardys Special Amontillado Sherry, Stonyfell Pearl Moselle, Penfolds Dalwood Hermitage, Penfolds White Seal Champagne followed by Hardys Coronet Port and Penfolds Old Wood Liqueur Brandy. One can only speculate whether attendees drove home that night and/or how they may have felt the following morning!

The Norwood Club's November dinner was at St Vincent Hotel, Glenelg. Max Schubert, the winemaster, was stated as issuing proformas on wine types to assist members in discussing wines.¹⁴

The Club's all male membership grew and has remained strong for 62 years. Dinners have been held on the second Monday of each month. Dress has remained black tie.

The association with Penfolds was close for many years. The Club was granted the use of the tasting rooms at their Magill Cellars for committee meetings at which cheeses and wines were generously provided. Penfolds also housed the club's cellar before it was moved to members' private residences and more recently to Amadio Wines Cellar Door. At the Club's 25th anniversary in 1981 at Tower House, Beaumont (which was a function centre at the time), Max Schubert provided a generous supply of 1966 Grange Hermitage for the dinner.

The Penfolds winemakers aside, the Club has been fortunate to have had several other prominent winemakers as members, and they have been instrumental in improving members' knowledge and appreciation of wine, and developing the Club's cellar. The winemakers have included Robin Moody (Penfolds/Somerled), Caj Amadio (Chain of Ponds/Amadio Wines), Colin Best (Leabrook Estate), Nick Dean

¹³ Club Committee Minutes 26 April 2007

¹⁴ *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 20 December 1956

(the Deanery) and Geoff Merrill. Club members with wine industry links as retailers have included Andrew Waterman, Martin Baily and Fred Hamood.

The Club has also been well served by dedicated presidents and committee members, and those who have taken on the thankless task of secretary/treasurer. Among them was Graham Walters who diligently undertook this role for 13 years.

Dinner venues have generally been in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide. The Rising Sun Inn at Kensington, Chloes at Kent Town, Cork and Cleaver at Glenunga and Utopia at Waterfall Gully have been perennial favourites, and previously Jarmers at Kensington Park and Tower House in the 1980's.

There have been partner nights and extra-curricular activities including barbeques at Kalimna and Coriole wineries and other venues, which have been enjoyed and well attended. Caj Amadio has been instrumental in superbly organising many (and hosting some) of these occasions.

The Club celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2016 with a wonderful dinner at Penfolds Magill Estate, with many current and former members attending. The highlights included the serving of Grange and St Henri wines.

The Club has a very proud history of wonderful dinners and wines. It looks forward to ongoing camaraderie.

010 GLENELG, SA

At the Foundation Club committee meeting on 22 October 1956 the petition from "residents in and near Glenelg" for a charter to form a *branch* Club was considered. The request was approved and the tenth charter was granted to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Glenelg.

There were eight petitioners with a wide spread of occupations: land broker, public servant, oenologist, accountant, sales manager, electrical engineer and two salesmen.

Len Laffer, a land broker, was the nominated president, Eric Slape, a public servant, the Vice-President and Phil Tummel, an oenologist at Glenroth Wines Ltd, the Winemaster. The position of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was split in two, with Dick Marshall and Norm Abbott, an accountant, filling the respective positions.

Phil Tummel was credited by President Len Laffer with responsibility for the formation of the Glenelg Club.

By February 1957 it was reported in the *Australian Brewing and Wine Industry Journal* that it had 24 members and met on the third Wednesday of each month at the Hotel St Vincent. The *Journal* in October 1957 reported that "club membership is now filled".

The Club held a *Ladies Night* on 17 June 1959 at the Flagstaff Hotel, Darlington at which 48 members and wives were present. President at the time was Harold King and Phil Tummel continued to be Winemaster.¹⁵

The club expressed concern to the Club Committee in 1996 that they were having problems in gaining new members and were down to six financial members. Consequently, they may have to dissolve or amalgamate. If the latter, which Charter number would be adopted.¹⁶ In the 1992/93 Handbook, the club was listed as a mixed club, which was presumably an attempt to increase membership.

Unfortunately, this move was not able to turn the club's fortunes around and the Club Committee was advised by the Glenelg Club's then Honorary Secretary, Wayne Norris, that a Special General Meeting was held on 6 September 1998 at which a motion to dissolve the club was carried. It was agreed at the meeting to allocate any monies remaining to the Women's and Children's Hospital in accordance with Rule 26 of the Constitution.¹⁷ Clearly the membership problem of the last couple of years had not been resolved.

011 PORT ADELAIDE, SA

At the Club committee meeting on 12 February 1957 the Port Adelaide Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was awarded the eleventh charter.

This followed a meeting on 5 December 1956 of ten Port Adelaide business men at the New Exchange Hotel, Port Adelaide. Their intent was to form a *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club at Port Adelaide. To assist them with this, Dick Clark, founder of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, was in attendance.

They elected a committee. President was Arthur Hoffman, Vice-President, Tom Barclay, Winemaster, James Muecke, Honorary Secretary, Keith Ring, scribe, Boyd Davies, Honorary Auditors Bob Stokes and Peter LeMessurier, and committee Colin Kleinig, Len Webb and Ted Chapple.¹⁸

The members were nearly all business people from the Port Adelaide area and included people from Adelaide Brighton Cement, Marine & Harbour Shipping Company, Custom Agents, Bank Managers and a doctor.

The meetings were held on the third Wednesday of the month, a lunch time meeting starting at 12.30pm to 2pm. Attire was shirt and tie. The club began as a male only club, but during the early eighties, women were admitted as members. Unfortunately, because of transfers, the few women members soon ceased and for many years the club returned to being only male members, until in 2015, one of the attendees at the hotel venue where the men met, Roslyn Heard, now Secretary of the club, emphatically sought membership. The club is now mixed again with there being ten female members.

¹⁵ *Australian Brewing and Wine Industry Journal* 20 July 1959

¹⁶ Club Committee Minutes 11 June 1996

¹⁷ Club Committee Minutes 6 October 1998

¹⁸ *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal*, 20 December 1956

From almost inception, the club's wine cellar was in the basement of the Muecke business premises in Port Adelaide and the committee meetings were held in the Muecke board room. Tom Meucke and Trevor Hoffmann, sons of the founding members of the club, became members as well in due course.

The meetings nearly always started with a dry sherry and the loyal toast. The wines were always masked and the wine master asked members to comment on them.

David Towell, a life member of the club, remembers when each year they held a *Ladies night* at a restaurant with partners, and a yearly outing was held, hiring a coach and visiting wineries. The club also arranged barbecues with partners once a year with various wineries, originally catered for by the members and later often catered for by the local Women's clubs, but this later died out.

The club used to meet at the Federal Hotel at Semaphore for quite a few years, then from the Federal Hotel the club met at a private room at the Exeter Hotel. In the 1980s, after the Exeter Hotel, which was being renovated, the club moved to the Lipson House at Port Adelaide, the Largs Pier Hotel, and the Port Dock Hotel, where the club had a private room for meetings. In the late nineties the membership got to an all-time low of five members, as it was unacceptable for people to go back to work after a long lunch; the introduction of the Fringe Benefits tax; and businesses began to close down in the Port. During this time, the club was approached by other clubs to amalgamate but as the club had a healthy bank balance and a well-stocked cellar, they were reluctant to do so.

The wine cellar eventually could no longer be stored at the Meucke Business, so one of the members, Ernie Dean, approached Fred Hiscocks at the Railway Hotel, resulting in the wines being cellared, and the meetings held, there for many years. Then in 2014 when Fred sold his Hotel the club moved to the Alberton Hotel owned by Peter Brien. The Brien family have owned the hotel for 60 years, the same duration as the club. This is now home for the Port Adelaide Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. The club's healthy wine collection is cellared in the Alberton's cellar, meetings are held in a private room still on the third Wednesday of the month and still lunch time meetings commencing 12.30pm to 2pm. Casual attire is now the order of the day, members being from all walks of life and mostly retired folk.

The club has a full complement of 30 members and several on the waiting list, a third of whom are now female members, which makes for a vibrant club in 2018.

There are 3 life members of the club:

Tom Meucke: (son of Jim Meucke founding member) joined in 1975 held positions of President, Secretary and Winemaster. Tom recalls that he was 14 years of age at the time when his father allowed him to serve pre-dinner drinks (sherry) to those attending the meetings. By the time Tom reached 16 years he was not only serving the pre-dinner drinks but allowed to join in the festivities. This went on till the early seventies.¹⁹

David Towell: Joined in 1983 holding positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Wine master. For David his membership of the club has been a great journey,

¹⁹ Tom Muecke is also a Life Member of the Burnside Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No 3)

learning about wines, enjoying good fellowship, company, and making some good friends along the way.

Ernie Dean: Joined in the eighties holding positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Wine master; a valued member of the club.

012 PORT LINCOLN, SA

Port Lincoln Beefsteak & Burgundy Club was chartered as the twelfth *branch* club on the 12 February 1957. The Charter members were Bruce Dinham, an engineer, David Dickson, a company director, Bernie Henderson, hotel proprietor, John Carnie, pharmacist, Neville Ferry, company director, Dion Manthorpe, medical practitioner, Granville Wray, shipping officer with the Adelaide Steamship Company, H Chappell, manager of the Adelaide Steamship Company, and Bill Holland, dental surgeon. There are four surviving foundation members; namely, Bruce Dinham, Dion Manthorpe, Granville Wray and Bill Holland.

Bruce Dinham was the founding President, David Dickson, the Vice-President, Bernie Henderson, the Winemaster and John Carnie, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Various anniversaries have been held over the years the most recent being the Club's 60th Anniversary on 12 February 2017.

Notable Achievements

1. In 1968 members including Jack McFarlane (land owner), Peter Tyler, David Wibberley, David Jones and Dion Manthorpe planted a vineyard at Greenpatch near Port Lincoln. All maintenance, picking and winemaking was done by the club until 1979 when Greg Anderson persuaded the members to have the wine made professionally. Jim Ingolby attended to vintages 1980-81, Brian Croser, Petaluma 1983 and Colin Forbes, Craneford in 1990. The land was then purchased by Lincoln Estate (Brian Turvey) who now supplies grapes to Penfolds for their better-quality red wines.
2. During 1-3 August 1968, the club hosted the Jubilee 150 Wine & Food Convention in Port Lincoln. Ian Bassham was the convention secretary and prominent guests included International President of B & B, Peter Martindale, and Guest Speaker Peter Doyle of Doyles Seafood Restaurant, Sydney. The club hosted 100 delegates and 85 guests with the final banquet being held in the Wayback Football Club rooms.
3. Another unique fact is that new member Tim Wibberley is a third-generation member, being the grandson of David Wibberley, life member of the Club, who died only recently in 2016.

The Club celebrates three life members, namely Dion Manthorpe, David Jones and the late David Wibberley. The Club recently mourned the death of Club stalwart Ian Fletcher who was a tremendous contributor to the Club.

Whereas the formality of the past may have diminished, the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the members today continues unabated.

013 HOBART, TAS

The fourth interstate Charter, and the thirteenth Charter overall, was awarded to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Hobart at the Club Committee meeting on 16 April 1957.

There were six petitioners, four of whom were from a professional background, being two doctors, an engineer and an architect, along with a sales executive and a sales manager.

The President of the new *branch* club was Paul S Clarke, one of the doctors. Vice-President, KWG Mason, engineer, Winemaster, William (Bill) A Hopkins, sales executive, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, J Denis Pooley, sales manager, and other members of the committee, Charles Crawford, architect, and KJ Friend, doctor.

014 PERTH, WA

The Humble Petition from the petitioners for a new club in Perth, stated that a meeting was held on 29 May 1957 which resolved to seek a charter. The Charter date for the new Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Perth is listed as 18 June 1957. The Beefsteak and Burgundy Club records do not hold a copy of the 18 June minutes. There are minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 1957 which include a statement that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 1957 were read and confirmed. This meeting, from the contents of the minutes, seemed brief and was largely concerned with the forthcoming AGM.

The three petitioners signing the petition were RJ Smith, a chartered accountant, TD Hicks, display contractor, and JB Morphett, an accountant.

The petition listed the following committee for the new club: President, RJ Smith, Vice-President, TD Hick, Winemaster, W Jamieson, Hon Secretary and Treasurer, JB Morphett, with other members of the committee being PA Trouchet, W Simpson and JB Fitzhardinge.

The August 1957 Club Committee meeting recorded that Jack Ludbrook reported on his presentation of charters to the Perth and Cygnet *branch* Clubs, the Cygnet Club in Perth having been chartered soon after the Perth Club in August 1957 as Charter sixteen.²⁰

In August 1960, the then President, Ian Bond-Parker drove across to Sydney, where he met club Secretary, Brian Morphett, and Past-President, Roy Smith, who had flown from Perth. They visited Hunter Valley, Lindemans in Sydney, Chateau Tahbilk in Victoria, the Seabrook Cellar in Melbourne, Seppelt & Sons at Great Western, Tintara Cellars, McLaren Vale, Reynell Cellars, Yaldara, St Hallett's, Leo Buring at Barossa Valley and Stanley in Clare. Along the way they caught up with Ray Drew and David Crosby from the Adelaide Club. They shipped back some 50 dozen wines as well as carrying a few dozen in the Holden station wagon. Their intent was to get wines true to type of specific districts²¹. Obviously, very committed gentlemen!

²⁰ Club Committee Minutes 19 August 1957

²¹ *The Hotel Review of WA* 30 November 1960, p16

Thirty-Five members and guests attended the September 1962 lunch held at 9 Darling Street South Yarra. President was Bruce Beasley.

For its *Ladies Night* on 2 November 1963 at the Hotel Australia the club took on a dinner dance format. Seventy-five attended, with most taking part in the dancing. With wines – Tintara Flor Fino Sherry, Seppelt Great Western Sparkling, McWilliams Moselle, Tintara St Thomas Burgundy and a McWilliams Sauterne – and food – canapes, snapper, roast duckling and ice-cream desserts – the night was considered to be very successful.²²

015 WHYALLA, SA

The new Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Whyalla was presented its charter, approved by the Club committee on 18 June 1957, by Eric Ring, Vice-President of the Foundation Club, at a charter-night dinner held at the Bayview Hotel, Whyalla on Saturday 13 July 1957.

The new Whyalla Club's President was C I Birnie, harbourmaster, Vice-President, B T Curnow, bank manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, W H Wainwright, a metallurgist with BHP, Winemaster, K M Bennett, BHP Superintendent for the region and committee members W T Taylor, pharmacist and W J Walsh, the Bayview Hotel manager.

One very pleasant undertaking by the club was a visit by a party of twenty-nine members and partners to the Penfolds Magill Cellars on 18 October 1969, where they were well-looked after, including by Max Schubert. That evening they dined at the Feathers Hotel. "All voted it a mighty weekend".²³

The club was reasonably formal, with dinners being Black Tie. Functions featured a *Ladies* Christmas dinner and a mixed informal event including a trip away to a winery or outdoor casual lunch each year. A highlight was a weekend excursion to Northern Flinders Ranges.

Each February an all-male BBQ was held in BHP's gardens which were maintained superbly by 18 staff. Members were encouraged to invite sons and other guests as an introduction to the camaraderie and ritual of B&B. A number of sons became longstanding members in Whyalla and Adelaide.

This tradition was carried on in similar style by Dr Ant Benny, a former member of the Whyalla Club and then a later member of the Adelaide, Blackwood Club (No 98) and the Middleback Club (No 210), at his Kensington home.

In Whyalla the entree seafood was blue swimmer crabs that are prolific in upper Spencer Gulf and certainly rival crayfish.

A cellar of 300-500 bottles was managed for many years by Winemaster Ern Schultz, a BHP executive, followed by Don Winton, Editor of the Whyalla News.

²² *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* November 1963

²³ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 November 1969

An outstanding service was provided by Ross Hawke and later Graham Buck as long-term Honorary Secretary/Treasurers, both BHP executives.

Jack Walker, a connoisseur of cognac, was President for many years, followed by Geoff Nihill for 12-15 years during which a number of BHP General Managers accepted vice-presidency. [leaving Whyalla with a greater appreciation for fine wine].

Following many years dining in a private room at the Bay View Hotel, Derhams Foreshore Restaurant offered an excellent room with South Australia's traditional King George whiting and cheerfully provided glasses for sherry, 2 whites, 2 reds, a port and a balloon for the cognac. The usual traditions and decorum not preventing wit and good fun. A memorable example, a local business proprietor was offered a lift home and woke to find he was 100 kms away in Cowell!

The club was not listed in the 2010/11 Handbook and had ceased operating around 2009. This was confirmed by the last President, Roger Thompson, who indicated that it became increasingly difficult to recruit younger members as existing members aged.

016 CYGNET, WA

On 9 August 1957 Jack Ludbrook presented its charter to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Cygnet, in Perth. The Club committee endorsed its charter at its meeting on 19 August 1957, after the Secretary, Eric Ring, had taken advantage of Jack Ludbrook's being in Perth and presenting the Perth Club its charter, to accept the petition for the formation of the Cygnet Club and issue a charter for Jack to present to them.²⁴

Cygnet, Perth, had eight petitioners, with the majority of them being company directors, in addition to a chemist, secretary. Licensee of a hotel and a business manager.

It was the latter, John L Burdett, who was nominated as President, one of the company directors, R (Dick) J Arnold, the Vice-President, another, J J (Cyril) Hammond, the Treasurer (and interestingly, also the Correspondent) and J W (Bill) Noonan the Honorary Secretary. The Club made two positions of Winemaster and Foodmaster, with George H Dallimore and Tom A Chalker assuming those positions respectively. A (Bert) C Francis and J Hill were listed as being on the committee.

Bill Noonan is listed as a company secretary in the petition. However, the *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* of 20 July 1957 is more specific, describing him as the "well-known wine and spirit merchant of Perth". The *Journal* credits his enthusiasm as leading to the formation of the Cygnet *branch*.

The Club's inaugural dinner took place on Thursday 20 June 1957 in the board room of the Commercial Travellers Club. The wines served came from several wine regions: a Houghton Sauternes, an Orlando Riesling, a Chateau Tahbilk Burgundy and a Yalumba Galway Pipe Port.

²⁴ Club Committee Minutes 19 August 1957

The then Governor of Western Australia, Sir Charles Gairdner, attended the June 1958 dinner of the Cygnet Club at the CTA Club.²⁵ It was noted that both the meal and wine were all from Western Australia, with the latter being a Special Dry Sherry by Houghton, a Sandalford Fino Sherry, a Sandalford Pamela white wine, Valencia Moselle, a Houghton White Burgundy, Valencia Chablis, Houghton Malbec Burgundy and Valencia Claret reds, finished with a Swanville Special Port.

The article also noted that on the food side, after the Jewfish soup, Mandurah whiting and spaghetti cheese, the *piece de resistance* was a T-bone baby beef steak “slaughtered on the spot, this beef reaches the table in prime condition”.

The Cygnet Club seemed to have high connections in that following having the Governor as a guest the previous year, the guest of honour at its September 1959 dinner at the Palace Hotel, Perth, was the Lord Mayor of Perth, Mr Harry Howard. It was interesting that in the report of the occasion the club was listed as having a Foodmaster, Harry Stone, Cheesemaster, John Nott, and Winemaster, Peter Howard; three people sharing what in most clubs was the one position.

The General Secretary, Bill Russell, reported to the Club Committee meeting in September 1991, that the Cygnet Club had sent in their annual return, but “they are having real survival problem”.²⁶ The club ceased operating in August 1993.²⁷ In its response to a reminder notice re the year’s Affiliation Fee, the club advised that it had closed because of the .05 breath driving level.

017 BRISBANE, QLD

The first club in Queensland, the Brisbane Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, had its petition approved by the Club Committee on 19 August 1957 and it received the seventeenth Charter. There were nine petitioners, all listing their occupations as managers. The minutes of the 19 August meeting described them as “businessmen of Brisbane”.

The President of the new club was EG Allen, Vice-President JV Donovan, Winemaster GH Bishop, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer CB Alexander, with the rest of the petitioners being members of the Committee: RJ Mahoney, LJ Condon, LV Orchard, PS Ford and RB Lendrum.

At the Club’s 1960 AGM, the President, Eric Olsen, reported the Club had a very successful year. Membership was 25. He said the Club has “sustained a great loss by the death of Mr John O’Grady, the United States Consul in Queensland, in the Mackay air disaster, and members always would cherish thought of his geniality and good fellowship”.²⁸

²⁵ *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 20 August 1958

²⁶ Club Committee Minutes 2 September 1991

²⁷ Club Committee Minutes 2 August 1993; Also mentioned in an email from John Macklin, General Secretary, to Rob Cooper, President of the Cygnet Tasmania Club (No 258)

²⁸ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 August 1960

018 MELBOURNE, VIC

While the concept and incipient beginning of a non-chartered Beefsteak and Burgundy Club at the Junction Hotel in Melbourne led by Fred Quinn and Richard Markillie was very much to the fore, it was not until 3 March 1958 that a petition from Melbourne was considered at the Club committee meeting. The petition was approved and the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Melbourne awarded the eighteenth charter, the presentation of which by then Adelaide President Eric Ring was recognised both in the Melbourne paper *The Age* of 14 May 1958 and the Adelaide paper the *Advertiser* on 20 May 1958.

The petition was signed by six business men, at least five of whom were involved with the wine industry. Ron Fox, who was nominated as President, was manager of McWilliams Wines in Melbourne, the Vice-President, Keith Gramp, was director of Orlando Wines in Melbourne, Winemaster, Tom Ford, a hotelier, [the Gresham Hotel] – although wine merchant Doug Crittendon became the first official Winemaster once the club was operating - the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Bruce Beasley, the manager of Tintara Wines in Melbourne and Kinsley Batten, committee member, a manager with B Seppelt & Sons Ltd in Melbourne. The other Committee member, R “Sandy” McGregor, listed as a director, which was of Melbourne milliners FE Johnson & Co. An august foundation group!

The *Wine and Spirit News and Australian Vignerons* edition of April 1958 reported that the Club’s second lunch was held at the Gresham Hotel and consisted of Fillet Mignon served with mushrooms, followed by cheeses and coffee. The wines served were Burings Gran Fiesta Sherry, Mildara Supreme, 1955 Barossa Cabernet, Seppelts’ 1954 Moyston, McWilliams Cream Sherry and 1941 Chadney Port. The next lunch was to be held at the Kerry Family Hotel. In July 1959 the Club held its monthly lunch at Tattersalls Hotel, but was back to the usual Gresham Hotel for its August lunch.

Given the names listed and the absence of Fred Quinn and Richard Markillie from the 1956 Junction Hotel group it would appear to not be the same group of men. What happened to the Junction group is unknown but it was not the official Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Melbourne.

A Victorian liquor industry paper *The Vigilante* printed an article on the Melbourne Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in its 26 March 1959 edition. It reported on the AGM dinner meeting at which members’ wives attended. It was held at the Gresham Hotel and featured Seppelt Champagne, Tintara Amontillado Sherry, 1952 McWilliams Pinot Hermitage, 1953 McWilliams Pinot Hermitage, Seppelt Imperial Reserve Para and an Orlando Barossa Brandy.

Keith Gramp, the Orlando Victorian Manager and Club Vice-President, was elected President at the AGM. Both Keith and his predecessor as President, Ron Fox, figured high on Life Memberships being 8 and 9 respectively, awarded on 11 November 1974.

The practice of combining the AGM with a dinner seem to have gained some currency at this time with the Foundation Club resolving to do the same in August 1959.

The *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* of 24 April 1962 in reporting that Bruce Beasley, Victorian Manager for Tintara Wines, was elected President in succession to Kinsley Batten, Victorian Manager for Seppelts, mention was made of the club having 20 members at the end of 1961. The club obviously had strong connections with the wine industry at the time.

Over the years the club had a number of prominent citizens as members. It sought life memberships for the Honorable Hector Roy Ward OAM, FIBA, IOM, JP and Bruce Carlyle Ruxton OBE, which was confirmed by the Club Committee.²⁹ Keith Dunstan, *Sun News Pictorial* columnist, journalist Bruce Wilson, *The Seekers* Athol Guy, a Past President, and Bruce Woodley, Perc Sitch, footballer and Test umpire and Tom Nisbet ED, as well as various Members of Parliament.

The club celebrated its 40 Years Anniversary on 3 March at Le Gourmet Restaurant, Albert Street, East Melbourne.

019 MORETON, QLD

At the Club Committee meeting on 17 June 1958 a petition for a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Fortitude Valley in Brisbane was received and the seven petitioners were granted the nineteenth charter. Barely a month later, though, the Monday 21 July 1958 Club Committee minutes recorded that the new Fortitude Valley Club requested that their name be changed “to the Moreton *branch*”. No reason for the request was given in the minutes; it was possibly a further thought not to restrict their location. The Committee approved the alteration and resolved to draw up and frame another charter.

The first President of the new club was RSM Hamilton, a manager and former member of the Burnside Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No 3), Vice-President HD McLucas, a sales manager, Winemaster, David Crosby, one of the First Eight of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, who was listed as an oenologist (specialist in winemaking)³⁰, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, AJ Bailey, a manager, with the other committee members being EC Carthew, a bank manager, CH Jones, a licensed victualler, and WJ Tuckfield, an agent.

The club’s first dinner was held on 16 July 1958 at the United Service Club, where most dinners were held until 1977. Members held their first *Ladies Night* at the Bellevue Hotel on 28 November 1958. At the time of the club’s tenth anniversary in 1968, the annual subscription was \$20 (2021 value \$261.04) and the monthly dinner fee was \$6.50 (2021 value \$84.84).

It was decided at the 1968 AGM that *Ten Year Olds* should become *Senior Old Bulls (SOBs)* and that the official lists that had to be submitted to the Adelaide Club would not show such members, leaving room for six or seven new members. However, by

²⁹ Club Committee Minutes 6 September 1003

³⁰ The report in the *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 20 June 1858 p 20 states he was formerly of Walter Reynell and Sons and now with Gollin and Co for Mildara in Brisbane. The report also notes that the Honorary Secretary AJ Bailey was a former A grade cricketer and league fottballer for Glenelg (SA). In fact, of the seven Charter members, five were South Australians.

1972 such subterfuge was not really needed as the number of members was only sixteen “in addition to a few SOBs”. Interestingly, to that stage there had been a club rule that disallowed members beyond a quota of five “from any one profession or calling”. The 24 April 1972 Committee meeting resolved to admit doctors above that quota because of the number of doctors keen to join the club.

In 1972, it was also decided that every second dinner could be held at a venue other than the United Service Club.

The minutes of the AGM of 28 August 1985 record that the annual subscription was \$120 (2021 value \$365.35) and the dinner levy \$26 (2021 value \$79.16). The cellar list contained the 1977 Penfolds Grange at \$24.41 (2021 value \$74.32) a bottle and the 1976 Penfolds Bin 707 at \$11.35 (2021 value \$34.56). Those were the days!

In 1992 the club’s numbers were down to 25 prompting a membership drive. The 1990s were an innovative time for the club. Several successful annual boat trips were held; and the inaugural Fathers and Sons dinner was held in 1994. In the 2000s, some of these events included daughters.

At the 2006 AGM, it was decided that in future dinners would commence with a Loyal Toast to Australia instead of to the Queen.

The club’s Golden Jubilee in 2018 was celebrated with a gala dinner at the original venue of the United Services Club. Membership at the time was almost full and the club had a strong financial position with a good cellar of wines.

020 MOUNT GAMBIER, SA

The Mount Gambier Club was awarded the twentieth charter at the Club Committee meeting on 17 June 1958. The nominated president was Colin Phillip Reilly, the proprietor of a hotel in Commercial Street Mount Gambier. According to a report in the *Sunday Mail* of 9 August 1958 on the dinner at which the charter was presented, the Mount Gambier Club also included members from the Millicent, Lucindale, Penola and Coonawarra Clubs.

Colin Reilly later became President of the Port Lincoln Beefsteak and Burgundy Club when he was manager of the Pier Hotel there.³¹

There were ten petitioners for the new *branch*, four of whom were located in Mount Gambier, two in Millicent, one in Lucindale and three in Penola/Coonawarra. Apart from the hotelier mentioned above, there were two graziers, a teacher, dentist, bank manager, civil servant, *branch* manager and two company directors.

Joining Colin Reilly on the Committee were James Wilfred Andre, grazier, as Vice-President, Owen Duncan Redman, company director, as Winemaster, Arnold Kingsley McNally, civil servant, as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and as Committee members Bernard Augustin Cosgrove, teacher, and John Plain, bank manager.

³¹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* January 1964

021 LARGS BAY, SA

The Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Largs Bay, was approved as the recipient of the twenty first Club Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 15 December 1958. Unfortunately, the December 1958 Club minutes and the Largs Bay Club Humble Petition are missing from the Club archives.

Fortunately, the Largs Bay Club has a record of its Charter members, namely: Jack W. Combe (1st President), R Grist, G C Luxton, D Molesworth, W Faulkner, R Martin, T Yates, I Rankine, D Field, A Read, A Matthews and R Paltridge.

The *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* 20 July 1959 reported that the June dinner of the Largs Bay Club was held at the Largs Pier Hotel, which was the regular venue for the club in its early years. The guest Winemaster was John Stanford.

The Chesser Cellars was also a popular venue in the early decades of the club. Over time, the club used a number of venues, including Greenock Pear Tree Cottage, d'Arry's Veranda McLaren Vale, Ferment Asian Tanunda, Windy Point Restaurant, Ayers House Adelaide, Chloe's and the Apothecary.

Meetings of the club are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7.00 pm, at which partners and guests are welcome. The President's night is held in November of each year. Dress code is black tie.

The club has celebrated its special Anniversaries in different venues: the 25th was held at Lipson House Port Adelaide; the 40th at Sunnybrae Estate Regency Park; the 50th at The National Wine Centre, Adelaide and the 60th at Lion Hotel Cellar, North Adelaide.

The club is proud of the fact that having a full membership and a long waiting list led to the formation of the Woodville Club (No 76) in 1967.

There has been a history of interactions with other B&B clubs, holding reciprocal meetings in the club's early years with Port Adelaide (No 11) and Tea Tree Gully (No 73) B&B clubs, Woodville B&B (No 76) for January meetings. Joint meetings were held with Loxton Epicurean Club in Loxton, Barmera, Clare, Largs Bay and Port Adelaide. The club was also awarded the *Most represented Club* at the Mount Gambier Convention in 1992.

The longest serving Secretary of the club has been Morry Smith, who served in that position from 1987 to 1992.

In the club's history Life Memberships have been awarded to nine members for the achievement of 35 years continuous active involvement and membership. They are:

John Clota – 59 years	Trevor Tucker – 40 years
Don Williams – 59 years	Barry Mackenzie – 37 years
Bill McCawley – 45 years	David Holmes – 39 years
Graham Schmidt – 45 years	Dan Prosser – 36 years

Typical wines enjoyed by club members have been: Back vintages and topical wine from old and new world regions from the original club cellar and members' cellars, throughout the years with traditional, modern and international cuisine.

Through member Steve Wormald, the club has a presence on Facebook (since 2013), Twitter and Instagram. The club has relied on Zoom meetings when required with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Past Presidents and Cellar Masters of the club have been:

1958-59	Jack Combe
1959-60	Jack Combe
1960-61	Les Searles
1961-62	Les Searles
62-63	Des Sands – Colin Alderman (Dr.)
63-64	Des Sands
64-65	Ian Rankine
65-66	Ian Rankine
66-67	Bob Grist – Des Sands
67-68	Bob Grist – Des Sands
68-69	Don Williams (Dr.) – Syd O'Halloran (Dr.)
69-70	Reg Boxall – G. Mathews
70-71	Syd O'Halloran (Dr.) – Don Williams (Dr.)
71-72	Graham Schmidt – Paddy McErlean
72-73	Colin Alderman (Dr.) – Reg Boxall
73-74	John Clota – Graham Schmidt
74-75	John Venning – John Clota
75-76	John Stanhope – Max Smith
76-77	Barry Townsend – John Martindale
77-78	Jim Howard – John Venning
78-79	Max Smith – Morry Smith
79-80	Ted Acres – Dan Prosser
80-81	Morry Smith – Barry Townsend
81-82	Jim Lineham – Ray Douglas
82-83	Bill McCawley – John Stanhope
83-84	Fred Townsend – Ken White
84-85	Trevor Tucker – John Venning
85-86	Ray Douglas – Dan Prosser
86-87	Vic Barnes – Brian Edwards
87-88	Dan Prosser – Ian Lunniss
88-89	Ken White – Trevor Tucker
89-90	Ian Lunniss – Don Williams
90-91	Barry Mackenzie – Vic Barnes
91-92	Tom Thompson – Dan Prosser
92-93	Andy Forster – Ken White
93-94	Brian Martin – Ken White
94-95	Alan Smith – John Clota
95-96	Geoff Davey – Ian Lunniss
96-97	Fraser Gurling – Dan Prosser
97-98	Vaughan Martin – Barry Mackenzie
98-99	Mel Scrivens – Brian Martin
99-00	Rory Malone – Trevor Tucker

2000-01	David Holmes – Vaughan Martin
01-02	Leigh McNamara – Geoff Davey
02-03	John Bannister – John Kitto
03-04	Geoff Campbell – Mark Ehrlich
04-05	Andrew Dodd – John Bannister
05-06	John Kitto – Barry Mackenzie
06-07	Steve Wormald – Andrew Dodd
07-08	Mark Ehrlich – Adrian Johnston
08-09	John Clota – Rory Malone
09-10	Michael Wilson/Adrian Krieg
10-11	Adrian Krieg – Brian Martin
11-12	Gerard Keane – David Holmes
12-13	Lloyd Roberts – Steve Wormald
13-14	Jonathon Krieg – Gerard Keane
14-15	Graham Kelly – Gerard Keane
15-16	Ken White – Jonathon Krieg
16-17	Brian Martin – Jonathon Krieg
17-18	Geoff Campbell – Jonathon Krieg
18-19	Vaughan Martin – Jonathon Krieg
19-20	Steve Wormald – Adrian Krieg
20-21	John Bannister – Adrian Krieg
21-22	Neil Moffatt -

022 SURFERS PARADISE, QLD

The petition to establish a club at Surfers Paradise, Queensland was considered by the Club Committee meeting on Monday 16 February 1959.

The Club was granted the twenty-second Charter. John Mollard, an apartment house owner was nominated as the first president, with a GP, Dr Willan, the Vice-President, Tom Scott the Winemaster, J Isherwood, a hotel manager, the Honorary Secretary and George Milne, a General Manager, the Honorary Treasurer.

The *Australian Brewing and Wine Journal* of 20 January 1959 records that David Crosby and his wife “attended the Christmas functions of the three Beefsteak and Burgundy Clubs in Queensland, Brisbane and Moreton Clubs and a newly formed unit of the movement at the far-famed Surfers Paradise”. As would have been common with other Clubs, clearly the Surfers Paradise group was coming together prior to the Charter approval. In fact, the petition states that the petitioners held a meeting on 23 October 1958 and resolved to seek a Charter.

023 JOHN BATMAN, VIC

At the Club’s March 1959 Committee meeting a petition was tabled that sought the formation of a *branch* club with the name *Licensed Grocers No 1 Branch*. This was not accepted and the Secretary was asked to request that the petitioners submit another name that did not have a trade in it.

This was duly undertaken so that the 27 April 1959 Committee meeting considered the petition now under the name *Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, John Batman*

Branch, named in honour of Melbourne's founder. This was accepted and the new Club was awarded the twenty-third charter.

The five petitioners were all licensed grocers. The *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* of 21 November 1960 stated that the Club was composed of members of the retail licensed trade. It held its November 1960 lunch at the Kerry Family Hotel. All the wines served were from McWilliams Wines, which were gifted to the Club by Ron Fox, a former President of the Melbourne Club, who was McWilliams Wines' Melbourne manager.

In a report of the club's AGM at the Gresham Hotel in the *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* of 20 May 1961 it was stated that "the full complement of fourteen members was present". At the meeting, the inaugural President, Rex Matthews, was replaced by Ben Brown, having served two years as President.

Of interest was the statement that each member supplied a 'marked bottle of table wine' which resulted in four Rieslings, a white Burgundy, two Burgundys, with the other five clarets. The evening began with two sherries, a Reynella SVO Medium Dry Sherry and a Seppelts DP 125 Amontillado Sherry and finished with a Seppeltsfield 1952 DPS Port.

024 DANDENONG, VIC

At the Club Committee meeting on Monday 18 May 1959 a petition was received from residents of Ferntree Gully, Victoria seeking the establishment of a Charter for a *branch* club. It was duly resolved that the Club's twenty-fourth Charter would be granted to the "Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Dandenong *Branch*".

The nominated President, O K Kewish, and Vice-President, Ian Stephen MacLeod Murphy, were both listed as medical practitioners, with the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, George Gronow, a company director in the food industry, and the Winemaster, E J Mortiboy, being involved in the wine trade. Committee members Joseph and John Proppe, presumably brothers, were listed as hotel managers, while M B Murphy, probably related to the Vice-President, was an engineer.

At the Club Committee meeting on 15 June 1981, the minutes, under the heading *Dandenong Branch*, record a letter dated 25 May 1981 regarding the name. Then it recorded a reply 3 June 1981 from the *Branch* Secretary stating that the correct name according to the Charter is *Beefsteak and Burgundy Club of the Dandenongs*. This was followed by a further letter to the *Branch* dated 15 June 1981 acknowledging that as the correct name.

In the Handbook, therefore, the club is listed as *Dandenong*, until the 1981-82 Handbook when, as a consequence of the correspondence, the club's name was changed to *Dandenongs – Of The*. This continued to be the case until the 1984-85 Handbook when it was listed as *Dandenongs*, which continued in the Handbook until 2018, by when the club had ceased to exist.

It would appear that the writing of the Charter was incorrect. The petition definitely has under the section 3(2) at the time: "The name of this *Branch* shall be *Beefsteak and Burgundy Club – Dandenong Branch*". In addition, the Club Committee

minutes of 18 May 1959 state: “It was resolved that the club’s 24th Charter be granted to the *Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Dandenong Branch*”.

The club ceased to exist in 2017, as over recent years it failed to renew.

025 NORTH SYDNEY, NSW

The Club’s twenty-fifth Charter was granted at the Club Committee meeting on Monday 14 December 1959 to petitioners from North Sydney. There were only six petitioners but in the covering letter to Ray Drew the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the proposed new club, Arthur Critchley, stated they were “not anxious to become merely numerically strong, as we propose to ensure that applicants for membership are congenial and worthy companions, whose reputation and bona fides will enhance the reputation of the Club”.

The six petitioners do not record their occupations but Arthur Critchley’s letter had as its sending address c/- Australian Wine Producers’ Association of NSW, suggesting a close connection of some or most with the wine industry. The six took up the following positions in the new Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, North Sydney: President, Richard Forbes; Vice-President, Trevor Wilson; Winemaster and Cheesemaster, Bruce Docker; Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur Critchley; and Committeemen, Dale Lewis and Colin Blackmore.

026 ELIZABETH, SA

Six petitioners from the newly established northern suburb of Elizabeth in Adelaide were granted the twenty-sixth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on Monday 15 February 1960. The petitioners might be called *high powered* with one being the Personnel Manager of GMH (W A Read, the nominated President), an optometrist (Allan Charlton, the Winemaster), three others being engineers (J C Hoey, the Vice-President and D W Cook and Edward Parfrey, committeemen) and the sixth (W A Bradfield, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer) a rocket propulsion engineer at the Weapons Research Establishment!

The club reported on a regular monthly dinner gathering, held on 10 March 1969 at the Red Lion Hotel, Elizabeth North. The Winemaster at the time was Murray Napier.³²

By 2001 the club’s membership had declined to just four. They sought for their affiliation fee for 2001-02 to be waived “to give them a chance to increase their membership by becoming a mixed club”. The Club Committee agreed to waive the Affiliation Fee, other than the insurance component.³³

Unfortunately, any attempt to increase membership seems to have failed as the club ceased to exist in 2003³⁴, although it continued to be listed in the summary list in the

³² *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 March 1969

³³ Club Committee Minutes 8 August 2001

³⁴ The 12 February 2003 Club Committee Minutes note under the heading *Correspondence In* that there was a note from the Elizabeth Club’s Honorary Secretary, Reiner Hain, advising that the club “cannot continue”.

Handbook until the 2009/2010 Handbook, although not in the fuller listings of each club's contacts.

027 TOOWOOMBA, QLD

At its 26 April 1960 meeting the Club's Committee granted the twenty-seventh club Charter to six petitioners from Toowoomba. None of the petitioners seem to have had a direct relationship with the wine industry, which is not unusual given their geographical location, nor even the hospitality industry.

An interest in wine and food presumably brought together a company representative (J Van Homrigh, the nominated President), the Deputy Town Clerk (A G Milton, Vice-President), design draftsman (Leo Johnson, Winemaster), purchasing officer (J A Coates, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer), sales manager (M Vayro, committee) and Commonwealth public servant (E Metcalf, committee) to establish the club.

The club's name does not appear in the summary list of clubs in the 1999/2000 Handbook, although it does in the section listing Office-Bearers and contact details. However, it does not appear in any Handbooks thereafter, so presumably it ceased to exist around 1999. The *List of Defunct Clubs* has its finish date as 1 November 2000.³⁵

028 MILLICENT, SA

The Club's twenty-eighth Charter was granted to petitioners from Millicent at the Club Committee meeting on Tuesday 17 May 1960. Eleven petitioners were listed and not surprisingly, given the region, eight of them were listed as graziers and one as a farmer, with the two odd ones out being a medical practitioner and a bank officer.

J W Andre, a grazier, (mentioned above as a founding member of the Mount Gambier Club (No 20)) was nominated as President, another grazier, P J Ryan, the Vice-President, while one with a well-known wine industry name D R Redman was nominated as Winemaster, the bank officer, D B Farrow, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and a third grazier, P A McBride, and Dr D J Harris were on the committee. The new Club featured in an article in the *Sunday Mail* on 28 May 1960, including a photo of the President J W Andre, and the Winemaster D R Redman, together interestingly with Owen Redman (listed above as a founding member and Winemaster of the Mount Gambier Club).

029 VICTOR HARBOR, SA

Four petitioners submitted a petition for the formation of a Club at Victor Harbor, South Australia, although the nominations of the officers of the Club were nine in number. The Club Committee granted the twenty-ninth Charter to Victor Harbor at its meeting on Monday 4 July 1960.

The President of the new Club was R W Goldsack, a pharmacist, Vice-President was R N Rowe, Foodmaster, E Parsons, the licensee-manager of the Hotel Victor,

³⁵ John Macklin, when General Secretary, reported to the Club Committee that it closed in 2000. It is likely that he is the author of the List of Defunct Clubs. Club Committee Minutes 26 April 2007

Winemaster, H H Norman, Honorary Secretary, P Verco, a Manager, Honorary Treasurer, K Lowe, a Bank Manager, and committee members W B Lalor, K Humphris and C Pritchard.

David Crosby attended the inaugural dinner of the new Club at the Hotel Victor. The Charter was presented at a Club function on 18 July 1960 at the Hotel Victor by the then Vice-President of the Adelaide Club, Rodney Robertson, accompanied by committee men Alan Russell and John Kemp, along with Jack Ludbrook.

030 TORRENS, SA

The thirtieth Charter was granted at the Club Committee meeting on Monday 29 August 1960 to seven petitioners who wanted to establish in Adelaide the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Torrens.

As reported in the *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 August 1960, which was then taken up by the 26 August 1960 edition of the *Radio Television News*, the new club had a strong element of media in its membership.

The President, Jack Neate, and Vice-President, Milton Howard, were both account executives of Webb Roberts McClelland, advertising counsel; the Winemaster, though, was not from the media, he was Robert Hardy, a director of Tintara Wines; the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was Alan Cruickshank, sales manager of Cruickshanks Ltd, stationers and printers; while Lionel Williams, TV presenter at Channel 9 and Milton Ingerson, a commercial photographer, were committeemen. Foundation members included Vic Jacques, of Radio 5AD, Tony Roberts from Channel 7, Kingsley (Duke) Wellington of ICI, and Geoff Sowden, advertising manager of Hills Industries.

Some Members 1968 - 1969

Alan Waldron
David Boyer
Don Castle
Don Fraser
Don McArthur
Doug Moore
Joe Grose
Ken Malzard
Mac Pentreath
Ross Guerin

1969

New members - Maurice Klemich National Paper View Pac and Bryan Haugaard Seppelt & Sons

Some Wine Names of the times Claret, Moselle, Sauterne

1970 President - David Boyer

Committee - Max Law, Ken Malzard, Jock Watson, John Griffin, Ian Hall, Maurice Klemich

Member's luncheons were held at the Highway Inn on Anzac Highway.

Cost of Meal \$6-00 in those days.
Murray Mitchel, Colonial Galleries joins.

Ladies Nights it was suggested that members swap from table to table between courses
Baron of Beef seems to have been a popular course for several meetings throughout the year.

1971 President - Don McArthur

Annual picnic for Beefsteak & Burgundy Clubs was held at the Legacy Oval, Clarendon.
Wives and children were welcome.

A bottling day was held at the home of the President Don McArthur
Other Events Considered A Golf Day, Picnic, Black Tie Dinner
Members Wives to meet on their own
Winery Visit and Wine Tasting

John Ball joins the waiting list of members
Wine Bottling at Mr Mitchell's homestead
Gordon Barrett becomes a member. Printing Machinery Distributor.

1972 President - Ken Law, Vice Pres. Ian Hall, F/W Maurice Klemich, Sec. Ken Malzard
Committee - Don Castle, Watson Schudmark, Don McArthur

John Terrassin and Bryan Loftes joined the waiting List. John Ball becomes a full member.

1973 President - Ian Hall, Vice Pres. Ross Guerin, F/W D Moore, Sec. K Malzard

1974 President - Ross Guerin, Vice Pres. M Klemich, Sec. K Malzard

Ladies Night held at the Colonial, Glen Osmond
President Ross Guerin had the Presidents Day at his Home.
In Sept 1974, Maurice Klemich suggested that the club meet at various venues

Peter Owens, Phillip Detmold, Robbie Giles-(Life Assurance) and Keith Frost (Printer) joined the waiting list

1975 President - Maurice Klemich, Vice Pres. Alan Hunter, F/W Don McArthur, Sec. K Malzard
Luncheons back at the Highway Inn

Interesting Year Wine Bottling Ladies Nights Etc. BBQ at Hardy's
Feb 1976 The Late Jack Mead joined the waiting list.
Apr 1976 Marcus Streckelsen, Ray Byerley and Henry Sloma also join waiting list
Aug 1976 Don Castle resign's from the committee after many years service to the club

1976 President - Alan Hunter, Vice Pres. Doug Moore, F/W Bryan Loftes, Sec K. Malzard
Committee - Gordon Barrett (first time), B Hardy, J Neate, R Geurin

Discussion re combined picnic with the Erehwon B&B Club, members to bring food and salads

Brian Garret Bowater Paper Manager added to the waiting list

3 Ladies Nights Held, one at the Mill in Hahndorf

1977 President - Doug Moore, Vice Pres. Bryan Loftes, F/W Joe Grose, Sec K. Malzard
Committee - G Barrett, J Terrassin, Moss Sandford and Jim Curry

Late Kevin Klemich donated The Barron of Beef for the Ladies Knight t Hardy's Cellars
Special Men's Night Held at Joe Grose Home. This went off very well.

Xmas Dinner held at the St Leonard's Inn at the Bay.

Henry Sloma and Ray Byerley accepted as members.

1978 President - Bryan Loftes, Vice Pres. Jack Neate, F/W Moss Sandford, Sec. Ken
Malzard

Committee - J Grose, M Bietz, R Guerin, J Terrassin, G Barrett

Marcus Streckeisen becomes a member Sept 1978

Peter Mundy Printing Supplies joins waiting list

Peter Owens resigns Aug 1978

Sub Committee formed for the 20th Anniversary of Torrens B & B Club Malzard, Barrett,
Sandford and Neate

Bottling Day success Riesling Cab Sav, from Tolleys Pedare for sale at \$18 per bottle.

November 1978 - Ken Malzard appointed Life Membership for long standing service as
the secretary of Torrens B & B Club.

Highway Inn changed ownership and Unions raised wages hence followed by rising prices
for functions.

A very good year was had by all accounts.

1979 President - Jack Neate, Vice Pres. Ward Smith, F /W Bob Hardy, Sec. Ken
Malzard

Committee had thoughts of the Club being overloaded with members from one industry.
Waiting List was opened.

The Club enjoyed a train trip during the year.

Bob Hardy and Moss Smith Chose wines for Bottling. Club purchased 3dz. Glasses.

Bus Trip to Harhndorf successful

Presidents Day Menu from J. Selth - Morton Bay Bugs, Prawns, Oysters, Avocado, Pears,
Yabbies, Cheese, Mixed Meats Rolls and Salad

1980 President - Joe Gross, Vice Pres. Max Bietz, F/W G Barrett, Sec. K Malzard

Peter Lord becomes a member Dec. 80

Ladies Xmas Luncheon Held at the Stable Bridgewater

Tony McArthur added to the waiting list. April 1980
Dean Thornquest and Dick Rosen become full members at AGM

At the AGM, Don McArthur's nomination to be a Life Member was carried unanimously and his son Tony was admitted as a member.

1981 President - Max Bietz, Vice Pres. Gordon Barrett, F/W R Geurin, Sec. K Malzard
Committee Norm Rose, B Garrett, H Sloma, M Streckeisen

Marcus Streckeisen organised the Bottling which was a success with all the Galway being sold.

The Secretary had problems getting replies for the Xmas Luncheon despite sending invites to the home address then having to phone as a follow up.

All the Food and Wine Master's used slight variations of 5 previously selected menus that had been used at the Highway Inn Hotel. This system was used for many years which helped to maintain costs within budget.

Ward Smith resigned as a full member due to health problems but asked to be able to attend functions when his health allowed. This was agreed.

Bruce Cameron became a full member

1982 President - Gordon Barrett, Vice Pres. R Giles, F/W M Streckeisen, Sec. K Malzard

Committee - H Sloma, D Moore, P Lord, M Sandford

Ken Malzard had to resign due to ill health after 20 years of service. A travelling clock was presented to Ken for years of service.

Bureau of Statistics Calculated Australia's Population to be 15 million people. All members agreed that they were a lucky bunch and were more fortunate than a lot of considerable number of people.

Dinner held at Orlando Cellars in October 1982 and the Robin Hood Hotel. *Ladies Dinner* Another lady's night held at Villa Sanso. Cost of Luncheon now \$16-00 per head

Brian Garrett passed away March 1983

Roy Taylor became a member and took on the job of acting secretary due to K. Malzard's illness.

1983 President - Robbie Giles, Sec. Roy Taylor

A Bottling Day was held in September at Doug Moore's Home.

Ladies' night functions had not been well attended and nearly dropped.

1984 President - Marcus Streckeisen, Vice Pres. Moss Sandford, F/W Dick Rosen, Sec. S Fraser

Committee - Doug Moore, Peter Lord, Roy Taylor, Mike Applin

Program high lights - Luncheons held at the Newmarket Hotel North Tce. Adelaide, Dinner at Orlando Cellars, Ladies Xmas function at The Newmarket Hotel, Annual Picnic

Presidents Day, Bottling Day and a 25th Anniversary Dinner held at Hardy's Cellars Noarlunga. A Bus was hired to transport members to and from the Dinner. A Black-tie affair. Cost \$45-00 a head. Charged \$35.00 - club subsidised the cost. 40 plus attended.

Waiting members - Stewart MacDonald, Laurie Leibhardt, Jim Tucker, Andrew Mitchell, Max Beitz

1985 President - Maurice Klemich, Vice Pres. John Griffin, F/W M Applin, Sec. S Fraser

Committee - G Barrett, R Giles, D Rosen, Marcus Streckeisen

Program High Lights - Lunches at Adelaide Oval, Newmarket Hotel, Orlando Cellars Men's Dinner, Swedish Day, Judgement Day Bill Hardy. Day Trip to McLaren Vale Wineries

Italian Day, Ladies Night Kooyonga Golf Club, July Scottish Day and Bottling Day June. A Golf Day was held.

Waiting members - Jim Tucker, Andrew Mitchell, Bob Scrymgour, Gene Swinstead, Bryce Kohler

1986 President - Mike Applin, Vice Pres. John Griffin, F/W David Eyers, Sec Jack Mead

Committee - Dick Rosen, Robbie Giles, Tony Mc Arthur

Program High Lights - M Applin resigned as he was transferred back to Melbourne and John Griffin became President and Gordon Barrett became Vice Pres. Stephen Fraser resigned from committee due to pressure of work and Henry Sloma was very sick for 3 months.

Maurice Klemich to look for new members

A Committee Member to assist the F/W and fill in, when possible, to gain experience.

A crustacean day was held and past members invited to attend. This went well.

At times during the year only 10 members attended - We now know this was a sign of the times.

Ken Malzard passed away during the year.

Bob Hardy Proposed as a Life Member and presented with life membership at the AGM.

Functions held at The Feathers, The German Club and Britannia Hotel.

September was a Chinese Theme.

Waiting members - Norm Pope, Keith Brunt, Roger Baines

1987 President - Gordon Barrett, Vice Pres. David Eyers, F/W Maurice Klemich, Sec. Jack Mead

Committee - Bob Hardy, John Griffin, Bob Scrymgour, Tony McArthur

Charlie Cooper becomes a member.

Program High Lights - Club sells Andrew Garrett wines Traminer, Chardonnay and Red. Bottling Day at Hardy's Winery, Golf Day at KGC, Evening Dinner at Gramps and a *Ladies Night* at Hardy's winery with a bus to and from.

Ross Guerin submits a letter expressing changing from a luncheon club to a night meeting due to greater pressure on business executives. Two other Clubs were also experiencing Membership problems.

Tony McArthur suggests that the club start its own wine cellar. Not taken up due to management thereof and storage.

31 May 1988 Tragic Death of Doug Moore.
April a Chinese Night held at the Royal Garden Restaurant Toorak Gardens.
Bastille Day Luncheon held at the Britannia Hotel in July; Dirk Inglis Manager invited to attend.

1988 President - David Eyers, Vice Pres. Norman Pope, W/F Tony Mc Arthur, Sec Jack Mead
Committee – R Scrymgour, R Geurin, B Hardy, R Boath

Program High Lights - Bottling Day at Ron Boath's home with wine sourced by Bob Hardy, *Ladies Night* at Bridgewater Mill and Family Day at Charlie Cooper's home at Mylor.

Lunches at the Britannia Hotel, Swain's Sea Food Restaurant, Xmas lunch at Dean Thornquest Home Beaumont, President's Day at David Eyers home Skye.

1989 President – Norm Pope, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, F/W Bob Scrymgour, Sec Jack Mead
Committee Ron Boath, Bob Hardy, Ross Geurin

Program High Lights – Xmas Lunch at D Thornquest home, Pres Day at Norm Pope's son's home at College Pk. Bottling and Picnic Day at Ron Boath's home.
Functions now held at the Public Schools Club, East Tce.

1990 President Tony McArthur, Vice Pres. Bob Scrymgour, Sec. Jack Mead, F/W different member designated for each function.

Program High Lights – Wine Raffles Continued, Gordon Barrett shifted interstate a Pin and Cuff Links presented and a caricature. D Thornquest organised a luncheon at the Cremorne Hotel. President's Day held at the home of Past President, Don Mc Arthur
Sunday Lunch held at Maximillans Restaurant, Verdun
Bottling Day Picnic at Ron Boath's home, Somerton Pk
Lunches held at Public Schools Club with various F/W notable Peter Lord
Ross Geurin passed away.

1991 President - Bob Scrymgour, Vice Pres. Ron Boath, Sec Jack Mead
Committee Norm Pope, Marcus Streckeisen, Charlie Cooper, Tony McArthur
September 91, John Ball had returned from Sydney to retire, Maurice Klemich and Dean Thornquest organized the Xmas function at the German Arms Hotel Hahndorf
Dean Thornquest and Bob Hardy displayed their excellent pallets in making their comments on the wines presented at our functions.
Marcus Streckeisen organised a Dinner at the Lenzerheid Restaurant at Mitcham.

President's Day Held at Bob Scrymgour's home North Adelaide 3 to 7 p.m.
Club funds finished with a healthy balance of \$2,601.81

1992 President - Ron Boath, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, Sec Jack Mead
Committee - Norm Pope, Marcus Streckeisen, Charlie Cooper, Brian Loftes, Roy Taylor
Lunches held at the Public School's Club, November Lunch held at Beaumont House organised by Marcus Streckeisen. Xmas lunch was held at Coopers Brewery Statenborough St, Leabrook. Organised by M Klemich

President's Day held at the Home of Roy Taylor Stanley St. Leabrook
Wine Bottling at Ron Boath's Wine sold for \$42-00 dz.
May Luncheon held at La Campagnola Restaurant Kensington Rd. Norwood
June Luncheon at Gennaro Restaurant, Eastwood Don McArthur F/W.

1993 President - Charlie Cooper, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, Sec. J Mead
Committee - Norm Pope, Bob Scrymgour, Marcus Streckeisen, Roy Taylor, Brian Loftes
Annual Subs. \$20

Program: 4 Lunches, 4 Dinners with wives, Presidents Day, Sunday Lunch with Wives
and a bottling day Picnic at Ron Boath's home.

Barossa Valley Winery Tour in October 93 visited 5 wineries with a dinner at the Chateau
Yaldara Motor Inn. 27 attended. A \$717.22 loss was made on the function due to cost of
bus and the wine.

Xmas Dinner held at Chesser Cellars

January Luncheon held at the Royal Yacht Squadron organised by Brian Loftes

April Dinner at Jarmers, Kensington Pk/

May Sunday Cold Lunch Maglieri's Wines McLaren Flat Bottled Shiraz and Cab Merlot

July Luncheon @ Polo Club Waymouth St. Adelaide. Cost \$45-00

Club funds \$1,459-00

1994 President - Roy Taylor, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, Sec Jack Mead
Committee - Norm Pope, Marcus Streckeisen, Alan Bigg, Marshall Steer

Functions held at Australian Institute, Chesser Cellars, Roy Taylor's Home, Jarmers,
German Club, AGM @ Feathers Hotel with various Food and Wine Masters during the
year.

Bottling Day at Auldana \$60 per dz

McLaren Vale Winery Tour in March/April 95 visited 5 wineries, including the original
Nottage Hill Winery, with a dinner at the McLarens on the Lake. 17 attended

1995 President - Roy Taylor, Vice Pres Tony McArthur, Sec J. Mead
Committee - Norm Pope, Marcus Streckeisen, Alan Bigg, Marshall Steer

Jack Mead first time as Food and Wine Master September 1995

Xmas Lunch Saturday at Maximilian's Restaurant, Verdun

Bottling Day at Bethany Winery Cab/Merlot \$70 per doz Picnic Lunch

Xmas Lunch in June at The Arkaba Hotel F/W Alan Bigg

July Annual Erewhon Club Challenge to pick masked wine held at Clipsal Power House
AGM at PSC Club funds \$2,408.53

1996 President - Keith Opie, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, Sec. Jack Mead
Committee - Norm Pope, Marshall Steer, Marcus Streckeisen, Alan Bigg

Functions at Cork & Cleaver, PSC, Maximillians, Pavilion on the Park Brunch and
Smorgasbord, Swaines Restaurant, M. Klemich and Dean Thornquest were the F/W
Wine bottling day at Bleasdle vineyards Langhorne's Ck. Shiraz sold for \$70 dz.

1997 President - John Ball, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, Sec. Jack Mead
Committee - Marcus Streckeisen, Norm Pope, Alan Bigg, Marshall Steer

Venues - PSC, Feathers Hotel, Pavilion on the Park, Clare Country Club, Cork & Cleaver
Glenelg, Jarmers, Mira Monte

1998 President - John Ball, Vice Pres. Alan Bigg, Sec. Jack Mead
Committee Tony McArthur, Keith Opie, Norm Pope, Marshall Steer
A Great Year and wonderful Venues, Bottling at Bleasdale winery, organised by Marcus
Streckeisen was excellent once again. Don McArthur passed away May 1999.

1999 President - Alan Bigg, Vice Pres. Dean Thornquest, Sec. Jack Mead
Committee Tony McArthur, Keith Opie, Marshall Steer, Bob Scrymgour
Jack Mead stepped down after 14 years as secretary. Thanked by members for years of
service to our club.

Functions were held at Stamps, PSC, Cork and Cleaver Glenunga and Glenelg
Ron Boath and Bob Caldercott resigned due to health reasons

Life Membership bestowed on Dean Thornquest and Maurice Klemich

2000 President - Dean Thornquest, Vice Pres. Tony McArthur, Sec. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Bob Barclay, Keith Opie, Marshall Steer
Tony McArthur continues to store Club wine in his cellar
40th Anniversary Dinner (Black Tie) Held at Jarmers Restaurant, Wine Master Maurice
Klemich and Food Master John Ball
Dr Tony Davidson gave the Toast to The Club.

Functions were held at Jarmers, Cork & Cleaver (Glenunga and Glenelg), The Chesser
Cellar, PSC, Pavilion on the Park, Bleasdale Winery Langhorn Creek
Wine Tasting at St Halletts winery and Dinner Yalumba Winery.
Visit and bottling at Maxwell Wines with a picnic lunch June 2001; Sold 72 doz wine

Dean Thornquest prepared instructions for the Food and Wine Masters to follow. This
has worked very well for newer members taking on the position.

A Visit to Barossa Valley staying at the Novatel was proposed cost per couple \$414-00

Simon Fraser Adrian Blue, Stephen Evans and Murray Lucas become members

Dean Thornquest organised a questionnaire to members re the running and management
of our Club Wine Cellar; for example, who are in favour and who will manage and store
the wine etc. Some members were against the proposal, but most were in favour. Aim
will be to turn wines over every 3 years.
Club Funds \$3,032.65

2001 President - Tony McArthur, Vice Pres Bob Barclay, Sec. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Ron Kellner, Robbie Giles, Brian Keal. Auditor Alan Bigg

Functions were held at The Rising Sun F/W R Kellner, PSC, Sammy's on the Marina,
Cork & Cleaver, Edinburgh Hotel, La Tombola, Ayers House Function Centre, Stonyfell
Winery

Dean Thornquest organised for Geoff Tippin from the Holdfast Bay Club to speak to
members on how they run their wine cellar. This was very informative, as they run it as a
business and combining with other clubs make large purchases/sales. It's now a full-time
job for Geoff Tippin.

At the March 2001 Meeting it was agreed to Incorporate the Club. This was subsequently undertaken by the Secretary.

Sunday 14th July Wine Labelling at Charles Cimicky Winery organised by M. Streckeisen Food arranged by Tony Mc Arthur for picnic lunch. This was a great event.

2002 President - Tony Mc Arthur, Vice Pres. Bob Barclay subsequently declined the position due to family in Queensland. Position was filled by Robbie Giles. Sec. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Ron Kellner, Adrian Blue, D Crowhurst. Auditor, Alan Bigg

Functions were held at PSC, Sammy's Glenelg, Ayers House FC, Rock Lobster Glenelg, La Tombola, Urban Restaurant.

Moved from the PSC to Ayers House mid 2003 following a change in the caterer
Wine labelling at Maxwell Winery with a Picnic; Verdelho was well received

A new members' get-together at the PSC was held May 2003 M. Klemich donated excellent reds and a raffle for a bottle of Grange.

Torrens B&B Club helped the Adelaide Club with the 50th Anniversary Convention May 2004. David Pearce becomes a member.

2003 President - Robbie Giles, Vice Pres. Ron Kellner, Sec. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Grant Fuss, Denis Crowhurst, Adrian Blue, Stephen Evans
Wine Cellar – Was in 3 places so Grant Fuss offered to house the wine at his home in Beaumont. Accepted. Dean Thornquest tabled the formal operation of the wine cellar.

Functions were held at Ayers House FC, Cork & Cleaver, Kooyonga GC President's Day, Jarmer's Restaurant, Wine Labelling at Maxwell Winery and Picnic Lunch
Xmas Lunch at Ayers House FC F/W Robbie Giles and Ron Kellner

2004 President – Robbie Giles, Vice Pres. Ron Kellner, Sec. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Adrian Blue, Adam Conrad, Grant Fuss
Auditor Alan Bigg Raffle Master Murray Lucas
Robbie Giles aimed to achieve 3 things – A Home Base we were proud to have our functions; Increase our membership; and establish a central wine cellar.
This was achieved with 30 members and 3 Life Members
Sub remained at \$45-00 Sec honorarium \$400-00.

All functions well attended, but wine Bottling cancelled due to date being near Easter.
Good Fellowship was had by all members throughout the year.
Pres. Day held at Kooyonga G. C. Lamb on a spit excellent

2005 President - Robbie Giles, Vice Pres. Adrian Blue, Sec/Tres. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Ron Kellner, Grant Fuss, Stephen Evans, Murray Lucas
Auditor, Alan Bigg Raffle Master Murray Lucas.
Functions – Most were held at Ayers House Function Centre, President's Day Kooyonga G C

Proposed Week End trip to Barossa in April didn't proceed as there were not enough starters

2006 President - Adrian Blue, Vice Pres. Stephen Evans, Sec/Tres. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Ron Kellner, Grant Fuss, Murray Lucas
Auditor, Alan Bigg Raffle Master Grae Loukes and Murray Lucas
Sub-committee formed to source wines for the Club Wine Cellar R Giles, A Blue, M Lucas G Fuss, B Scrymgour
Functions – Most were held at Ayers House F C. President's Day at Kooyonga G C

2007 President - Adrian Blue, Vice Pres. Grant Fuss, Sec/Tres. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Ron Kellner, Murray Lucas, Grae Loukes
Auditor, Alan Bigg Raffle Master, Ken Flint

Functions - Oct Ladies and Partners BBQ held at home of Stephen Evans organised by Adrian Blue and Stephen Evans a great day.

Functions – Most were held at Ayers House F C. President's Day at Kooyonga G C

2008 President - Grant Fuss, Vice Pres. Stephen Evans, Sec/Tres. Bob Scrymgour
Committee - Ron Kellner, Grae Loukes, Robbie Giles, Murray Lucas
Auditor Alan Bigg Raffle Masters Ken Flint and Keith Opie
Functions - Most held at Ayers House FC Xmas lunch F/W R Giles and M Streckeisen
President's Day held at Glenelg G.C.

2009 President - Grant Fuss, Vice Pres. Stephen Evans, Sec/Tres. Bob Scrymgour
Committee – Ron Kellner, Murray Lucas, Robbie Giles, Grae Loukes
Auditor – Alan Bigg Raffle Master Chris Bone
Functions – Most were held at Ayers House FC, President Day at Kooyonga Golf Club
The Club Wine Cellar has operated very well by Grant Fuss and this has helped to keep the cost of our functions at an acceptable level. Charging \$50-00 per lunch plus a \$5-00 for a raffle each week, where functions allow.

031 BALLARAT VIC

Nine petitioners from Ballarat were granted the thirty-first Charter at the Club Committee meeting on Monday 19 September 1960. They comprised a solicitor, art teacher, several managers, a couple of insurance representatives, and the hotelier from the Criterion Hotel.

The inaugural meeting of the group took place at the Criterion Hotel on Thursday 25 August to form the new club. R A Hutchison was elected President, R G Dobson, Vice-President, C H Miles, Honorary Secretary, S Keane, Treasurer, J N Coghlan, Cellar and Foodmaster, and S King, N Bunning and J W Powell, committeemen. They resolved that monthly dinners would be held on the second Thursday of each month.

032 YARRA, VIC

The thirty-second Charter was granted to seven petitioners wishing to establish another club in Melbourne. The Charter was granted to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Yarra *Branch* at the Club Committee meeting on Monday 14 November 1960.

The petitioners were largely listed as Managers, with a couple specifically listed in the insurance industry. F E Crowle was nominated as President, A Douglas as Vice-President and Winemaster, J S L Crabb as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, with B Hackett, J Hemsworth, J L Crossmand and R Liddicut, committeemen.

033 PORT PHILLIP, VIC

The proponents of the Port Phillip *branch* were largely managers and a couple of medical practitioners. They were granted the thirty-third petition by the Club Committee at its 17 April 1961 meeting.

The first President of the new club was Alan White, a Sales Manager, the Vice-President, H Riedel, a Manager, Winemaster Dr R Keech and the Honorary Secretary H R Prinper³⁶, also a Manager. Committee men were H Hartog, Dr R Collman and E Fitzgerald.

034 ALICE SPRINGS, NT

The thirty-fourth Charter was granted to petitioners from Alice Springs. The petition was quite significant in that as against the normal seven or eight petitioners, this petition was signed by twenty-five, giving the new club almost full membership from the start!

Given the number it is not surprising that there was a wide range of occupations listed for the petitioners. In addition to the fairly common occupations of managers, merchants, bank officer, bank manager, accountants, hotel manager and the like there was also a sergeant of police and a jailer, as well as a clerk of court! So, presumably, the meetings were sober occasions!

The Charter was granted at the Club Committee meeting on 15 May 1961. The President of the new Alice Springs Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was L J Kittle, a garage proprietor, Vice-President D L Jury, Winemaster, E M Smith, a contractor, Honorary Secretary, A G W Greatorex, an accountant, and Treasurer, R L Collins, a bank manager.

In another interesting aspect to the petition, in the space for the listing of Committeemen was stated "All Members".

In July 1964 the Club reported on one of its dinners held at the Riverside Hotel at which eighteen members and their wives attended. The President was Frank King and in the absence of regular Winemaster Gordon Hampton the wines were selected by members Bill Bouyan and Laurie Mostran. Interestingly in addition to the wines, one of the beverages was listed as the Johnny Walker Black Label Whisky!³⁷

In its early years the Club was quite active providing regular reports to the *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*. One such report in the 25 May 1965

³⁶ Unfortunately, a part of the petition is torn out, so it can only be seen that the secretary is Hr P and the signature on the petition is difficult to read, so Prinper is just a possibility, but probably unlikely.

³⁷ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* July 1964

edition of the *Review* reported on then retiring President, Frank King's, report. He stated that the Club had a full complement of 30 members with two on the waiting list; each function was organised by a different member; and, the Club owned the framed Charter, a Beefsteak and Burgundy sign, two wine decanters and a tray.

At the 1968 Convention in Adelaide, one of the Alice Spring Club's members, Peter Sitzler, regaled his table at the Convention dinner with the story of his club holding its AGM during a bus trip to Aileron. Ninety-six kilometres into the trip they decided to have the AGM at the roadside under a gum tree. "We got down to business, elected the President, Secretary and officers, adopted the annual report, an' all in 15 minutes".³⁸

Unfortunately, over the next decade this enthusiasm waned, as at the 8 November 1982 Club Committee meeting, members were informed of correspondence stating that the Alice Springs Club was "unable to continue due to lack of interest". Its last meeting was in April 1982, which was attended by eight members, with not much interest in further meetings.³⁹

035 CAXTON, VIC

The Caxton Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was awarded its Charter as the thirty-fifth club by the Club Committee on 20 September 1961.

The six petitioners for the new club came from the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne. Their common background was largely in advertising, either as agents, representatives, managers or executives. In fact, the 20 November 1961 edition of the *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* confirmed that membership was comprised of representatives of the advertising, newspaper, TV and radio professions.

The new President was Jack Pengilly, the Vice-President J K Morton, Winemaster J T Reidy, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer R M S Phillips and Committeemen N Field and E Mitchell. The new President was soon mentioned in dispatches as a guest at the October 1961 Surfers Paradise Club dinner.⁴⁰

The new club was presented with its charter at a lunch at the Gresham Hotel, Melbourne on 1 November 1961 by Kinsley Batten, the President of the Melbourne *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

In 1994 the club became a mixed club, accepting both male and female members.

036 SOMERTON, SA

The thirty-sixth Charter was granted to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Somerton in Adelaide at the Club Committee meeting on 21 November 1961.

³⁸ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 26 March 1968

³⁹ Letter from Geoff Le Cornu to Bill Russell, General Secretary, 21 October 1982

⁴⁰ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 November 1961)

There were eight petitioners, from a variety of backgrounds, including life assurance, pharmacist, medical practitioners, directors and managers. There was also a consultant listed, R D Crosby, who was to be the Winemaster of the new Club, the third one of which Dick Crosby had joined as a member.

President of the new club was S R Marshall, Vice-President R K Michael, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer M B Phillips and Committeemen M Ellenby, B D Cowling, R B Bennett and I C Cameron.

The club held its first function on 21 November 1961 at the St Vincent Hotel. Its charter was presented by Alan Russell, President of the Adelaide Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

In 1982 the Club Committee was informed by one of its members, Rod Martindale, that there were membership/attendance problems at the Somerton Club (No 36).⁴¹ However, given it is still in existence they were overcome.

037 HOLDFAST, SA

The Club Committee meeting on 26 March 1962 agreed that a new *branch* at Holdfast (Adelaide) receive the thirty-seventh charter. There were five petitioners, two researchers at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), one medical practitioner and two managers.

The new *branch* came about because John Lee and several of his colleagues at the CSIRO, who were interested in wine, were invited by one of their colleagues, Ralph Jones, to a function of the Glenelg Club (No 10) of which he was a member. There, given the interest, the President, Jim Stump, suggested the 20-odd visitors consider forming a *branch* of their own. They adjourned to another room to do that.

Although there were only five petitioners, there were twenty foundation members, with another six joining in the club's first year.

The name Holdfast was suggested by John Lee. Holdfast Bay is where Glenelg is located in Adelaide, so given the Glenelg Club's sponsorship of the new *branch*, it was seen as fitting to use the name Holdfast (although the Charter was inscribed as *Holdfast Bay*, probably given its normal usage).

Hector John Lee was nominated as the first President, Frederick Alfred White as the Vice-President, Waldie William Forrest as the Winemaster, Kenneth MacDougall Hughes as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Ian Low and Sydney O'Halloran as the other members of the Committee (although they were joined on 11 October 1962 by John Burns and Jamie Sobels).⁴²

⁴¹ Club Committee Minutes 12 July 1982

⁴² Another founding member was Reg Buckley, who on the occasion of the club's celebration of its 60th anniversary was presented with a 60 Year badge from the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club President, Alistair McPhee

The club decided from the outset that two different members would be the Food and Wine Masters for each meeting and that they should determine the venue, but keep costs within the amount decided by the Committee.

The club's first meeting was held on 8 March 1962 at the Hotel St Vincent, Glenelg. In the early years, sherries were the aperitif of choice, but that has been replaced by a wider choice of aperitifs. Normally wines are masked and members called upon the comment on them.

A club cellar was commenced on the recommendation of Jamie Sobels, who was at the time assistant winemaker at Reynella Wines. An annual Cellar Levy was introduced to meet costs. Jamie remained as Cellar Master until he moved to be wine master to the family winery (Buring and Sobels) at Watervale in 1967.

Partners are invited to two functions a year, in June and November. Initially these were dinner dances.

038 THE ROCKS, NSW

An existing club, North Sydney, was reported in the 25 June 1962 minutes of the Club Committee meeting as writing a letter sponsoring the establishment of a new *branch*, The Rocks Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and enclosing its petition. Charter thirty-eight for the new club was approved by the Club Committee at that meeting.

The new club's President, Dr David Lewis, was a former member of North Sydney. The Club's first official lunch, held at the Chez George Restaurant on 19 June 1962, was attended by members of the North Sydney Club as guests of honour. Also, guests were Ian Hickinbotham and Cliff Rowlands of the South Australian Grape Growers Co-operative Limited.

There were nine petitioners for the new club from a variety of business backgrounds, including one who was involved with Public Relations for Bundaberg Rum!

The nominated Vice-President was Kenneth Thomas, Winemaster Jim Williams, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Kenneth McLachlan and Committeemen Alan Whitsed, Richard Ranson, Thomas O'Grady and Samuel Nosskovitsky.

Jim Williams, the Winemaster, was the assistant secretary of the Wine and Brandy Producers' Association of New South Wales.⁴³

The new Club's July 1962 lunch was held at the Chuck Wagon Bistro at which twenty-eight members and guests were in attendance. The wines drunk were a Seppelt's Rutherglen Flor Sherry, McWilliam's Mount Pleasant 1960 Anne Riesling, McWilliam's 1959 Riverinna Dry Red and a Yalaumba Galway Pipe Port.⁴⁴

⁴³ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 July 1962

⁴⁴ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* 20 September 1962

039 MIRRABOOKA, VIC

The 20 June 1962 edition of the *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* reported that a guest at the June Melbourne Club lunch at the Brighton Club Hotel, Rex Matthews, a member of the Caxton Club, told the gathering that together with Ralph Sierowski, mine host at the Brighton, and others, he was preparing a plan for organising another Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in the Brighton district.

That this prediction was realised was evident in the 6 August 1962 Club Committee minutes where it was recorded that the thirty-ninth Charter was granted to a new Club *branch* to be known as the Mirrabooka *Branch*. The minutes note that is the native name for Southern Cross.

There were six petitioners for the new club, generally managers, but one, J Poole, is listed as an army officer. President of the new club was B D MacGregor, Vice-Presidents (unusually) were E Baitz and T Avery, Food Master J Poole, Wine Master J S Cahill and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer I McCutcheon.

The new club's Charter was presented to it on 17 September 1962 by Bruce Beasley, President of the Melbourne Club.

040 PORT MORESBY, PNG

Despite the ongoing interest in London and in Wellington in forming a *branch* club, the honour of the first overseas *branch* went to a group of petitioners from Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea, who were awarded the Club's fortieth Charter at an Extraordinary Club Committee meeting held on Monday 12 November 1962.

There were twelve petitioners for the new *branch*, essentially from a legal and business background. They were quite significant personages, including as they did the Chief Justice, a Supreme Court Justice, two barristers, three military personnel of high rank, four business managers and directors and one accountant.

The Chief Justice, A H Mann, was nominated as the President of the new Club, C G Graham, one of the Business Managers, as Vice-President, the Supreme Court Justice J P Minogue as the Winemaster, E R Moyle, the accountant, as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Craig Kirke, a solicitor, R G Noble, T D Wood, Commander (RN Ret'd) G P Frazier, G D Cannon, S O Svensson, Lt Col K S McKenzie and Major H M Fox as Committeemen.

The *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* of January 1965 reported on one of the Club's functions at the home of the Vice-President, Charles Graham. Following a Spanish Sherry, members had a Yalumba Chiquita Sherry with their turtle soup; the second course of fish was accompanied by a Lindemans Kirkton Chablis; an eye fillet steak followed with a Yalumba Galway Claret. The evening finished with cheeses and a Hardy's Tintara Brandy.

The Club Committee minutes of 31 August 1966 record that the Port Moresby Club would be written to "expressing disappointment at non-payment (of affiliation fees) and requesting action, at the same time enquiring as to whether the *Branch* is active and whether we can be of help in any way".

At the Club Committee meeting on 17 November 1966, it was reported that Port Moresby “now was the only unpaid Affiliation Fee for 1966”.

The Club Committee minutes of 12 January 1967 report that, “No response yet received to our letter to Mr T D Wood and B Blaikie, and it was decided to defer to next meeting the question of winding up the *Branch* and of writing off 1966 Affiliation Fee to Bad Debts”. To the Club Committee’s delight, though, a response was received from Port Moresby. The next meeting’s minutes on Wednesday 15 February 1967 record that, “Letter 23 January 1967 from Mr C P W Kirke enclosing cheque for 1966 Affiliation Fee was received with pleasure and the Secretary’s reply dated 31 January 1967 to Mr Kirke was approved”.

Unfortunately, the Club ceased to operate soon after, although it was not until the Club Committee meeting of 17 January 1972 that this was formalised. It was minuted that a letter had been received from C P W Kirke, Past-President, stating that the Club had not operated and ceased to exist about four years ago, which would have been at the end of 1967, early 1968. The Club Committee, in response, decided to ask for the Charter (No 40) back.

The Club Committee meeting minutes of 8 May 1972 recorded that the “Surrendered Charter No 40 was received and at the request of MR T W Hardy was placed in his keeping”. One wonders where it is now.

As a postscript, there was interest in 2004 in establishing a club in Port Moresby, but nothing came of it.⁴⁵

041 LA TROBE, VIC

The Club’s forty-first Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 March 1963 to eight petitioners in Melbourne for the La Trobe Club, which as reported in Chapter 5, they wished to call the new *branch* the Batman Club, then the Western *Branch*, with this latter suggestion seeming strange given that the addresses of all the petitioners were in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, Box Hill, Glen Waverley, Ivanhoe, Vermont, Burwood, Toorak, North Balwyn and Coburg. Nevertheless, the location listed for the new *branch* was at Melbourne West, which presumably must have been the location of the petitioners’ work sites.

The name settled on for the new Club was La Trobe.

The petitioners appear to have been from the advertising industry, with several having the occupation of copywriter, while another was an Art Director, with the remainder being listed as executives or directors.

One of the copywriters, Richard Crees, was nominated as the President of the new club, Bill Howden the Vice-President, Arthur Gibson, one of the executives, the Winemaster, Richard Mitchell the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Conrad Standish, Alfred Shaw, John Cooper and John Mollison, Committeemen.

⁴⁵ Club Committee Minutes 18 August 2004 record that there was a request from Bob Weston for details to form a new club at Port Moresby, which were sent.

The *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review* of July 1963 recorded that the first meeting, a dinner, of the new Club, held at the Kerry Family Hotel, King Street Melbourne on 23 May “was a resounding success”. The June meeting was held at the *Casa Virgona* restaurant, Fitzroy.

The La Trobe Club certainly was off to a good start, featuring good food, whiting meuniere, beef stroganoff, ravioli and steaks over the two meals, accompanied by a Leo Buring Quelltaler Hock, Lindeman Coolalta White Burgundy, Reynella reds, Galway Pipe Port, Tintara 1962 Championship Hock, 1958 Quelltaler San Carlo Claret, Tintara Sauvignon Blanc and a 1956 vintage Mount Ophir nut brown Sherry.

The General Secretary, Bill Russell, advised the Club Committee in 1991 that the La Trobe Club had informed him that “they are closing through loss of members and interest”.⁴⁶

042 LAUNCESTON, TAS

Eight residents of Launceston in Tasmania submitted a petition for a new *branch*. They were from a variety of occupations, including a schoolmaster, a pharmacist, a builder and a wine and spirit merchant.

The petitioners were approved to receive the Club’s forty-second Charter at the Club Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 April 1963. John Roark, a company director, was nominated as the first President of the new *branch* club, Norm Dineen as the Vice-President, Don Selth, the schoolmaster, as the Winemaster, Jim Bartlett as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Don Knight, Tom Philipson, Rex Stephens and Barry Dickens as Committeemen.

043 MOSMAN, NSW

Mosman, a suburb of Sydney, was granted the Club’s forty-third Charter at the 21 May 1963 Club Committee meeting. The petition for the new *branch* club was submitted by five men: John Lieutenant, a woolbuyer, who was nominated as the President, Henri Gilet, a manager, nominated as the Cheesemaster, William Hunt, a stockbroker, was the Winemaster, John Addison, company manager for the wine firm Hamilton Ewell, the Honorary Secretary and Nevin Paxton, a company director, the Treasurer.

The men were friends. Together with their wives they spent much time cruising Sydney Harbour and Pittwater. They would have a barbeque and wines at the end of a day’s sailing. John Addison, probably because of his wine connection was a member of the Sydney Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No 7). Undoubtedly through his influence the five friends decided to form their own B&B club, which was realised through the Mosman B&B club. They held their first lunch on 21 May 1963 at the Belvedere Hotel in Kings Cross.⁴⁷

⁴⁶ Club Committee Minutes 30 September 1991

⁴⁷ *Mosman Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Fifty Years* p3

A characteristic of the Mosman Club is that members wear white Bibs with their names and the B&B logo embroidered on them in black. If they become President then this is added below their name. Life Members have a red edging around their Bib. Another characteristic is the Chain of Office, which has engraved on small panels names of previous Wine and Food Masters.



On the right is a member coming off wait-list and being welcomed to Membership by the then President.



There is a blacksmith forged Gong, hung on a wooden base, used to bring the members 'to order' if they happen to become overly enthusiastic.



Theo Rossi, one of the early and much-loved members, bought a Tastevin on a trip to Burgundy in 1986 and donated it to the club. It is worn by the Wine and Food Master as a memorial symbol. The President wears around his neck the B&B 25 year and 50 year Medallions.

The Club also has the Jimmy Anthony Trophy, which is given annually for the best wine description made by a member. There is also the Restaurant of the Year Award judged on the quality of the food, service, atmosphere and value.

The Club has a rotating system of office bearers, starting with members firstly being on the Committee, then Secretary, Food and Wine Master and then President. This gives a future President the experience of each task as well as getting to know the members.

There used to be a wine cellar, however, members don't usually have access to a cool storage area, which allows consistent temperature. Consequently, wines are generally bought for each luncheon. There is a Wine Levy, which allows wines to be purchased this way. Different restaurants are selected each month, although there are favourites that are regularly revisited.



From its Foundation to the present, Mosman Chapter has followed the format of being run by a committee consisting of: President; Past President; Vice President; Wine and Food Master; Secretary/Treasurer and two floor members. One floor member progresses to Sec/Treasurer at the next AGM when the Past President steps down with other officers stepping up one level; the other floor member remains for another year. This format has needed to be flexible over recent years with Committee Members traveling or otherwise unable to able to continue.

The President wears the President's Medal plus the club's 50 Year jewel – as shown in the photo of the president above. Around his neck, the Wine and Food Master wears a testing cup plus a collar carrying a list of all past Wine and Food Masters – centre member in a photo above.

The Wine and Food Master finds new restaurants, chooses the menu and accompanying wines – usually a white and two different reds; this can vary to suit the menu. The menu is unknown to Members and the wines are masked.



The Wine and Food Master requests three members to speak; one to the entrée and white wine; one to the main and first red; the third to desert/cheese and second red with a summation. All

members and guests are invited to comment after each address and before the wine is unmasked. This invites excellent opinions, debates and subsequent learning. Chefs are invited to hear comments and address the Club on their food preparation.



Each year the Wine and Food Master selects his Restaurant of the Year. The Club presents the plaque at a following lunch.

The Wine and Food Master also awards the Member who, in his opinion, made the best comment. This award is a plaque with a twisted coat hanger inserted. The coat hanger was once used by a member to open some wines at a Committee Meeting sans corkscrew.



On an irregular basis, members invite their partners to a black-tie President's Dinner.



At this particular dinner members and partners enjoyed a selection of Tyrell's Wines with Bruce Tyrell giving expert narratives on each of the seven.

The Mosman Club is well patronised. In addition to the maximum 30 members, there are usually about 6 waitlist members and also 6 Life Members. The average luncheon consists of some 35 men.

044 FRANCOIS de CASTELLA, VIC

The Club Committee meeting of 21 May 1963 approved the forty-fourth Charter for a new *branch* club in Melbourne with the interesting name of Francois de Castella.

As with the recent La Trobe *branch* the new *branch* club had petitioners who came largely from the advertising industry, with four petitioners, while listing themselves as directors, had their address as care of advertising firms. The three other petitioners were an advertising manager, a commercial artist and "advertising".

William Stevens was nominated as the President, Timothy Beattie as the Vice-President, William Wakeham as the Winemaster, Kenneth Judd as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and David Castle, Brian Broberg and Ean Stewart as Committeemen.

045 WARRANDYTE, VIC

The Club Committee meeting of 20 August 1963 approved Charter forty-five to the Warrandyte Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. Five petitioners from Warrandyte, near Melbourne, sought the approval for a new *branch*. It is believed that they were a

group of like-minded gentlemen who used to meet once a month at a restaurant with some of their favourite red wines and have a meal and discuss life in general.

One of them, John Hook, was to be the first President, a builder W McDonald, the Vice-President, J Coleman (not recorded as a petitioner) the Winemaster, D Robertson, an engineer, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and H Mathews and R Davidson as members of the Committee.

The Charter dinner was held at the Grand Hotel Warrandyte on 8 November 1963, with the Charter being presented by the President of the Mirrabooka Club (No 39), B D MacGregor.

The club was a male only club until 1993 when women were allowed to join. This came about as the club was really struggling for members. Pam Percy-Dove was an unofficial member back in 1988 along with Leslie Cox and Frances Keogh but in the early 1990s there were other women who joined. Liz Wood joined the club in 1993 and became the first female president in 1996 and 1997. She also served as the Secretary and the Treasurer⁴⁸. After that, women joined quite regularly. It proved successful in the interim.

A number of different venues were used over the years, such as Thyme on the Terrace, Vanilla Orchid and Bolero's. but the club had a couple of places it visited regularly, such as Mercer's in Eltham and Altair in Warrandyte. As well, the club also tried new places to which members had been. A meeting was held at the local Thai restaurant which was a great success, and many members went there after the event, and even now, for meals.

The club never travelled too far from Warrandyte; however, it did do a couple of progressive dinners in the city (not organised by the club) and for a couple of big events members ventured further out.

There were some club excursions to the Mornington Peninsula where members all stayed at a local hotel, on one occasion staying at an old convent. With these events members had dinner and the next morning a couple of the club members would put on bacon and eggs cooked on a BBQ at the local park.

The club did not have a wine cellar. Sometimes, wines in members' cellars were called upon a few times to obtain wines appropriate for the event.

The club held a variety of different events⁴⁹: joint meetings were held with the Carne Club (No 75), of which some of the Warrandyte Club members had previously been

⁴⁸ Liz Wood provided much of the material for this brief history in an email to the author on 4 February 2021. Liz was Secretary of the Warrandyte Club from 2000 until its close in 2018. Her husband Bill was President in 1999-2000.

⁴⁹ An example of the range of events in the club's program is shown below:

40th Year celebration.

As this year is our 40th Year as a club the committee decided we should have a celebration function of all the years of "good wine and good food".

The function will be at **Roundstone Winery and Restaurant, 54 Willowbend Drive, Yarra Glen on Saturday 7 December 2002**. Please note this is a Saturday night not the usual Tuesday. We will also be asking for an indication early of who will be attending. I will remind you again in October about this meeting.

Start at 6.30 pm (to take advantage of daylight saving and the wonderful views at the restaurant).

Dress for the night is to be as follows – men – bow ties (we have club ones if you don't already have one), no jacket, short sleeves will be acceptable as it might be a warm night, ladies – wear your best frock.

members. The club also used to have a premium wine night in June at which there were extra special wines. The club started doing this at local halls but then it was held at Secretary Liz Wood's, and her husband Bill's, house and either had it catered or casseroles were made. It was a good night.

Every February the club had what was called the February Fest with seafood featured. This event was held at various members' houses.

The club also held a Melbourne Cup Day with raffles and everyone bought their own food. Secretary Liz Wood and Bill hosted a number of these events. It was a good fund raiser for the club.

The club had six Life Members: Peter Bethell, Alan Cox, Geoff Healey, Len Sedawie, Tim Percy-Dove and Anthony Burgess. All of these people were in the club from very early on. Peter Bethell was President in 1972, Len Sedawie was President in 1977, Anthony Burgess was President in 1980, Alan Cox was President in 1992 and 1993.

The club ceased having meetings in 2016. It had its final meeting in 2018 at a local restaurant called Altair (no longer in business). The funds of the club were used to pay for the dinner as it had a healthy bank balance.

The reason for the club folding was that interest was waning; it was harder to find venues that would do a set menu, let the club bring wine and have a large group for the price members were able to pay. In addition, a number of members left the area and would not travel back for a dinner.

Once women were allowed into the club membership was stable for many years but as the original members aged, passed away or moved the numbers dropped.

Regular meetings

13 August 2002	Bella Restaurant, Yarra Valley Sebel Hotel, Heritage Golf Course, Chirside Park (Melways M279 D6).
10 September 2002	Wallace at Bundoora Park Homestead, 7 – 27 Snake Gully Drive, Bundoora.
8 October 2002	St Georges Restaurant, 77 – 91 St Georges Road, Preston.
5 November 2002	Cup Day at the Wood Household. 9 Stiggant Street, Warrandyte.
19 November 2002	Vines Restaurant, 1 Delaneys Road, Warranwood.
7 December 2002	40 th Celebration at Roundstone Restaurant, 54 Willowbend Drive, Yarra Glen.
28 January 2003	Mercers, 732 Main Road, Eltham.
22 February 2003	February Festival – Venue still to be decided. If you have any suggestions, please contact Bill or Liz. The committee thought a change of style might be nice – start in the afternoon or lunch rather than a complete evening function. Let us know your thoughts.
18 March 2003	Venue yet to be decided but it will be a new venue.
8 April 2003	Possibly Evelyn County Winery and Restaurant yet to be confirmed.
13 May 2003	Possibly Mains in Eltham. Yet to be confirmed.
14 June 2003	Fine Wine night – venue to be decided – possibly Warrandyte Cellars again.
8 July 2003	AGM – venue yet to be decided.

As usual meetings to start at 7.15pm for 7.30pm unless otherwise advised.
Cost is \$60 per person unless otherwise advised and as always guests are welcome.
Cut this schedule out and stick on your fridge or notice board for future reference.

*That the Annual Dues remain at **Twenty Five dollars for a Member, Thirty dollars for a couple, that being one Full Membership and one Associate Membership (Associate Membership has no voting rights); and, Two members per household be Forty Dollars with full voting rights for each.***

Membership was down to 15 members at the time the club disbanded, despite attempts such as placing an information flyer in the local paper and posting it on noticeboards.

046 MANLY, NSW

Fifteen petitioners, whose address, in the main, was Manly and their occupations were largely listed as Director or Manager, sought approval for a new *branch*. Accordingly, the forty-sixth Charter was approved on 20 August 1963 for the Manly Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

The President of the new club was N Fraser, who was listed as a Special Representative, which seems to be a term used by international bodies such as the United Nations and their agencies. The Vice-President was J Keogh, a Director from Mosman, the Winemaster G Pfafflin, a Promotion Officer from Manly, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer K Driver, a Secretary from Manly, and the Committee Member P Deaton, a Director from Manly.

047 BOTANY BAY, NSW

At the Club Committee meeting of 20 August 1963, a petition for a Botany Bay *branch* was considered but deferred “pending an investigation of the proposed club by (one of the Committee members) Mr (Clive) Lecher who will be visiting Sydney next week”. The hesitation may have been due to the quaintness of the representation accompanying the petition, which may not have been unexpected given the six petitioners were associated with a university: “We, the Undersigned, being Scholars and Gentlemen of the University of New South Wales...”.

The visit must have been successful because at the next Club Committee meeting on 10 October 1963 Lecher moved that the forty-seventh Charter be awarded to the new Botany Bay Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

Background and Formation

The idea for a *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club associated with The University of New South Wales (UNSW, originally the NSW University of Technology) in the eastern suburbs of Sydney was hatched in 1962. Professor Bryan Smith, then the President of the University Union, wrote to Pat McMahan, Professor of Wool Technology and then a member of the Sydney *Branch* of the B&B Club (No. 7), and other members of the UNSW academic and administrative staff, and invited them to a lunch to consider the formation of a B&B *Branch* within the university.

After several meetings and lunches on campus, two names were considered: UNSW, or Botany Bay, with the latter name finally preferred, as a UNSW *Branch* membership inferred that members should be limited to persons at the university, excluding outside members. A petition was finally submitted to the Adelaide Club on 2 May 1962, and Botany Bay *Branch* was inaugurated on 20 August 1963 as the 47th *Branch* of the B&B Club.⁵⁰

⁵⁰ Fowler, RT (1988) *A Short History of the Botany Bay Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No. 47)*. 28 pp. This was written for the 25th Anniversary by Life Member Robert Fowler.

The President of the new club was P R McMahon, Vice-President Bryan Smyth, Winemaster D Broadbent, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Hugh Muir, Food Master M J Blunt and Cheese Master R T Fowler.

Members

While members in the early days were males, the *Branch* is now a mixed group, with the first female members admitted in 1979 (Jean Palmer) and 1982 (Tatjana Cizova). There have been four female Presidents: Pam Rickard (1992-93), Mary Henning (2005-07), Louise Young (2017-19) and Marian Kernahan (2019-21).

Member numbers fluctuated in the early years, but there have been 30 members and a few Life Members now for several years, with replacements available following untimely deaths or retirements. The majority of members have some link with, or are current/past staff members of UNSW. Guests are now permitted at all functions to assist with financial viability. Current membership includes 11 females, 19 males, and 5 Life Members (all males). *Branch 47* also has three Adjunct Members, previous members who have retired but able to attend some meetings, and willing to contribute to upkeep of the cellar.

Functions

During the early years of the *Branch* most functions were held on the Kensington campus making use of University Union facilities, kitchens and chefs, and occasionally University Colleges. Special events were sometimes held off campus at restaurants or function centres, and on some occasions, females were invited (eg. Secretaries Lunch). Foodmasters and Winemasters worked closely with chefs to develop menus of interest, although unfortunately often served in rather austere campus locations. Red meats dominated over seafood and poultry and other mains, although some Foodmasters were more adventurous; when the Professor of Wool Technology became Foodmaster, lamb or mutton became the dominant main!

During the period from about 2006 many campus venues were closed or became unavailable, and off-campus restaurants became the norm, bringing with it added difficulties including menu selection, especially the provision of 'outside' cheeses, the provision of B&B cellar wines, and the increased cost of functions. The search for a 'home base' has continued, with *Elysium* and *Bistro Avoca* restaurants in Randwick serving that purpose for 3-4 functions/year for a few years until both eventually closed. In recent years the majority of functions (monthly except for January) have been lunches, with occasional dinners.

The *Branch* had two successful functions in February and March 2020, then none until November and December 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions. For the first time, an Executive Committee meeting and AGM were held successfully by Zoom video conference.

Garner, BJ (2014) *The Botany Bay Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No. 47), A Short History, Volume 2, 1988-2013*. 106 pp. This was written for the 50th Anniversary by Life member Barry Garner.

Both these histories are in the Club Archives, as well as in the National Library in Canberra and the NSW State Library in Sydney.

This brief history was provided by Ken Buckle Secretary/Treasurer of the Botany Bay Club

The Wine Cellar

In the early years the cellar wines were stored in boxes in the University Union and/or the Winemaster's office at UNSW. The first 'cellar' was a novel and highly irregular solution to the search for a suitable environment for wine storage - part of a tunnel, dug by mining engineering students, under the foundations of the Main Building, which served its purpose for 14 years. In 1983 a room was made available in the Lower Ground floor of the Chancellery Building, where it has remained ever since, despite occasional water ingress during periods of heavy rain before recent repairs. The cellar can accommodate about 600 bottles, allowing frequent turnover, but modest long-term storage.

Weekend Visits to Wine Regions

A popular activity for *Branch* members during much of the previous decade has been a yearly (long) weekend away to wine growing regions throughout SE Australia, including the Hunter Valley region, Orange (2), Mudgee (2), Illawarra, Southern Highlands, North Canberra/ Murrumbateman, Rutherglen (Vic), McLaren Vale (SA) and Hobart/ Swansea (Tas). Joint functions with other B&B *Branches* were held during some of these visits. Much of the impetus for such activities was led by former Foodmaster and President Adrian Lee.

50th Anniversary Dinner 2013

The club celebrated its golden anniversary on 3 September 2013 at a Gala Dinner at the Union University and Schools Club in Sydney's CBD. The menu and accompanying wines are shown below.



Brynn Hibbert, President 2007-09, Neil Galbraith, President 2013-15 and Brian Lilley, President of Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc., who presented the 50th Anniversary Gold Medallion to the Club at the dinner



Roger Layton giving his after dinner address; Roger joined B&B 47 in 1969, became a Life Member in 2014, and still attends some functions



Beefsteak and Burgundy Club
Botany Bay Branch 47

50th Anniversary Dinner
Tuesday 3 September 2013
Union University and Schools Club

PRE-DINNER DRINKS: CARD ROOM
Bollinger Special Cuvee Brut

WELCOME
Neil Galbraith, President, Botany Bay Branch

ENTRÉE
Scallop boudin with chive beurre blanc sauce and ocean trout roe
Tyrrells Vat 1 Semillon 2006

TOAST TO THE B&B CLUB
Neil Galbraith, President, Botany Bay Branch

MAIN
The Club's Famous Beef Wellington
Beef fillet wrapped in pastry, filled with a mushroom duxelle
topped with duck liver pate and sautéed baby spinach
Dalwhinnie Moonambel Cabernet Sauvignon 2006

UNVEILING OF RESTORED CHARTER

PRESENTATION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEDALLION
Brian Lilley, President, Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc, Adelaide

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST 50 YEARS OF BOTANY BAY BRANCH
Roger Layton

DESSERT
Panna cotta served with seasonal fruits and biscuits
de Bortoli Noble One 2009

TEA AND COFFEE

The menu and wines for the 50th Anniversary dinner including the Order of Proceedings

048 JOHN OXLEY, QLD

The forty-eighth Charter was approved for the John Oxley Club at the Club Committee meeting on 19 November 1963.

The eight petitioners for the John Oxley *branch* were largely associated with the wine industry in Brisbane.

President of the new club was W Wyeth, an Office Manager with Seppelt & Sons, Vice-President L Cranitch, an Assistant Manager with Penfolds Wines, Winemaster A Cook, the Assistant Wines and Spirits Manager with Elder Smith Goldsborough Mort, Honorary Secretary A Roughan, an accountant at McWilliams Wines, Treasurer R Strangler, an accountant at Hutton and MacFarlane, while members of the committee were W Martin,

Manager Wines and Spirits at Thomas Brown and Sons, P Dolan, Divisional Manager at Thomas National Transport, and J Walker, Manager Wines and Spirits at Dalgety Trading Company Limited.

049 PENOLA, SA

At the 19 November 1963 Club Committee meeting the petition for a club at Penola was considered and the forty-ninth Charter was approved. There were nine petitioners and representative of the economic activity in the region: a grazier, a 'sheep director', a forester, a publican and a winemaker.

President of the new club was R T Grant, Vice-President R D Carter, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer T J Edwards and members of the Committee D Butterworth, R Seymour and B Wiese. The Winemaster for the new club was D R Redman who was also the foundation Winemaster of the Millicent Beefsteak and Burgundy Club three years earlier.

050 CESSNOCK, NSW

Following a meeting held on 4 October 1963 nine petitioners, five of whom were vigneron, applied for a charter for a new Beefsteak and Burgundy Club *branch* at Cessnock. The Club Committee awarded the fiftieth Charter at its meeting on 3 February 1964.

President of the new club was Bob Smith a hotel licensee, Vice-President, Karl Stockhausen a vigneron of Ben Ean, Winemaster, Reginald Drayton a vigneron, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, William Peter Cleaves, a managing law clerk and Committee members J A L Allen, a medical practitioner, Ron Turner, a chemist and Murray Tyrrell, a vigneron.

The *Branch* held its inaugural dinner on 1 August 1964 at the old St Helena Vineyard, twenty or so kilometres outside of Cessnock. Clive Lecher, a Club Committee member presented the Charter. Forty attended the dinner, including Max Lake, the well-known Sydney wine judge and connoisseur.⁵¹

From the account of one dinner there seemed to be a practice of members bringing a bottle to the function, suggesting a more informal approach, although the Winemaster, Reg Drayton, did mask several of them. The informal approach was also suggested by the report that after one dinner in August 1965 "it was decided that the club would hold regular dinners (excluding *Ladies Nights*) on the second Wednesday of every month that the Club meets".⁵²

The Cessnock Club is last listed in the 2014 Handbook, so it presumably ceased operating at that time.

⁵¹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 22 September 1964

⁵² *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 24 September 1965

051 ORANA, VIC

The fifty-first Charter was awarded at the Club Committee meeting on 3 February 1964 to the Orana Club, located in Melbourne. In the letter accompanying the petition the Honorary Secretary of the new *branch*, Denzel Weston, stated that the name of the club was the Aboriginal word for Welcome.

There were fourteen petitioners making up the foundation members, with unusually, three of them, B Beasley, R Fox and K Batten, all members of the Melbourne Club as can be seen above in Charter number 18, being listed as temporary associate members for twelve months.

President of the new club was MacDonald Williams, a manager with Thomas Hardy & Sons, Vice-President, Neil Cooper, a sales representative with ACI, Honorary Secretary Denzel Weston, a secretary with A & G Anson, Treasurer, Harold Cruickshanks, a manager with Marfleet and Weight Ltd, Winemaster Ron Bottica, a sales representative with Australian Glass Manufacturers, and Food Master, Ian Stevenson, a sales manager with Beco Lighting. Members of the Committee were Max Eddy and Radel Svoboda.

The *Branch* held its first lunch at the North Star Hotel, North Melbourne, on 13 February 1964. Among those attending were Bruce Beasley and Kinsley Batten, Past Presidents of the Melbourne Club, and Tom Hardy, Past President and then Winemaster of the Adelaide Club, whose presence was gratefully acknowledged. He was back again with the club to present its Charter at a club lunch held on 14 May 1964.

In 1993 the club became a mixed club, accepting both male and female members.

The club's Secretary contacted the General Secretary in April 2009 to advise that "due to changing lifestyle of existing membership and inability to attract new members the club is no longer viable. A motion was passed that the *Branch* be dissolved with effect 31 May 2009".⁵³

One of the then members, Noel Heyes, is of the view that the reason the club folded was mainly because there was very little wine or spirits being bottled in Melbourne. When the club was formed all the big companies bottled in Melbourne. This suggests that the founding membership had strong links with the wine industry and industries associated with bottling. This is reflected in some of the members listed above, as well as future members, such as Bill Seppelt.

Penfolds, Seppelts, Orlando, Hardy, Wynns, United Distillers & Gilbeys, bottled there, as well as many small companies, such as Seabrook, Austral Wines, Alexander Patterson, Lindsey McCallaster, Crittendons, Dan Murphy, Taylor Ferguson, Allesio, Lubiano, (Marianos) plus a number of others. Noel writes that it was a such an exciting time in the liquor industry in Melbourne. A time of growth and promise.

⁵³ Club Committee Minutes 22 April 2009

However, the club struggled to keep going. Its first effort was to move the meeting to an evening event, then partners were included, which worked for a while, but eventually the club struggled to get sufficient numbers to keep going.

Noel recalls the Orana Club as having a very interesting history, stating that it was the first club to appoint life membership, with eventually the Foundation Club agreeing to this change.⁵⁴

052 COWELL, SA

A petition by twelve residents of Cowell, a town on the west coast of South Australia, was considered by the Club Committee at its meeting on 26 May 1964. The Committee approved the granting of the fifty-second Charter to Cowell.

The petitioners came from a variety of backgrounds, including a medical practitioner, a bank manager, a farmer, a salesman and a publican. D J Kaden, a grazier, became the first President of the new Club, A P McLean the Vice-President, Dr B H Thompson, the Winemaster, D M Read the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, with the remainder of the petitioners, J J Jackson, R D George, J N McFarlane, J L Elleway, K W Rodgers, M J May, B A Tonkin and R Jones being members of the committee.

053 PIPECLAY, VIC

In July 1964 Richard Phillips, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Caxton Beefsteak and Burgundy Club wrote to Dick Rowed, the General Secretary of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club attaching a petition for a new Pipeclay *branch* of Beefsteak and Burgundy.

He explained that all the foundation members of the new club are members of the Melbourne Naval and Military Club, the original name of which was the Pipeclay Club. *Pipeclay* was the generic name of the paste used to polish military uniform brass in the First World War and the term seems to have been part of their telegraphic address.

There were six petitioners, seemingly from the newspaper industry. The Club Committee awarded them Charter Fifty-Three at its meeting on 11 August 1964.

President of the new *branch* was Fred Cullen, a Sales Executive, Vice-President John Hacking, a Manager, Winemaster Hugh Lyon, a Company Director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Harry Gordon, an Advertising Manager, and members of the Committee were Charles Guest, a Company Director and Archie Scorer, a Newspaper Representative.

Membership soon expanded to the 15 deemed allowable by the petitioners and has been well attended by both members and guests ever since. Each member in rotation arranges his function with wines from their own cellar and a menu they choose. The limit of 15 members was designed for two bottles (of each wine) in a luncheon

⁵⁴ Noel's recollections courtesy of Bill Seppelt to the author. Email Noel Heyes to Bill Seppelt 3 March 2021.

function, presented in brackets of two or three wines over three courses. It has historically resulted in a consistently high standard of wine quality.

Over the years, as business lunch protocols changed, some dinner functions were arranged and now either lunch or dinner is at the hosting member's choice. Members enjoy between 11 and 18 wines at each function and often have guests attending. Their venue of choice is the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria.

Until recently, only three members (Bruce Coulter, David Gale, Adrian Bell) had ever been appointed life members, as this honour is reserved for especially long and distinguished service. The club recently reviewed the criteria and now, upon a member reaching 25 years the club requests life membership. There are currently five active life members (Adrian Bell, Peter Daly, Dennis Pickering, Gary Sibson, Jonathan Harris). More than half the members have over 20 years membership.

There have been many distinguished guests from various parts of the country (and overseas) including many well-known winemakers and industry personalities (for example, Neil and Alister Ashmead, Pat Carmody, Colin Gramp, Mick and David Morris, Chris Killeen, Chris Pfeiffer, Peter Fraser, Phillip Moraghan, Peter McMahon - to name a few). The club has a strong connection with the Viticultural Society of Victoria with several members belonging to both clubs.

The Pipeclay Club held a very successful 50th Anniversary dinner in 2014, inviting over 15 distinguished guests including the President of Beefsteak and Burgundy and members look forward to the next 50 years of enthusiastic and enjoyable wine functions.

054 ROCKHAMPTON, QLD

The Fifty-Fourth Charter was awarded to the Rockhampton Beefsteak and Burgundy Club at the Club Committee meeting on 11 August 1964.

There were six petitioners coming from a range of backgrounds. The new President was Dr Mervin Gold, a medical practitioner, the Vice-President Peter Forness, a company manager, the Winemaster, Charles Bloxsom, company director of the Union Hotel, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Nigel Sorby-Adams, a grazier, and members of the Committee, A L (Dick) Montefiore and the Very Reverend John Hazelwood, Dean of Rockhampton.

The idea of a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club *branch* at Rockhampton was first mooted by Jack Cullen, although his name does not appear on the petition and may not actually have been a member, as current members have no knowledge or recollection of him. The inaugural meeting to establish the club took place on 23 July 1964. The guest and adviser at the meeting was the Adelaide Club Winemaster, Tom Hardy.

The membership fee was set at 2 pounds 2 shillings (2021 value \$62.12). It was decided that lounge suits were to be worn at normal dinners and formal dress for *Ladies Night*. Originally monthly dinners were held monthly on Wednesday nights but in 1970 the meetings were changed to Friday nights which carry on to the present day. The club does not meet in January.

Originally there were four *Ladies Nights* but after a stormy meeting in 1981 this was reduced to three per annum.

The first dinner meeting was at Jans Restaurant in Denham Street. After some years the restaurant was taken over by B and B member Pat Keating and his chef wife Marie. In 2002 Pat and Marie hosted their final function at Jans, 32 years after the first dinner at that establishment.

In 1973 John Anderton joined the club and was secretary/treasurer for a term of 21 years, often digging into his own pocket to make ends meet. In 1982 he was voted by members to become the club's first life member

In August 1989 the 25th anniversary of the club was celebrated at The Pavillon Restaurant run by then member and chef John Morris. A silver medal was struck and presented to then president Milton Frith by foundation member Dr Mervyn Gold.

In 1997 an old boys list was compiled. At that time, to qualify one had to be a foundation member with executive service and at least 3 years attendance. With the passing years the foundation membership requirement was dropped.

A Club Cellar was established and in 1999 Winemaster, Dr Hilary Mercer, provided the first wines from the cellar, these being the 1997 Rosemount Shiraz Cabernet and 1994 Mount Prior Durif.

Various members attended Beefsteak and Burgundy Club annual conferences in different parts of the country over the years and after several applications the club was granted the right to hold the annual conference in Rockhampton in 2002.

A committee was formed ably led by Mr Neville Holden. The conference was held at the Capricorn resort on the coast adjacent to Rockhampton and was attended by more than 300 persons. The proceeds from this successful venture founded the growth of the cellar and for the first time the club was financially sound.

Life membership has been conferred on several members. The first was John Anderton in 1982 as mentioned previously. Dr Mervyn Gold, one of the founding members, received this award from the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club president, Mr Bill Walker, during the 2002 convention. Life membership was subsequently bestowed on Dr Hilary Mercer for various club activities particularly involving the club cellar and Mr Henry Cope for his many years of assiduous work as club secretary.

Initially wine and food masters carried out their duties for the entire year. This continued until 1982 when it was changed to three monthly periods and finally in 2002 it was decided to change wine and food master every month to expose more members to these functions.

Dinner meetings are held on the first Friday of the month. They are usually held around Rockhampton but over the years have been held in such diverse places as Great Keppel Island, nearby towns, cattle properties and private residences.

Business meetings are held on the second Wednesday following the dinners. These meetings have morphed into quite big affairs with most members attending. A meal is

provided and members bring a bottle of wine and asked to comment on it at the end of the night.

Groups of members and their wives have made many trips to wine growing areas. Recently the club picked their own chardonnay grapes at Banka ridge in Stanthorpe and has it made into a club wine.

Although the club has had periods of low membership, for many years up to the present time there has been a full membership. Overall, the Rockhampton *branch* of the B and B club is a successful and enthusiastic men's club for those interested in good food and wine and fellowship. ⁵⁵

	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>SECRETARY</u>
1964-1965	Dr Mervyn Gold	Nigel Sorby-Adams
1965-1966	Charles Bloxson	Dr Peter Foxwell
1966-1967	Dr Lex Horner	Tony Marsh
1967-1968	Dick Montefiore	Dr Peter Foxwell
1968-1969	Rob Harris-Jones	Dick Montefiore
1969-1970	Nigel Richardson	Bob McFarlane
1970-1971	Jack Simpson	Dr Mervyn Gold
1971-1972	Rev John Bayton	Major Jack Crigan
1972-1973	Jim Goldston	Major Jack Crigan
1973-1974	Ron Hempenstall	Major Jack Crigan
1974-1975	Paul Milroy	Ron Campbell
1975-1976	Terry Moore	John Anderton
1976-1977	Bill Green	John Anderton
1977-1978	Stan Jones	John Anderton
1978-1979	Dr Kerry Larkin	John Anderton
1979-1980	Bob Lowry	John Anderton
1980-1981	Mike Hallahan	John Anderton
1981-1982	Paul Sargent	John Anderton
1982-1983	Dr Bill Christie	John Anderton
1983-1984	Dr Don Kane	John Anderton
1984-1985	John Morris	John Anderton
1985-1986	Neville Holden	John Anderton
1986-1987	Athol Watson	John Anderton
1987-1988	Dr Rowan Wilmott	John Anderton
1988-1989	Milton Frith	John Anderton
1989-1990	Dr Peter Thompson	John Anderton
1990-1991	Dr Bob Galley	John Anderton
1991-1992	Greg Moore	John Anderton
1992-1993	Bob Meldrum	John Anderton
1993-1994	Blair Horner	John Anderton
1994-1995	Tom Ferris	John Anderton
1995-1996	Dr Hilary Mercer	John Anderton
1996-1997	Peter Gunn	Neville Holden and Milton Frith
1997-1998	Dr Charlie Whitchurch	Milton Frith

⁵⁵ Much of the information provided herein was gleaned by Hilary Mercer from a booklet published as a result of painstaking work by life member Milton Frith.

1998-1999	Koos Harreveld	Milton Frith
1999-2000	Mark Schwarten	Milton Frith
2000-2001	Mike Keane	Milton Frith
2001-2002	Greg Moore	Milton Frith
2002-2003	Shane Harvey	Milton Frith
2003-2004	Henry Cope	Mike Keane
2004-2005	Tony Keating	Henry Cope
2005-2006	Mark Shore	Henry Cope
2006-2007	Mike Fitzgerald	Henry Cope
2007-2008	Len Maclean	Henry Cope
2008-2009	Pat Keating	Henry Cope
2009-2010	Peter Hielscher	Henry Cope
2010-2011	Mike Duggan	Henry Cope
2011-2012	Peter Bracewell	Henry Cope
2012-2013	Graeme Smith	Henry Cope
2013-2014	Simon Irwin	Henry Cope
2014-2015	Harley Wilson	Bob Skilling
2015-2016	Colin Fleming	Bob Skilling
2016-2017	Mark Shore	Bob Skilling
2017-2018	John Fry	Bob Skilling
2018-2019	John Siganto	Bob Skilling
2019-2020	Mark Shore	Bob Skilling
2020-2021	Anthony Greene	Bob Skilling
2022-2023	Michael Duggan	Bob Skilling

LIFE MEMBERS

Mr John Anderton; Dr Mervyn Gold; Dr Hilary Mercer; Mr Milton Frith; Mr Henry Cope

055 LONDON, GB

After many years gestation, the Club Committee awarded the London Beefsteak and Burgundy Club the fifty-fifth Charter at its 8 December 1964 meeting.

The four petitioners for the new club were Ken Jarvie, the Australian Trade Commissioner, who became the first President of the new Club, Roy Ellicot [probably Ellacott, with signature misread], an Advertising Executive with Jackson Wain & Co, who became the Vice-President, Esmond Gerahty, the Managing Director of Dominion Wines, the Winemaster and W G (Bill) Fraser, who was involved in public relations for the Australian Wine Centre, became the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Bill Fraser reported that the first lunch of the new club was very successful. “We now have ten members and each member will bring along another potential member next meeting for vetting.”⁵⁶

⁵⁶ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 24 March 1965

George Fairbrother, the Winemaster of the Adelaide Club, in August 1965 presented the Charter of the new London *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club to its President, Ken Jarvie, at a lunch at the Charing Cross Hotel.⁵⁷



(The photo features from left to right: Lord Gifford, Managing Director of Fitzroy Travel agency; George Fairbrother; Ken Jarvie; and RM Leon, Chairman of R&W Davidson Ltd, importers of Australian dairy produce)

Thirty-two members and guests attended a lunch of the club at the Australian Visitors' Club on 15 February 1966. ⁵⁸

The club progressed with its organisation, establishing the second Thursday of the month for its lunches, the holding of a *Ladies Night*, the arranging of a family barbecue and the purchasing of twenty club ties from Australia, with members not wearing them being fined 2/-. ⁵⁹

⁵⁷ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 24 September 1965

⁵⁸ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 April 1966

⁵⁹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 27 June 1966

The June 1966 lunch of the Club was held on the Port of London Authority's steam yacht *St Catherine*, on which members had an enjoyable trip on the Thames as guests of the Authority.⁶⁰

The Christmas 1966 lunch of the London Club was held at the office of Ritchie Dickson Ltd, printers and designers. It featured typical Christmas fare, along with Seppelts Chalambar Burgundy. The occasion was noteworthy because for the first time a *woman* attended the lunches, Barry Humphries of Mrs Edna Everidge fame. Other guests included Gordon Andrews, the designer of Australia's new dollars, Trafford Whitelock of the BBC, Adrian Bailey, the cookery editor of *Queen*, and G Him, the designer of the *Observer's* Masada Exhibition.

Forty-two members and guests attended the club's lunch on 25 July 1968 at the Livery Hall of Guildhall. The guests included Edgar Jansen from the Edwardstown Club (No 4). The lunch followed the Club's AGM at which the office-bearers for the 1968/69 years elected were: President, Wylton Dickson, Vice-President, Sydney Fells, Wine and Foodmaster, Jim Whittle and Secretary/Treasurer, Stuart Foulds (re-elected).⁶¹

The fourth anniversary of the club was celebrated in February 1969 at the Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese, Fleet Street.⁶²

The club held its June 1969 lunch at the Naval and Military Club, which was attended by thirty-three members and guests. Guest of honour was Bert Welsh, a member of the Sydney Club.⁶³

The June 1971 lunch was held at the Worshipful Company of Butchers, near Smithfield in London. Fifty-five members and guests attended, including Toby Clay, then General Secretary of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. The wines drunk were Edwards and Chaffey 1970 Seaview Riesling and Yalumba 1966 Galway Claret.⁶⁴

With some envy, Jack Ludbrook reported on a day trip made by seventy members and guests of the London Club to the Boulogne region of France where they enjoyed lunch at the Atlantic coastal resort of Wimereux.⁶⁵

A letter in 1979 from the then President of the London Club, Bruce Matthews, to the General Secretary advising of the remittance of the Affiliation Fee, also gave a report on the well-being of the club with club membership being "nearly always maintained at the level of 30". He concluded the letter by stating that "Even with all the changes and the mobile nature of our membership, the Club continues to be a significant factor on the London social scene and one of the best dining clubs in this city".⁶⁶

⁶⁰ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 25 August 1966

⁶¹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 October 1968

⁶² *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 May 1969

⁶³ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 25 August 1969

⁶⁴ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 26 July 1971

⁶⁵ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 20 August 1971

⁶⁶ Letter from Bruce Matthews, President of the London Club to General Secretary, Toby Clay, 7 December 1978

The letter was typed on paper that had a logo headed *The Australian Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*. In his response, then General Secretary, Toby Clay, advised that the Committee was pleased with how well the club was situated. However, he added that they had been using the name of the letterhead of *The Australian Beefsteak and Burgundy Club* and should that be considered as correct by way of usage he needed to remind them that “the name constitutionally is *London Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*. He asked that that reminder be inserted in the club’s minutes “to avoid possible future misunderstanding”.⁶⁷

In response, Bruce Matthews wrote, “The Club will change its title at the next Committee Meeting and as soon as the current stocks of printed stationery are exhausted. If there has been an accidental inclusion of the word *Australian* it is not deliberate and, indeed, in London it is probably essential to avoid confusion with other similarly named clubs”.⁶⁸

The concern about the name used, *The Australian Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*, is interesting. At the 1999 Convention Business Session, a question was asked as to “how secure is the word Burgundy in the Club’s name?”. In the answer it was stated that there had been some problems with the London Club (No 55) but it had been resolved by renaming it the *Australian Beefsteak and Burgundy Club London Branch*. When this occurred is not clear.⁶⁹

In the early 1990s there was a desire by some members that the London Club become a mixed club. There was also a concern that the club was becoming wine and food trade oriented.⁷⁰

On 20 July 1996, longstanding President and Secretary of the London Club since 1988, Geoffrey Larkins died unexpectedly⁷¹, which left a great hole in the life of the club. Geoffrey was a frequent visitor to Australia and attended various B&B functions while there.

An insight into the hospitality of the club is shown by the summary of his visit to the club by then Club President, Phil Kleinig. He and his wife were met at Heathrow Airport by the London Club President, then on the Tuesday they were taken to Lords, with a lunch afterwards at the Captain’s Club; then a meeting on Wednesday with the club’s committee and a lunch at a new French restaurant, followed the next day with the club’s monthly lunch (which had been re-scheduled to fit the visit) featuring Elderton Wines and a guest speaker who had written a book on Australian wines.⁷² Phil reported that they drink exclusively Australian wines at their meetings. He summarised their hospitality as outstanding; it rounded off his two years of Presidency.⁷³

⁶⁷ General Secretary, Toby Clay, to Bruce Matthews, President of the London Club, 17 January 1979.

⁶⁸ Letter from Bruce Matthews, the London Club President, to General Secretary, Toby Clay, 22 March 1979. Bruce would have been referring to the Beefsteak Club of London which is one of London’s oldest clubs.

⁶⁹ *B & Bulletin* October 1999

⁷⁰ Club Committee Minutes 2 March 1992

⁷¹ Club Committee Minutes 12 August 1996

⁷² Club Committee Minutes 5 May 1997

⁷³ Club Committee Minutes 3 June 1997

The President of the club, Bruce Matthews informed the General Secretary that the club held its 38th anniversary dinner on 10 December 2002 at which 26 attended, including one of its founders, Wylton Dickson, who was originally from Adelaide. They hoped “to recruit more young Australians”.⁷⁴

The London Club needed to change to a bi-monthly lunch schedule during the Great Financial Crisis of 2007-9. Its “unofficial headquarters and favourite venue”, the Pomegranites Restaurant of the club’s Wine and Foodmaster, Patrick Gwynn Jones, was forced to close because of the crisis.⁷⁵

The club ceased operating in 2010⁷⁶, which probably coincided with the conclusion of the long term as President from 1997 of Bruce Matthews, with his death in 2009⁷⁷.

It, however, reappears in the 2016 Handbook, having been reconstituted in 2015, although it does not seem to have been by former members. Fourteen petitioners, mainly from the finance and management areas, having met on 1 December 2015 for the purpose of establishing a new London *branch* were granted the same charter number of 55 as held previously by the London *branch*. This decision was different from a couple of previous occasions when reforming *branches* were required to have a new charter number. Their new Charter document was dated 15 February 2016.

President of the new London Club was Richard Ayres, a financier, Vice-President, John Bridges, a company director, Wine and Food master, Lucy Groves, a compliance officer, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lexi Henderson, a financier.

Other petitioners from the financial area were Sarah Roy, Tom MacKenzie, Daniel Guest and Maurice Harbison, while another company director was Graeme Mapstone, another in compliance was Geraldine Ng, a senior manager in sales and marketing, Mari Rosner, while Brian Rosner was a corporate auditor and Pieter Van Rudyen was in business. The last petitioner, David Sellen, stated his occupation as “Astronaut (pending)”.

Unfortunately, as the club barely began there was a lot of regulatory changes to financial markets over the course of 2017 and 2018, which meant the members (most of whom came from banking) were working all hours and unable to take an evening off for a dinner meeting on a regular basis. The changes from the European Banking Authority had an unfortunate impact such that the club ceased to exist during 2017.⁷⁸

In May 2022, Richard Ayres, the former president of the second London club, sent a message to the former members saying that he was rebooting the club. However, he

⁷⁴ Club Committee Minutes 12 February 2003

⁷⁵ Letter from Bruce Matthews, the London Club President, to General Secretary, John Macklin, dated 1 June 2009

⁷⁶ The 2010/2011 Handbook in the Club’s archives has *Gone* across the London entry.

⁷⁷ Club Committee Minutes 19 August 2009 record that a letter had been sent to Mrs Matthews re the passing of Bruce.

⁷⁸ Email correspondence, 26 October 2021, between the author and Richard Ayres, who had moved to Singapore and joined the Singapore Club (No 253)

added, “Although I notice that John is in Florida, Dave in NZ and I am in Singapore!”. However, he added that he was moving from Singapore to the UK. There were a couple of responding messages, but nothing definite has developed as of yet.⁷⁹

056 BUNDLES, VIC

The Club Committee having received a petition from twelve applicants to form a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Melbourne called Bundles duly granted the petitioners the fifty-sixth Charter at its meeting on 23 March 1965.

The Charter was granted provisionally “subject to a satisfactory explanation being received concerning the chosen name” as the Committee considered the name *Bundles* to be “out of character as a Club name” and that the Club should be asked to find a name that had an historical or place name background.

The Club Committee meeting minutes of 23 June 1965 record that “It was moved by Clive Lecher and seconded by Tom Partridge that the Charter as previously authorised be issued in the name of the *Bundles Branch Club*”. No reason is given in the minutes but a handwritten note in the files, apparently the notes from a phone call, records that the petitioners had no name in mind, but settled on Bundles, which was a play on the name of N C Rundle, who played the leading part in the formation of the Club. It may reflect the fact that in the meetings establishing the club he bought along bundles of wine!

The notes record that a bank account in the name had already been opened and that the selected name now meant a lot to the Club members and “they would be loathe to change it”. Presumably these comments were conveyed to the committee and hence the decision to accept the name.

The petitioners were largely from professional backgrounds, a mixture of solicitors, medical practitioners, chartered accountants, managers and directors.

The inaugural President of the new Club was the afore-mentioned N C Rundle, a chartered accountant, the Vice-President G M O’Donoghue, a solicitor, the Winemaster Ian Hickinbotham, a manager (in fact of Penfolds in Victoria and a well-known name in the wine industry), the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer D W Sanders, listed as an agent, and members of the Committee A R Osborne and Cliff Heard, a manager (of Leo Buring Victoria).

057 SHEPPARTON, VIC

The Nagambie Club sponsored the formation of a new Beefsteak and Burgundy Club at Shepparton in Victoria. The petition was signed by twenty-three petitioners but was accompanied by a listing of thirty on a members’ register. So, the club was full virtually at its beginning.

⁷⁹ The General Secretary, Vin Thomas, was included by Richard in the WhatsApp group discussion. He was also able to meet and speak to Richard at the March 2023 meeting of the Singapore Club. Nothing further, unfortunately, had developed.

The Club Committee granted the Shepparton Club the fifty-seventh Charter at its meeting on 23 March 1965.

The President of the new club was W G Ferguson, the Vice-President, G Nice, the Winemaster W J Smith, a Director of Goulburn Valley Winery, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Digley W Smith, a winemaker at Goulburn Valley Winery and Committee member, John West, a hotelier.

058 COOLANGATTA-TWEED HEADS, QLD

This *branch* is unusual in that it did not submit an official petition for its Charter. A letter from Tom Scott, a member and the inaugural Winemaster of the Surfers Paradise Club, to Dick Rowed, the General Secretary of Beefsteak and Burgundy, gave a list of the office-holders of the new Coolangatta-Tweeds Head Club and a cheque covering the affiliation fee (at that time £3/3/-, which in 2021 value is \$90.11). Tom also indicates that Tom Hardy was prepared to present the Charter when he was next in Queensland.

Dick Rowed, also the Honorary Secretary of the Adelaide Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, responded that the Club Committee granted the new *branch* the fifty-eighth Charter at its 3 May 1965 meeting. However, he also stated that the “Committee requires a proper Petition to be submitted to complete formalities”. A hand-written note on the archival copy of the letter states that “No petition ever completed”.

Coolangatta-Tweed Heads was also different in its office-bearer positions. The President of the new Club was Robert Anthony, a commercial photographer, Senior Vice-President, Roy Anderson an automobile retailer, Junior Vice-President, Duke Roberts a bookmaker, Honorary Secretary, Ned Gibbons an advertising executive, Honorary Treasurer, Robert Thomas, a trading bank manager, Winemaster, Sid Williams, a building retailing executive and Dining Master, Duke Roberts.

Other foundation members were Roy Nicholson, a commission agent, Garth Shamrock, a cordial bottler, Max Barnes, auto retailer and Doug Wallace, a bank manager.

The club became a mixed membership club in 2011, accepting both male and female members.

The club was listed in the 2014-15 Handbook, but with the annotation that it had not updated its details for the Handbook. In fact, the club had the same president and secretary from 2008-09, which indicates that there were few members and little activity, hence the move to mixed membership in 2011, which did not resolve the matter. The club was not listed in the 2015-16 Handbook.

059 CANBERRA, ACT

The fifty-ninth Charter was awarded to a group of petitioners from Canberra at the Club Committee meeting on 23 June 1965. There were thirteen petitioners from a range of backgrounds. As would be expected, there were two public servants, joined by several managers, an accountant, investment counsellor, civil engineer and a plumber.

President of the new Club was Charles Herridge a Sales Manager, Vice-President, Noel Smith, Winemaster, Charles Herridge and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lloyd Herald, a manager.

The Charter was presented by Clive Lecher, Club Committee member, at a Canberra *branch* function on 13 July 1966. Clive reported to the Club Committee meeting the next day that he was very enthusiastic about the Canberra *branch* and that “the members represented a very good cross-section of the community”.

060 WELLINGTON, NZ

The idea of forming a Beefsteak & Burgundy Club in Wellington was brought to a small group of wine enthusiasts by Australian Harry Whitehouse who was the Seppelts wine representative in New Zealand. He had made friends with Grev Wiggs (company director with marketing and advertising firm Illots Advertising, although interestingly, the stationery he used in a letter to General Secretary Dick Rowed was that of J Inglis Wright Limited, a competing firm), Gordon MacKay (GM - T & W Young's Wine & Spirit Merchants) and Ian Jackson (Levin & Co.- Wine & Spirit Merchants).

Following a dinner at Grev Wiggs' home a formal meeting was held on 25th June 1965 where the outline of forming a B & B Club was discussed in-depth and a committee was formed. It consisted of: President Grev Wiggs, Vice-President Harry Whitehouse, Winemaster Gordon MacKay, Secretary/Treasurer B G J Clarke, a company executive with Dominion Motors and Committee members, Ian Jackson and Arthur Duncan.

Harry Whitehouse then corresponded with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club for a Charter.

A letter dated 24 June 1965 from the Honorary Secretary of the new *branch*, B G J Clarke, to Dick Rowed, the Honorary Secretary of the Adelaide Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, stated “On 18 March last year you wrote to Mr W H Whitehouse of Seppelt & Sons Ltd in Lower Hutt regarding the formation of a *Branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club here in Wellington”.

At its 7 September 1965 meeting the 60th Charter was granted at the Club's Committee meeting to six petitioners from Wellington, New Zealand, with all being company managers, or directors, or executives and having an interest in good food, wine and companionship.

There was considerable discussion as to where the first luncheon should be held; eventually the Copper Room in Oriental Bay was chosen.

Following this luncheon, it was then decided to approach the Coachman whose Owner/Chef Des Britten was most welcoming! The food was of a high standard and reasonably priced so initially it became the club's regular venue!

The Club Charter was presented at a lunch at The Coachman on Wednesday 13 July 1966 by a former President of the Foundation Club, Rodney Robertson, along with a Club emblem and a dozen Moyston Claret. Apparently, confirmation of the granting of the Charter was delayed until early in 1966, hence the nine months from the granting until the presentation of the Charter. A reason given for the delay was obtaining approval from the Reserve Bank in New Zealand to remit the Affiliation Fee.

Application was made to the Reserve Bank to pay the Application Fee (£A3-3-0, three guineas, in 2021 value A\$90.11) plus stationery! As this was taking some time to get approval, Whitehouse arranged for Seppelts in Australia to pay on the club's behalf.

Later Life Member Murdoch Riley joined the Club in November 1965 and immediately joined the Committee as Secretary/Treasurer holding the appointment until 1974. Alan Perry, also a latter Life Member, joined in 1966 and immediately joined the Committee as Foodmaster.

It was initially agreed to control the growth of membership and it wasn't until July 1967 there were 20 members.

From 1966 to 1968 most luncheons were held at the Coachman and the *Ladies Nights* in December were at the White Heron in Rongotai. Concern was expressed at the AGM of the rising cost of lunches which had gone from £NZ1-1-0 to £NZ4-6-0 including wine.

In 1970 there was a suggestion that the Winemaster should consider the inclusion of white wine!

By 1972 the membership had risen to 30 and a wait list was instigated. The Coachman had increased prices (£NZ10) and was falling out of favour. There were other restaurants happy to have the club including Grain of Salt, Le Normandie, Plimmer House, Orsinis, Pierres and Copper Room to name a few. Dishes ranged from beef, lamb and duck to Italian. The wines were many and varied from New Zealand, Australia and around the globe.

Early on it was contemplated establishing a cellar but after due consideration the idea was abandoned partly because of a lack of a suitable venue.

In the early 1980s members started going overseas to Conventions and it was decided the club should bid for one in 1984 in Wellington - this was supported by Tinakori (166), Kapiti (183) and Auckland (84) Clubs. The Convention was awarded and would be the first to be held outside Australia.

The Convention was duly held and was a great success! Nearly 200 attended including 86 visitors from Australia, with President Eric Sim, and 18 from other NZ Clubs.

During the mid-80s it was decided that waitlist members should be invited to come to lunches to keep the club's numbers up. Restaurants were loath to give the club

exclusive use for its lunches where less than 30 people attended. Waitlist people were unable to invite guests. Numbers of attendees at lunches averaged 35 and on occasions there were up to 40. Restaurants gave good deals as they soon realised that many members were also clients in their own right.

As the waitlist grew it was decided to keep an attendance record so if people missed three lunches in a row without good reason, they were gently reminded by letter asking if they really wanted to be a member.

Following the 1984 Convention a number of members chose to attend Conventions in Australia. So, it was agreed in the mid-90s the club should once again pitch at the Beefsteak & Burgundy's Annual Conference for another convention particularly as conventions had become annual events. The object was to showcase NZ Wine & Food and of course Wellington. These Conventions were hotly contested and after three annual presentations the club was awarded the 2010 Convention.

Having attended a number of Conventions the club knew it had to produce an event of a very high standard! It was decided to give it a title and "The Tasting Buds of May" was chosen. With three days involved and to be sure of success the club also decided early on to retain Ruth Pretty Catering knowing she would give food of a very high standard and be well organised.

The opening was held on Friday night at the Massey Grand Hall (previously Dominion Museum) where five restaurants offered Food Stations and five wineries show cased their best wines. On Saturday the convention moved to the TSB Arena for the Black-Tie Banquet with Ruth Pretty Catering. A great success! On Sunday there was a train ride to the Wairarapa to visit five different wineries followed by lunch at Palliser Wines. Over 220 people with 100 Australians attended including the Adelaide President who said "We had certainly raised the Bar" and other Conventions would need to step up!

In 2015 the club needed to celebrate 50 years in style so it again employed Ruth Pretty Catering. It was decided it should be an in-house function with some specially invited guests from Adelaide. Five Australians came including their President. The Boathouse was chosen as venue for both days to keep cost reasonable. The programme was Friday night members and waitlist members for food stations and wine stations. On Saturday there was Lunch – five courses with wives and partners. A memorable event!

By 2021 three members had achieved 50 years of membership, namely Murdoch Riley (1965), Alan Perry (1966) and Ian Young (1969). In addition, the club has thirteen Life Members: Riley, Perry and Young with Ross Mullholland(07), Denny Thom(07), Graham Stewart(11), Gerhard Ammerman(11), Richard Martin(13), Brett Newell(14), Peter Diessl(14), John Lumsden(19), Peter Adamson(19) and Bevan de Berry (21) all who have served the club admirably, together with 26 members and 13 on the wait list.

Members now have a club that is in "Good Heart" and looking forward to the future whilst maintaining goodwill and fellowship, enjoying good food and good wines temperately served!

061 CHRISTIES BEACH, SA

There were seventeen petitioners for a new *branch* at Christies Beach, an outer southern suburb of Adelaide. The petitioners came from a wide variety of backgrounds, professional and commercial.

The Club Committee granted the sixty-first Charter to the new Christies Beach Beefsteak and Burgundy Club at its Committee meeting on 7 September 1965. The President was William Terence Blyth, a police inspector, Vice-President, Ernest Frank Symons, a chemical engineer, Winemaster, John Minks, a sales manager at Reynella Wines (and also a member of the Burnside Club (No 3)), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Colin John Fuss, a bank manager and members of the committee were William Hunter, a hotel manager, Neil Prescott Bannister, a pharmacist and Graham Peet West, a medical practitioner.

The Charter dinner was held on 22 October 1965 at the Christies Beach Hotel, attended by 44 members and partners.⁸⁰

The impetus for the club came from John Minks suggesting that a food and wine club, preferably a Beefsteak and Burgundy one, would be a more relaxed enjoyment of the company of the group that used to attend a pub for drinks and have to contend with hurried drinks before the then 6 o'clock closing time for hotel bars.

In September 2015 the Club celebrated *The First Fifty Years* and produced a booklet by that name for past, present and future members. The fifty years were split into three eras.

From the Beginning, 1965-1980, "Setting the Scene"

In the early sixties the Southern Vales of Adelaide comprised a number of small townships. The construction of Port Stanvac oil refinery commenced, with a housing development and hotel/motel complex nearby at Christies Beach which inevitably became the centre of social activity in the district.

Every Friday afternoon a group of 10 - 15 men of the then 'movers and shakers' of the area would assemble in the saloon bar of the Christies Beach Hotel shortly after 5.00 pm. Seven of these men became the Charter members of the Club. John Minks was a Reynell Wines salesman and the real godfather of the club, Colin Fuss a bank manager who became the Treasurer, Bill Hunter the hotel manager, Bill Blyth the Sergeant of Police, Ern Symons oozed enthusiasm, Neil Bannister was a happy go lucky soul and Graham West was a new doctor in town. Sadly, Graham, a life member, is the only surviving charter member, and still attends the club's annual life members' dinner.

Very few records were found from these early years, but word of mouth from some older members indicate that these years were very enjoyable, learning about table wine with newfound friends. By the 1970s dark days appeared from a falling membership with often as few as eight in attendance.

The Middle Years 1980-1995, "The Rebuilding Years"

⁸⁰ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 25 November 1965

This era began with a membership of only eight. Rick Stapledon and Michael Colvill were the first new members to join in this era to enjoy the food, wine and fellowship offered by the club. These wine lovers also invited along friends and relatives from Apex and Rotary, and suddenly the club was out of the dark years and into an era where there was a waiting list to join.

By 1986 when Graham West was honoured with life membership, club numbers had swelled to twenty-four. In 1987 Morris Hunt was also awarded this prestigious honour. And by 1989 thirty names were on the membership list for the first time. The first year that the maximum of thirty ordinary members was recorded was 1991 and with the two life members meant the club had achieved a very healthy position. Three more members were added to the distinguished life members list, Cyril Aylmore in 1991, and Bill Longworth and Bob Robins in 1993. Ordinary membership kept pace to remain at 30. The club cellar also blossomed to new heights to ensure ample choices for meetings. The dark days were well and truly behind the club.

The Latter Years 1995-2015, Reaping the Rewards

The joint hosting of the 1996 B&B Convention was an indication of how successful this club had become. The club's healthy and vibrant position continued into the new century with membership remaining close to the maximum of 30 until 2009, when 24 ordinary members were listed. By 2015 this had reduced to 18 ordinary members plus 3 active life members, Mike Colvill was awarded the honour in 2001, Rod Coleman in 2009 and Brian Wise in 2013.

The life member's dinner is a favourite event every November, and has become the premier dinner held each year when it honours all life members.

The club cellar continued to evolve with great attention from committee members and computer programs to monitor its wellbeing. New varieties from Australia and overseas were introduced to further extend members palates and wine tasting experiences. The club cellar remains "**the life blood of the club**".

The social side of B&B has always been important in the activities of the club. *Ladies Nights* were always enjoyed and well attended, whilst the many bus trips, whether for a day or an overnight stay, provided great memories. This period saw many new venues, mainly in the McLaren Vale wine district, used for club dinners.

Moving On 2015-2019

In the years since the 50th Anniversary dinner, the club has continued to prosper. Rick Stapledon and Tony Cozens were honored with life membership in 2015. Membership in 2019 remains steady at 23, including 4 life members.

However, with members ages trending up, the challenge is to ensure the club stays active and successful as it begins the 'Second Fifty Years' and to leave a good legacy for future custodians.

o62 GOURMET SANS CHIC, VIC

Seven petitioners located in various Melbourne suburbs applied for a new *branch*, cheekily called *Gourmet Sans Chic*. The name may be explained by the fact that most

of the petitioners were in the advertising industry, with one being a Creative Director!

The nominated President was Sheldon Cohen, Sales Promotion Manager-Printing at Herald Gravure Printers Hawthorn, Vice-President, David Hall, Advertising Executive, with J Walter Thompson Pty Ltd Winemaster, Ray Oddy, Solicitor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Peter Brooks, Accountant, and members of the Committee John Wesley, a Director, and Roger Kennedy, Creative Director. For some reason, the seventh petitioner Francis Arthur Ralph, the Director of an advertising agency did not have a position on the Committee.

From associated correspondence from the Secretary of the Caxton Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Bill Bond, the Caxton Club appears to have sponsored the new club, which is understandable given its members connection with the advertising industry.

The Charter was approved at the Committee meeting of the Foundation Club on Thursday 17 February 1966.

Unfortunately, within a few years the *branch* was in the minutes of the Club Committee again, but this time for not paying its affiliation fee, despite several reminders. At its 12 May 1969 meeting the Club Committee decided to ask one of its former Presidents (1964), J S Robson, who was now living in Melbourne to see if it was still functioning and to provide the contact details for its President and Secretary.

The 21 July 1969 Club Committee meeting it was reported that John Robson after some trouble was finally able to make contact with the Secretary, Francis Ralph, who told him “that the members are a ‘harum scarum’ lot, that they meet only occasionally, that he had personally made the last two affiliation fee payments, and had not been reimbursed and that he did not intend to make any more payments”. The Committee agreed that the General Secretary should write to Francis Ralph enquiring whether the Charter should be surrendered.

This approach did not bear immediate fruit, but the General Secretary was able to speak to Francis by phone. This culminated in the General Secretary reporting to the Club Committee at its meeting on 27 October 1969, along with the tabling of a letter from Francis Ralph, dated 9 October 1969, which led the Committee to decide, with regret, that Charter No 62 awarded to the *branch* be surrendered without delay. Francis Ralph was also to be advised “that the Club Name is registered and must not be used”.

With only a longevity of three and a half years one might wonder why the club ceased operations so soon. An indication may be in the General Secretary’s Report in which he states that Francis Ralph told him that the *branch* members had not met since March 1969, have eleven members, meet irregularly “and to save paper work have no books whatever and no annual subscription”. They did not have a definite President and members took it in turn to arrange a lunch, act as chair on the day and collect payments on the day.

“Because they do not want to keep books they do not want to establish an annual subscription and therefore they do not want the bother of an Affiliation Fee”. Clearly

the *branch* had moved into a casual lunch association without the structure necessary to maintain a club.

The Club Committee minutes of the meeting on 10 August 1970 record that the outstanding affiliation fee balance of \$3.70 had been paid on 11 June 1970. However, the Charter had not been returned. The Committee “decided not to pursue the matter”.

063 EASTERN SUBURBS, NSW

Also approved at the 17 February 1966 Committee meeting was the sixty third charter being awarded to the petitioners for a new *branch*, the Eastern Suburbs Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, located in Sydney.

There were eleven petitioners, generally, as the club name would suggest, domiciled in the near eastern suburbs of Sydney, such as Randwick, Chatswood, Paddington, Potts Point and Elizabeth Bay.

The nominated President R Miller was a hotelier, the Vice-President, L Slater, is listed as a Representative, Winemaster, R Poynter, a Sales Manager, Foodmaster, I Orton, a Bar Manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, M O’Sullivan, a Sales Manager, with the Committee members being J Aitkens, an Executive, J Piper, a Secretary, P Eden, a Solicitor, W Bennetts, a Representative, L Bailey, a Manager, and N Adams, a Manager.



Ian Orton (Supplied by Anton Rosenberg, courtesy of Peter)

Sponsored by the North Sydney B & B Club, 11 petitioners formed the Eastern Suburbs Beefsteak & Burgundy Club in February 1966 and were granted Charter sixty-three. The actual first recorded lunch meeting was in November 1965.

The club’s office-holders were: President Bertie Miller, mine host of the United States Hotel City; Vice President, was Laurie Slater a Representative; Wine Master was Bob Pointer a Sales Manager,; Ian Orton a Bar Manager, was Honorary Secretary; and Treasurer was Max O’Sullivan, a Sales Manager.

Committee Members were Jim Aitkins an executive, John Piper a secretary, Peter Eden, a salesman, Neil Bennetts a representative, Len Bailey a manager and Noel Adams also a manager.

Over the next 56 years, 108 members are listed from all walks of life mostly from the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney who met for lunch on the second Thursday of each month at various venues all over Sydney.

For many years the club had 30 members with a waiting list, though in its later years there were only 15 regulars. Members believed that their Club was unique in that its annual dues covered the cost of an embroidered bib – white for members and red for Presidents. Lunches were usually pre-menu drinks before seating at 1pm initiated by the President who proposed the Loyal Toast, then members were asked to identify themselves and any guests before first course at 1.05pm when the host for the day commenced proceedings.



At various intervals and generally between courses, he asked for comment and observations on wine and food or other matters of interest. Once a year, members were invited to a dinner meeting with their wives or partners – in the old days dressed formally. The club’s AGM was held in August when office bearers are chosen and installed, usually for a one-year spell.

Over the years the club has had many interesting members and guests. Probably the most notable has been Sir James Hardy then just Jim and President of the North Sydney B & B and son of Tom Hardy one of the original 8 who formed the B & B movement in Adelaide in 1954.

Jim for many years invited us all to have lunch at his winery complex at Botany where he and Geoff Hancock (then later Brian Demammuell) hosted a grand lunch during which members were asked to sample and comment upon Hardy’s latest vintage. All very upmarket and genial in “The Board Room” - sometimes finishing at 2am – this before the booze bus!!



(Photos courtesy of Bill Havercroft)

Other interesting members and visitors spring to mind. Hoteliers, the club had a few. Jamie Couche, owner of the Lord Dudley Hotel Woollahra, was a loyal and knowledgeable member and host for years. His annual lunch those days in his

upstairs Boardroom was legendary. Usually held at Christmas time and was the highlight of the year. In the old days, a few of the member stalwarts would gather at the Dudley Bar for a cleansing ale of two after lunch often closing time – but they were younger then.

Bertie Miller, the club's first President and owner of the United States Hotel down by the harbour, hosted his luncheon on the roof terrace with a sumptuous barbecue.

John Bridge, who nominated XX for membership in 1980, owned the Royal Hotel on the 5 ways Paddington and was always good company. He eventually sold the pub and now grows Macadamia nuts north NSW the last that has been heard.

Dr. Stacy Lantos was a well-known local GP who was well respected and a “mender” of dodgy backs. His angular frame moved energetically and his eye and yearning for a good red was legendary and prodigious.

Jerry Montgomery was a more recent outstanding member until he was taken in his prime very suddenly. Jerry survived military assignment in Kangerlussuak and Thule, Greenland as a Sergeant Chef he claims, though he says his main activity in that bleak outpost, was conducting the poker school to his “satisfaction”!

Tim Spooner was an architect by profession though his main claim to fame may have been as son of his University Lecturing father and as part of the dispute committee for sailing at the Sydney Olympics. A very keen yachtsman and gourmet.

John “Silky” Silk carried the Club in its darkest days of little interest and fewer members. He even held a lunch meeting at his home which was memorable. Silky would always contribute and give one a robust opinion – a worthy lifer.

David Don was the club's longest serving Secretary/Treasurer for 25 years and partner/Accountant for a prominent bottle shop. He was diagnosed with Parkinson's and his health deteriorated, though he still attended meetings and contributed heartily!!

Members were all encouraged to introduce guests and potential members and among them were Brian Taber, Australian Test Wicketkeeper, Peter Marsh, Chemist, and founder of Marsh Estate Wines Hunter Valley, and the grandson of Alan Kippax.

Outstanding venues over the years (over 719 – even Shark Island) have included Beppi's (Beppi & Mark), Catalina (Michael & Judy McMahon), Mu Mu Grill (Craig Macindoe bred his own meat and cooked in a brick wall oven), Lucio's (Lucio & Sally Galletto hosted the club's AGM for many years), The Coachman (Russian), Rockpool, Tetsuya's, Darling Mills (Sara and Suzanne Adey who organised a harpist for *Ladies Night*), Johnny Walkers, Pruniers (Michael Moore), Sails, Tabou, Kelly's Bar & Grill (with its serious steak knives) and probably the club's best on board famous Sydney Heritage Fleet “Lady Hopetoun” organised by Dean Evans; and maybe the best seafood menu, organised by Anton Rosenberg, son of the club's beloved Bert (died 2021) and his two sons Adam and Brett.

Members long revered Life Members Peter Eden, Gerry Lehmann, John Silk, John Piper, David Don, Bob Bolger.

Unfortunately, despite follow up by the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, the club did not pay its Affiliation Fee in the years 2017-2019. Further contact in early 2020 revealed the then members were operating as a private group and consequently the General Secretary was asked by the Club Committee to direct the Eastern Suburbs members to no longer call themselves a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and to return their Charter.⁸¹ The club is considered to have ceased operating as a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in 2017, although its formal resolution as indicated in this email was in 2022.

At the 56th Annual General Meeting of the Eastern Suburbs Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, it was unanimously resolved to no longer be a member of Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc. As we are all aware the recent unprecedented times have resulted in activity having fallen away on all fronts. The club has further been affected by an aging and increasingly frail group of members and declining membership. Consequently, we hereby tender our resignation from the association with Beefsteak and Burgundy Inc. We propose to pay the outstanding fee of \$380 and, accordingly, request that any other outstanding fees are waived - if any. We believe this is an appropriate course of action owing to inactivity.⁸²

At this AGM it was stated: “We will miss wearing our bibs and rattling the antique attention rousing “cowbell”. Whilst we shall continue to meet with our 15 remaining stalwarts each second Thursday for lunch as “ESB&B” we say farewell and good fortune Beefsteak and Burgundy! Amen!”⁸³

064 FRANKSTON, VIC

Six petitioners from the Frankston/Seaford area of Victoria sought to establish a new *branch*. Their petition was approved at the Club Committee meeting on Thursday 19 May 1966 and they were granted the sixty-fourth Charter.

Nominated President of the new Club was M W Kurth, an engineer, Vice-President P D Daley, Manager, Winemaster WF Hibbert, Advertising Executive, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer D O'Connor, Consulting Engineer, and Committee members, J Horne, Surveyor, and JS Hamilton, a medical practitioner.

Apparently, from a note affixed to the petition, their wives attended their dinners and they called their wives “associates”.

In the 1973 Club Committee meeting minutes it was noted that the Frankston *Branch* had not paid its affiliation fees. At the 15 October 1973 Club Committee meeting, the Vice-President, Jack Townsend, informed the Committee that he had finally been able to make contact with one of the founding Committee members, J Horne, who told him that the Club had not functioned for a couple of years. He undertook to find the Charter and return it. Thus, the Committee resolved to record that the Frankston

⁸¹ Club Committee Minutes 22 June 2020

⁸² Email from Anton Rosenberg 1 March 2022 to Vin Thomas

⁸³ Much of the material in this account was provided by Bill Havercroft, courtesy of Anton Rosenberg by email to Vin Thomas 28 March 2022

Charter No 64 was withdrawn, making the fourth *branch* to that stage to have ceased operations.

It was not until the 9 June 1974 Club Committee meeting that Committee member Tony Cross was able to report that Charter 64 was destroyed.

065 JOHN BOWEN, TAS

At the same Committee meeting on 19 May 1966, the sixty-fifth Charter was awarded to eight petitioners seeking to establish the John Bowen Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Hobart.

The name for the new *branch* was chosen because of the obvious historical association of John Bowen with Tasmania. An officer in the British Navy, he was sent from New South Wales to Tasmania to form a settlement for convicts, the second in Australia.⁸⁴

From the petitioners and founders of the new club, the nominated President was Peter Bottrell, a design draftsman, Vice-President, Colin Haley, publicity officer at Hadley's Hotel, Winemaster John Dovey, accountant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Allen Williamson, chartered engineer, committee member John Tydde, drama director. The other petitioners were Ken Quirk, an electrical representative, Georg Rossi, a hotelier (probably of Hadley's) and a signwriter, whose signature, unfortunately is indecipherable.

The initiative for the formation of the *branch* club would seem to have come from Peter Bottrell as he was formerly a member of the Launceston Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.⁸⁵

With the snow lying in the foothills of Mt. Wellington, the John Bowen Beefsteak & Burgundy Club held its Charter Dinner at Hadley's Hotel on Thursday, the 28th of July, 1966. Present were guests from the Committee of the Hobart Club (Charter 13) and the President of this club (Neil Abercrombie), was kind enough to present the Charter to the new club's President, Peter Bottrell, expressing good wishes for the club's future.⁸⁶ Later in the evening, the club members and guests toasted the memory of John Bowen who founded the first settlement in Hobart in 1803 and whose name has been taken by the new club.

The dinner commenced with hors d'oeuvre served with a full-bodied Bundara hock. Consommé Profiterole followed the hors d'oeuvre and was served without wine. The main course was an excellently presented Beef Piquet served with a Seaview Cabernet Sauvignon. A Morris' claret accompanied the cheese and biscuits. An Italian Asti Spumante Champagne was served with the Zabaglione. The evening finished with a masked brandy and coffee.

Within 12 months, there were 15 members. Ten dinner meetings were held in the first year. The club celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016 and on this occasion, the club also hosted the International Convention in Hobart. In December 2020, the details of the club's 98th member were entered into the record book.

⁸⁴ Letter from Convening Committee to the Club Committee 28 February 1966

⁸⁵ Letter from Dick Rowed, General Secretary to KM Drake, Hobart Club 3 March 1966

⁸⁶ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 25 August 1965

The club kicks off the wining and dining season in late January, with an informal luncheon for members, their partners and guests, at the home of one of the members. Dinner meetings are held from February to November (incl) on the third Tuesday night of the month. The dinner meetings are usually held in local restaurants, with the club providing the wines from its own cellar. In the past, the club has had dinner meetings in the restaurants of the numerous Coal Valley wineries, about a 30-minute drive from Hobart. Every June and November, the President hosts a formal *Ladies Night* dinner.

In December 2021 the club had: 3 Life Members, 1 member proudly wearing his 50 year badge, 1 his 40 year badge, 3 with their 30 year badge, 3 with their 25 year badge and 2 with their 20 year badge.

Like all clubs, membership has ebbed and flowed over time. Whilst membership is currently capped at 30, the club has been averaging around 25 members for a number of years.

Below is photo of the dinner meeting held at the Atheneum Club, on the 14th of October 2020 and the menu & wine list from the *Ladies' Night* held in November 2020.



Dinner Meeting at the Atheneum Club (Hobart) 14th of October 2020

Tasmanian Club



Beefsteak & Burgundy Club Dinner

**Tuesday 17th November,
2020**

**Chef: Chris Stewart and Alex
Atkinson with Jade Dale**

**Leconfield Sparking Shiraz SYN
on arrival**

ENTREE

Scallop, Pea and Feta Tartlet
Seared Bass Strait Scallops, Pea and
Feta Tartlet with Radish and Herbs
Pressing Matters Riesling, 2014



MAIN

Roast Atlantic Salmon ^{GF}
Citrus Buttered Greens, Crisp Chorizo
and Herb Beurre Blanc

or

Crisp Skinned Duck Breast ^{GF}
With Fennel, Peas, King Oyster
Mushrooms, and Parmentier Potatoes
with a Duck Pinot Jus
Dog Point, Marlborough 2015
Domain A Cab Sav, 2011



DESSERT

Tiramisu
With fresh Berries
Muscat



TO FINISH

Tea, Coffee and Mints

066 THE CELLARMAN, SUNSHINE COAST, QLD

Seventeen gentlemen met in Nambour, Queensland, on 21 March 1966 at a dinner meeting to form a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. They were joined by members of the John Oxley Club (No 51), Brisbane, which sponsored their application to join the Beefsteak and Burgundy movement.

The application was forwarded on 31 March 1966 by Kevin J Tuckwell, who was the nominated President. Charter 66 was awarded by the Club Committee at its 19 May 1966 meeting. It was applied for, and awarded to, petitioners in Nambour, Queensland, under the name of The Cellarman Beefsteak and Burgundy Club⁸⁷.

However, in the first *Branch* Booklet, published the following year, the club is listed as *Nambour – The Cellarman*, which is what it continued to be listed as until 1997, when its name was amended to, on the club's request, *The Cellarman Sunshine Coast Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*.⁸⁸ In the 2005-06 and 2006-07 handbooks it was just listed as *Sunshine*. From 2007-08 it has been listed as *Sunshine Coast*. However, in the 2015 Handbook, while retaining the *Sunshine Coast* name in the front of book listing, it reverts to *Cellarman* in the detailed section listing of clubs in Queensland, which is the case to this day.

Apart from Kevin Tuckwell, the other nominated Office Bearers were: Vice-Presidents Geoffrey Taylor, an insurance broker, and Stuart MacKenzie, an IHC Dealer; Food Master, John Butler, a solicitor, Winemaster, Jack Connolly, a bank manager; Honorary Secretary, John Ferrier, a salesman; and Treasurer, William McFeeter, a banker.

The Club's Charter was presented to it on 12 November 1966 by Len Cranitch, President of the John Oxley Club at a dinner at the Club Hotel attended by about 70 members, partners and guests.⁸⁹

067 WHYALLA MONARCH, SA

The Monarch Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Whyalla was granted its Charter at the Club Committee meeting on Thursday 14 July 1966. As explained by the main organiser of the new club, I G Butler, in his letter to Toby Clay accompanying the petition, "We have managed to find a very suitable venue for our meetings, the Monarch room of the Hotel Eyre, and from the petition you will see that we have decided to call the *branch* 'Monarch Branch'".

The petition was signed by seven residents of Whyalla, largely from the professional background, with two engineers, two bank managers, an accountant, a manager and a grazier. One of the engineers, I G Butler, became the inaugural President, the other R Burge, became the Vice-President, one of the bank managers, P Minchin, the Honorary

⁸⁷ The Cellarman is the name written on the petition for the new club at Nambour. A letter from the first President of the club, Kevin Tuckwell, to the then Foundation Club Honorary Secretary, Dick Rowed, dated 31 March 1966 concludes, "Once again, thank you for the opportunity to join the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and I hope your committee accepts *THE CELLARMAN* as the 61st (sic) Branch Club of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club".

⁸⁸ Club Committee Minutes 7 July 1997

⁸⁹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 30 December 1966)

Secretary and Treasurer, while A Smith, G George, D Nicolson and D Farrow became members of the Committee. Interestingly, there was no nominated Winemaster on the petition.

068 NEWCASTLE, NSW

Five petitioners from Newcastle were awarded the sixty-eighth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on Wednesday 31 August 1966. The petitioners had been operating for several years under the name of Beefsteak and Burgundy Club of Newcastle and they were now formalising the affiliation.

The nominated President of the new Club was W H Davies, a retailer at John's Silk Store, Vice-President R K Pountney, a medical practitioner, Winemaster, P Daniel, a chartered accountant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer C H B Fergus, also a retailer, with members of the Committee being R Owens (not listed on the petition) and G Ashford, a company director.

Club members decided at their 2012 AGM that they would “terminate their affiliation” because of “increasing age and loss of interest of members”. With all the members being in their seventies, they had decided “some years ago not to recruit new members and the time has come to dissolve”.⁹⁰

069 RYDE, NSW

The sixty-ninth Charter was awarded to petitioners for the Ryde Beefsteak and Burgundy Club by the Club Committee on Thursday 17 November 1966. There were seventeen petitioners.

The nominated President was Daniel Scott, a contractor, Vice-President, Alex Shaw, an accountant. Winemaster, Cedric O'Malley, a purchasing officer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Edward Butler, a greenkeeper, with Committee members Harold Brown, a Club Manager, John Tregenza, a Medical Technologist, Barry Lloyd, a chartered accountant, and John Dickinson, a sales manager.

The club was not listed in the 2010/11 Handbook and had ceased operating around 2009.

070 OLD TRAFFORD MANCHESTER, GB

A petition to establish a club in Manchester was sent on 24 February 1967 and was considered by the Club Committee at its 16 March 1967 meeting. The new *branch* was issued Charter 70. The new Club had support from the Trade Office of the Australian High Commissioner in London.

The new President, David Williamson, was a member of the Office, as the Northern Divisional Manager, as well the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, H E Flynn, who was an Area Manager for the Australian Department of Trade. The Vice-President, W J Aumann, was an Australian Migration Officer serving the Manchester area. Winemaster,

⁹⁰ Letter from Michael Deacon, Secretary/Treasurer of the Newcastle Club to the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, dated 14 August 2012

S A Ball, was the Managing Director of Daniel Clifton Co Ltd. Members of the Committee, F Boswell, J Scholes and R Warburton were also local businessmen, while the fourth Committee member, A Phillips, was the District Sales Manager for Qantas.

At its beginning the Club had eighteen members. Their meetings were held at the Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester. Their first lunch was held on 11 January 1967. It was attended by the Australian Trade Commissioner, Ken Jarvie, W Dickson, the London Club's (No 55) Winemaster and Mr S Foulds, the manager of the Australian Wine Centre, London.

In his letter of 24 February 1967, H E Flynn stated that at their April meeting they would "be entertaining the whole of the 1967 Lancashire County Cricket Team".

An interesting item listed under correspondence on the agenda of the Club Committee meeting of 14 November 1967 was that there was a letter 19/10/67 from the Old Trafford Club Secretary "saying that name of the Club is Lancashire Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, and reply from General Secretary 18/10/67 stating that the registered name of the *Branch* is Old Trafford". The minutes do not record any conversation on the point.

The next mention of the *Branch* occurs in 1973 when it is recorded in the Club Committee minutes that it had not paid its affiliation fee. Committee member, Tony Cross, said that he would check with Ian Chappell, then Australian Cricket Captain, whether he had come across the Club when the team played at the Old Trafford on their recent tour. Tony Cross reported to the Club Committee at its 15 October 1973 meeting that he ascertained from Ian Chappell that when the team was there earlier in 1973 the Old Trafford Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was existent.

Tony Cross offered to follow up through his Managing Director who was then in England. At the next Club Committee meeting on 12 November 1973 Tony Cross reported that his Managing Director had made contact with the Honorary Secretary, H E Flynn, who informed him that the Club was non-operative "but that he preferred to retain the Charter as he hoped to get another group going".

The Club Committee approved a letter being sent to Mr Flynn advising that the Charter was to be returned, the Club name nor Beefsteak and Burgundy were not to be used and that if another group formed then it would be necessary to submit another petition.

It is unfortunate that no date was given for when the *Branch* became "non-operative", although on the feedback from Ian Chappell it would seem to be during 1973.

071 PORT HACKING, NSW

The Club Committee meeting of Thursday 16 March 1967 also considered a petition from applicants of southern Sydney suburbs, mainly Cronulla. Accordingly, the Committee granted Charter seventy-one to the new Club of Port Hacking.

The President of the new Club was Walter Hardy Morphett, an architect, Vice-President, Kenneth Thomas Haining, a retailer, Winemaster, Harry Ryan, a hotel manager,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Rigby Peter Williams, a manager, and completing the Committee was Donovan John Ditter, an oenologist.

The rest of the petitioners were: J Balinden, a medical practitioner, G K Vincent, also a medical practitioner, B H Betts, a civil engineer, P Cameron, a manager, B P O'Connell, an accountant and A P Carey, a public servant.

In his letter seeking information on forming a new club, Hardy Morphett stated that two past presidents of the Sydney Club would be foundation members.

A report in the 28 March 1969 edition of the *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, contained a picture of Club members "at work" at the Napoleon Restaurant in Dowling Street, Moore Park, Sydney. Eleven members were pictured. The then club Secretary, Mr B D McClenaughan, stated they met on the second Wednesday in each month and tried out a different restaurant each time.

The club ceased to operate in 1984. It was asked to return its Charter.⁹¹ A new club, also called Port Hacking (No 219), was granted its Charter on 4 January 1989.

072 NITAL, VIC

The Charter for the new *branch* of Nital, in Melbourne, was authorised by the Club Committee at its 11 May 1967 meeting, after receiving a petition from eleven petitioners, six of whom were managers or company directors, two were engineers, two journalists and one a customs agent. The name Nital is the reverse of Latin for it was at a restaurant of that name in Lonsdale Street Melbourne on 18 November 1966 that Mervyn T Ziebell conceived the idea of establishing a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.⁹²

The first President was Jim Irvine, the Victorian branch manager of Thomas Hardy and Sons, Vice-President, Colin Reaburn, Winemaster, Leon Massoni, a restaurateur, Beefmaster, David Triaca, owner of the Latin Restaurant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mervyn Ziebell and Committee member, Howard Palmer, a theatre critic for the *Sun News Pictorial*.

The club became a mixed membership club in 2009, accepting both male and female members.

The Nital Club is foremost amongst Beefsteak and Burgundy Clubs for the detail, comprehensiveness and accessibility of its history, which can be found at <http://www.nitalbsb.org/History.htm> .

073 TEA TREE GULLY, SA

⁹¹ Club Committee Minutes 14 January 1985

⁹² He was lunching with friends including the Winemaster of the Warrandyte Club (No 45). He inquired about membership, was told he would have to join a waiting list, so he decided to form his own B&B club. Mervyn was a member of Nital for 43 years; he was President on four occasions, Secretary/Treasurer for 15 years, Beefmaster for 4 years, Winemaster for one year and club historian for 42 years. His record keeping has enabled Nital to have a most comprehensive club history. He was awarded Life Membership in 1987, the 109th in B&B. He died in August 2009. *B & Bulletin* Summer 2009.

Charter seventy-three was awarded to eight petitioners for a new *branch* of Tea Tree Gully, a suburb of Adelaide, by the Club Committee on Thursday 11 May 1967. Two of the petitioners were medical practitioners, two were dentists, one a lawyer, one a bank manager, another a sales manager and the last a farmer and grazier.

The first President was Roy K Livingstone, Vice-President, Rex C Senior, Winemaster, Richard A Caulfield, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Jack Haycock and Committee members, Clifton I Walter, John K Adams, R B (Peter) Monfries and C Ross Pitchers.

The then Club President, Ken Ridley, notified the General Secretary in 2017 that the club had ceased operations and was wound up due to small membership numbers and decreased involvement of members. He had previously become a member of the Burnside Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No 3) and on the winding up of the Tea Tree Gully Club two other members, David Richards and Charles McPhee, joined the Burnside Club.

074 FRINGES, SA

Nine petitioners, mainly from eastern suburbs in Adelaide petitioned for a new *branch*, called Fringes. There is nothing to suggest the origins of the name, other than possibly the suburbs from which the petitioners came were mainly on the fringe of the Adelaide CBD.

The occupations of the petitioners were certainly not on the fringe, with three directors, two pharmacists, a land broker, a stock agent and a millinery manufacturer.

The new *branch* was granted the seventy-fourth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 15 June 1967. The inaugural President was J G Somerville, Vice-President, R G Wait, Winemaster R T Elvish and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, L P A Lawrence.

075 CARNE, VIC

At the same Club Committee meeting on 15 June 1967, the seventy-fifth Charter was awarded to ten petitioners from generally the northern suburbs of Melbourne focused on Coburg to form a new *branch*, called Carne.

Based on their occupations, the petitioners appear to have a connection through buildings, possibly as employers or contractors to a council. There was a building surveyor, two health inspectors, a city valuer, cartage contractor, city engineer, deputy city engineer, an engineer, sales engineer and a director.

The first President was T D Gibson, Vice-President, Aubrey T Butler, Winemaster, Frank Ford, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Morgan and members of the Committee Ern Hegarty and Murrrough Mooney.

076 WOODVILLE, SA

A more diverse list of petitioners than the Carne Club (No 75) applied for a new *branch* at Woodville, a western suburb of Adelaide. These included a land broker, building designer,

company secretary, two medical practitioners, a pharmacist, civic engineer and a manager.

The new *branch* was awarded the seventy-sixth Charter at the Club Committee's meeting on 3 August 1967.

The inaugural President was Alan Weetman, a medical practitioner, Vice-President Rod Wicks, a medical practitioner, Winemaster Robert Waters, a pharmacist, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Keith Thorn, manager of the Woodville Bowl, and members of the Committee, Robert Baker, an accountant, and Nick Theologou, an estate agent. Other members of the new *branch* were John Dyer, a building designer, Gil Morris, an electrical engineer, and Reg O'Connell, a city retailer.

The club was formed by Alan Weetman with help from John Dyer and others who were members of the Largs Bay Club (No 21), which had started nine years before. In 1967 there was a waiting list in the Largs Bay Club and this was one of the main reasons to start a new club. Many on this waiting list worked at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at Woodville which was the origin of the club's name. Very few of the Club's members have ever lived near Woodville and currently members' homes are scattered right across the Adelaide metropolitan area. The Club's home base was originally the restaurant in the Woodville Bowl on Port Road. They usually held a combined meeting in January with their parent club, the Largs Bay Club, in the Largs Pier Hotel. June and December meetings were usually held with wives and partners. Dinners were also held at Greengates Reception House in Cheltenham, at other venues or in member's homes. Wine bottling days were organised in members' homes or wineries.

In the early eighties the club moved from male only membership to a mixed club and the dress standard changed from formal to more casual.

At the Club's 35th anniversary celebrations back in the Largs Pier Hotel these items on the menu harkened back to dishes from the Club's past: French Onion dip, crumbed Butterfish, Hunter-style roast beef, Porterhouse steak, baked potatoes in foil, cauliflower au-gratin and bread and butter pudding finishing off with coffee and Seppelts Para Liquor Port!

Unlike many clubs, although that is changing, they do not have a food master but roster members to choose menu, venue and wines for the monthly dinners. Occasionally lunches or a whole weekend event are substituted for dinners. While members rotate through the president's position, the recent wine master, secretary and treasurer office-bearers have all been long entrenched in their positions resulting in a stable and well-run club.

Woodville remain a vibrant club with full membership and a close-knit family atmosphere and members were delighted to host the very successful convention in 2017. In a bold and innovative move the 34th B&B convention was held on a cruise ship in March 2017 with 167 delegates attending half of whom had not been to a B&B convention before.

077 LAUNCESTON-ESK, TAS

The seventy-seventh Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its meeting on 7 September 1967 to a group of eight petitioners from Launceston. In the space in the petition for the name of the *branch* was placed “OF ESK”.

The first President of the new *branch* was Neville Chisolm, a mixed farmer, Vice-President, John Murfet, a surveyor, Winemaster, Bill Springer, a furniture manufacturer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was David Henshaw, an advertising salesman, and on the Committee were Tony McCulloch, in airline public relations, Tom O’Byrne, a wine and spirit merchant, David Dixon, a pastoralist and Bruce Dennis, an auctioneer.

078 SUNBURY, VIC

Charter seventy-eight was also awarded by the Club Committee at the 7 September 1967 meeting. It went to petitioners for a new *branch* at Sunbury, a suburb of Melbourne in Victoria. The petition was unusual in that it was only signed by three, but in addition to the office-holders lists eleven Committee members.

James Walsh, one of the petitioners, a garage proprietor, was the inaugural President of the new *branch*; John Ellery, another of the petitioners, a hotel nominee, was the Vice-President, Murray Hicks the Winemaster and Frederick Norris, the third petitioner and a municipal cashier, was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.

Members of the Committee were: P McEnroe, J Forbes, C Cook, R Geyer, W Woods, L Mee, S Patterson, B Luelf, K Sambell, K Campbell and K Sharpley.

The Club received its Charter through the President of the Orana Club (No 51), Denzel Weston at a lunch on 9 November 1968 at the Ballarat Hotel. Jim Irvine, President of the Nital Club (No 72), was also present. Jack Ellery, “mine host at the Ballarat Hotel” was the Club’s Foodmaster. The lunch began with Seppelts Dry Sherry and Chestnut Teal. With oysters was served with Hardy’s White Burgundy. The crème of tomato soup and then whiting were accompanied by Hardy’s 1964 McLaren Vale Hermitage, while the barbecued rump steak and salad was served with Seppelts 1964 Chalambar Burgundy. The meal finished with cheese and greens and Hardy’s Sparkling Wine.⁹³

The club came about through a conversation in the bar of the Ball Court Hotel, Sunbury, whose host was Jack Ellery. While eating oysters and drinking beer the topic of good food and wine arose. “Although sceptics thought it was a stupid idea, Jack Ellery was adamant that Beefsteak and Burgundy was a must for Sunbury, and how right he was”. Consequently, about a dozen men banded together and applied for membership. The Ball Court Hotel was used as their base.

“Two or three times a year we invite our *ladies* to a selected venue in order to let them share all the good things that Beefsteak and Burgundy has to offer. We all have great affection for Beefsteak and Burgundy, as it is so different from other organisations, in as much as one never gets tired of bored with the proceedings. So, here we are, at Sunbury, a very strong and forever loyal group of Beefsteak and Burgundians”.⁹⁴

⁹³ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 26 January 1968

⁹⁴ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 22 September 1971

Unfortunately, the glow did not last. The club withdrew from the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in 1986, giving the reason that they only had nine members.⁹⁵

079 WINDSOR, VIC

Nine petitioners seeking to establish a *branch* at Windsor in Melbourne, Victoria were awarded the seventy-ninth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 10 October 1967. The occupations of the petitioners suggest they were associated with the public relations and advertising industries, although three were simply listed as managing directors.

President of the new *branch* was Graeme Madison, a general manager, Vice-President, Bryan Reid, a PR consultant, Winemaster, Jack Crane, an advertising executive and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was James Robertson, a director. No committee members were nominated.

The Windsor Club (No 79) President wrote to the General Secretary in 1981 stating that the Club was unable to carry on and asked whether they had could retain their Charter for twelve months without the payment of the Affiliation Fee, as they hoped to rebuild the club. The Committee took the view that, "Although sympathetic it was decided that the fee should be paid or the Charter surrendered".⁹⁶ A couple of months later, the General Secretary, Bill Russell, wrote to the club stating that they had not replied to his letter "indicating that it would be unconstitutional to waive affiliation fee payment" and arguing that with "some 180 *branches* there would be chaos if we did not abide by the rules".⁹⁷

Sixth months later, Bill Russell received a letter from T O'Donohue, stating that in his attempt to "revive the Windsor Beefsteak and Burgundy Club" he came across the 19 October 1981 letter and attached a cheque for the Affiliation Fee.⁹⁸ Bill Russell responded with delight that the Windsor Club was to be revived.⁹⁹

Unfortunately, the revival was short-lived. The club's end came in 1984. It was asked to return its Charter. However, in response, its termination was confirmed but that the Charter was unable to be located.¹⁰⁰

080 LEICHHARDT, QLD

A *branch* at Leichhardt in Brisbane, Queensland, was awarded the eightieth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 October 1967. There were fourteen petitioners for the new *branch*, all from professions and business. The *branch* was sponsored by the John Oxley Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Brisbane (No 48).

The first President of the new *branch* was Eric Parups, an architect, Vice-President, John Hall, a company manager, Winemaster, Con Frangos, a managing director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Alan Lyndon, a company director, with members of the

⁹⁵ Club Committee Minutes 7 October 1986

⁹⁶ Club Committee Minutes 20 July 1981

⁹⁷ Letter from Bill Russell to B Rodwell 19 October 1981

⁹⁸ Letter from T O'Donohue to Bill Russell 29 March 1982

⁹⁹ Letter from Bill Russell to T O'Donohue 16 April 1982

¹⁰⁰ Club Committee Minutes 11 March 1985

Committee being Dave McPhee, a consulting engineer, Eric Taylor, an assurance consultant, Alan Tomlins, a company director and Don Whitehouse, a sales manager.

o81 KINGSFORD SMITH, QLD

Nine petitioners sought approval to establish a new *branch* in Brisbane, named Kingsford Smith. They were awarded the eighty-first Charter by the Club Committee meeting on 14 November 1967. The petitioners were from a range of occupations.

The first President was C D Frangos, a company director, Vice-President, F T Farley, a sales manager, Winemaster J Griffin, a school master, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, F J McIntyre, a manager, with the committee members being C A Nielson, a hotel proprietor, R B J Wilson, a chemistry lecturer, S J Mayers, a sales manager, and E R Garlick, a company manager.

Its original members worked on and around Archerfield Aerodrome, Brisbane's Light Aircraft field. Hence the name *Kingsford Smith*. In fact, the inaugural President, Con Frangos,¹⁰¹ whose company Frangos Liqueurs, produced a range of quality liqueurs locally.

When the club formed, it was decided immediately to apply for affiliation with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Movement and Charter No 71 was granted in November of 1967. Membership Fees of that time were \$10.00 per annum, and the Dinner Fee was \$5.00.

For the first few years of its life, the club dined at the Qld Aero Club on the airfield, but as the member base widened, the venue was changed to one more central – the famous Lennon's Hotel in the city. This was to be the club's *home* for a number of years. As a few more years passed, it was decided to leave the venue for each dinner to the foodmaster for that dinner.

Currently, the club's longest serving Member, and Life Member, is Hal Davis who has been a member for 45 years. He waited some 3 years as a Waiting Member before being granted full membership, such was the popularity of BSB clubs back in that era. It must be remembered that there were few places in Brisbane where the general public had access to fine dining and fine wines, so clubs such as Kingsford Smith flourished. They afforded many more people the avenue whereby they could learn about wines and fine food, and enjoy the same at reasonable prices.

One major decision made many years ago was to have the club's own cellar. This decision has proven its worth many times over. The club currently keeps the stock level at about 500 bottles, which figure is based on average usage per dinner. The great advantage of the cellar is that members can source most wines for their dinners from their own resources, which keeps the costs down. Members can drink quality wines at relatively low prices compared with what those wines would be listed on a restaurant wine list!! The

¹⁰¹ Also a founding member of the Leichhardt Club

club has also been fortunate in having a long line of Cellarmasters who 'knew their stuff' and thus maintained the cellar well.

Over the years, the club has tried to maintain a high level of interest for its members by being innovative and trying new ideas. They have enjoyed roving dinners, dinners at members' own houses, river cruises, all-beer dinners, an all-Sake Japanese Dinner and more. They also engage in regular bus trips to local wine growing areas - the Stanthorpe Region (AKA the Granite Belt) and on occasion, to the South Burnett Region. Apart from the social aspect of these trips, they enable the club's more knowledgeable wine buffs to keep up to date with wines from these areas and to look for bargains for the cellar.

Membership is down a little at present but the club is trying to attract some younger members so that the club will still be going in another 50 years. The club has been through that before; in 1984, then Honorary Secretary, DJ Willsher wrote to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, stating the club was experiencing a lack of numbers and finding it difficult to meet on a regular basis, although the numbers quoted were a membership of 21, but with four on a Leave of Absence, and an average of 12 as regular attendees. He wondered whether the club should amalgamate with another.¹⁰² Bill Russell wrote back with some suggestions.¹⁰³ Obviously the club did not merge and is still surviving.

Meanwhile, the club wishes The Beefsteak and Burgundy Club the very best of wishes for the 70th Anniversary and trust that it will also be still going strong in another 70 years.

082 METROPOLITAN, QLD

Eight petitioners, mainly from professional backgrounds, applied to establish a *branch* at the Cordon Bleu Restaurant in Brisbane, to be called the Metropolitan Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. It was awarded the eight-second Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 8 January 1968.

The petition nominated G Duus, an optometrist and also a Housemaster at Brisbane Grammar School, as President, Vice-President, W Edwards, a pharmacist, Winemaster M Frangos, a business director (presumably also related to C D Frangos, the President of the Kingsford Smith *branch* in Brisbane), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, P Main, an engineer, with Committee members being A Prince, a restaurateur at the Metropolitan Motel and E Hayne, an accountant.

Club Foundation

Several friends from diverse backgrounds all with a passion for fine wine and food met regularly for dinner. Records show that dinners hosted by Graham Duus were held at the Royal Queensland Golf Club on Thursday 19 January and Thursday 23 February 1967. A further meeting in March was hosted by Michael Frangos at his liquor and wine business, Frangos Liqueurs, at Precision Street Rocklea. At this meeting, the six friends present decided to formalise their dinner arrangement and form a *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

¹⁰² DJ Willsher, Hon Sec Kingsford Smith Club to General Secretary, Bill Russell, 26 April 1984

¹⁰³ Bill Russell to DJ Willsher 1 May 1984

The Club's inaugural dinner meeting was held at the Cordon Bleu restaurant located in the Metropolitan Motel, Leichardt Street Brisbane, on Thursday 6 April 1967. The dinner was hosted by restaurant owner Arthur Prince. Seven members were present: Graham Duus, Michael Frangos, Bill Edwards, Win Hayne, Gordon Dredge, Peter Main and Arthur Prince.

A temporary committee was appointed at the meeting and tasked with setting up club administration, making the application for a charter from the governing body of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc. and arranging the Foundation Annual General Meeting.

The temporary committee were:

President: Graham Duus

Vice-President: Bill Edwards

Secretary: Peter Main

Treasurer: Win Hayne

Cellar Master: Michael Frangos

Food Master: Arthur Prince

The name Metropolitan Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was adopted in recognition of the Metropolitan Motel, the home to their proposed headquarters restaurant, Cordon Bleu.

A dinner meeting on 11 May 1967 confirmed the temporary executive for 1967/68. Whilst awaiting grant of a Charter, further dinner meetings were held at the Cordon Bleu on Thursday 22 June, 3 August and 14 September 1967. Lennon's Hotel in George Street Brisbane was the venue for the November 17 Dinner.

To celebrate the granting of the Charter, a 'Charter Eve Dinner' was held at the Cordon Bleu restaurant on Thursday 22 February 1968. The eighteen Foundation Members of the Metropolitan Beefsteak and Burgundy Club attending the dinner were: Graeme Beardmore, Win Hayne, Mike Phillips, Gordon Dredge, Nick Helen, Arthur Prince, Graham Duus, David Hiley, Neil Walker, Bill Edwards, Peter Main, Mike Westcott, Ken Folliott, Sam Michaels, Frank Withey, Michael Frangos, Arthur O'Keffe and Lloyd Woods.

Guest of Honour was Mr R.T. Stangler, representing the Foundation Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc. (Adelaide). The dinner menu records a four-course meal served with Penfolds Grange Hermitage 1962 and Henschke Mt. Edlestone Shiraz 1961.

25 Years on

In celebration of reaching its 25th anniversary, the club dined at the Royal Queensland Golf Club, the venue where the idea of forming a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club originated. The dinner was held on Thursday 22 April 1993 and was aptly hosted by the Foundation President, Graham Duus.

50 Years on

The club celebrated its 50th year with a gala dinner held at The Grove Function Room, 480 Queen Street Brisbane, on Thursday 26 July 2018. One hundred and eight members and guests enjoyed a four-course meal accompanied by wines drawn predominately from the Club cellar. International Beefsteak and Burgundy Club President Mark Jennings

accompanied by his wife Gerri travelled from Adelaide to be our Guest of Honour. Guests included eighteen members representing four Brisbane based Beefsteak and Burgundy Clubs.

International President Mark Jennings presented Metropolitan Club President Perry Tidey with a 50 Year medallion to be worn by all future Metropolitan Club Presidents.

The presence and contribution of foundation members Gordon Dredge, Peter Main and Michael Westcott was acknowledged.

The Club Wine Cellar

It would be a remiss not to mention the club's long tradition of maintaining a wine cellar. For nearly three decades the club wine cellar was a former air raid shelter located in the basement of a war time munitions factory building in Assembly Street Rocklea. The annual rent in the later years was a mixed dozen of wine.

This arrangement came to an end upon the redevelopment of the site and the wine cellar was moved to climate-controlled cellar space at the home of long serving member Bill Bennett. In 2021 the cellar was again relocated to a commercial storage facility.

Over the past fifty years, governance of the cellar has been the responsibility of an elected Wine Master. Five members have served in the position: Michael Frangos, the foundation Wine Master for 1 year, Arthur O'Keffe for the following 2 years, Nick Gearing for a period of over three decades, David Blackburn for 3 years and from January 2021 Tony Mitchell. Many a good club cellar wine has been enjoyed over the past fifty years.

Present and Future

The Club strives to meet its objectives which are: to promote good fellowship and goodwill amongst all sections of the community; to further the education of its members and the community in the appreciation and understanding of good food and wines; to encourage the appreciation and temperate consumption of fine wine and other beverages, in conjunction with the serving and enjoyment of food in an environment of good fellowship.

Dinner meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month – a tradition continuing from 1967. The continuing success of the Metropolitan Beefsteak and Burgundy Club is assured with the progressive recruitment of younger enthusiastic members.¹⁰⁴

083 NARACOORTE, SA

The petition for a *branch* at Naracoorte, in the South-east of South Australia, was submitted by two farmers, a project officer and a bank officer. The *branch* was awarded the eighty-third Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 8 January 1968.

The first President was Ross W Bain, one of the farmers, Vice-President, Jim S McLachlan, Winemaster, Phillip Laffer, Honorary Secretary, Michael L Milne, Honorary

¹⁰⁴ The author of the Metropolitan History is Perry Tidey.

Treasurer, Ian C McLennan, the bank officer and Committee member, Robert A Lawson, the other farmer.

o84 AUCKLAND, NZ

Seven petitioners, three of whom were sales managers, submitted a petition to establish a *branch* in Auckland, New Zealand. They were granted the eighty-fourth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 8 January 1968.

J H Jones, a sales manager, was the first President, R Edgell, a company representative, the Winemaster, L Ford, a Lieutenant in the Royal New Zealand Navy, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, while D C Ewen, a sales manager, and R Nicks, a company director were Committee members.

A note by the General Secretary on the petition that the Charter be sent to John Penfold Hyland to present the Charter to the new club suggests a wine connection may have been the catalyst for the new *branch*. In fact, the minutes actually record the correspondence chain of letters from J H Jones to the Norwood *branch* (No 9) and to J Penfold Hyland, a member of the Norwood Club, J Penfold Hyland to the Secretary, the Norwood *Branch* who then wrote to the General Secretary, who sent the petition and process to J H Jones and finally a letter from J Penfold Hyland to the General Secretary (possibly with the petition).

o85 CUMMINS, SA

The eighty-fifth Charter was awarded at the Club Committee meeting on 12 August 1968 to seven petitioners from Cummins, a town in Eyre Peninsula, north of Port Lincoln in South Australia. As befitting the service nature of the town to a primarily farming area three of the petitioners were farmers and graziers, with two others being managers and the other two a butcher and a pharmacist.

The President of the new *branch* was Murray Charles Keep Marrie, one of the farmers and graziers, as was the Vice-President, Charles Secker; the Winemaster was Trevor Kingsley Squire, a manager, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was Peter Gay Barnett, a manager, and Committee members were Michael John Cabot, farmer and grazier, Thomas James Ferguson, Master Butcher and Rex George Martin, pharmacist.

The club became a mixed membership club in 2009, accepting both male and female members.

o86 STAWELL, VIC

At its 12 August 1968 meeting, the Club Committee awarded the eighty-sixth Charter to seven petitioners from Stawell, a country town in Victoria. The petitioners were all from professional or business backgrounds.

The President of the new *branch* was Jack Clive Wilkinson, a dental surgeon, Vice-President and Food Master, Donald Ross MacDonald, a medical practitioner, Winemaster, Murray Clayton, a wine maker, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Christopher William Tilley, a public accountant, and Committee members were Morris James Holden, and James R Rathberger.

o87 JOSEPH BANKS, QLD

Five petitioners, comprised of two chemists, an architect, a wine promotions officer and a solicitor, based in Sandgate, a suburb of Brisbane, were awarded the eighty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee on 30 September 1968.

The first President of the new club of Joseph Banks was Thomas Leowen McDonnell, one of the chemists, Vice-President, John William Swindall, the architect, Winemaster, Alan Cecil Cook, the wine promotions officer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ronald McGill Moles, the solicitor and the Committee member was Cornelius Francis Regan, the other chemist.

Thirty members attended the inaugural dinner held at the Brighton Hotel-Motel on 25 July 1968 at which office-bearers were elected and a decision made to apply for a charter to join the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. Originally, they wished to call the new club Mirrabooka, but were told soon after the meeting that the name was already in use.¹⁰⁵

The club was seen as having great promise, for at its October 1968 meeting, held once again at the Brighton Hotel-Motel, thirty-eight members and guests attended.¹⁰⁶ The club's Charter was presented by the John Oxley Club (No 48), Michael Karlos, at its February 1969 dinner at the Brighton Hotel-Motel.¹⁰⁷ The hotel was the club's regular dining place in its early years.

In 1999, the General Secretary was advised by the club that it had disbanded because of lack of membership.¹⁰⁸

o88 DARWIN, NT

The Darwin *branch* Club had one of the strongest inaugural member numbers of all beginning clubs. While only eight signed the petition form, it was accompanied by a list of 29 names who were the proposed Charter members of the new Darwin *Branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. They were granted the eighty-eighth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 11 November 1968.

The first President was Leslie Newton Penhall, a public servant, Vice-President, George Kenneth Slide, an insurance agent, Winemaster, Klaus Prechelt, a company director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Harold Tom Michael South, a radiographer, while the Committee members were Allan Francis Bromwich, a medical practitioner, Malcolm

¹⁰⁵ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 August 1968

¹⁰⁶ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 29 November 1968

¹⁰⁷ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 March 1969

¹⁰⁸ Club Committee Minutes 8 September 1999

Farmer, an insurance agent, Michael Connors, a public servant and Roger Textor, a police officer.

The club's Charter dinner was held at the Dolphin Motor Hotel, with the Charter presented by the President of the Alice Springs Club (No 34), Jim Marriott.¹⁰⁹ A report from the club stated that the formation of the Darwin *branch* of Beefsteak and Burgundy "was the brainchild of Dr John Clift and Mr Mike South".¹¹⁰

089 RANGITOTO, NZ

It was David Lucas, behind the development of Cooks Winery, who on 3 October 1968 hosted several wine enthusiasts to a barbeque at his house to propose the formation of a new wine club. Assis Corban, the vigneron and winemaker, attended as did Michael Brett, the *Auckland Star* wine columnist and Tim Cooper.

Consequently, at the 24 February 1969 Club Committee meeting, the eighty-ninth Charter was awarded to petitioners from Auckland, New Zealand. The name of the *branch* was based on the Rangitoto Island, a volcanic cone in the gulf near Auckland.

There were fifteen petitioners, several of whom were connected with the wine industry; one, Harry Whitehouse was a company director of Seppelts Wines in Auckland,¹¹¹ another, Tim Cooper was General Manager of McWilliams Wines and Assid Corban was a vigneron. Other than that industry, there was a journalist, a sharebroker, a solicitor, with the rest being managers of various companies in the insurance, food, printing, manufacturing and other sectors.

President of the new *branch* was Harry Whitehouse, Vice-President, Peter Arnold, a company director with Leyland Motors, Winemaster, Assid Corban, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, David Smythe, a sharebroker, and members of the Committee were Tim Cooper, Bryan Kingston, a solicitor, David Lucas, a company director and Michael Brett, a journalist.

090 ARARAT, VIC

There were four petitioners for a new *branch* of the Club at Ararat, a town in western Victoria. They were awarded the ninetieth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 24 February 1969. There was some association with the wine industry with two of the petitioners, while the others came from farming and commercial backgrounds, with one electrical engineer.

President of the new *branch* was P Weste, a winery assistant manager, Vice-President, M Jackson, a farmer, Winemaster, M Seppelt, vineyard and winery co-ordinator, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, A Schilling, an office manager, with members of the Committee

¹⁰⁹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 27 February 1969

¹¹⁰ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 27 February 1969

¹¹¹ Harry Whitehouse had also been instrumental in the formation of the Wellington Club (No 60) becoming its inaugural Vice-President

being A Cazalest, an electrical engineer, N Hooper, a licensed grower, R Dalkin, a primary producer and J Leeke, an agent.

The Club received its Charter on 27 March 1969, presented by the President of the Stawell Club (No 86), Jack Wilkinson, at a dinner at Golden Gate Motel (now Lodge) Ararat attended by twenty members and partners. “A feature of the decorations”, said Peter Weste, the President, “was a huge hide from one of the Vice-President’s Herefords ... so we were well equipped with *bull*”¹¹².

091 NORTH SHORE, NSW

Four company directors, a sharebroker, solicitor and clergyman were the seven petitioners for a new *branch* of the Club in Sydney’s North Shore centred on Wahroonga. The Club Committee at its 12 May 1969 meeting awarded the ninety-first Charter to the new *branch* of North Shore.

The first President was C Millard, a company director, Vice-President and Winemaster, A C Martin, a company director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, J B McMinn, a solicitor with G R H Smith, a sharebroker.

092 ORANGE, NSW

The birth of the *branch* at Orange took longer than its petitioners hoped. The Club Committee minutes of 14 April 1969 record that Ray Drew and the General Secretary reported that a Mr W Alderton of Orange was in Adelaide in early April and stated that a petition had been submitted from Orange eighteen months previously but no word had been received in response. He reported that the Orange Club had been operating since then. However, the General Secretary told the Committee that no reply had been received from Mr Alderton to a letter sent to him at that time. Accordingly, the Committee agreed that a new petition form be sent and if returned in order, then the General Secretary could issue a Charter to Orange.

The petition was received on 14 May 1969 and found to be in order and although this was recorded in the 9 June 1969 Club Committee meeting minutes, the Charter date was recorded as 12 May 1969, the date of the previous meeting. Thus, the Orange *branch* was awarded the ninety-second Charter.

There were eight petitioners. The first President was Douglas George Hawke, a company manager, Vice-President, Peter Jesse Baldwin, Winemaster, Walter Bryan Eggleton, a civil contractor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Shann Chidson, a manager, and members of the Committee were Warren Wallace Alderton, John Barry Hunt, John Patrick Smyth and Charles Patrick Tracy.

093 BEAUTY POINT, TAS

The *branch* of Beauty Point, a town by the Tamar River and near Launceston, Tasmania, was awarded the ninety-third Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 21 July 1969.

¹¹² *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 28 May 1969

Most of the eight petitioners actually came from the smaller settlement of Ilfraville, which was close by.

The President of the new *branch* was Graham Johanson, listed as a hotel keeper (Hotel Beauty Point), Vice-President, Kenneth Pugh, a company director, Winemaster, Kelvin Wynwood, a hotel manager (Hotel Beauty Point), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Bruce Fenton, an accountant, with Committee members being Alfred Grant and John Pook, shipping representatives, James Rowell, a taxi proprietor and Raymond Walker, a motel proprietor (Motel Beauty Point).

094 SOUTH BRISBANE, QLD

Six petitioners from various suburbs of Brisbane were awarded the ninety-fourth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 27 October 1969.

The President of the new *branch* of South Brisbane was James V Donohue, a solicitor, Vice-President, G M Gray, Winemaster, Barry M Gray, also a solicitor, Honorary Secretary G C Tarvit, a systems analyst, Honorary Treasurer, Mr W G Donohue, with the Committee members being G J Bates, an insurance consultant and J M Wheeler, a public servant.

The Club ceased operating by 1988 when it was reported that Peter Fites wrote to the General Secretary regarding the club closing.¹¹³ The club details appeared in the 1987-88 Handbook, but not in the 1988-89 one.

095 FROME, SA

The new *branch* of Frome was awarded the ninety-fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 27 October 1969. There were eight petitioners from a variety of backgrounds and each from a different suburb of Adelaide, which were reasonably widespread, causing one to wonder what the common thread (apart from food and wine!) was that brought them together to set up a *branch* Club. One possibility is that a number of them were involved in retail.

The first President was W H Probets, a branch manager, Vice-President, M Grosset, an engineer, Winemaster, K Mouloden, a sales promotions officer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, R J Crawford, a general manager, with Committee members being J Kempster, a brand manager, G Terry, a school teacher, J Gane, a department manager and G Sleep, a pharmacist.

In 1993 the club became a mixed club.

096 TOOWOOMBA-WHEATSHEAF, QLD

Seven residents of Toowoomba, Queensland, who were interested in good food and wine, petitioned to establish a new *branch* in that town. They were awarded the ninety-sixth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 9 March 1970.

¹¹³ Club Committee Minutes 3 October 1988

The President of the new *branch* of Toowoomba-Wheatsheaf was David Price, Vice-President, Reg Hamlyn, Winemaster, Bruce Gardener, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer Cyril Postle, with Committee members being Lloyd Bee, Wally Bourne, Jim Garsden and Bob Weis. The signatures on the petition are difficult to decipher so each petitioner's specific occupations are not able to be determined but the occupations recorded are: doctor, dentist, farmer, AMP representative, solicitor, Queensland Insurance representative and a restaurant proprietor.

The club's first meeting took place at the Weis *Top of the Range* Seafood Smorgasbord restaurant. In more recent years, the club has used Banjo's *Toowoomba* Steakhouse as a home base.

The club has continued to have strong membership and has had a significant waiting list at times.

One of the feature events for the club has been its annual Scottish dinner, complete with Haggis, Neeps and Tatties washed down with large glasses of single Malt Whisky.

097 COBRAM, VIC

The ninety-seventh Charter was awarded by the Club Committee on 9 March 1970 to eight petitioners from Cobram, a town on the Murray River in Victoria.

The first President of the new *branch* was R E Guscott, a vineyard manager, Vice-President, H S A Fox, a retired gentleman, Winemaster, A S Davidson, a veterinarian, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, S A Miller, a merchandise manager, with Committee members being H S West, a garage proprietor, E Moncrieff, a grocer, J Anderson, a garage proprietor and L White, a builder.

Roland Guscott had occasion to write a number of years later, to Bill Russell, the General Secretary, seeking advice about a motion that members of the committee were putting forward that the Cobram Club should disaffiliate from the "Beefsteak and Burgundy Association" and that the club should be renamed as the Cobram Food and Wine Society, which women could join, with the movers of the motion believing "that a mixed club could only be beneficial".¹¹⁴

Bill Russell wrote quite a detailed letter in response, the essence of which was that the members seeking to include female members could leave and form their own club, or form another Beefsteak and Burgundy club that had mixed membership.¹¹⁵

098 BLACKWOOD, SA

The ninety-eighth Charter was awarded to eight petitioners generally residing in Blackwood, and nearby Belair, suburbs of Adelaide, at the Club Committee meeting on 6 April 1970.

¹¹⁴ Letter from Roland Guscott, Foundation President, to Bill Russell, General Secretary, 11 July 1984

¹¹⁵ Letter from Bill Russell to Roland Guscott 16 July 1984

The President of the new *branch* was Trevor Carlton Reade, a sales manager, Vice-President, Frederick Christopher Fraser, a dentist, Winemaster, Donald Wynne Perkins, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, David McAdam, a company director, with Committee members being Basil Alfred Sellers, an investment adviser, Anthony James Peters, Richard Marlow Harris, a design consultant, and Karl-Juergen Eduard Liebetran, a company director.

Trevor was the sales manager for Hardy's Wines and initiated the formation of the club with some other Blackwood residents. The club grew quickly with new members from both Blackwood and elsewhere and by July 1970 there were at least sixteen members, including Basil Sellers AM and Bob Nott, founders of Devon Homes. They started the Devon Cup for the club members in 1975 and since then every August it goes to the member who completes the wine quiz the most successfully. Basil is well-known as a businessman and philanthropist, with a keen interest in cricket being one of the founders of the Bradman Museum in Bowral, NSW and a life member of the Bradman Foundation, as well as donating the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust Basil Sellers Sports Sculpture Project, a series of life size sculptures of ten of Australia's finest sportsmen.

Membership through the 1970s remained healthy and the club somewhat followed the usual practice of having the one venue (the Highway Inn and later the Tonsley Hotel) and just the one food and wine master for functions (David Macrow of Kaiser Stuhl Wines). Like others, the club also kept a cellar, although this was abandoned in the late 1970s, being considered too difficult to administer and of dubious ownership. The cellar was *drunk out* in one glorious Sunday at Bob Nott's residence with wives and partners.

In the early 1980s, membership dropped away as people resigned or moved interstate/overseas. Reduced to twelve members it became critical to rebuild the club. The first attempt to do this was to have a joint dinner with another club in a similar position, with a view to amalgamation. However, the attempt did not work because of the contrasting cultures of the two clubs, with Blackwood's being to have fun and not take themselves too seriously.

The club's *white knight* came in the form of Ant Benny and his friends and associates who joined the club *en masse*. Not only was the club invigorated, but its meeting style was changed to a rotation of members being the wine and food master for the night at their choice of venue, which has remained the practice to this day. Committee meetings were also dropped, being considered no longer relevant.

Through the 1990s and into the early decade of the new century, membership remained healthy and close to maximum, with no members actually living in Blackwood for the last twenty years.

The club needs to continue to be vigilant and to rejuvenate "to avoid disappearing into the sunset".

099 CEDUNA, SA

Seven petitioners sought a charter for a new *branch* in Ceduna, a town on the coast in far west South Australia. They were awarded the ninety-ninth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on Monday 8 June 1970.

The inaugural President of the *Branch* was Ian R Pontifex, a builder, Vice-President, W Hamilton, a storekeeper, Winemaster G Booth, a project superintendent, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, L Whittlesee, a senior motor mechanic, with Committee members being W Maestrosavis, a storekeeper, W Carter and G Duregon, a builder.

According to the Handbook the club appears to have ceased operating in 2006 as the 2006-07 Handbook is the last that records its contact details, although in the list of chartered clubs at the beginning of the Handbook it continues to be listed until 2015.

It is likely, though, to have been a year or two prior to 2006, as the January 2004 Club Committee minutes record in the section on the reporting of clubs paying/not paying affiliation fees that on receiving a letter re non-payment of their fee, “Ceduna replied the club is in the process of dissolving”.¹¹⁶ Hence, it is likely the club ceased operating in 2004, or even earlier, in 2003¹¹⁷.

100 AD ASTRA ONE, VIC

The six petitioners for a *branch* named Ad Astra One were officers in the Royal Australian Airforce, located at the Victoria Barracks on St Kilda Road, Melbourne. They were granted Charter one hundred by the Club Committee on 13 July 1970.

President of the new *branch* was M L Friedman, Vice-President, R R Belshaw, Winemaster, M J Kelly, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, C K Hoare, with Committee members being A G Harper and R O’Louchlin.

The club’s Charter Dinner was held on 8 September 1970, with the official guests being the President, Noel de Hugard and founding President, Bernard MacGregor, of the Mirrabooka Club (No 39) and David Patterson of Penfolds Wines (with all wines at the dinner being Penfolds). At the time it was recorded that the new club comprised fifteen serving RAAF officers, twelve honorary members (ex-RAAF) of the officers’ mess and three civilians, with the club already having a long waiting list.¹¹⁸

In 1993 the club became a mixed club.

101 RANDWICK, NSW

The six petitioners for the new *branch* of Randwick in Sydney, or at least most of them, seemed to have been connected with the University of New South Wales. They were awarded Charter one hundred and one at the Club Committee meeting on 13 July 1970.

¹¹⁶ Club Committee Minutes 18 February 2004

¹¹⁷ Club Committee Minutes 15 May 2002 record attempts to contact the club, concluding the “club may be defunct. It was agreed to write off Ceduna from the register of current Branch Clubs”. However, the Affiliation Fee was paid for the year 2002/03 after contact with the club was finally effected. Club Committee Minutes 18 September 2002

¹¹⁸ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 25 November 1970

The President of the new *branch* was Gary Patterson, a systems engineer, Vice-President, David Potter, a research engineer, Winemaster, Tom Selwood (not one of the petitioners), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ray Lawther, a research engineer, with J Osborne a Committee member.

Three of the petitioners were not office-bearers or on the Committee. They were C Kearsley, a senior tutor at the UNSW, Anthony Robinson, a lecturer and G O'Loughlin, a research engineer.

The new Club was sponsored by the North Sydney Club (No 25), the President of which, Alan Delandro, chaired the inaugural meeting of the Randwick Club at the St Leonards Cellars of McWilliams Wines that elected the office-bearers. The club claimed three firsts: the first to have their wives as official full-time members; the 101st Charter; and the youngest average age of any Beefsteak and Burgundy club members in Australia at 27¹¹⁹.

Unfortunately, these *firsts* did not guarantee longevity in the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club movement and the club's Charter was destroyed and returned in 1982.¹²⁰ This followed a letter from the Honorary Secretary, Dr Geoffrey O'Loughlin, stating that at their 1982 AGM the members voted to "discontinue the Club's association with the parent Beefsteak and Burgundy Club". He gave the reason as, with changing membership the "aims and mode of operation" have changed, causing them to differ from the B&B model. He expected the group to continue but in a different form.¹²¹

102 DEVONPORT-VAN DIEMEN, TAS

The petition from ten persons centred on Devonport, a town in Tasmania, listed the name of the new *branch* as Van Diemen, which is what the Club Committee approved in awarding them the one hundred and second Charter at its meeting on 13 July 1970. The petitioners came from a range of professional, commercial and trade backgrounds.

The President of the new *branch* was D C Bramich, a baker, Vice-President, A A Freak, an architect, Winemaster, H Kolberg, an engineer, and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, J T Maxwell, an accountant. No Committee members were listed.

103 MACQUARIE, NSW

Twelve petitioners, three of whom gave their address as Macquarie University, and presumably hence the *Branch* name, were awarded the hundred and third Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 August 1970.

Not all the petitioners worked at Macquarie University but all were from professional backgrounds, including medical practitioners, an architect and a psychologist.

President of the new *branch* was Professor Waterhouse, Vice-President, Ian Gardiner, a general practitioner, Winemaster Roy Mayer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Greg Holloway, a social worker, with Committee members being Dr Ralph Schureck, a

¹¹⁹ *Australian Wine, Brewing and Spirit Review*, 25 November 1970

¹²⁰ Club Committee Minutes 13 December 1982

¹²¹ Letter from Dr Geoffrey O'Loughlin to Gen Sec, Bill Russell, 3 September 1982

university teacher, Kenneth Digby, an architect, Professor Jim Rose, and L Cutting, a broker.

The then General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, was advised by the club's last secretary in early 2020 that the club had ceased operating.

104 COMPASS, NSW

At the 10 August 1970 Club Committee meeting the General Secretary stated that he had received a phone call informing him that a Petition was being forwarded for the proposed Compass Club in the municipality of North Sydney. The Club Committee gave him authority to issue Charter No 104 if the petition was in order. Presumably it was in order because the petition is held in the files annotated Charter No 104 10 August 1970.

There were six petitioners. President of the new *branch* was Francis Reginald Wells, a consulting engineer, Vice-President Edwin David Hawley, a general manager, Winemaster, Phillip Roslyn Jackson, an architect, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Kenneth Henry Green, a quantity surveyor, with the Committee member being Kenneth Cecil George Graves, a managing director. The sixth petitioner, K F A Driver, a secretary, was not a member of the Committee.

The Club Committee meeting minutes of 8 February 1982 record that five *branches* had not paid their affiliation fee the previous year, including Compass, and the General Secretary was authorised to write the *branch* off "as defunct". At its 19 April 1982 meeting the Club Committee authorised the General Secretary to withdraw their Charter, given there had been no response to correspondence. However, the General Secretary, Bill Russell, had written in March 1981 to the Sydney Club (No 7) seeking its help in the retrieval of the Compass Club Charter, which suggests the club had ceased operating at least a year earlier.¹²²

105 JOHN PASCOE FAWKNER, VIC

At the Club Committee meeting on 19 October 1970 eight petitioners were awarded the hundred and fifth Charter for the new *branch* Club of John Pascoe Fawkner, in Melbourne, which was named after an early significant settler in Melbourne.

The President of the new *branch* was A R Tostevin, a sales manager for Hamilton's Ewell Vineyards, Winemaster was P J Bottrall, an administrative officer at Bechtel-WKE and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was I G Marshall, a claims superintendent with the South British Insurance Company.

The *branch* chose not to nominate a Vice-President or Committee members until the Club became larger in size.

¹²² Letter from Bill Russell to A Walton 22 March 1981

However, the other petitioners included the general manager of Radio 3AW, the sales manager for Mattell, the general manager of Nashua, the manager of Administration for Central Engineering Services and the field supervisor for micrographic sales for Kodak.

The Club Committee minutes of 12 November 1979 record that a letter sent by the General Secretary to the last year's President of the John Pascoe Fawkner *Branch* was approved. The purpose of the letter was to ascertain whether the *branch* was defunct, or not.

Failing a response, the General Secretary reported to the Club Committee at its 11 February 1980 meeting that he had had spoken to the last President, who confirmed that the club was defunct, which would be confirmed in writing.

Surprisingly, the letter when it did arrive, as reported in the minutes of the next meeting on 17 March 1980 stated that the *branch* was now continuing! The 9 June 1980 minutes reported that the affiliation fee payment had been received and that matters had been resolved.

However, the Club Committee minutes of the 15 December 1981 meeting record that the Committee "accepted the requested cessation" of the John Pascoe Fawkner *Branch*, who also reported that their Charter could not be found.¹²³

106 GOSFORD, NSW

One of the smallest number of petitioners, five, were awarded the one hundred and sixth Charter for a *branch* at Gosford, a town on the Central Coast of New South Wales. The Charter was approved at the Club Committee meeting on 18 January 1971.

The President of the new *branch* was John A H Flakelar, a surveyor, Vice-President, John H Reed, a company secretary, Winemaster, Caesar Frankin, a company director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Les F Graham, a company director, with the fifth petitioner, Anthony Frankin, also a company director, being a member of the Committee. It would be interesting to know if they were all connected with the same company, other than the surveyor.

107 HORSHAM, VIC

The petition for a new *Branch* at Horsham, a town in the Wimmera Region of western Victoria, indicated that the petitioners had a club that had been formed already for three years. The club was stated to have fifteen members at the time. The petition was signed by three of them, the President, Secretary and Honorary Secretary, whose signature was over *Horsham Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*. The petitioners were awarded the one hundred and seventh Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 15 March 1971.

The President of the *Branch* was Brian McGrath, a solicitor, Vice-President, Ted Walsgott, Winemaster, Frank McClelland, an agronomist, Honorary Secretary and

¹²³ Letter from RB Hefter, President/Secretary of the John Pascoe Fawkner Club to Bill Russell, General Secretary, 13 November 1981

Treasurer, Bryan Olsen, an accountant, while other members of the Committee were Ken Stedman, a caterer and Dan Landrigan, employed by the Country Roads Board.

The club was male only until 1982¹²⁴. It is now a mixed club and generally meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm. Over the past 20 years the members have dined at varied venues as well as the local restaurants in and around Horsham. Examples are: Golf, Aero and Cycling Clubs, Olive Grove and Wineries.

The club also hosts self-catering events at members' homes. The themes over the years have included: Spanish, Italian, Middle Eastern, Mediterranean, Danish, Irish, English and Hawaiian and a High Tea. An annual bonfire along with fine food and wine is always a popular event too.

Each year a weekend away for members is organised either in Victoria or South Australia, which is highly patronised. Members have been privileged to dine at top restaurants and wineries over those weekends. For example, the 2018 trip took the members to the Nagambie region in Victoria where they wine and dined at the Wineries of Tabilk, Mitchelton and Murchison.

The club is also fortunate to have the use of an underground cellar for storage and aging of their wines which is well stocked and managed by the Wine masters.

The club has one living life member Mark Griffin, who is the long-term treasurer. The Club averages around twenty members.

Many members of the Horsham Beefsteak and Burgundy Club have formed long and firm friendships.

The following photo shows the Club's cellar:



¹²⁴ Club Committee Minutes 21 June 1982 record that correspondence was received from the Horsham branch indicating that active membership was now open to women

108 AVOCA, VIC

The hundred and eighth Charter was awarded to five petitioners who sought to establish a *branch* at Avoca, a town in the Central Highlands of Victoria, in the Pyrenees Region, by the Club Committee at its meeting on 15 March 1971.

The President of the new *Branch* was John Stanley Robb, a vigneron, Vice-President, Walter Carl Henning, an earth moving contractor, Winemaster, Geoffrey Wilson Oliver, a manufacturer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Donald Keith Rose, a bank manager, with Committee members being Ian Home and Ronald George Barrett, a vitualler (as listed, but presumably a victualler).

The Club Committee was informed by the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, at their November 2009 meeting that he had been advised by the Avoca Club that it was dissolved two years previously.¹²⁵

109 BURNIE, TAS

The Club Committee authorised Charter one hundred and nine for six petitioners from Burnie, a town on the north-west coast of Tasmania, at its meeting on 19 April 1971.

The President of the new *branch* was Stan Baker, Vice-President, Bert Krandenberg, Winemaster, Jim Fraser, a wine merchant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Peter Titchener, with other members of the Committee being Bryon Bonney, in transport, Elvin Dick, a contractor, Jack Mayhew, a public servant, and Nigel Bradford.

110 GLENELG SPORTSMEN, SA

Fourteen petitioners associated with the Glenelg Footballers Club in Adelaide submitted a petition to form the Glenelg Sportsmen *Branch*. They were awarded the one hundred and tenth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 10 May 1971. Most of the petitioners' occupational backgrounds were as managers or company directors, in addition to an engineer, a journalist and two retirees.

The President of the new *branch* was J A Mitchell, a sales manager, Vice-President, J Le Cornu, a company manager (with Le Cornu's being a well-known Adelaide large furniture store), Winemaster T Hardy (who as far as can be determined was not listed as a petitioner and whose first name is not given but may be Tom Hardy), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer J B Martin, a company director, with E R Curnow, a secretary, being listed as a Committee member.

The club was declared defunct in 1991.¹²⁶

111 PITTWATER, NSW

Pittwater in the Narringan Shire of Sydney was awarded the one hundred and eleventh Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 10 May 1971. The new *branch* had fifteen

¹²⁵ Club Committee Minutes 18 November 2009

¹²⁶ Club Committee Minutes 5 August 1991

petitioners, most of whom came from company backgrounds, but who also included the officer-in-charge of the Mona Vale Police Station, an engineer, a motel manager and a wine and spirit merchant.

The new *Branch* had as its first President, G C Cullen, a company director, Vice-President, J S Tulloch, a wine and spirit merchant, Winemaster W A Davis, a director, Honorary Secretary, W A J Colbron, and Treasurer, R A Irving.

Their inaugural meeting was held at Newport Inn, Newport, NSW with thirteen in attendance, including the President of the Manly Club (No 46), K Driver, to advise on rules and procedures. At a lunch in May 1971 at the Hotel Manly twelve members attended with six guests. Their June 1971 dinner was held at the Newport Inn.

The club ceased operation during 1985. According to then Adelaide Club President, Peter Martindale, it “lost interest”.¹²⁷

112 DIONYSUS, NSW

The petition for a new *branch* on the North Shore of Sydney was discussed at the Club Committee meeting of 7 June 1971. The proposed name of *Bacchus* (Roman god of agriculture, wine and fertility copied from the Greek god Dionysus) was deemed unacceptable, presumably because the Bacchus Club, an alternative to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, existed. A new name of *Dionysus* (the god of the grape harvest, winemaking and wine), an elegant solution, was accepted.

Consequently, the one hundred and twelfth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 September 1971 to the five petitioners from the North Shore of Sydney.

The President of the new *branch* was Guy J Lieutenant, a sales representative, Vice-President, David Cowdrill, a fashion designer, Winemaster, Alan Nash, a production manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Roger Johnstone, a company manager, with the fifth petitioner, Roger Cameron, an assistant to an advertising manager, a Committee member.

Under the correspondence heading in the minutes of the Club Committee meeting of 8 March 1982 it was recorded that a letter had been received from Mr Bryan “regarding the cessation of *branch* activities”. The fact, though, that the General Secretary, Bill Russell, wrote in March 1981 to the Sydney Club (No 7) seeking its assistance in the retrieval of the Dionysus Club’s Charter suggests it had ceased its activities in 1980, or earlier.¹²⁸

113 DEVONPORT, TAS

Barely a year after a charter was awarded to the Van Dieman Club (No 102) in Devonport, eight petitioners sought a charter for another *branch* in Devonport. They were awarded the one hundred and thirteenth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 18

¹²⁷ Club AGM President’s Report, 1986

¹²⁸ Letter from Bill Russell to A Walton 22 March 1981

October 1971. The petitioners came from professional (medical and legal) and commercial backgrounds.

The President of the new *branch* was Robert Matthews, a company representative, Vice-President, Bruce Gowans, a motor vehicle retailer, Winemaster, David Prescott, a manager, and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was Peter Scott, a company director.

114 KING GEORGE, QLD

The General Secretary was authorised to issue Charter number one hundred and fourteen to five petitioners from Indooroopilly in Brisbane by the Club Committee at its meeting on 18 October 1971 “provided that the Humble Petition when received is in order”.

The President of the new *branch* of King George was Peter W McDonald, a records officer with the Commonwealth Public Service, there was no Vice-President nominated, Winemaster was Brian Day, a sales representative, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Peter R Ball, a research officer with the Commonwealth Public Service, with the other members of the Committee being Spencer A Plant, an architect with the Commonwealth and Noel Collier, who worked in insurance.

The club ceased to exist in 2004. This was foreshadowed in 2003 when the club’s Affiliation Fee payment was accompanied by the comment that “Club members (8) have no commitment any more”!¹²⁹

The Secretary at the time, Ian Vize, notified the General Secretary that the club held an extraordinary meeting to dissolve the club on 30 August 2004. He enclosed the minutes of that meeting and advised that the Charter would be returned.¹³⁰

115 EREHWON, SA

Ten petitioners from Adelaide sought to establish a *branch* of the Club with the unusual name of Erehwon. Presumably they came to it from the name of the fictional country, using letters that backwards spell *nowhere*, in Samuel Butler’s satirical novel *Over the Range*. They were perhaps seeking utopia.

Nevertheless, they were granted the one hundred and fifteenth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 December 1971.

The President of the new *branch* was R G Hardy, a wine chemist, Winemaster, G Gibbing, a sales supervisor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, L C Stanley, who was retired, with other Committee members being H D Bowyer, a sales manager, and M Moyle, a company director.

116 MOUNT ISA, QLD

¹²⁹ Email from Ian Vize, Secretary/Treasurer of the King George Club to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 21 September 2004

¹³⁰ Club Committee Minutes 20 October 2004. The club continued, though, to be listed in the Handbook until 2010.

The nine petitioners for a new *Branch* at Mount Isa came from a variety of occupational backgrounds, managerial, professional and hospitality, with several working in the Mount Isa Mines. However, the one thing in common would seem to be the Verona Restaurant, as their petition form mistakenly put Verona Restaurant down in the first section where it was required to state where the *branch* was to be formed! Verona Restaurant was crossed out and replaced with Mount Isa.

The petitioners were granted the one hundred and sixteenth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 March 1972. The President of the new *Branch* was G Vaiente, a motel and restaurant proprietor, Vice-President, David Buchanan, General Manager of Mount Isa Mines Limited, Winemaster, H L Honeywell, the resident manager of Samuel Allen and Sons, Honorary Secretary, K J Fairbairn, a resident director and Honorary Treasurer was K O Hamilton, a bank manager.

The General Secretary, Bill Russell, informed the Club Committee at its November 1991 meeting that the Mount Isa Club was now defunct.¹³¹

117 ILLAWARRA, NSW

Michael Norris, a wholesale liquor agent convened the meeting to establish the new *Branch* of Illawarra, centred on Kogarah, although half of the fourteen petitioners gave their address as being in Cronulla, thirteen kilometres away. Naming the *Branch* Illawarra also seems unusual given Kogarah is not in that region.

The petitioners came from a variety of occupational areas, covering retail, transport, manufacturing, hospitality and the professions of engineering, accountancy and optical. They were granted the one hundred and seventeenth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 March 1972.

Michael Morris was nominated as the first President of the new *Branch*, with Vice-President Neville Milestead, a manager, Winemaster, J Durkin, involved in retail liquor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, J J Minnitt, a manager of a printing firm, with Committee member, A W Donaldson, a merchandising controller.

118 TOWNSVILLE, QLD

There was a wine connection with the establishment of a *branch* at Townsville; one of the five petitioners, Len Boyd, was a sales representative with McWilliams Wines. He became the Winemaster for the new Club.

The one hundred and eighteenth Charter was authorised at the Club Committee meeting on 10 April 1972.

The President of the new *Branch* was Reg Redhead, who was not listed as one of the petitioners, Vice-President, Ray Porter, a sales manager for the airline TAA, Winemaster Len Boyd, as mentioned above, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, J A Stevenson, a loans

¹³¹ Club Committee Minutes 4 November 1991

manager, with other members of the Committee being Gray Bloxsom, a works manager, John O'Rourke, a company manager, and H E Cole, a company manager.

119 RPAYC, NSW

A number of *branches* had been established with workplaces or occupations being the common bond for petitioners. In this case it was a social bond, the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club at Newport in New South Wales. Six petitioners from professional and managerial backgrounds sought to establish a *branch* based on the yacht club.

The Club Committee at its 10 April 1972 awarded them the one hundred and nineteenth Charter.

The President of the new *Branch* was Graeme Norman, a manager, Vice-President, John Newlinds, a medical practitioner, Winemaster, Robert Smith, a surgeon, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John McLean, an administration manager, with other Committee members being Francis Sellers, a company director and P Warburton, a medical practitioner.

120 EMU BAY, TAS

Four petitioners from Burnie, Tasmania, were awarded the one hundred and twentieth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 April 1972.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Emu Bay was R E Chipman, a company director, Vice-President, P McEvedy, a medical practitioner, Winemaster, M Granger, a manager, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was N Champion, also a manager.

In 1985 they were one of the clubs that the General Secretary listed as being unfinancial and the minutes have a note that "members lost interest".¹³² They were considered as being "defunct".

121 KEDRON WAVELL, QLD

Nine petitioners, mainly from a managerial background but also including a police officer and a shearer, from the northern suburbs of Brisbane were awarded the one hundred and twenty-first Charter by the Club Committee meeting on 10 July 1972.

The first (and as can be seen below, only) President of the new *Branch* was Derek Cunningham, a manager, Winemaster, Robert Cubis, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ray White, an accountant, with the other member of the Committee being John Curteis, a manager.

Unfortunately, the new *Branch* did not last long. At the Club Committee meeting on 21 January 1974 the General Secretary, Toby Clay, reported that Kedron Wavell was the only *branch* whose affiliation fee was outstanding and no response had been received from

¹³² Club Committee Minutes 12 November 1985

correspondence from him to the President, Derek Cunningham. Jack Townsend committed to following the matter through.

At the 11 March 1974 Club Committee meeting Jack reported that he had been in touch with Derek Cunningham “who reported the Club was defunct and promised to return the Charter”. On further follow-up, the minutes of the Club Committee meeting of 11 November 1974 record that a letter had been received from Derek Cunningham informing the Committee that “despite a thorough search the Charter had not been found and stating that if found the Charter would be returned without delay”.

No reason is given for the *branch* ceasing to operate, especially given it is likely to have been only operating for a year.

122 NORTH WEST, QLD

A *Branch* was established at Mt Isa (No 116) only a couple of months prior to a petition from twenty-seven other residents of Mt Isa. These petitioners largely came from professional, with several medical practitioners and chemical engineers amongst them, and managerial backgrounds.

They were granted the one hundred and twenty-second Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 July 1972.

The first President of the new *Branch* was William Aplin Snr, a director, Vice-President Richard Harcourt, Winemaster, Peter Elliott, a medical practitioner, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, William Aplin Jnr, a solicitor, with other members of the Committee being Garth Atthow, a director, Rudolf Bittner, a managing director, John Kelly, an engineer, and John Anderson, a chemical engineer.

The club ceased in 2007. Its Honorary Secretary, Eddie Flannery, wrote to the then General Secretary, John Macklin, advising, “It is with regret that I write to advise that the North West Beefsteak and Burgundy Club has been in a serious state of decline for over twelve months, to the point where we no longer have enough functioning members to be viable”. They had not had a dinner meeting in over twelve months; members had been ill and others had moved away from Mount Isa and of the remaining members no one was “willing to take on the task of resurrecting the club”.¹³³

John reported this to the Club Committee and sought to waive their Affiliation Fee for the year in the hope it would continue. “it would be a pity to lose them after 35 years.”¹³⁴ Any offer was to nought, though, as the club ceased being listed in the Handbook from the 2007/2008 edition.

123 CORDON BLEU, QLD

The one hundred and twenty-third Charter was awarded to eight petitioners from Brisbane at the Club Committee meeting on 10 July 1972.

¹³³ Letter from Eddie Flannery, Honorary Secretary of the North West B&B to the General Secretary, John Macklin. 6 August 2007

¹³⁴ Club Committee Minutes 19 September 2007

The first President of the new *Branch* of Cordon Bleu was Ambrose Malone, a sales manager, Vice-President, Robin Tritton, a company director, Winemaster, David Jull, a news and PR director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ross Walters, a PR consultant, with other members of the Committee being Brian Gridley, a PR manager, John Harkin, a sales manager, and Keith Sargeant, a PR consultant.

The club became a mixed membership club in 2011, accepting both male and female members.

124 MARYBOROUGH, VIC

A mixed group of male and female petitioners from Maryborough, a town in Victoria, petitioned for acceptance into the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club having learnt that there were some mixed clubs in existence. They were a well-established group dating back to March 1969 who held formal monthly dinners.

Amongst the occupations of the petitioners there were six listed as home duties and six teachers, most of whom were female.

The Club Committee awarded the one hundred and twenty-fourth Charter to the Maryborough *Branch* at its 11 August 1972 meeting.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Arthur Jennings, a teacher, Vice-President, John Bryant, a carrier, Winemaster, Bryan Moore, an employee of Mercer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Judith Rinaldi, home duties, with other members of the Committee being Neil Stubbs, a manager, and John Williamson, a farmer.

The then General Secretary, Bill Dand, was advised in 1998 that the club “has been disbanded due to insufficient members”.¹³⁵

125 LACEPEDE BAY, SA

At its 11 September 1972 meeting the Club Committee awarded the one hundred and twenty-fifth Charter to eight petitioners centred on the town of Kingston in the south-east of South Australia. Seven of the eight petitioners were graziers and the eighth a veterinarian.

The President of the new Lacedepede Bay *Branch* was Brian Gilkes, Vice-President A Grieve Jnr, Winemaster, Ross Johnston, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Kelly, the veterinarian, with other Committee members being P McBride, P Rankine, A Vandeppeer and R Hunt.

The Club Committee was informed by the General Secretary at its November 2009 meeting that the Lacedepede Club had advised him that they had ceased operating.¹³⁶

126 TOKYO, JAPAN

¹³⁵ Club Committee Minutes 3 August 1998

¹³⁶ Club Committee Minutes 18 November 2009

The Club Committee awarded the Tokyo *Branch* the one hundred and twenty-sixth Charter at its meeting on 11 September 1972. There were six petitioners. Three of the petitioners were in roles at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo; two of the others were involved in company management and the third was the official representative of the Western Australian Government.

One of the Company Directors, Ted Weatherstone, was nominated as the President of the new *Branch*, Leo Slade, the WA Government representative was the Winemaster and Ken Jarvie, the Australian Trade Commissioner, was the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. Interestingly, alongside the place for a Vice-President to be nominated it was written, *To be left vacant on the basis that the Ambassador be invited to become Year 2 President.*

Other petitioners were W D Cairns the Commercial Minister at the Australian Embassy, JR Breaden, a general manager, and L J Willett a Customs Counsellor at the Australian Embassy.

For its 35th Anniversary celebration the club had a black-tie dinner at the Tokyo Bay Hilton.¹³⁷ While maintaining close to its 30 members membership, it did experience a high membership turnover,¹³⁸ likely because of people moving in and out of Tokyo with employment. The high turnover, in fact, led the Club Committee to make the Tokyo Club the only exception to the 30 member limit, when it approved the club's request to increase the limit to 40.¹³⁹ The club membership continued strongly through the 21st century to date.

The Club uses a mixture of old and new, trying to satisfy the members' feelings for places already enjoyed while at the same time trying to bring in new experiences in new places. A happy blend of known and new, one might say. The meals tend to a traditional bill of fare: starter, soup, main course (usually beef, in keeping with the name of the Club, though with the occasional departure), dessert, together with one red and one white.

Unfortunately, the club does not have a wine cellar. It did try to have one established, but nothing eventuated out of the effort. Consequently, the club purchases wines from suppliers. The wines chosen are mainly Australian, although there is a gradual inclusion of wines from other countries.

2020 into 2021 was a trying time for the Tokyo club, as for other clubs outside Australasia, as it was subject to the whims of local government in 'encouraging' certain behaviours and not others. There were many months without meetings, leading to an attempt by the committee to overcome this to some extent with online 'get-togethers' with packs of meat and wine put together by suppliers with whom the club dealt.

The constraints continued into 2022, leading the club to delay its 50 Year anniversary from September 2022 to 21-23 April 2023.

127 *ALCOCKS, QLD*

¹³⁷ Email from Mark Navin, Tokyo Club Secretary, to John Macklin, General Secretary, 2 June 2008

¹³⁸ Email from Mark Navin, Tokyo Club Secretary, to John Macklin, General Secretary, 20 September 2007

¹³⁹ Club Committee Minutes 12 July 2000

A petition was received from eight men to form a *branch* at Johnsonian House, Brisbane. They were awarded the one hundred and twenty-seventh petition at the Club Committee meeting on 13 November 1972.

President of the new Alcocks *Branch* was Norman Hunter, a journalist, Vice-President, Fr Brian Fleming, a Catholic priest, Winemaster, David Selth, a solicitor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Peter Lilley, also a solicitor, with other members of the Committee being Francis Burke, a company manager, Lawrence Parker, a medical practitioner, Dudley Wilde, an architect, and James O'Sullivan, a company director.

Unfortunately, the club did not endure long. The AGM notice for 8 July 1980 had as a main item of business "To consider a motion to terminate the activities of the Alcocks Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, and recommend establishment of a Food and Wine Club". Because of their membership of the Johnsonian Club, it is likely that they wished to not have the perceived restriction of the B&B movement and establish a food and wine club open to all Johnsonian members and women guests. Receiving an inquiry from Toby Clay, the General Secretary, regarding receipt of the Affiliation Fee the Alcocks Club Secretary, AC Hunter, wrote that on 8 July 1980 "the Alcocks Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was terminated".¹⁴⁰ Consequently, the surrendered Charter was received by the General Secretary and destroyed.¹⁴¹

128 FIVEWAYS, QLD

The one hundred and twenty-fifth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its 13 November 1972 meeting to nine petitioners from the Woolloongabba district of Brisbane. Six of the petitioners came from a managerial background and two of the others were insurance agents or consultants. Possibly insurance was the connection between most of the petitioners.

The President of the new Fiveways *Branch* was Stephen Kimmins, the Vice-President, Peter Darling, Winemaster, Dean Prangley, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Kevin Palmer, with the other member of the Committee being John Palmer, all managers.

In 1981, the President, G Tappin, and Secretary, David Walker, of the club wrote to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, stating that for the last five years the club had been meeting elsewhere than the Fiveways Restaurant at Woolloongabba, which hosted the club's foundation meeting.

For the last three years they had been meeting at the Salisbury Hotel and therefore thought it more appropriate that their name be changed accordingly to the name of the hotel, or the suburb.¹⁴²

¹⁴⁰ Letter from Alcocks Club Secretary, AC Hunter, to Toby Clay, General Secretary, 21 October 1980

¹⁴¹ Club Committee Minutes, 16 February 1981

¹⁴² Letter from the President and Secretary of the Fiveways Club (No 128) to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, 20 November 1981

The suggestion of the name change was not actioned and the club continued to be called Fiveways in the Handbook until its last entry in the 1999/2000 one, suggesting the club probably ceased operating in 1999.

129 MARYBOROUGH, QLD

The new *Branch* of Maryborough, Queensland, was issued the one hundred and twenty-ninth Charter by the General Secretary on 9 January 1973 in accordance with the authority given to him at the Club Committee meeting on 2 October 1972. The Club Committee noted the issuance at its 12 February 1973 meeting.

There were eight petitioners mainly from a managerial and professional background. The first President of the new *Branch* was N Ryan, an engineer, Vice-President, W H Williams, a manager, Winemaster, W H Hyne, a director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer G C Norrish, a manager, with the other member of the Committee being Dr G C Corlis, a medical practitioner.

130 NATIONAL CAPITAL, ACT [INITIALLY CALLED WODEN VALLEY]

The Club Committee at its 12 February 1973 meeting noted the issuance of the one hundred and thirtieth Charter to the new chapter, Woden Valley Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, in the Australian Capital Territory, by the General Secretary on 12 January 1973.

Only one public servant was included in the ten petitioners; the others were from managerial and professional occupations. The President of the new *Branch* was George Paulus, a director, Vice-President, Ron MacAuley, a company director, Winemaster, Graham Boucher, the public servant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ron Kennedy, an insurance manager, with the rest of the Committee members being Brian Etheridge, a director, John Murphy, a manager, Jon Cassell, a director, and Reg Sparrow, an architect.

In 1995 the club changed its name to the National Capital Beefsteak and Burgundy Club “to better reflect its current membership of twenty-five”.¹⁴³ This was apparently in reference to the fact that few members actually lived in the Woden Valley.¹⁴⁴

131 AUGUSTE, VIC

The proposed new *branch* of Auguste, located in Melbourne, is interesting in that it only had two petitioners, Allan H Richmond, an accountant and management consultant, and Christopher J Liddelow, a sales executive. However, the office bearers listed contained another name, Rod Blake.

The petitioners were awarded the one hundred and thirty first Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 12 February 1973.

President of the new *Branch* was Allan Richmond, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was Christopher Liddelow, while Rod Blake was the Winemaster.

¹⁴³ *B&Bulletin* Spring 1998. The change of name was approved by the Club Committee at its meeting on 1 May 1995

¹⁴⁴ Letter from PJ Copping, then Vice-President of the national Capital Club, to John Macklin, President of the B&B Club Inc, 12 March 1998

The club ceased to operate in 1985.¹⁴⁵ This appears to be on the basis of not paying the Affiliation Fee and providing information for the Handbook. The 1981-82 Handbook did have the club information; however, the 1982-83 one did not, stating “No details supplied”. The 1983-84 Handbook did contain the club information, with a new president and secretary listed; however, the 1984-85 Handbook had no president listed and a new secretary. The final mention of the club in the Handbook was the following one, 1985-86, in which the entry next to the club’s name was “No details supplied”, which correlates with the statement that it ceased to operate in 1985.

Subsequently, in 1990 Bill Russell, the General Secretary, received a letter from J Willets, who introduced himself as the Secretary of the Auguste Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. He wrote that “because of certain inaction our affiliation has ceased’ and that the club now sought reaffiliation.¹⁴⁶

In his response Bill Russell stated that “the club ceased to answer any of our communications and so became defunct in 1981 with the withdrawal of its Charter”.¹⁴⁷ As a consequence the writer could not describe himself as the Secretary of the Auguste Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, as it no longer legally existed. He suggested that they either paid the Affiliation Fees owing, or applied for a new Charter.¹⁴⁸ There was no further correspondence and a new club was not formed.

132 STREAKY BAY, SA

The new *Branch* of Streaky Bay on the West Coast of South Australia was granted the one hundred and thirty-second Charter at the 12 February 1973 meeting of the Club Committee.

There were ten petitioners from a variety of backgrounds: managerial, commercial, professional, along with a police officer.

The President of the new *Branch* was Robert John Tape, the police officer, Vice-President, Harry William Brown, a storekeeper, Winemaster, Bruce Stanier Rumbelow, a hotel manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ian Gilbert Beck, a storekeeper, with the other member of the Committee being William James Williams, a manager.

133 ADELAIDE HILLS, SA

Fifteen petitioners applied for a new *branch* at Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills. The petitioners came from a range of backgrounds: several managers, a bloodhorse breeder, an engineer, a builder, a medical practitioner, a real estate agent and a restaurateur.

The Club Committee awarded them the one hundred and thirty-third Charter at its meeting on 12 March 1973.

¹⁴⁵ Club AGM President’s Report, 1986

¹⁴⁶ Letter from J Willets to Bill Russell 4 April 1990

¹⁴⁷ The date conflicts with the 1986 AGM report, which is more likely to be correct, as indicated by the Handbook information.

¹⁴⁸ Letter from Bill Russell to J Willets 9 May 1990

President of the new *Branch* of Adelaide Hills was Ian Thornquest, a marketing director who was involved in the founding of several clubs and became a Life Member of two, Vice-President was John Littler, the medical practitioner, Winemaster, John Gordon, the restaurateur, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Gordon Barrett, a manager, with the other Committee member being Rodney Carter, a sales manager.

134 NEWCASTLE-HUNTER, NSW [INITIALLY JUST CALLED HUNTER]

A *Branch* at Newcastle (No 68) already existed so the petition which had the name of Newcastle for the *Branch* typed in was crossed out and replaced by Hunter. The one hundred and thirty-fourth Charter was awarded to the eight petitioners from Newcastle at the Club Committee meeting on 12 March 1973.

The petitioners had very similar occupational backgrounds, with three listed as superintendents, three as general manager, one as finance manager and one as an accountant.

President of the new Hunter *Branch* was I G Butler, one of the general managers, Vice-President H D Harding, a superintendent, Winemaster was listed as *To be advised*, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, W C Heron, the accountant, with G Cameron, a superintendent, J Carthew, also a superintendent, R Jenssen, a finance manager, and D Travers, a general manager, making up the Committee.

135 BUNDALL, QLD [INITIALLY ESTABLISHED AS PALM BEACH]

The one hundred and thirty-fifth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its meeting on 9 April 1973 to ten petitioners, most of whom came from Palm Beach. The *Branch* was named Palm Beach.

The petitioners came from a mixture of commercial, managerial and professional backgrounds. The President of the new *Branch* was Dick Darling, an insurance manager, Vice-President, Greg Scott, a hotelier, Winemaster, Alan Irvine, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Bruce Simpson, a butcher, with Committee members being John McDougall, listed as secretary manager, Ray Stuart, who was not listed as one of the petitioners, Eric James, a service station proprietor, and Peter Wornham, also not listed as one of the petitioners.

In 2002, the club sought advice from the Club Committee regarding their wish to change their name to *Gold Coast B&B Club*. They were advised to pass a special resolution and to inform the General Secretary for approval.¹⁴⁹ Consultation showed that given there were other clubs also situated in the region it would not be feasible to change the name to Gold Coast. The name was therefore changed to Bundall a suburb of the Gold Coast, near Southport.

136 BENDIGO, VIC

¹⁴⁹ Club Committee Minutes 19 June 2002

Sixteen petitioners from the town of Bendigo in western Victoria were awarded the one hundred and thirty-sixth petition by the Club Committee at its meeting on Monday, 14 May 1973.

President of the new Bendigo *Branch* was Ben Walker, a bus proprietor, Vice-President, Douglas Cahill, a solicitor, Winemaster, Garry Needham, also a solicitor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Hector Sutton, a secretary, with other Committee members being Ivan Pope, a manager, Douglas Ross, a veterinary surgeon, and Peter Ball, an accountant.

In 1992 the club became a mixed club, with both male and female members.

137 ST VINCENT, SA

The eleven petitioners for the new *branch* of St Vincent came from all over Adelaide; likewise, there is no common background that would provide a clue as to the basis on which the petition was submitted. Their occupations ranged from a bus proprietor, to a land developer, a watchmaker, a prosthetic technician and a manager, through to several professionals, including a solicitor, two doctors, a pharmacist, an optician, a dentist and a solicitor.

The Club Committee awarded the petitioners the one hundred and thirty-seventh petition at its meeting on 4 June 1973.

The President of the new *branch* was F R Webster, a solicitor, Vice-President, J Harris, a manager, Winemaster, W G Geary, the watchmaker, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was L Mehrtens, the prosthetic technician.

Unfortunately, the club did not survive long. A letter was sent to the Club Committee dated 15 November 1978 surrendering the Charter “because of lack of support from members”. The Committee accepted it with regret and the General Secretary was told to destroy the Charter.

138 FORTITUDE, QLD

The Club Committee awarded the one hundred and thirty-eighth Charter to six petitioners from Fortitude in Brisbane at the Club Committee meeting on 23 August 1973. Several of the petitioners were connected with the wine or hospitality industry.

President of the new *branch* was Michael Amerena¹⁵⁰, the State Manager of an insurance company, Vice-President, Ron McAlister, a PR Manager, Winemaster, Tom Phillipson, the State Manager of Hardy’s Wines, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Harvey Thies, a representative of Penfolds Wines, with the other two petitioners, Pat Horneman, the licensee of the Prince Consort Hotel, and Henry (Harry) Gallagher, Olympic swim coach, completing the committee.

¹⁵⁰ Mike Amerena died on 12 June 2015, aged 95. He still attended the club’s AGMs in his 90s. Email from Peter Ladner, President of the Fortitude Club to Craig Thornquest, General Secretary, 18 June 2015

The club celebrated its 30-year anniversary with a black-tie function on 23 August at the Carlton Crest Hotel, Roma Street, Brisbane.¹⁵¹

139 MARYBOROUGH-WIDE BAY, QLD

A group of eight petitioners sought to establish a second *branch* in Maryborough. To differentiate it from the original Maryborough *Branch* (No 129), they called it Maryborough-Wide Bay. The Club Committee awarded them the one hundred and thirty-ninth Charter at its 17 September 1973 meeting.

The petitioners were largely from a professional and managerial background. The President of the new *Branch* was Alexander Frank, a company manager, Vice-President, Hugh Boge, design engineer, Winemaster, Keith Whalley, a dentist, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Douglas Wyer, a teacher, with Keith Hartley, a chemist, and Ian Lowe, a manager, completing the Committee.

140 BALLINA-SUMMERLAND, NSW [ORIGINALLY JUST CALLED SUMMERLAND]

Eleven petitioners, most of whom lived in Ballina, on the northern coast of New South Wales, were successful in receiving the one hundred and fortieth Charter from the Club Committee at its 15 October 1973 meeting. The petitioners were largely from a professional background but included a couple of members with commercial background and one chef.

The President of the new *Branch* of Ballina was Frank Payne, a motel proprietor, Vice-President, Alan Williams, a company director, Winemaster, David Johnston, a solicitor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Kenneth Hardwicke, an accountant, with the other Committee member being Arthur Brown, who was retired.

141 BROKEN HILL, NSW

As would be imagined, the twenty-three petitioners for a new *branch* in the New South Wales town of Broken Hill came from a wide variety of backgrounds, with many focused on the mines and others were in the service industries in the town.

They were issued the one hundred and forty-first Charter by the General Secretary on 23 November 1973, which was ratified by the Club Committee at its meeting on 21 January 1974.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Brian K White, a pharmacist, and former member of the Adelaide Club, Vice-President, Elmo Caust, a school principal, Winemaster, Jack Kempster, a manager and former member of the Frome Club (No 95), Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Anthony Haydon, an accountant, with Committee members being Peter J Budini, a builder, (who in 1984 became President of the Burnside Club (No 3)), Frank Wilson, a child welfare officer, Ronald Osborne, a foreman, and Sil Gribbin, a safety officer.

¹⁵¹ Club Committee Minutes, 16 April 2003

Tony Cross, a Committee member of the Adelaide Club, presented the Charter on 26 March 1974 at a formal dinner at the RSL Club's Kokoda dining room.

142 COMMONWEALTH, QLD

The twenty-nine petitioners for this *branch* were members of the Commonwealth Club in Brisbane; they had to agree to the Club Committee's requirement that they be open to members of their Beefsteak and Burgundy *branch* not necessarily being members of the Commonwealth Club before they would be granted a Charter.

Agree they did, so Charter one hundred and forty-two was issued by the General Secretary on 29 November 1973, which was endorsed at the Club Committee meeting on 21 January 1974.

The first President of the new *Branch* was R E Gentner, an accountant with the Commonwealth Department of Works, no Vice-President was appointed, Winemaster, P R Kelly, a wholesale wine and spirit representative with Walter Reid and Co, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, H R Starkey, listed as a public servant, with the three named being the whole Committee nominated on the petition form.

The Charter presentation was made By the Kingsford Smith Club (No 81) President, Alex Francis-Smith.

Unfortunately, the club did not exist for too many years. At the Club Committee meeting on 14 September 1981, it was reported that the last year's Honorary Secretary of the *branch* had phoned the General Secretary to inform the Club that the *branch* was unable to continue and that this would be confirmed in writing and the Charter returned. However, it was latter reported to the Club Committee that the Charter could not be found¹⁵² and the Committee considered the matter closed.¹⁵³

143 WOLLONGONG, NSW

Nine petitioners focused on Wollongong applied to establish a *branch* there. They came from professional backgrounds, with three being engineers and another a medical practitioner, as well as commercial, managerial and retail backgrounds.

The Club Committee authorised the issuing of the Charter at its meeting on 11 March 1974.

The first President of the new *Branch* was George Rich, a general manager, Vice-President, Ken Burke, the medical practitioner, Winemaster, Terry Condon, a chartered engineer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Fanning, an insurance broker, with the rest of the Committee members being Eric Miller, an assistant manager, Peter

¹⁵² A letter from Murray Prior, Secretary, to Bill Russell 1 April 1982, stated that the Charter was "permanently ensconced in the Royal Commonwealth Society and unfortunately it would appear that during the remodelling of the Club rooms, was dispatched to places unknown".

¹⁵³ Club Committee Minutes 19 April 1982

Reinhardt, an engineer, Ross Sherson, a consulting engineer, and Cal Purkiss, a sole trader.

A letter, dated 14 September 1981, was sent to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, stating that the *branch* was disbanding. The minutes of the Club Committee meeting of 19 October 1981, though, state that Peter Cotton had been requested by Cal Purkiss “to disregard the notice because some six members would keep it going”.

However, it did not succeed as in the Correspondence of the Club Committee meeting on 13 December 1982, it was recorded that a letter had been sent to the club for the return of the Charter, given it was unfinancial.

144 INNISFAIL, QLD

The one hundred and forty-fourth Charter was awarded to eight petitioners from Innisfail by the Club Committee at its 8 April 1974 meeting. The petitioners largely came from a professional background, with a civil engineer, two solicitors, two medical practitioners, a retired army officer and two bank officers.

The first President of the new *Branch* was E Birchley, a solicitor, Vice-President, W Markwell, a medical practitioner, Winemaster J R Hill, a medical practitioner, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, M F Brown, the civil engineer, with the rest of the Committee members being J L Briggs, a bank officer, J L Crump, the retired army officer, and R H McDonald, the other bank officer.

145 JANUS, NSW

Eight petitioners, largely from a managerial background, sought to establish a *branch* in Sydney called Janus (the Roman god of beginnings and ending, of war and peace). The Club Committee awarded them the one hundred and forty-fifth Charter at its meeting on 8 April 1974.

The foundation President of the new *branch* was Keith G Morley, a manager, Honorary Secretary, Brian J Tyquin, a manager, Food Master, P H B Dixon, a real estate agent, Wine Master, Mike Norris, a manager, who was also designated as a joint convenor, with John J Minnitt, the Vice-President, a manager, with other members of the Committee being Bob Kean, a company director, G W Morrow, a salesman, and Garry Smailes, an advertising manager.

At the Club Committee meeting on 12 August 1983 correspondence from the Janus *Branch* that it was disbanding was noted. Although the letter from its last Honorary Treasurer, O S Connolly, was written in August, he stated that the club “was disbanded in March this year”. He indicated that the club had been struggling for some time and that “after the introduction of Random Breath Testing it was decided by the few remaining members that there was no point in continuing”.¹⁵⁴

146 RUTHERGLEN, VIC

¹⁵⁴ Letter from O S Connolly, Treasurer of the Janus Club, to Bill Russell, General Secretary, 1 August 1983

Nine petitioners in the vicinity of the town of Rutherglen in Victoria applied to establish a *branch* there. As might be expected, given the region, most of the petitioners were connected with the wine industry in one capacity or another. These included: wine chemist, winery supervisor, winery technician, oenologist, laboratory assistant and winemaker.

They were awarded the one hundred and forty-sixth Charter by the Club Committee at its 13 May 1974 meeting.

The first President of the new *Branch* was James Elson, the wine chemist, Vice-President, Arthur McMahon, the winery technician, Foodmaster, Belinda Powells, the laboratory assistant, Winemaster, Andrew Birks, the oenologist, with the rest of the Committee members being Russell Hunt, the winery supervisor, Rodney Feller, the winemaker, and Alex McDonald, a public servant at the Rutherglen Research Station.

Clearly with Belinda Powells being a founding member, the *Branch* was a mixed one from its beginning.

147 DIAMOND VALLEY, VIC

The Club Committee at its meeting on 10 June 1974 awarded the one hundred and forty-seventh Charter to twelve petitioners from then outer suburbs on the north-western side of Melbourne.

The petitioners came mainly from professional backgrounds, with a couple of others from commercial and trade backgrounds.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Diamond Valley was G D Barber, an accountant, Vice-President, G Sowak, Winemaster, R G Westwood, a restaurateur, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, A J Isherwood, an economist, with D M Ford, an engineer, joining them on the Committee.

Unfortunately, after a number of years of operation, the *Branch* formally ceased to exist in 2017.

148 ST GEORGE, NSW

Eight petitioners from southern suburbs in Sydney were awarded the one hundred and forty-eighth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 June 1974. The petitioners came from largely managerial backgrounds with a couple from professional backgrounds.

President of the new *Branch* was John Tate, a company director, Vice-President, Dexter Dunphy, a university professor, Winemaster, Ian Thornquest, a general managing director and mentioned above as a founding member of the Adelaide Hills Club (No 133), and Honorary Secretary, Jack Martin, a company director, with the other member of the Committee being Charles Whitehead, a manager.

In the Correspondence of the Club Committee meeting on 13 December 1982, it was recorded that a letter had been sent to the club for the return of the Charter, given it was unfinancial. A reply was received David Jeffreys, which was recorded in the 14 February 1983 Club Committee minutes a “re St George *Branch* continuing”. Without seeing the letter, the meaning of the minute is unclear: was David stating that it was continuing, or was he asking about the possibility of them continuing?

Nevertheless, the last appearance of the club details in the Handbook was that of 1981-82.

149 ALDINGA, SA

The Club Committee awarded the one hundred and forty ninth Charter at its meeting on 7 October 1974 to eleven petitioners for a *branch* at Aldinga, a small town (now more of a suburb) on the southern outskirts of Adelaide. Aldinga is on the edge of McLaren Vale, from where came four of the petitioners. One of them was W D Hardy, a winemaker.

Four of the other petitioners came from a managerial background, another was a civil engineer, one a publican, another a farmer, one an orchardist and the other a garage proprietor, with the last one, retired.

The retiree, Peter Sutton, was the first President of the new *Branch*, G R Wrigley, a director, the Vice-President, R E Hagley, a manager, the Winemaster, T F Parker, the civil engineer, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, with the rest of the Committee members being J F Reid, a manager, W Vandeleur, the farmer, and W D Hardy, the winemaker.

150 KING ISLAND, TAS

Fourteen petitioners, half of whom were managers, with the others having a broad occupational background, were awarded the one hundred and fiftieth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 14 April 1975 for the new *Branch* of King Island.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Tony McCulloch, a manager, Vice-President, L J Best, a farmer, Winemaster, also L J Best, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Douglas A J Hull, a general manager, with the other members of the Committee being decided at the first Annual General Meeting.

151 SHEOAK HILL, VIC

Eight petitioners, all from Sunbury on the outskirts then of Melbourne, were granted the one hundred and fifty-first Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 12 May 1975. The petitioners were a mixture of professional and trade backgrounds.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Alan Robert Porter, a pharmacist, Vice-President, Peter John Shepherd, a panel beater, Winemaster Bruce Maxwell Bouch, a teacher, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Robert Ernest Nixon, a life underwriter.

The club became a mixed membership club in 2000, accepting both male and female members.

152 LE HUNTE, SA

Minnipa is a small town serving the local grain growing community located on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia. Ten petitioners from thereabouts were granted a charter for the new *Branch* of Le Hunte by the Club Committee at its meeting on 14 July 1975. It is not clear, either from the petition or the history of Minnipa why the *Branch* was called Le Hunte on the petition where the name of the new club is to be entered. This was the name also listed on its Charter. Interestingly, the 1976-1977 Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Handbook lists the club as Minnipa Le Hunte and that is what headed the letter in 2008 referred to below.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Bernard Haskamp, a storekeeper, Vice-President, Kevin George Cook, a bank manager, Winemaster, Douglas Eric Elefsen, a hotel keeper, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Michael Young Collinson, a technical officer, with other members of the Committee being Alan Robert Kranz, a branch manager, and John Joseph Barret, a farmer.

The other petitioners were: Norman Lewis, a plumber; Charles Herbert Duffois, a postmaster; Dennis Ralph Edwards, a police officer; and Ian Murray Dickson, a farmer.

There were no references to the club in any material over the years, other than in 2001 when contact was made with the club by the then General Secretary, Bill Dand, re the non-payment of the Affiliation Fee. He was told by the President, Kevin Quinn, that they were struggling for numbers, but wished to keep the club going, if possible. The fee was waived to assist.¹⁵⁵

In July 2008 Doug Elefsen, the foundation Winemaster, wrote to John Macklin, the then General Secretary, to state that he had to tender their resignation from Beefsteak and Burgundy because of declining numbers from people leaving the district over the past four years. For the last year the club had been dormant. Clearly it had functioned for many years, thirty-two years, as a vibrant club.¹⁵⁶

In reporting the sad news to the Club Committee, John Macklin informed them that the club's Charter and 25 Year Silver Medal had been returned; however, he put to the Committee the proposal that the medal be returned to Doug Elefsen, "as a memento of happy times in Beefsteak and Burgundy". The Committee agreed.¹⁵⁷

153 NOOSA, QLD

The Club Committee at its 14 July 1975 meeting awarded the one hundred and fifty-third Charter to nine petitioners who lived in Noosa Heads, Noosaville or Tewantin. The petitioners were largely from a retailer background.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Noosa was John Reynolds Cook, a retailer, Vice-President, Peter A Bergman, a solicitor, Winemaster, John L Harrington, a retailer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Russell W Dunstan, a retailer, with the other

¹⁵⁵ Club Committee Minutes 14 March 2001

¹⁵⁶ Letter from Doug Elefsen to John Macklin, General Secretary, 17 July 2008

¹⁵⁷ Club Committee Minutes 23 July 2008

members of the Committee being Graham K Mathieson, a draftsman, Denis O McKinlay, a life underwriter, and Peter V Mendoza, a motel proprietor.

154 AUBURN, NSW

Seven petitioners were awarded the one hundred and fifty-fourth Charter for the new *Branch* of Auburn at the Club Committee meeting on 15 August 1975. The petitioners were largely from a managerial background and included Ian Thornquest, who so far has been a petitioner for the Adelaide Hills (No 133) and the St George (No 148) *branches*.

Ian, listed as a general manager, was in fact the first President of the new *Branch*, with Charles Sheath, a company director, the Vice-President, Stanley Moore, a manager, the Winemaster, Ian Shipp, an assistant manager, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, with the other Committee members being David Stephenson, a salesman, Kevin Scott, an engineer, and George Milne, a manager, who was also the Foodmaster.

The club was last listed in the 1989-90 Handbook, and did not appear in the next one, 1990-91.

155 GRAFTON, NSW

Seven petitioners, resident in Grafton, New South Wales, from professional and managerial backgrounds were awarded the one hundred and fifty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 15 August 1975.

The first President of the new *Branch* was B H Johnson, a regional manager, Vice-President, K Priest, a bank manager, Winemaster, Denis Pidcock¹⁵⁸, a company director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, C F Schwinghammer, also a company director, with the other three petitioners making up the rest of the Committee. They were N B Stewart, a solicitor, C Harper, a chemist, and P Smith, a medical practitioner.

In 1993 the club became a mixed club, possibly to increase its membership.

The club wound up in 2010. Past Honorary Secretary Chris Wheelahan wrote to General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, informing him that the club “has been wound up” and that “a number of members were particularly disappointed at the decision and may seek to continue it in the future, but at this stage the club is non-existent”.¹⁵⁹

156 PARK ROYAL, QLD

At least six months before the petition from nine residents of Brisbane arrived at the Club it was expected as it was mentioned in each of those months in the Club Committee minutes. Finally, they were awarded the one hundred and fifty-sixth Charter for the new *Branch* of Park Royal at the Club Committee meeting on 8 September 1975.

¹⁵⁸ Denis served as Wine and Food Master, Secretary, Vice-President and President of the Grafton Club. In 1979, he returned with his family to Sydney where he joined the Mosman B&B Club (No 43), where he also carried out the various responsibilities, culminating in being President in 2011. *Mosman B&B Club Fifty Years*

¹⁵⁹ Email from Chris Wheelahan to Craig Thornquest 2 July 2020

The first President of the new *Branch* was Geoff Buckman, Vice-President, Bill Williams, Winemaster, John Thornton, Foodmaster, Laurie Strange, Honorary Secretary, Eric Winsen, Honorary Treasurer, Brian Brannelly, with Tom Sharpe, Bob Brownell and Keith Linnane being the other members of the Committee. They did not list their occupations in the petition, although some of them nominated industries. These were: packaging, motion pictures, plastic, dairy products and tyre distribution.

157 TOP OF THE TOWN, TAS

Fifteen petitioners from Burnie, Tasmania, from a range of backgrounds, submitted the interesting *Branch* name of Top of the Town. They were granted the one hundred and fifty-seven Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 20 October 1975.

The first President of the new *Branch* was T McKay, a company director, Vice-President, B Harris, Winemaster, B O'Geary, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, T J Kirkpatrick, a hotel proprietor, with the other members of the Committee being J McWhirter, a car sales proprietor, J Kille, a medical practitioner, D Balon, an optometrist, and A Cunningham, also a medical practitioner.

In 1989 the General Secretary reported to the Club Committee that the Top of the Town Club was non-responsive when contacted regarding the payment of affiliation fees.¹⁶⁰ During 1990 the Club Committee sought the return of its Charter.¹⁶¹

158 BON VIVEUR, NSW

Twenty-nine petitioners, which included two women, largely centred around North Sydney were awarded the one hundred and fifty-eighth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 12 April 1976. The petitioners were from a range of occupational backgrounds, largely professional, managerial and retail. The two women were Miss Sue Charteris, a hairdresser, and Mrs Helen Bruveris, a sales manager.

The foundation President of the new Bon Viveur *Branch* was Brian Best, an insurance agent, Vice-President, Chris Barnes, a sales representative, Winemaster, John Nevin, a company director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Terry Clee, a debt collector, with Reg Saunders, a salesman, Glen Wells, a traffic controller, Doug Nissen, a company director and Helen Bruveris making up the rest of the Committee.

For reasons that are unknown, the club did not last long. In the Club Committee meeting minutes of 12 June 1978, it is recorded that a letter had been received advising that "the *Branch* is defunct". A response was sent seeking the return of the Charter.

159 LISMORE, NSW

The one hundred and fifty-ninth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its meeting on 12 April 1976 to fifteen petitioners, most of whom lived in Lismore.

¹⁶⁰ Club Committee Minutes 6 November 1989

¹⁶¹ Club Committee Minutes 6 August 1990

The foundation President of the new *Branch* of Lismore was Neil Ireland, Vice-President, John Lowry, Winemaster, Warren Gray, a café proprietor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Noel Bottrell, a bank manager, and other members of the Committee, James Gordon, a stock and station agent and James Johnson, a motor vehicle retailer.

160 ANDREW PETRIE, QLD

Seven petitioners, living in the north Brisbane and Pine Rivers area, were awarded the one hundred and sixtieth Charter by the Club Committee at its 7 June 1976 meeting.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Andrew Petrie, the name of a builder and explorer of early Brisbane when it was still the Moreton Bay settlement, was Kevin J Tuckwell, a company director, Vice-President, Bryan Watson-Brown, a medical practitioner, Winemaster, Henri Darrouzet, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Bassford, a company director, with the other members of the Committee being Brian Bell, a sales manager, and Humphrey Lindley.

The club was dissolved in 1996, with all their wines sold and the “balance of funds is to be paid over to charities”.¹⁶²

161 ROSE AND THORN, QLD

The Rose and Thorn *branch* was also formed in Brisbane by eight petitioners, three of whom were wives of other petitioners, so forming another mixed club. They were awarded the one hundred and sixty-first Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 7 July 1976.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Rose and Thorn was Warwick Hodges, a law student, Vice-President, John Ekert, an engineer, Winemaster, Chris Newton, a barrister, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Tim Harland, a legal officer, with the other member of the Committee being Bill Bradley another law student. For whatever reason, the women were not members of the Committee. Mrs Bradley was a speech therapist, Mrs Harland, a nurse and Mrs Ekert, a teacher.

The club’s details last appeared in the 2002/03 Handbook, so it would appear that it ceased its existence around 2003.

162 TATTERSALLS, SA

The name of the *branch* submitted by sixteen petitioners, Tattersalls, may have signified that they were members of the Tattersalls Club, with a background in betting, gaming and gambling, that existed in the Grenfell Chambers in Grenfell Street in the city of Adelaide. They came from suburbs all around Adelaide and from a variety of occupations, including

¹⁶² Club Committee Meeting 4 November 1996

a hotel broker, six managers, two bank officers, a publican, a realtor, two representatives (?), an association executive, a hotel consultant and a farmer.

They were awarded the one hundred and sixty-second Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 7 July 1976.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Graham L Mill, the association executive (possibly of the Tattersalls Club), Vice-President, Alfred E Brooker (who at the time was also Vice-President of the Adelaide Club), Winemaster, Herbert Bowyer, a farmer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Christopher Parsons, a hotel consultant (whose brother Eric, also a petitioner, was a hotel broker), with other Committee members being Brian Kenihan, a bank officer, William Koetsier, a representative, Robert Sprott, a manager, and W Kay.

The club only existed for a brief period as despite correspondence, their 1981 affiliation fee was not paid, causing the Club Committee to authorise the General Secretary, Bill Russell, to write to the club cancelling the Charter and seeking its return, if no response was received in the next few days.¹⁶³ In his letter, Bill Russell wrote that the withdrawal of the Charter was a consequence of the *branch's* failure to pay its annual affiliation fee by the due date “and after continued unfulfilled assurances that it would do so”¹⁶⁴ There was a note on the copy of the letter to the effect that the Charter was destroyed.

163 WALKERVILLE, SA

Thirteen petitioners for a *branch* at Walkerville, a suburb of Adelaide, were awarded the one hundred and sixty-third petition by the Club Committee at its meeting on 7 July 1976.

A number of the petitioners were retired, several others were managers, a couple were accountants, one was a scriptwriter and another, interestingly for the time, was a computer manager. Most of them lived in the Walkerville area, but some from a reasonable distance away in the Brighton area. What was the link that brought them together; which may be a question asked of many *branches*.

The first President of the new *Branch* was J C S Ellis, retired, Vice-President, K H Ashdown, a managing agent, winemaster, J A F Stevens, an agent, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, H M Byerley, retired, with other Committee members being R Cannon, a manager, and C F Calvert, a manager.

In 1993 the club became a mixed club.

164 SILENUS, SA

Twelve petitioners, largely from a managerial and professional background, but including one winemaker, J N Ingoldby, who established Ingoldby Wines in 1973, were awarded the one hundred and sixty-fourth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 September 1976.

¹⁶³ Club Committee Minutes 10 May 1982

¹⁶⁴ Bill Russell to Leon Magrin 17 June 1982

The first President of the new *Branch* of Silenus (In Greek mythology, Silenus was a companion and tutor to the wine god Dionysus) was L C Stanley, retired, Vice-President, R J Crawford, a manager, Winemaster, J Ingoldby, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, P Shipton, a director, and the other member of the Committee was G Gibbings, a sales consultant.

Over time the club gradually became more casual in its approach and its membership comprised of retirees and keen fishers. Consequently it was inevitable that the club would be wound up, which was advised in the following email to the General Secretary, Vin Thomas:

Please be advised that the meeting of the Silenus B&B club was held on the 10 February 2022 with an agenda item re our decision whether to incorporate, dissolve or self-insure.

Please be advised that a resolution was passed unanimously to dissolve the club. I will be in touch soon to return our original charter and medal. The whereabouts of these items are not readily known to me but I will endeavour to locate them. We do not have a wine cellar so there is no wine reserve items to distribute. We are currently financial re our affiliation membership so there is no outstanding fees etc. We do not have any cash reserves as we are a pay as you go group.

I understand the Trademark regulations etc and can assure you we will not be in breach of this requirement. In addition, we do not have a website or social media account so there should be no issues in that regard.

Regards Gary Prior

Immediate Past Secretary of the dissolved Silenus B&B club.¹⁶⁵

Unfortunately, it was a misconception that the club *had* to incorporate or self-insure, although the former was strongly advised.

165 TAURUS, VIC

Sixteen petitioners, eleven of whom were managers and who lived, in the main, in the Glen Waverley area of Melbourne, were awarded the one hundred and sixty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 September 1976.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Taurus (or bull) was John Heggie, a manager, Vice-President, Graeme Sonnberger, a manager, Winemaster, Jack Shaw, also a manager, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ron Amsden, a manager as well. There were no other Committee members listed in the petition.

The club dissolved on 10 July 1995.¹⁶⁶

166 TINAKORI, NZ

¹⁶⁵ Email 15 February 2022

¹⁶⁶ Letter from David Berry advising re the dissolution of the Taurus Club. Club Committee Minutes 4 September 1995

The one hundred and sixty-sixth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee at its meeting on 8 November 1976 to eight petitioners from Wellington, New Zealand. They came from military, retail, professional and managerial backgrounds.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Tinakori, presumably named after Tinakori Road in the heart of Thorndon, an old suburb of Wellington, was Robert Arthur Mouatt, who is interestingly listed as a RAAF officer. The Vice-President was Leslie Philan Hubble, an army officer, Winemaster, John Allen McPhee, a company manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Alexander Ross Brown, an accountant, with the other members of the Committee being Robert William Scott, a clothing retailer, Andrew Charles Evans, a computer programmer, and Michael Jonathon Thompson, a director.

In 1993 the club became a mixed club, accepting both male and female members.

167 ALEXANDRA, SA

The awarding of the one hundred and sixty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee on 8 November 1976 was historic in that it was to the first female-only petitioners. Eight women petitioned to form the new *Branch* of Alexandra.

The first President of the new *Branch* was Patricia Holmes, a lecturer, Vice-President, Julie March¹⁶⁷, a private secretary, Winemaster, Denise Chapman, an administrator, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Cynthia Swaine, a receptionist, with the other four petitioners completing the Committee: Priscilla Holmstead, a secretary, Sue Fitzgerald, a private secretary, Pat Maschgan, a private secretary, and Wendy Paech, a clerk.

168 CASTLE HILL, QLD

Seven Petitioners, centred on Townsville Queensland, were awarded the one hundred and sixty-eighth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 14 March 1977.

The first President of the new *Branch* of Castle Hill was Barry Kilby, a real estate agent, Vice-President, Richard Blundell, a hotel manager, Winemaster, Bob Brown, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Graham Wease, a public servant, with the rest of the petitioners completing the Committee: Rod Burgess, a manager, Chris Crosland, a medical practitioner, and Jim Taylor, whose occupation is listed as DCA.

The tenure of the club was short lived, as ten years later the Club Committee noted that they were “defunct”.¹⁶⁸

169 BAYETTES, SA

Twenty-three women applied to establish a new club, the second female only club, at the Glenelg Footballers' Club, Adelaide. Given the Glenelg Sportsmen Club (No 110) was located at the same venue, it may have been prompted by that. In the list of petitioners

¹⁶⁷ There was some overlap of members with the Pancetta Club (No 187) which was chartered in 1980 as Julie was one of the Petitioners for Pancetta and Patricia Holmes was also a member.

¹⁶⁸ Club Committee Minutes 6 October 1987

available, there are no common names. The twenty-three came from a variety of backgrounds, including home duties, secretarial services, teachers, travel consultants, telephonist, manager, company director, nanny, health scientist and plumber's assistant.

The original name petitioned for the new club was Equalite¹⁶⁹ and that was the name when the petition was signed-off on by the General Secretary on 20 June 1977, as inscribed on the petition. However, the name and date are crossed out and replaced by Bayettes and 11 July 1977, which was the date of the Club Committee meeting that approved the granting of Charter one hundred and sixty-nine. The minutes of the meeting simply record the approval, without giving any reasons for the name change and whether it had come from and been discussed with the petitioners, or had been a decision of the Committee, for whatever reason.

The President of the new club was Iris Brewster, whose occupation was listed as home duties, Vice-President, Barbara Neagle, manageress, who was also the Winemaster, with the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer being Rosemary Shearer, a teacher, and members of the Committee, Lois McMahan, a nanny, and Janice Robinson, a health scientist.

The Club Committee at its 11 July 1977 meeting also decided to invite the President of the Bayettes Club to their September lunch, although the minutes of 19 August 1977 record the guest for the next luncheon being "A nominee of the President of the Bayettes Club".

Originally, members intended to hold the dinner meetings at venues in the Glenelg area of Adelaide, but over the years, as members came from areas more geographically diverse and a plethora of good dining options arose elsewhere, the dining venues came from a more varied geographical area.

The first dinner was held in April 1977, followed by Charter 169 approval in July 1977. A Committee of six was established and it was agreed that dinner meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of each month, except January each year. Members were asked to bring a guest to dinner meetings and if they were interested in becoming a member they must have attended three consecutive dinner meetings. By the middle of 1979, the full complement of thirty members was realised and, since that time, a list of waiting members has been compiled.

The Club President, Phil Kleinig at the time, attended the Bayettes Club's 20 Years Anniversary Dinner and reported back to the Club Committee that the Bayettes "are a very good club", with full membership, a waiting list, and old members coming back.¹⁷⁰

The Club celebrated their 45th anniversary in March 2022. Over that time the Club has held dinners at many locations across Adelaide, including restaurants, hotels and clubs. It has changed the procedures to reflect the busy lives of the women members and rejuvenate the membership by bringing in the next generation of young women. The membership at Bayettes remains full, with long serving members being awarded Life Membership. As part of its renewal program an Associate Membership has been established for members of 5 years or more standing. These members may attend as the guest of the President but are

¹⁶⁹ The founders also considered *Gemini, Chateau Excellence and Glenelg Ladies Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*. *B&Bulletin* Autumn 2002

¹⁷⁰ Club Committee Minutes 3 March 1997

not required to meet the attendance record required by full membership. This has enabled the bringing forward of new members from our long waiting list.

The Bayettes Beefsteak and Burgundy continues, after 45 years to be a vibrant and growing Club, with strong demand for membership. Thanks go to the group of ladies who had the foresight in 1977 to form the Bayettes Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and it is hoped that the ideals envisaged by the foundation members are being realised and will continue to be in the future.

THE FOUNDERS

Di Baker Lois McMahan

Lee Baker Sheila Messenger

Iris Brewster Janice Robinson

Rosemary Glasson Heather Mair

170 COONAWARRA, SA

Two graziers, a teacher, a builder, painter, winery worker and a vigneron based around Penola in the Coonawarra region of South Australia were granted the one hundred and seventieth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 11 July 1977. The vigneron who petitioned was Brian (*Prof*) Lynn, who in the 1990s, with his brother Anthony, began Majella Wines, after growing grapes for several decades for companies such as Wynns.

The President of the new club was one of the graziers, C J Williams, the Vice-President, P W Anderson, was a teacher, Winemaster, D A Norris, builder, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, D T Young, the other grazier, and Committee member, Brian Lynn.

171 PRINCE CHARLES, VIC

Six petitioners from Melbourne, possibly mainly connected with the advertising industry were granted the one hundred and seventy-one Charter by the Club Committee on 11 July 1977.

The President of the new club was J L Crane, and advertising executive, Vice-President, G M Madison, also an advertising executive, Winemaster, N H Peck, a director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, E Beggs, a general manager, with J Robertson, printing executive and W G Burns, hotelier, completing the Committee. There were fourteen foundation members.

It is believed that as the Club was formed in mid-1977 the year of the Silver Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, this influenced the naming of the Club.

The first luncheon was held in the Hospitality Centre of the Melbourne Zoological Gardens on Wednesday 21 September 1977. Under the guidance of the Food Master, Graeme Madison, the menu consisted of fish, venison and cheese.

Veuve Cliquot (Silver Jubilee) was served and the table wines were of particular interest and included a Chablis Premier Cru and a Chateau Lascombes Margaux 1971.

Nigel Peck remained as the Winemaster for 40 years until his death in 2017. He was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia in 2004 for philanthropy and service to industry and remains the club's Patron.

In 2018 the membership was twenty-three. Members meet in a private room at Estivo Restaurant in Kew, Melbourne, which has been the club's current home base for the past few years. Members meet on the third Wednesday alternate even months for Lunch meetings October, December, February, April, August and then have a Black-Tie dinner with partners in June and a Black-Tie Men's Dinner in Late November/early December. Members are encouraged to invite guests to attend meetings. A high standard is maintained for both food and wines.

172 *BAIRNSDALE, VIC*

The new *branch* at Bairnsdale came about on the initiative of P K Burge, who was transferred to Bairnsdale in Victoria from Ballarat in his employment as a bank manager. He had been a member of the Ballarat Club (No 31) for four years, so sought to establish one in his new place of residence.

Subsequently, eight petitioners were awarded Charter one hundred and seventy-two by the Club Committee at its 20 February 1978 meeting.

The President of the new club was P K Burge, a bank manager, Vice-President, J H Laughton, a company director, Winemaster, R L Guy, a vigneron, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, I C McLennan, a bank officer, and Committee members, G M Ramsden, real estate agent, W J Counihan, a farmer, and R J Beynon, a pharmacist. The only one of the petitioners not on the Committee was F I Ezard, a managing director.

In 1989 the General Secretary reported to the Club Committee that the Bairnsdale Club may close.¹⁷¹

The club details are listed in the 1990-91 Handbook and the club is listed in the 1991-1992 Handbook but with the note that "No details supplied" and it does not appear in future handbooks. Presumably it ceased functioning in 1990.

173 *TREGENZA, SA*

Sixteen petitioners from the eastern suburbs of Adelaide sought approval to establish a new *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. Their application was approved at the Club Committee meeting on 8 May 1978 and they were granted the one hundred and seventy-third Charter. The petitioners came from a variety of backgrounds covering professional, retail, commercial, trades and managerial backgrounds. It is not clear why the name Tregenza was used for the new *branch*.

¹⁷¹ Club Committee Minutes 6 November 1989

The President of the new Tregenza Club was H J Rogers, a company director, Vice-President, R D George, a bar manager, P E Butler, a sales manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, P V Wenham, an insurance agent, with the remainder of the Committee being L M Evans, a company director, R E Clay, a biologist, B B Levy, a manager, and D M Hayden, a microbiologist.

The club ceased to exist in 1992.

174 BELCONNEN, ACT

Eight petitioners, three of whom were solicitors, another three members of the Royal Australian Air Force, with the final two being a bank manager and an accountant, applied for a new *branch* in the Australian Capital Territory. The petition was approved at the Club Committee meeting on 12 June 1978 and they were granted the one hundred and seventy-fourth Charter.

The President of the new club was Rodney John Barnett, a solicitor, Vice-President, Grant James Fitzgerald, a member of the RAAF, Winemaster, William Francis Murphy, a member of the RAAF, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Robert Allan MacDonald, the bank manager, with other Committee members being Jeffrey Ronald McCulloch, a member of the RAAF, Leigh Derwin, a solicitor, James Fox, an accountant, and Ross Reid, a solicitor.

At the 16 March 1981 Club Committee meeting the General Secretary reported that the Belconnen affiliation fee cheque payment had to be returned as it only had one signature. A month later he reported that a correctly signed cheque had not been returned. The Committee directed him to withdraw the *Branch* Charter if the payment was not received by 30 April 1981. It was not, so he wrote asking for the return of the Charter. It was not until the 15 December 1981 meeting that it was reported that it had been and that it was destroyed.

175 KATHERINE, NT

The Club Committee at its meeting on 25 August 1978 approved that six petitioners from Katherine be granted the one hundred and seventy-fifth Charter.

The President of the new club was John Fitzner, a life insurance agent with the AMP, Vice-President, Kevin Jordan, an area manager with the Department of Transport and Works, Winemaster, John Bull, a hotel manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Bruce Wyatt, a police inspector, with the other two petitioners, Robert Kerr, a travel agent with Trans Australian Airlines and William Wilson, a police sergeant, completing the Committee.

The October 2003 Club Committee meeting *Correspondence In* notes a letter from Tony Adams advising that he was trying to “reform the Katherine Beefsteak and Burgundy Club after the floods wiped them out in 1998”.¹⁷² The club is still listed in the 1998-99

¹⁷² Club Committee Minutes 22 October 2003

Handbook, but not in those following, so it would appear that the attempt to reform the club was unsuccessful.

Interestingly, though, two members attending the 2014 Convention in Adelaide were listed as from the Katherine Club (No 175).

176 EXETER, TAS

Fourteen petitioners centred on the town of Exeter, twenty-four kilometres north of Launceston in Tasmania, were granted the one hundred and seventy-sixth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 11 September 1978.

The President of the new club was P T James, an oil agent, Vice-President, F W Thompson, a storekeeper, Winemaster, A H Barker, a sales manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, D S McLeod, a deputy council clerk, with the rest of the Committee comprising, J K Barrenger, a grazier, K J Squires, a carpenter, and J D Kerrison, a storekeeper.

The club was included in the summary list of clubs in the 2003/04 Handbook, but not in the section detailing Office-Bearers and contacts. It was not listed at all in the 2004/05 Handbook, so presumably it ceased operating around 2002.

177 VICTORIA, HONG KONG, CHINA

Eight expatriates were granted the one hundred and seventy-seventh Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 16 October 1978.

The President of the new club was Gary T McKenzie, a company director with Jardines, Vice-President, I Angus, a company director with NCR, Winemaster, Dudley J P Freeman, an airline executive with Cathay Pacific Airlines, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, V R Hughes, an accountant with one of the Swire companies, with the other four petitioners R Russell, a lawyer, J M Collins, listed as a businessman with Jardines, B Hazelden, a businessman with Hutchinson International, and T Punton, a manager with Swire Symonds, completing the Committee.

Gary McKenzie and Dudley Freeman had been members of the Tokyo Club (No 126), while Messrs Hughes, Angus and Russell had attended meetings at that club. Dudley Freeman explained that the name of Victoria, Hong Kong had been chosen for the club because “Hong Kong is the name of the colony and Victoria is the name of the city, situated near the Star Ferry on the Island”. By being so specific, they thought that “would leave the way for other clubs in the future”.¹⁷³

In September 1985, correspondence was received by the General Secretary, to the effect that the club was to close as a *branch*. It was resolved that the President would contact them.¹⁷⁴ Contact was made with Mr van der Linden, who was delighted to receive the

¹⁷³ Dudley Freeman to General Secretary, Toby Clay, 4 October 1978

¹⁷⁴ Club Committee Minutes 9 September 1985

call.¹⁷⁵ However, in his 1986 AGM President's Report, Peter Martindale informed members that the Hong Kong club had ceased operation because of a "moving membership". He stated that the club had been tried to be kept alive through a phone call from him and a letter with names of possible members and other contacts. "Whilst the club could resurrect, it [was] felt that those members who run the club have pretty well given up".

Further developments, though, suggest that either the club ceased operating because members did not want the *bother* of affiliation, or alternatively, some members resurrected the club, but did not seek affiliation. The club was resurrected as the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Hong Kong in the mid-1980s.¹⁷⁶

Adrian Overholser, having joined that club in 2000, was asked in 2004 by the departing convenor, Beric Hazlehurst-Howles, to take over that role. In 2009, being aware of the *real* Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, he connected with then General Secretary, Mr. Craig Thornquest, stating his intention to formalise the club's affiliation with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc. At the time Adrian asked whether there had ever been a formal chapter in Hong Kong and was told there was no apparent record of such.¹⁷⁷

Clearly Adrian was informed that the club he was convening was in breach of the Club trademarks and needed to desist calling itself a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and using the trademarked logo. According to Adrian, it took some time for him to gain consensus from his members and the stars to align to move to affiliation, but the members eventually submitted their *Humble Petition* in early 2014 and were chartered as Club 278 on 28 February 2014. Adrian states they were generously granted the use of the moniker *The Hong Kong Original* since the club had been convening informally for so many years using the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club name.

On 11 August 2021, Adrian learned for the first time that there actually had been a formal chapter in Hong Kong. It was called Victoria; chartered as Club 177, established on 16 October 1978 and which closed as a branch in September 1985, following communication with a *Mr van der Linden*.¹⁷⁸

Over a year of investigation and contact with former members of the Hong Kong Original Club led Adrian to be able to establish that former convenor Beric Hazelhurst-Howles was a member of Victoria and carried the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club forward after its formal dissolution with the Beefsteak and

¹⁷⁵ Club Committee Minutes 8 October 1985

¹⁷⁶ Adrian Overholser in an email to the author, dated 18 January 2023, advised him that when he joined the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Hong Kong in 2000 he was told by then convenor Mr Beric Hazelhurst-Howes that he had been convening the group since the mid-1980s and it was not affiliated, but had been in existence for some time before he took the helm. The letterhead of the club had the bull and wine glass logo which would have been accessed when the Victoria Club was operating.

¹⁷⁷ No comprehensive record of all the clubs that were established existed prior to this compilation.

¹⁷⁸ The author sent an email on that date to Adrian enclosing what the author had researched about the Hong Kong Original Club and, as with similar emails sent to all existing clubs, asking if anything further could be added. It made mention of the Victoria Club and in follow up by Adrian, the founding officers' names, Mr. Gary McKenzie, Mr. Dudley Freeman and petitioner, Mr. Barrie Hazelden, amongst others, were conveyed to him.

Burgundy Club in 1985.¹⁷⁹

In a consequent submission to the Committee of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Incorporated, to be able to resurrect the Victoria Club Adrian summarised that “all of those I contacted have confirmed incontrovertible links between The Hong Kong Original and its predecessor, Victoria”. As one of the contacts, Peter Carton said to him: *“Adrian, I never thought to ask about a connection between what Gary McKenzie and Dudley Freeman started and what you’ve carried forward from Beric as it seemed obvious to me that it’s been the same B&B Club all along.”*

At its meeting on 7 February 2023, the Club Committee passed the following motion: That the Hong Kong Originals Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Charter 278 be discontinued and that the Victoria Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Charter 177 be reinstated as an operating club from this date forward.

The membership of the Hong Kong Original Club were informed of this outcome at their meeting on 16 February 2023 and there was a strong positive reaction to the news of the Club Committee’s decision.¹⁸⁰

178 MCLAREN DISTRICT, SA

Ten petitioners from the McLaren Vale district of South Australia were awarded the one hundred and seventy-eighth Charter by the Club Committee meeting on 13 November 1978. As might be expected, there were several vigneron and winemakers amongst the petitioners.

The President of the new Club was R E Hagley, who was retired, Vice-President, P J Brouwer, a manager, Winemaster F P Bayly, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, W F Powell, a manager, and the other members of the Committee were E A Brunato, a vigneron, L Shaddegg, a chef, S B Howell, retired and K P Rayner, a winemaker. One of the petitioners not on the Committee was D Scarpontoni, a vigneron, with his surname being that of a well-known wine company now.

The club became a mixed membership club in 1999, accepting both male and female members.

179 CHARON, SA

¹⁷⁹ Adrian, in the 18 January 2023 email wrote, “Over the past year I have reached out to former members of The Hong Kong Original by email and phone seeking to find a plausible connection to Victoria, and indeed I have. I connected with: Mr. Peter Carton, now retired in Sydney (and an active member of the Mosman (043) Branch Club, and originally invited (as I learned) to join Victoria by Mr. Dudley Freeman (see point 4)); Mr. John Handley, now retired in Auckland; and Mr. Chris Young and Mr. Michael Rushworth, now retired in the UK. All were active members of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Hong Kong either in the late ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s, even the ‘00s. All knew founding officers, petitioners or members of Victoria, and all knew Beric when he took over. Sadly, many others I tried to contact have passed on or their whereabouts are unknown.

Most notably, just earlier today I finally connected with Mr. Tony van der Linden (see point 4), now retired in Noosa Waters, and his wife Helen, formerly married to Mr. Barrie Hazelden (deceased), a petitioner for the Victoria Chapter. Tony and Helen confirmed to me that our former convenor Beric was a member of Victoria and carried the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club forward after its formal dissolution with Adelaide HQ in 1985.”

¹⁸⁰ Email from Adrian Overholser to the author, 17 February 20223

Charon was the second choice for a name, as the petition had Silenus on it, but crossed out, undoubtedly because it was discovered that the name had been already used by Club Number 164. As noted for that club, Silenus was a companion and tutor to the wine god. One would expect the substitute, Charon, would also have a connection with wine but Charon in Greek mythology is the ferryman of Hades who carries souls of the dead across the rivers Styx and Acheron that divided the world of the living from that of the dead. The name was chosen by John Ellis, “who was extremely well read in Greek mythology, culture and religion”.¹⁸¹

So, it was to the new club of Charon and its eighteen petitioners that the Club Committee awarded the one hundred and seventy-ninth Charter to at their meeting on 13 November 1978. A glance at the petitioners by people in Adelaide may suggest why the quiriness of the name occurred. It featured some highflyers in various fields, such as Tony De Freitas (of the Pink Pig Restaurant fame), Peter Darley (footballer and hotelier), John Ellis (ex-colonel in the British Army who served in the Indian Army after they gained their independence, and who finished his career as a mathematics teacher at St Peter’s College, Adelaide) and Jeremy Cordeaux (high profile radio announcer, managing director and owner of three radio stations).

According to Tony’s brother, Damiao, a foundation member of the club, the Charon B & B club evolved “out of long Friday lunches on Table 21 at the Pink Pig Wine Bar”. He says that the table was of drinking buddies, the “main instigator of whom was my brother Tony De Freitas”. “They were simply drinking buddies who felt they would like to have their own drinking club”.¹⁸²

The President of the new club was John C S Ellis, listed as a managing director, Vice-President and Winemaster, Tony Cross, a managing director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Noel Vickery, an assistant manager, with Stuart Jay, an assistant director of the SA Film Corporation, completing the Committee.

The Tony Cross is likely to have been a member, and President in 1975, of the Adelaide Foundation Club. This is possibly evidenced by a minute in the Club Committee meeting minutes of 11 December 1978, which record that Tony Cross, a member of the Committee, advised that with reference to the Charon *Branch*, “a member had offered a small flag to be hand-worked by his wife, a competent needle-woman”, and explained the design and asked for approval, which was granted. J C S Ellis was also a member of the Adelaide Foundation Club at the time as indicated by his name on the annual attendance form of the Club.

180 LOGAN, QLD

The one hundred and eightieth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee on 13 November 1978 to eight petitioners from Brisbane, who all seemed to have been connected with the building industry.

The President of the new club of Logan was C Little, a builder, Vice-President and Winemaster, R Measures, also a builder, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, C Balchin,

¹⁸¹ Reflections of Damiao De Freitas in the Charon Club’s 40th Anniversary Booklet.

¹⁸² Reflections of Damiao De Freitas in the Charon Club’s 40th Anniversary Booklet.

an architect, with the other members of the Committee being J Long, a sales manager, B Bould, L Baker, and R Newitt, a sales representative.

In the Correspondence of the Club Committee meeting on 13 December 1982, it was recorded that a letter had been sent to the club for the return of the Charter, given it was unfinancial. The letter, held in the Club archives, from the General Secretary, Bill Russell, stated in its first paragraph, “The Central Committee of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club here in Adelaide was very sad to hear of your decision to cease holding functions due to lack of support”, thereby indicating the reason for the club’s demise after four years.

181 MARY RIVER, QLD

Eight petitioners from the town of Maryborough in Queensland were awarded the one hundred and eighty-first Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 13 November 1978. It is interesting, though, that the Club Committee meeting minutes of 12 February 1979 record that the petition now having been received from Mary River the issuing of the Charter could proceed.

In the main, the petitioners held various roles in companies, although their number also included a teacher, a real estate agent and an agricultural scientist.

The first President of the new club of Mary River was Geoff Williams, a real estate agent, Vice-President, John Chapman, the agricultural scientist, Winemaster, Neil Mathis, a company manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ailsa Carr, a company secretary, with other Committee members being Alan Woolf, a managing director, Peter Hulme, the school teacher, Chris Hyne, a company director, and George Carr, a sales executive.

Clearly, the club was a mixed club from its beginning, with the presence of Ailsa Carr, presumably the wife of George Carr¹⁸³, albeit predominantly male membership.

The club ceased operating in September 1994.¹⁸⁴

182 BROLGA, QLD

A letter dated 12 February 1979, written by a Jacqueline Brown, was sent to the General Secretary, together with a petition for a new *branch*. The letter began, “I am pleased to advise you that a meeting of thirteen enthusiasts interested in food and wine, was held on the evening of the 8th February to elect an executive committee to form a *branch* club of Beefsteak and Burgundy in Townsville ... Although various names for the proposed club were submitted by members, *Brolga* was chosen in preference to other geographical names, as the *Brolga* is the emblem for Townsville’s Pacific Festival”.

¹⁸³ A letter written by F Brookhouse, Honorary Secretary of the Townsville Club (No 118) to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, 9 December 1981, writes to support George Carr in the establishment of a club in Coffs Harbour to where he had relocated in 1980. It states he had been a foundation member in 1972 and held various roles, including President in 1976-77. He resigned in 1980 because of the relocation. It is probably not the Mary River George Carr, given the 1,100km distance between Maryborough and Townsville.

¹⁸⁴ Club Committee Minutes 4 October 1994

The accompanying petition showed that all the petitioners were women, so when authorised by the Club Committee at its 12 March 1979 meeting and awarded the one hundred and eighty-second Charter, it became the third female-only club to be established.

The three main nominated occupation areas for the petitioners were teaching, retail and home duties, with a photographer completing the set.

The President of the new club was Jacqueline Brown, a self-employed retailer, Vice-President, Lesley Taylor, a school teacher, Winemaster, June Fox, a teacher, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lynn Weiss, home duties, with the rest of the Committee members being Rosemary McWhirter, a self-employed retailer, Lorraine Croker, a sales person, Kim Nilson, a shop assistant, and Maureen Jones, a teacher librarian.

The new General Secretary, Bill Russell, on a holiday to Queensland visited several clubs, including Brolga. He reported that he had a good discussion with the new Secretary, Mrs Kim Fergus and he stated the new President is Mrs Vicki Edwards.¹⁸⁵

Bill Dand, General Secretary, reported to the Club Committee during 2000 that there were problems with the club. He had received phone calls and letters from the Honorary Secretary, Tricia Gricks, and from the President, Jill McNamara¹⁸⁶. At a general meeting in June 2000, nineteen resignations were received, leaving just three members. Those resigning intended to establish a new club, which would be the Townsville Ladies Club (No 244), which commenced a couple of months later, and leave the three to continue with the Brolga club.

Tricia Gricks became the Honorary Secretary of the new club and in a letter to Bill Dand accompanying the new club's petition, she stated, "We have 26 members to start with, 18 of these were breakway members from the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Brolga. The 8 new members had all been to dinners with the old club and were all looking forward to joining when the disruptions started".¹⁸⁷

The Brolga Club did not survive long. Its details last appeared in the 2001/02 Handbook, so it would appear that it ceased its existence around 2001, a few months after the establishment of the new Townsville Ladies Club.

183 KAPITI, NZ

From a letter accompanying the petition, of the men living on the Kapiti Coast, near Wellington, New Zealand, it would seem that a couple of them, Murdoch Riley and Alan Perry, were influential in its establishment, given they had previously been Presidents of the Wellington Club (No 60). Most of the petitioners came from managerial backgrounds, but Alan Perry was a restaurateur.

The Club Committee at its 14 May 1979 meeting did authorise the awarding of the one hundred and eighty-third Charter to the new *branch* of Kapiti. However, because the

¹⁸⁵ Report to Club Committee 9 November 1981

¹⁸⁶ Jill, sadly, died soon after from cancer. Club Committee Minutes 12 September 2001

¹⁸⁷ Tricia Gricks to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 28 July 2000

application was only on part of the petition form and did not embody the Constitution and Rules the General Secretary had requested a complete petition, which Murdoch Riley said would be done after their 26 May dinner. Consequently, the issuance of the Charter was subject to the prompt receipt of the petition.

The President of the new club was Murdoch Riley, a director, Vice-President, Kenneth Armstrong, a sales manager, Winemaster Alan Perry, a restaurateur, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Frederick Smith, a director, with the remainder of the Committee being Douglas Bramley, a company manager, Garry Smith, a company manager, and John Percival, an investment manager.

The Charter was presented to the Club by David Crosby at a dinner held on 14 June 1979.¹⁸⁸

184 KURWONGBAH, QLD

The one hundred and eighty-fourth Charter was authorised for the establishment of the Kwongbah *branch* at Kallangur, Queensland, by the Club Committee at its meeting on 3 August 1979. An accompanying letter with the petition explained that the name Kwongbah came from the name of a lake on the northside of Brisbane close to where the club will meet. A couple of years later, though, the club sent a letter requesting their club's name be changed to *Kurwongbah* for "geographical correctness". It was suggested that they return the Charter for the name to altered "by crossing out and noting date of change".

There were twelve petitioners from mainly managerial, hospitality and military backgrounds.

The President of the new club was Gorden Craven, a hotel licensee, Vice-President, Michael Pescott, an area manager, Winemaster, Donald Joscelyne, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Christopher Goodreid, an employee relations manager, with Kenneth Morgan, a manager, and Colin Parker, a soldier, completing the Committee.

The club is listed in the 1991/1992 Handbook but not in the 1993/1994 Handbook. It was recorded as being "defunct" in the Club Committee minutes of 5 October 1993.

185 MACADAMIA, QLD

Six petitioners centred on the Brisbane suburb of Aspley in Queensland were awarded the one hundred and eight-fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 September 1979. One of the petitioners was Ian Thornquest, who had been instrumental in the establishment of three other clubs to this stage.

President of the new club of Macadamia was B R Warden, a sales manager, Vice-President, J D Carter, a secretary, Winemaster, Ian A S Thornquest, a general manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, P A Wilson, a manager, with M F McCrae, a manager, and E D Taylor, a secretary, completing the Committee.

¹⁸⁸ Club Committee Minutes 11 June 1979

The club was a mixed club from its beginning and remains so today. The club's first dinner was held on 13 September 1979 at Homestead Hotel with inaugural Chef Rick Stevens.

In 1982 the Club moved to a different venue, the now demolished Gum Tree Motel. The Chef was Tony Ryan who went on to win several international awards. The Club followed Tony and wife Sheryl through a further three Restaurants of Tony's ownership, treating them as home base venues and developed great rapport with our hosts. In those years the Club rarely dined elsewhere.

When Tony and Sheryl retired the Club continued its association with their successors, Shane and Jodie Solczaniuk, until their retirement. The Club has not been able to continue the same successful relationships with hosts and chefs and now sample a range of restaurants although there are a few favourites. Changes in Queensland's fairly restrictive liquor laws saw most restaurants move from BYO to licensed which has narrowed the field of suitable restaurants for the Club's purposes.

Club membership was strong during the 1980s, 1990s and early 2000s, but more recently hovers around 20. Many existing members are retired and travel activities impact adversely on attendances at dinners. Recruitment has continued but young members move on to other lifestyles, in which situation the Club expects it is not alone.

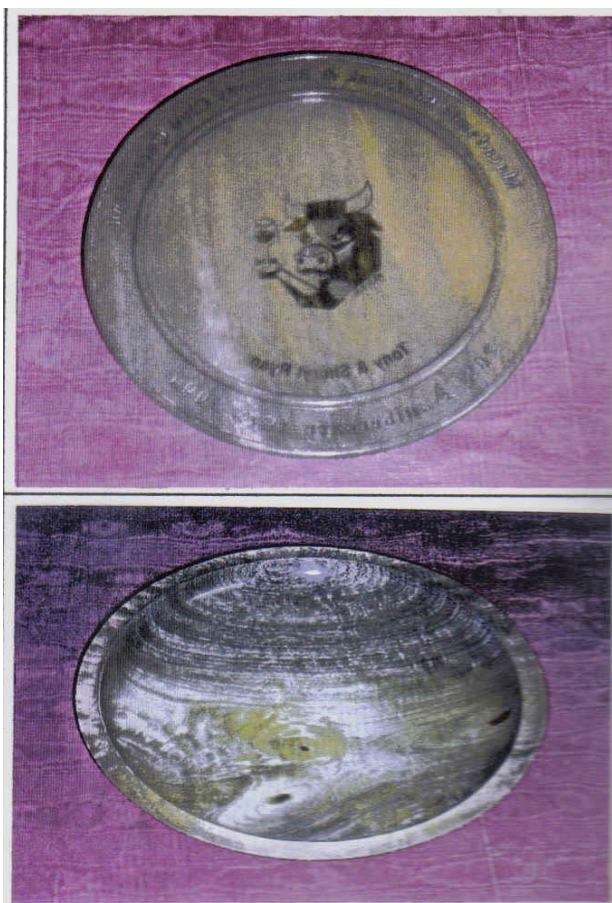
One founding member (recently retired), John Carter, has been awarded life membership during the Club's existence. Seven existing members joined more than 20 years ago – a good degree of stability. The club also carefully manages a cellar suited to its membership numbers.

Other social and notable events in the Club history were:

- Snake served for dinner March 1980
- Wine bottlings in early days
- Pig roasted on-the-spit at Bribie Island at several gatherings.
- Weekends away together at popular locations including Noosa, Bunya Mountains and Stanthorpe (Wineries)
- Regular annual Presidents lunches at host's homes.

Photos below:

- Club favoured chef Tony Ryan and wife Sheryl
- Club award to Tony and Sheryl in appreciation of their friendship, hospitality and excellence in service and cuisine.



186 BIENNE, SWITZERLAND

On 9 August 1979 Robert Nuesch wrote to George Fairbrother seeking information on how to establish a *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. In the previous month he had experienced a meeting of the Victoria Hong Kong Club (No 177). Accordingly, he along with six other men, sent a petition to establish a *branch* in Bienne, Switzerland.

The Club Committee authorised Charter one hundred and eighty-six to Bienne at their meeting on 14 January 1980. Robert was the President of the new *branch*. He was President of a company that distributed the wines of Baron Philippe de Rosthschild in Switzerland and was also a member of the Graves and Medoc Wine Society. Vice-President was Jean-Pierre Murset, Winemaster Andre Ducommun and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Georges Schaller.

While the occupations of the individuals are not given, Robert describes the group as all being professionally engaged in the wine and/or food trade. A couple of them were members of the Chevaliers du Tastevin, while another was a member of the Swiss Guillon Wine Society, and professionally was the vice-chancellor of the State of Switzerland.

They had the good fortune of David Crosby being in Europe soon after. Bruce Thompson, the then President of the Adelaide Club, received a telex from Robert, in response to Bruce's congratulations and well-wishes, stating, "The Bienne Chapter of the Beefsteak

and Burgundy Club was successfully started last night [24 March 1980] with David Crosby lighting the torch”.

In 1989 the General Secretary reported to the Club Committee that the club was not responsive in relation to payment of the affiliation fee and it was assumed that the club had ceased functioning.¹⁸⁹

187 PANCETTA, SA

Ten petitioners were awarded the one hundred and eighty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee at its 8 September 1980 meeting. It is unclear why they called their club Pancetta.

One of the founding members was John Ellis, a member of the Adelaide Foundation Club, who had also been the founding President of the Walkerville Club (No 163) and the Charon Club (No 179).

He was also the first President of the Pancetta Club. Vice-President was Ron Polley, a sales manager, Winemaster, Egerton Dennis, a vigneron at McLaren Vale, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Rick Panizza, the licensee of the Hotel Centralia Adelaide, while Committee members were John Major, a manager, and Ian Smith, a company director.

The club used the Hotel Centralia as its base. One of the petitioners was Julie March, indicating that the club had both male (mainly) and female membership.

The club advised the then General Secretary, Bill Dand, that a special general meeting was held on 7 September 1999 at which the members voted to cease affiliation with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. The General Secretary advised them that it would be necessary for them as an incorporated association “to register a change of name and new constitution deleting any reference to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club”.¹⁹⁰

188 HAMILTON, VIC

Eight petitioners, including two women, were awarded the one hundred and eighty-eighth Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 15 December 1980. They were all residents of Hamilton, or in the case of two graziers, nearby.

The first President of the new club was Peter Bayliss, a public servant, Vice-President, Geoff Watts, a radio announcer, Winemaster, Peter Rentsch, a grazier, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Tim Leske, a grazier, with the other petitioners, Julie Rentsch, home duties, Anne Maschiter, a “house mother”, Lawrence Noske, a property owner and Stuart Patterson, a technical officer, completing the committee.

¹⁸⁹ Club Committee Minutes 6 November 1989

¹⁹⁰ Club Committee Minutes 13 October 1999

The club ceased operating in 2020, a victim of the Covid pandemic.

189 PONSONBY, NZ

The one hundred and eighty-ninth Charter was authorised by the Club Committee on 19 January 1981 for five petitioners from Auckland, New Zealand. Two of the petitioners were executive directors, two managing directors and one a general manager. On the face of it, a high-powered group!

The President of the new club of Ponsonby, which is a suburb of Auckland, was Michael J Thompson, executive director, Vice-President, Brian A Milnes, executive director, Winemaster, Raymond A Porter, a general manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Richard L Livesay, a managing director, and completing the committee, Ross T McKay, a managing director.

The club was not long lasting as it was not recorded in the 1986-87 Handbook.

190 GOOLWA, SA

At its meeting on 19 October 1981, the Club Committee approved the granting of the one hundred and ninetieth Charter to eight petitioners located in the small town of Goolwa in South Australia, located near the mouth of the Murray River.

The President of the new club was Douglas T Hassell, a manager, Vice-President, P I Rankine, a publican, Winemaster, Gordon Romain, retired, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Colin Slade, retired, with the other four petitioners, J F Connell, a medical practitioner, J H Barnes, a manager, B D Denver, a grazier, and G Millhouse, retired, completing the Committee.

Invitations to their initial dinner on 20 October 1981 were accepted by the Vice-President of the Adelaide Club, Ross MacDonald and the General Secretary, Bill Russell, while the President, Bob Bennett, Tony Cross, Peter Martindale and Bill Russell attended the Charter dinner on 17 November 1981.¹⁹¹

Ian Thornquest, who has been mentioned in connection with the founding of five clubs, is currently a member of the Goolwa Club, having retired to Hindmarsh Island, nearby.

191 BLUMERS, QLD

Ten women from Brisbane petitioned for the new *branch* named Blumers. They were approved to receive the one hundred and ninety-first Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 15 December 1981. They became the fourth female-only club.

The petitioners came from an interesting array of occupations, the predominant one of which was teaching. However, they also included a traffic manager, a grazier and a tank calibrator.

¹⁹¹ Club Committee Minutes 19 October 1981

The first President of the new club was Joy Brannelly, a tank calibrator, Vice-President, Robyn Carmichael, a registered nurse, Winemaster, Christine Kelly, a teacher, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Georgie Snow, and other Committee members were Moray Pearson, home manager, and Alison Kirkham, a teacher.

The initiative for the club came from Joy Brannelly, whose husband was a member of the Park Royal B&B club. She asked the General Secretary if she could form a female club called "Blumers". And why not, why should the men have long lunches while the women looked after the children!

Blumers is a Spanish colloquial word for female pants and the logo is a bloom flower, aptly chosen for the theme of sole female membership.

This was rejected by the Club Committee as they considered the name to be too risqué to have a club named after women's pants. However, being a true suffragette, Joy fought them for a year and in 1981 the new club was born.

The club's first dinner was held on 10 February at Guv's, and what a successful night it was, featuring wines from McWilliams, Tyrrells and Orlando. And thus began 42 years of adventures built around the love of great food, wine and special friendships.

To this day the club has an original member from the very first dinner, Carmel Miklejohn, who still enjoys her food and wine like on that very first night.

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month. From the outset Blumers differed from meeting at the traditional lunchtime to congregating at night. The club also meet at different restaurants every month, rather than the same tried venue every time, giving members flexibility to learn more about Brisbane's food and wine scene.

At the start, the club had a wine collection that members were able to serve at club dinners. However, in 1990, due to the wine cellar having to be moved, a decision was made to sell off the cellar. From this point forward, the club approached BYO restaurants or arranged for the restaurant to serve a selection of their preferred wines. It's worked a treat.

Members have had some very funny nights and mishaps along the way, including helping a wounded chef cook, drinking too much honey vodka, and some broken bones from falling wine bottles.

The club has not been content just to have simple dinners; starting in 1995 it began to organise its own wine tasting tours. Members have been to the Granite Belt wine region in Stanthorpe twice and have visited Mt Tamborine and Mount Cotton.

To celebrate the club's 20 years, members went to Restaurant II, where all the wine served was made by female winemakers, no mean feat at the time. At 25 years, the club celebrated at the all-male Tattersall's club, a fabulous night as it was a great opportunity to be able to hold a special celebration for this all-female club.

To add a bit more interest, club members have also joined with their male alumni, including the Park Royal and Palm Beach clubs to share food and wine. There was plenty of competition in the covered wine area, Blumers excelled with their knowledge. From memory, it won the night!

In the year 2000, for the very first time, members Joanne Martin and Rosemary Gillman attended the B&B convention in Hamilton, New Zealand. From that time, gradually more and more of club members have attended the conventions, enjoying the connection with food, wine, culture and other members from around the world.



Blumers members at the Hobart Convention 2015



Blumers members at the Coonawarra Convention 2018

Club members were excited to be part of the planned convention in May 2020, in partnership with Fortitude, which unfortunately did not proceed because of the Covid-19 outbreak. Over the last few years, the club has encouraged younger members to ensure this exciting club continues well into the future with a new generation of young food and wine lovers. Members celebrated 40 successful years in 2021 and looked forward to celebrating the next 40 after that. Cheers!

192 ANGASTON, SA

Eight petitioners centred on the town of Angaston in the Barossa Valley, one of whom was Greg Clayfield, a highly awarded winemaker, were awarded the one hundred and ninety-second Charter by the Club Committee at their meeting on 8 February 1982. The other petitioners included a chemist, publican, manager, bank officer, barman, lab technician and a stud foreman from the Lindsay Park Stud, the Hayes Family racing stable, at that time located in Angaston.

The petition did not include any nominated office-bearers or committee members. The General Secretary, Bill Russell, wrote in pencil on the petition that on 18 February he had phoned and confirmed acceptance. Also in pencil next to the space for the President's name was written Basil Jeffrey, who was the publican and next to the space for Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was written Darryl Maddaford, who was the bank officer. However, next to the Winemaster space was written *Tentative, John Auld*, who was not listed as one of the petitioners.

The fact that the petition did not contain any nominated office-bearers was a premonition that the club's path might be rocky. That it was so, transpired very quickly. The General Secretary informed the Club Committee at its 21 June 1982 meeting of "a possible collapse of this new club through incompatibility of members". He would attempt to convene a meeting that he and the President, Bob Bennett, would attend.

It was not clear whether the meeting was held; in any case, if it was, it was unsuccessful as the General Secretary reported at the 14 February 1983 Club Committee meeting that "Angaston was defunct".

193 SUDBURY, CANADA

Sixteen petitioners, men and women, centred on Sudbury, Ontario sought a charter for what would be the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club's first Charter in Canada. The petitioners largely came from teaching, retail, managerial, professional and administrative backgrounds. Of the original Founding Members, only Life Member Catherine Dow continues to be active in the Club.

The one hundred and ninety-third Charter was awarded by the Club Committee meeting on 19 April 1982. The President of the new club was William (Bill) A LaPointe, in sales, Vice-President, Dr Jim Steward, a podiatrist, Winemaster, Ron Myles, a manager, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Carmen Hewitt, a teacher.

In 2013, the Club elected its first female President, Anna Frattini, who was under the age of 35. Today, the Membership continues to be an enthusiastic group of lively individuals of various ages. The Sudbury Charter's 35th Anniversary in April 2017 was celebrated with an unforgettable Premium Wine Tasting.

In its early years the club met monthly at the Continental Café, where Winemaster, Ron Myles, was the manager.¹⁹² The club also celebrated its Charter Night there at a Wine and Cheese Reception on Monday 27 September 1982. Over the years, the Sudbury Charter has participated in planned group trips to visit wineries located in Ontario and in the Northern United States and to attend annual wine expos throughout Ontario. Making their own way, some members continue to frequent wineries and wine events throughout Canada.

Additionally, several members travelled to St. Mary's, Ontario, to visit Stonetown (Charter 227), which became the only other B&B Club in Canada 10 years later. In the early 1990s, the Sudbury Club welcomed a visit from Keith Gramp, Past President of the Australian Parent B&B Club Inc. The Sudbury Club has demonstrated, and is determined to maintain, its commitment to the sustainability of the Club to encourage the education and celebration of wine and food.

In 2022, despite having experienced restrictions for the previous two years because of the Covid-19 outbreak, the club held a very successful 40 Years celebration.

¹⁹² *Star* Newspaper, Sudbury November 1982

194 HUTT VALLEY, NZ

Twelve Petitioners from Lower Hutt, New Zealand, including two women, were granted the one hundred and ninety-fourth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 August 1982. The petitioners were largely from professional and managerial backgrounds.

The President of the new Club of Hutt Valley was H G R Cresswell, a manager, Winemaster, Michael Taylor, a dental surgeon, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Terry Ashcroft, a manager, and Kirsty Wood.

The club is listed in the 1991/1992 Handbook but not in the 1993/1994 Handbook. It is recorded as being “defunct” in the Club Committee minutes of 5 October 1993.

195 ESCOFFIER, VIC

Initially three petitioners from Melbourne, but then joined by an additional five other, given the Club Committee’s concern about the small numbers, were awarded the one hundred and fifty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee on 18 October 1982.

The nominated office-bearers of the new club of Escoffier, based on a restaurant of that name in South Melbourne, were: President and Winemaster, John Panteli, a managing director, Vice-President, Reg King, a pricing co-ordinator, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and Food master, Ray Pearse, a marketing manager. Four of the other five were from manager positions, while the fifth, Niro DiLorenzo, was a restaurateur, possibly of the Escoffier.

The General Secretary, Bill Dand, informed the Club Committee in October 1999 that the Escoffier B&B Club “are resigning as their membership is down to 10 or 12 members”.¹⁹³ An interesting choice of words, possibly suggesting the small group was continuing but not as a B&B club.

196 LAW ‘N’ ORDER, SA

Twenty-five petitioners applied for a Charter for the *branch* club, Law ‘n’ Order, which came from the fact that it arose from the Police Association and of the petitioners, six were police officers and a number of others gave their occupation as security officers or consultants, or public servants.

The Club Committee awarded the Charter at its 10 January 1983 meeting. The President of the new club was B G Lugg, a police officer, Vice-President, M J Hall, an army officer, Winemaster H D Bowyer, a security consultant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Brian Emmins, a public servant, while D B Mattfeld, a public servant, completed the Committee.

The operations of the club appeared to give testimony to its name, for the Club Committee noted that the Law ‘n’ Order Club “had expelled two members for disruptive behaviour”.¹⁹⁴

¹⁹³ Club Committee Minutes 13 October 1999

¹⁹⁴ Club Committee Minutes 3 July 1989



Law 'n Order Club (No 196) 10 Year Anniversary Dinner 26 March 1993
From Left: Ray Clark (Hon Sec, Law 'n Order), Ian Roberts (Adelaide Club Vice-President), Bill Russell (General Secretary), Malcolm Bateman (President, Law 'n Order)

197 ELIZA FRASER, QLD

Eight couples from Maryborough, Queensland, who, according to the stated occupations on their petition, came from professional backgrounds, were awarded the one hundred and ninety-seventh Charter by the Club Committee at its 14 March 1983 meeting.

The President of the new Eliza Fraser *Branch* was Peter Montgomery, an optometrist, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Anne Monsour, a dentist, with Michael Monsour, a medical practitioner, Ross Mangelsdorf, an accountant, and Denise Anderson, a pharmacist, completing the Committee. No Winemaster or Vice-President was nominated on the petition.

The name of the club was taken from Eliza Fraser, who was shipwrecked in 1936 at an island off the coast of Queensland, near now Maryborough. The island has been named Fraser Island.

The club is listed in the 1991/92 Handbook but not in those following, so presumably it ceased operating in 1992.

198 PAREMATA, NZ

At its meeting on 11 July 1983, the Club Committee awarded the one hundred and ninety-eighth Charter to eleven petitioners, largely from professional and managerial backgrounds, from Paremata and surrounds. Paremata is a suburb of Porirua, on the Tasman Sea coast to the north of Wellington, New Zealand.

The first President of the club was R C Lewis, a transport supervisor, Vice-President, R W Johnston, a managing director, Winemaster, E Honey, an executive officer, Honorary

Secretary and Treasurer, E H Schweizer, an X-Ray engineer, with other members of the Committee being Gary Robertson, a transport officer, G Croy, a personnel administrator, and B Wilkinson, an engineer.

199 LORDS, VIC

Six petitioners from Melbourne, Victoria were awarded the one hundred and ninety-ninth Charter by the Club Committee on 12 August 1983. Interestingly, the petition had the name of the new *branch* club as Lord's but in the Committee minutes and subsequent Handbooks it is named Lords. The apostrophe may have been a slip, because the accompanying letter proposes *Lords Beefsteak and Burgundy Club*. The reason for calling it *Lords* is not made clear.

The President of the new club was Warran Brown, the Victorian manager of Elders IXL Wines and Spirit Division, Vice-President, Allan Miller, a golf professional, Winemaster, was listed as *Optional*, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, David Varnton, the Victorian manager of Sidchrome, and completing the Committee were, John Kingdom, general manager of Superbrokers, Ian Cameron, a manager, and Jim Gillespie, the Victorian manager of Pro-Simmon.

200 BATHURST, NSW

At its 14 November 1983 meeting, the Club Committee awarded the two hundredth Charter to eight petitioners from Bathurst, a town in New South Wales, and from one its suburbs, Kelso. They came from a variety of backgrounds, as revealed in the next paragraph.

The President of the new club of Bathurst was John Michael Hayes, engineer, Vice-President, John Pauling, a newsagent, Winemaster Arthur Davis, a spirit merchant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Godfrey Bliss, a surveyor, with other members of the Committee being Richard Garvey, a clerk, Rod Smith, a wool buyer, David Morrow, a lecturer, and Peter Johnson, a master painter.

201 GYMPIE, QLD

Seven petitioners from the town of Gympie in Queensland were awarded the two hundred and one Charter by the Club Committee on 9 April 1984.

The President of the new club was Martin Conroy, a solicitor, Vice-President, Ian Pedley, a journalist, Winemaster, Peter Wornham, an electrical engineer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Phil Maier, a clerk, with the other petitioners completing the Committee: Ian Campbell-Wilson, a Queensland rail employee, Norm Josefski, a dental technician, and Ron Lawrence, an ambulance supervisor.

202 MANLY HARBOUR, QLD

Eight petitioners from professional and managerial backgrounds applied for Charter for a new *branch* (although an accompanying letter listed fifteen foundation members), with the Club Committee awarding Charter two hundred and two at its meeting on 18 June

1984. The petitioners were members of the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, the first letters of which was the name they submitted for their *branch* of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. However, the Club Committee rejected that “as it seemed to limit membership to RQ Yacht Club members by reason of its title”. The General Secretary, Bill Russell, contacted the nominated President, who approved the change to Manley Harbour.

The President of the new club was Rod Graham, a company director, Vice-President, Des O’Neill, a manager, Winemaster, Tom Philipson, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lionel Hendy, a chartered accountant, and making up the Committee was Doug Baker, an engineer.

203 BLACK SWAN, SA¹⁹⁵

On 18 August 1984, the Club Committee awarded the two hundred and third Charter to seven women in the Coonawarra region of South Australia, thereby becoming the fifth female-only *branch*. The petitioners included three increasingly well-known names in the wine industry, Bowen, Hollick and Stehbens (Katnook). Interestingly, the petition had written in pencil below the names, “Marital status of the above: all married”. The reason for this is uncertain, possibly to guide the correct title in any mail correspondence.

President of the new club was Wendy Wade, a teacher, Vice-President, Catherine Heyn, a teacher, Winemaster, Margaret Ross-Smith, a clerk, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Michelle Stehbens, a teacher, with the other members of the Committee being, Joy Bowen, a vigneron, Wendy Hollick, a vigneron, and Kirsty Bailey, home duties.

204 TABLETOP, QLD

Twenty-six petitioners, including ten married couples, from Toowoomba, Queensland, were awarded the two hundred and fourth Charter by the Club Committee at its 15 October 1984 meeting. At the time, there were two existing clubs in Toowoomba, Toowoomba (No 27) and Toowoomba-Wheatsheaf (No 96), so the petitioners called theirs Tabletop Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.¹⁹⁶ The petitioners came from a range of backgrounds, many professional. Most of the women listed home duties, although a couple were teachers.

The President of the new club was Dorne Wallace, Home Duties, Vice-President, Gerard Franzmann, an engineer, Winemaster, Terrence Kehoe, a civil engineer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Narelle Ryan, home duties, with other members of the Committee being Robyn Kehoe, home duties, and Patricia Shrapnel, home duties.

¹⁹⁵ From the 2005-06 Handbook on, in the club details section the name appeared as Black Swans, although in the club listings at the front of the Handbook it remained as Black Swan until the first digital version in 2016.

¹⁹⁶ Jeff Prebble, the second President of Tabletop recounts: “The title of our Beef Steak and Burgundy Club generated healthy discussion particularly after a few wines. **Tabletop** was chosen as it reflected the geography of Toowoomba, a nearby landmark (Tabletop Mountain) and encapsulated a top night eating and drinking at a table”.



MEMBERS of Toowoomba's newest Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Tabletop, dined at the Lock Yuen Cafe. Standing (l-r) are, secretary Narelle Ryan, president Dorne Wallace and Tricia Shrapnel. Seated are food and wine consultants Robyn and Terry Kehoe. — Photo by Beverley Lacey.

The Tabletop Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was an initiative of Dorne and Stephen Wallace. They invited some of their friends to meet monthly on a Friday night for good food, wine and company. By intention it was a couples event, not just men. Dorne tells the story of those early days:

“My husband Stephen and I moved back to Toowoomba (which is my home town) in 1981 for him to take-up a position with Toowoomba City Council. Our son Benson was 2 and I was soon pregnant again so I sought out some past university friends and acquaintances for playgroup opportunities for Ben, as well as socialising for us.

Our friendship circle quickly expanded, made up of people like us - young professionals with young families looking to get together and enjoy each others' company, often with our children, but also without.

Very close friends of Stephen and myself lived in Maryborough (QLD) where they were members of a mixed Beefsteak and Burgundy club [Maryborough (No 129)]. On our many visits in the early 1980s, we would often attend their monthly dinners held at the Wide Bay Club and which were always great fun with great food, wine and conversation.

And so, I thought that this might be of interest to our group of friends, who loved the idea when I broached the topic. And so, I began my research and started conversations, realising that we needed a certain number to *charter* a club. Even with us proposing that both husbands and wives be members we needed more people to join us and so each of our core couples set about recruiting others who shared the ethos of a great night out based on food, wine, conversation and friendship.

I planned our *test* dinner from my hospital bed in February 1984 having given birth to our third child Lachlan. It was held at the Allan Cunningham Motel restaurant where I found a chef willing to work outside their usual menu and design and cook something to suit my ideas. This was actually quite a difficult thing to negotiate in those days, with most restaurants only wanting to offer you a set menu. From the outset we wanted the focus to be as much on interesting food as well as great wines and wanted the option to match the menu and our wines.

The night was a roaring success, with from memory about 24 attending and a commitment made to progress the idea of becoming a fully chartered Beefsteak & Burgundy club. We applied to the Head Club in Adelaide, found our required members, decided on Tabletop as our name and set about planning our monthly dinners, finally becoming a Chartered Club in October 1984.

Our club suited our generation and lifestyle at the time, being quite informal, which differed from many other clubs at the time, which were more formal. We were very loud and proud!

Because we all had young families, committing to a year of being Food or Wine Master was too difficult, so we had the rule that member couples would each take responsibility for organising and hosting a monthly dinner meeting. This worked well to share the burden of being Wine and Food Master and allowed each organising couple to put their own spin on the evening.

We had the traditional masked wine challenge; we had wine and food quizzes; we had the chef give us mini lessons on how to prepare the evening's dish; we had themed cuisine nights where we dressed accordingly; we had casual events at each other's homes; and so on. And all of it so much FUN!"



Dorne and Stephen Wallace departed Toowoomba at the end of 1985 to live on the Sunshine Coast, but continued to attend regular meetings for some time. A core of

founding Charter members continued for many years, following the model that had been established and bringing similarly minded member couples into the club, leading at one stage to a Waiting List. The membership over the club's nearly forty year's history has been strongly committed to the club's success. And to having fun and enjoying each other's company, as shown in the following photos of club functions:





There was always lots of fun.

Sometimes there was a dress up night. Like the Fancy Hat Night:



The Roaring Twenties Night:



The Republic Debate Night:





However, the main component was the good company.

The current club membership is full at 30 and has a number of people on a waiting list. Members ages range from 40's into the 60's and maintain the same structure as originally founded by Dorne Wallace.

Members meet on the first Friday of each month and have a roster for member couples or singles to organise dinner venues and menus. Wines are arranged with the help of the Winemaster; the club does not maintain a cellar.

The club's strength is in its friendships, the diversity of members and members' willingness to share new venues, cuisines and wines. Seeking these out is half the fun and challenge. Members also enjoy travelling to either their local wine region Stanthorpe for a bi-annual weekend trip or to Brisbane restaurants for dinners.

All in all, the Tabletop Club is in good shape as a Beefsteak and Burgundy club.

205 CAIRNS, QLD

Eight petitioners from the Cairns area of Queensland were granted the two hundred and fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 11 March 1985. The petitioners largely came from a professional or managerial background.

President of the new club was Neil DaCosta, a director, Vice-President, Nick Hulme, a broker, Winemaster, Paul Warren, a management consultant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Adrian Leeming, an accountant, with other members of the Committee being Robert Kidman, a manager, Gary Norman, a director, W Glynn Johns, an hotelier, and Michael Smythe, an engineer.

No details of Office-Bearers or contact details were listed in the 1991/92 Handbook and the club was not listed in the 1993/1994 Handbook, which suggests the club ceased operating in 1991.

206 BERMAGUI, NSW

Following correspondence initiated in October 1984 by Dr John Bennett, a Charter, two hundred and six, was authorised at the 13 May 1985 Club Committee meeting for six petitioners and their wives to form a club in Bermagui, a town on the South Coast of New South Wales.

The President of the new club was Arnold Nordin, a merchant, Vice-President, Nan Bennett, Winemaster, John Bennett, a “medico”, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Geoff Clegg, a postmaster, Foodmaster, Ingrid Nordin, with other members of the Committee being Max Nurn, retired, Reg Loveland, retired, and Tom Heddles, retired.

The club sent a copy of their minutes to the General Secretary dated 10 November 1999 dissolving the club. They also returned the Charter and copy of the final bank statement.¹⁹⁷

207 HAMILTON, NZ

The Club Committee on 12 November 1985 approved the granting of Charter 207 to petitioners from Hamilton, New Zealand.

The birthplace of the club was the Officer’s Mess at the Te Rapa Airforce Base, when Wing Commander W D (Bill) Shotton in 1982 invited officers to luncheon, to partake of fine food and wines in a convivial manner. Like minded men from other bodies joined them. When Bill retired from the Air Force a couple of years later, his successor was not interested in continuing the luncheons.

This meant the loss of the services of the Air Force chefs (an added bonus) and caused the group to seek an alternative venue which they duly did, meeting at Harwood House, an upmarket Hamilton restaurant. The idea of affiliating with the Beefsteak & Burgundy Club in Adelaide was floated and became a reality when the Hamilton *branch* was chartered on 12 November 1985. Bill Shotten had occasionally experienced the Beefsteak

¹⁹⁷ Club Committee Minutes 15 December 1999

and Burgundy Club at Wellington when stationed there and in his words, “came to admire the concept of your organisation”.

The President of the new club was Bill Shotton, Vice-President, Andrew Geddes, an Air NZ manager, Winemaster, Emrys Evan, a fire force commander, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Squadron Leader David Hall, with other members of the Committee being Clive (Bomber) Estcourt, retired, Clive Cleland, an accountant (honorary auditor), Bob Evered, retired, and Les Hill, a chartered accountant. Other petitioners were R Howard, an AMP manager, C Raddock, retired, and Richard Jobson, a sheriff. Other foundation members were John Hogg, Theo Roy, Graeme McColl and John Folkard.

From Harewood House the club moved to Montana restaurant briefly, then Gainsborough House and after several different establishments they settled on Quality Inn, where the Executive Chef Barry, and his staff took great joy in preparing out of the ordinary luncheons.

Over the years the Club, of course, has had a number of changes of chef, but all have been happy to take up where their predecessor had left off, as in most instances they had been the sous chef.

Some club members had for some time been attending conventions in Australia, proposing that a convention be held in Hamilton, until finally this became a reality in 2001. In the meantime, the club had grown, soon reaching the maximum of 30 members. The club’s members had crossed the Tasman to nearly every convention and had taken copious notes on what to do, and more importantly – what not to do! On subsequent visits across the ditch, our Aussie friends continued to relate to us how they felt our Club’s was the best they had ever attended

Members of course came and went; the Club still has three founding members continuing, all of whom are Life members; Bill Shotton, Clive Estcourt and Clive Cleland. They had all been given Life membership after many years of meritorious service. Other life members who have since passed away were Emrys Evans and Bob Evered.

When Bill Shotton stood down as President, he assumed the post of cellar and foodmaster which he held for 17 years, and in 2004 Bevan Bradding who in Bill’s latter years had been his assistant, took over the reins. This role he held for 10 years until Peter Shaw who had been his assistant for several years became the latest. Life membership was then conferred upon Bevan.

Office bearers since chartering include the following:

President:	Secretary:
1985 – 1987 Bill Shotton	1985 – 1999 Clive Estcourt
1987 – 1989 Andy Geddes	1999 – 2020 Clive Cleland
1989 – 1991 Clive Cleland	2020 - 2023 Brian Smith
1991 – 1993 Emrys Evans	
1993 – 1995 Richard Jopson	Cellarmaster:
1995 – 1997 Tony Schramm	1985 – 1987 Emrys Evans
1997 – 1999 Ivan Strathern	1987 – 2004 Bill Shotton

1099 – 2001 Bevan Braddin

2001 – 2003 Dennis Sexton

2003 – 2005 Mike Hanaray

2005 – 2006 John McLean

2007 – 2009 Brian Hare

2009 – 2011 Peter Shaw

2011 – 2013 John McWilliam

2013 – 2015 Peter de Luca

2015 – 2020 Ron Backhouse

2020 – 2021 Sam Armstrong

2021 – 2023 Warren Storm

2004 – 2014 Bevan Bradding

2014 – 2023 Peter Shaw

208 VERITAS, SA

The nine petitioners for a new *branch* named Veritas were unusual in that they comprised eight women and one man. They came from a variety of backgrounds, with two registered nurses, a teacher, marketing manager, secretary, clerk, personnel consultant and a solicitor. They also came from suburbs around the full circumference of Adelaide. They were granted the two hundred and eighth petition by the Club Committee at its meeting on 13 May 1986.

President of the new club was Judith Patricia O'Halloran, a personnel consultant, Vice-President Christopher Stephen Gallagher, a solicitor, Winemaster, Judith O'Halloran at first, with the petition indicating that each member would take turns thereafter, Secretary and Treasurer, Ann Vandeppeer, a teacher, with other members of the Committee being Margot Doyle, a registered nurse, Moya Stevens, a marketing manager, Sandra Lennon, a registered nurse, and Jenny Gamlen, a clerk. The other petitioner was Barbara Holland, a secretary.

In chasing up the Affiliation Fee for the Veritas Club for the 1999/2000 year, the then General Secretary, Bill Dand, was informed that the club had been dissolved.¹⁹⁸ Subsequently a letter was received, advising the club was dissolved on 20 March 2000. The remaining funds of \$74.25 (2021 \$124.06) were donated to The Daniel Pontifex Memorial Trust in accordance with the constitution. The club charter had been lost.¹⁹⁹

209 JUBILEE, SA

Twelve women from Adelaide, eight of whom were teachers, were granted Charter Two Hundred and Nine by the Club Committee at its meeting on 17 June 1986. In doing so, they became the sixth female-only club, following the Alexandra (No 167), Bayettes (No 169), Brolga (No 182), Blumers (No 191) and Black Swan (No 203) clubs.

¹⁹⁸ Club Committee Minutes 15 March 2000

¹⁹⁹ Club Committee Minutes 10 May 2000

The first President of the new club was Pamela Gascoigne, a teacher, Vice-President, Pamela Lloyd, Winemaster, Anne Andrews, a physiotherapist, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Irena Skrzypczak, a teacher, with the other members of the committee being Lesley O’Loughlin, a teacher, and Angela Taylor, also a teacher.

The club ceased in 1996. The Club Committee minutes note that the “President and Secretary resigned as no one turned up for their AGM, a special meeting being called to dissolve the club”.²⁰⁰ However, the February 1997 minutes record that a letter was received from the President of the club advising the club had been dissolved and minutes of the Special General Meetings held on 15 October, 12 November and a Special Committee Meeting of 19 November 1996 were enclosed.²⁰¹

210 MIDDLEBACK, SA

Ten petitioners, seven of whom were in the medical profession²⁰², were granted Charter Two Hundred and Ten by the Club Committee at its meeting on 8 September 1986.²⁰³ Although named as the Middleback Club it was focussed on Glen Osmond in Adelaide. Their Charter was presented by President Graeme Townsend at a dinner on 26 September 1986 at the Gatehouse Motel.

President of the new club was Bill Walker, a retailer, Vice-President, Rob Brooks, an anaesthetist, Winemaster, Anthony Benny, also an anaesthetist, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, George Tolstoshev, a physician, and Committee member, Graham Derry, an agent.

211 NEPEAN, VIC

Fourteen petitioners, from professional and commercial backgrounds, were granted Charter two hundred and eleven for the new club of Nepean, centred on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 March 1987.

The President of the new club was Gordon Brennan, a retailer, Vice-President, Michael Cross, a medical practitioner, Winemaster, John Ross, an estate agent, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Biddle, a public accountant, and Kerrin O’Connor, a retailer, as a member of the committee.

212 BEIJING, CHINA

The Beijing Club was formed by eight Australian expatriates, who were stationed in Beijing representing some of Australia’s most significant companies. Their Charter was approved by the Club Committee at its meeting on 10 March 1987.

The President of the new club was C Warren Reedman, the Chief Representative of BHP International Holdings Limited, Vice-President was Barry Neal, managing director of

²⁰⁰ Club Committee Minutes 4 November 1996

²⁰¹ Club Committee Minutes 3 February 1997

²⁰² Several of whom had been members of the Whyalla Club (No 15)

²⁰³ The Club Handbook has the date incorrectly stated as 8 August 1986

Barry F Neal & Co, whose head office was in North Sydney, Winemaster, Brian Merrett, Chief Representative of Australia CRA Limited, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Graeme Hargreaves, Chief Representative of Westpac Banking Corporation, while other members of the Committee were: Andrew Pattenden, the Beijing manager of the Elders International Group, John Garrard, the National Australia Bank Representative, and Ron Willard, the Manager for Qantas in China. The other petitioner was Allen Tuite, the Chief Beijing Representative for the ANZ Bank.

When he sent the General Secretary, Bill Russell, the petition, Warren Reedman said that they were very lucky in having two people “who are quite knowledgeable regarding wine”, although he did not say who they were. Interestingly, he also stated that “Through necessity membership will have to be multinational but our constitution will enable Club control to remain with Australians”.

Certainly, the club quickly drew other than Australian members, including Howard Bennett, originally from England, who arrived in Beijing in late May 1989 to open a hotel for the Holiday Inn chain.

At the time, the club would meet at the five-star Jianguo Hotel, invariably in the small back meeting room, which given the time period were most intimate gatherings of about 16-20 members, and guests; the lunches would go on quite late. Once the Holiday Inn Downtown Beijing opened, Howard hosted a luncheon at the property in January 1991.

In 1998 the club had a *ladies night* at which there were 80 members and guests attending, which showed that the club was going well. It even had its own air-conditioned cellars.²⁰⁴

The club was acknowledged as being very influential in the formation of other Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, such as Shanghai (No 238), Singapore (No 253), Bangkok (No 249) and Copenhagen (No 255)²⁰⁵, to which later Southern Sweden (No 293) could be added.

²⁰⁴ Club Committee Minutes 2 February 1998

²⁰⁵ Club Committee Minutes 20 February 2008



Photo of Beijing Club members and guests (including Adelaide Club members Peter Johnston, Phil Kleinig, David Dyke and Michael Madigan) in 2012 on the occasion of the celebration of its 25 Years Anniversary.

213 PICA, VIC

Ten petitioners, all holding director or managerial positions in firms connected with the printing industry, were granted the two hundred and thirteenth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 14 July 1987.

The first President of the new club of Pica, focused on South Melbourne, was Trevor Hone, general manager of Avon Graphics, Vice-President, Chris Michaelides, the managing director of Moorabbin Printing, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Steve Morrison, managing director of the Nerve Centre, South Melbourne, and member of the committee, Brian Campisi, the sales director of Florimont Printers Hawthorn. The Winemaster and Foodmaster position was to be undertaken by club members on a rotation basis.

The club ceased operating in 1994, as when reporting at the October 1994 Club Committee meeting on the payment of the Affiliation Fees by the clubs, the General Secretary stated that the Pica Club was “defunct”.²⁰⁶ It appears that the Pica Club ceased operating around the same time as the Omnivores Club (No 231) began in September 1993, as Trevor Hone and Steve Morrison were involved in the establishment of the

²⁰⁶ Club Committee Minutes 4 October 1994

Omnivores Club, either precipitating, or as a consequence, of the demise of the Pica Club. The club is recorded as being “defunct” in September 1994 in the 1992-94 accounting records book kept by the General Secretary.

Two years later, the General Secretary, Bill Dand, reported receiving a letter advising that the Pica Club had not met for the last two years, although there was “a move afoot to reunite”. However, the Club Committee “was inclined not to renew their membership at this point of time”.²⁰⁷

214 ST FRANCIS, USA

The Club Committee at its 7 September 1987 meeting was pleased to approve Charter Two hundred and fourteen for the St Francis Club in San Francisco, the United States of America. The connection with Beefsteak and Burgundy appears to have resulted from connections from yachting with the RPAYC Club (No 119), members of whom attended the Charter dinner and presented the Charter on behalf of the Club Committee. A prime connection may have been Carl Wendt who was executive chef at the St Francis Yacht Club.

There were ten petitioners, mainly from professional, managerial and commercial backgrounds and there is the possibility that some were expatriates of Australia. President of the new club was William Carter, a managing director, Vice-President, James O'Donnell, a physician, Winemaster, Tom Conroy, a manufacturing representative, Foodmaster, Carl Wendt, an executive chef, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Paul Erickson, in real estate development, with other members of the committee being Bob Scott, a corporate executive and Ted Eden, an architect.

The club did not appear to have a broader sense of the Beefsteak and Burgundy movement, based upon a comment in the Club Committee minutes. A member of the Club Committee, Jon Gilbert, expressed great disappointment “at the apparent disinterest shown him concerning his appointment with the St Francis President during his visit.” David Crosby was reported as experiencing similar treatment.²⁰⁸

As part of his visits as President to Beefsteak and Burgundy Clubs outside Australia and New Zealand, Keith Gramp reported on his visit to the St Francis Club. He wrote, “Longstanding Secretary Paul Erickson (who is ‘half Australian’) presided at a dinner in the absence of the Club President. It is a small group of eight – three have died in the past six months”.²⁰⁹

In August 1996, along with their Affiliation Fee, the club advised the General Secretary, Bill Dand, “we have merged with San Francisco Society of Bacchus, affiliated with the Guild of Sommeliers”. Several exclamation marks followed this minute!²¹⁰

On 13 April 1999, in response to an enquiry about Beefsteak and Burgundy Clubs in the United States of America, the General Secretary, Bill Dand, wrote, “Yes, we did have a

²⁰⁷ Club Committee Minutes 8 October 1996

²⁰⁸ Club Committee Minutes 7 November 1988

²⁰⁹ *B&Bulletin* November 1993

²¹⁰ Club Committee Minutes 12 August 1996

club in San Francisco. A couple of years ago they decided to amalgamate with a Bacchus Club there. I wrote on a number of times but did not hear any more from them. Accordingly, they have been deleted off our register”.²¹¹

Interestingly he reported he had an email from Paul Erickson advising that they wished to re-join the B&B and that the affiliation fee and late fee had since been paid.²¹² There is no evidence that the intent was actualised.

215 YARRA FALLS, VIC

On 7 September 1987 the Club Committee awarded the two hundred and fifteenth Charter to a group of petitioners from suburbs to the north of the CBD in Melbourne, Victoria, who established the mixed club of Yarra Falls. The group had their establishment meeting on 5 August, 1987 at a dinner at the Spades Café in Abbotsford.²¹³

The President of the new club was John Milroy Macklin, a manager, Vice-President, William Henry Taylor, Winemaster, John Edward Annison, a nurse, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Sandra Rae Hills, an administrator, with other members of the committee being, John Malcolm Burgess, Robert Thomason, a manager, Vicki Fisher, an admissions officer for RMIT, and Karen Nankervis.

John Macklin, a future General Secretary, assisted the founding members in getting the club established and was one of its founding members, largely because he and his wife, Rosemary, could then participate together in the club activities. Members were delighted that John and Rosemary were able to participate in their 20th Anniversary dinner at the time he was General Secretary.

216 MACKAY, QLD

Twelve petitioners from Mackay, largely from professional and commercial backgrounds, were granted the two hundred and sixteenth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 6 October 1987.

The President of the new club was Barry Porter, Managing Director of Porters Timber and Hardware, Vice-President, Adrian Gibson, an insurance officer, Winemaster, Geoff Carhart, a builder, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Paul Penridge, a solicitor, with other members on the committee being Barry Richards, a real estate agent, and Tony Wallace, a solicitor.

217 THE HILLS, NSW

As part of the correspondence for the 1 August 1988 Club Committee meeting, it was noted that correspondence had been received seeking to establish The Hills Beefsteak and Burgundy Club at Castle Hill, New South Wales. The petition was approved at the

²¹¹ Email from Bill Dand, General Secretary, to Frank Siegel, a former Secretary of the Beijing Club (No 212), Re: B&B Seattle, 13 April 1999. Frank had moved back to Seattle and there several other ex-members of the Beijing Club in the area and he hoped to establish a club in Seattle. Unfortunately, it did not eventuate.

²¹² Club Committee Minutes 15 December 1999

²¹³ Letter to General Secretary, Bill Russell, from John Annison 18 August 1987

following month's Committee meeting on 5 September. However, it was noted that the Charter date would be recorded as 8 August 1988, with no reason given for doing so. On the petition the establishment meeting was stated as being 8 August 1988.

There were ten petitioners, one of whom, a doctor, was female. They came from mainly managerial backgrounds.

The first President of the new club was Roger Bower-Williams, a doctor, Vice-President, Howard Gower, a director, Winemaster Ross Colosimo, a company director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Douglas Hamilton, a manager, with other members of the Committee being Grahame Wheatley, a manager, and Juliet Bower-Williams, a doctor.

The club appears to have folded in 1994. In addressing the receipt of Affiliation Fees at the November 1996 Club Committee meeting, the General Secretary reported that for the past two years the President of the Hills Club had been paying the fee himself. "He was hopeful of resurrecting the club and wishes to remain on the register for the time being".²¹⁴ The club was not listed in the 1997-98 Handbook. In March 1998, Douglas Hamilton, who was listed as the President and Honorary Secretary of the club in the 1996/97 Handbook, advised the General Secretary that he had been able to re-establish the club.²¹⁵ However, the club was not listed in the 1998/99 Handbook, nor any subsequent one.

218 THE NEVER NEVER LADIES, NT

Thirty petitioners sought approval to establish what was the seventh female-only Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. They were residents of the town of Katherine in the Northern Territory and decided to call their *branch* The Never Never Ladies, which was one of the suggested names given by the General Secretary, Bill Russell when he sent them the petition form, although he may have been reflecting prior conversations.

The two hundred and eighteenth Charter was approved by the Club Committee at its Committee meeting on 7 November 1988.

The petitioners came from a wide variety of backgrounds, although predominant amongst them were those involved in commercial businesses, housewives and those involved in an aspect of medicine.

The first President of the new club was Jane Anderson, a restauranter, Vice-President, Cassandra Hoppo, a cosmetician, Winemaster, MaggieTewatti, a housewife, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Tania Evans, a dispensary assistant, while making up the Committee were Leonie Sawyer, a nursing sister, Anne Wiggan, a dispensary assistant and Marion Keorner. Bill Russell circled the last person name on the petition, noting that she was not a petitioner and not on the Charter.

²¹⁴ Club Committee Minutes 4 November 1996

²¹⁵ Club Committee Minutes 5 March 1998

219 PORT HACKING, NSW

There was a Port Hacking Club previously named Port Hacking (No 71), but it ceased operations in 1984. The Club Committee told the twenty-two new petitioners that they could call their club by the same name, but that it was not a continuation of the old club and would be given a new Charter.²¹⁶

According they were awarded Charter two hundred and nineteen by the Club Committee at its meeting on 4 January 1989. The petitioners came from a wide variety of backgrounds – professional, commercial, management and trades.

The first President of the new club was Brian Wilson, real estate agent, Vice-President, Laurie Carroll, company director, Winemaster, Robert Graham, dental surgeon, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Andrew Harris, real estate developer, with Philip Tinslay, Foodmaster, insurance broker, completing the committee membership.

220 CAIRNS STINGERS, QLD

Seven petitioners, two of whom were female, applied to establish a second club in Cairns, the first [Cairns (No 205)] having been established four years earlier. As with that club most of the six came from managerial and professional backgrounds. The Club Committee granted them Charter two hundred and twenty at their meeting on 6 March 1989.

The first President of the new club was Murray Shepherd, a manager, there was no Vice-President nominated, Winemaster, Yvonne O'Hara, marketing, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, David Adams, a technical teacher, with the rest of the petitioners making up the remainder of the Committee: Scott Wilson, radiographer, Geoff Lyons, a managing director, Lynne Pickering, manager of apprentices, and Chris Dunn, a manager.

It was not listed in the 1998 – 99 Handbook, so presumed that it ceased operating in 1998.

221 ALICE SPRINGS, NT

Eight petitioners, from mainly professional and commercial backgrounds in Alice Springs, were awarded the two hundred and twenty-one Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 3 April 1989.

The first President of the new club was Paul Pringle, chiropractor, Vice-President, Peter Norton, real estate agent, Winemaster Ron Tremaine, restaurateur, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Jack Wolstencroft, accountant, with the other four petitioners completing the Committee: Ben Smith, company director, Chris Turner, solicitor, Harvey Millard, retailer and John McCarthy, defence force at Pine Gap.

²¹⁶ Club Committee Minutes 7 November 1988

There had previously been an Alice Springs Club (No 34), which ceased operating in 1982. This was its renewal, as evidenced by a letter from Ron Tremaine to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, which stated:

I am currently operating two restaurants in Alice Springs, one of which – the Overlander Steakhouse – has been in operation for some 18 years and is a significant facility in the Northern Territory.

I have been approached by some local residents who have asked me to reinstate the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club which I gather has not been operating for several years.

For your information I am the previous operator of the Old Lion Hotel and Ayers House Hotel in South Australia.

My close friend, Mr David Crosby, has suggested he might make himself available to present the charter to the group in July this year when he plans to be in the Northern Territory on holidays.²¹⁷

In a letter nearly two months later, Ron writes that they have “22 starters” for the club.²¹⁸

Apparently, in 1988 Ron was struggling to get his customers at Bojangles to stop drinking plonk and enjoy some of the better wines he stocked. His solution was to start a new chapter of Beefsteak & Burgundy. With seven other wine aficionados, Ron submitted an application to the Club in Adelaide, forgetting only to add his own name to the application.

By early the next February, Jack Wolstencroft, a chartered accountant, optimistically deposited \$500 into a new account in the name of a new Alice Springs Beefsteak and Burgundy club. Jack was to be both Treasurer and Secretary of the club, serving as Secretary for more than 11 years. Within a month or two, David Crosby made his way to Alice Springs to meet Ron Tremaine. Ron was unfortunately out bush, setting up his new bush restaurant, so David proudly took his gift, an aged bottle of Grange Hermitage, out bush. He was not impressed with the metal pannikins brought out to serve as wine glasses, but nonetheless agreed with them receiving a charter.

The Charter No. 221 was presented in person by David Crosby at Overlander's Steakhouse on 30 June 1989. Actual glass stemware was used in place of pannikins and David proceeded to correctly identify four masked wines by vineyard and vintage, a feat which has likely not been repeated in the club.

The Charter lists seven other founders, in addition to Jack Wolstencroft. The first President, Paul Pringle, a local chiropractor, dropped out of the club in July 1992 and later moved to Ireland. Now 81, Paul is still in Ireland and specialises in work with horses.

The Vice-President, Peter Norton, was a realtor who established Peter Norton Real Estate, later Framptons Real Estate, which now is a part of First National. Like Pringle, Norton's tenure was short and he left the club he helped found by early 1991, moving to

²¹⁷ Letter from Ron Tremaine to Bill Russell 3 January 1989

²¹⁸ Letter from Ron Tremaine to Bill Russell 28 February 1989

the Sunshine Coast. Coincidentally, David Forrest, a former president of Alice Springs B&B, is currently CEO of First National Real Estate.



Winemaster was of course Ron Tremaine, best known in Alice Springs for starting Bojangles, best known in South Australia for managing Ayers House and the Lion Hotel, and best known throughout Australia for feeding dog food in pasta sauce to Marlene Dietrich (shown with Ron at left). Ron set up the club's first wine cellar behind Bojangles, where he hosted many dinner meetings and Wednesday afternoon business meetings. Ron also hosted the club at his bush restaurant and from his home on Ragonesi Road. Ron is now retired in Rapid Bay, SA, but you can hear some of his stories in an interview with Richard Fidler on the ABC Radio web site (google Marlene

Dietrich and dog food).

Next on the list of founders is Harvey Millard, a retailer and council member who owned the Eastside Foodland. Harvey seems to be best remembered for enjoying a drink and cigar inside the Eastside Foodland cool room. Harvey soon left the club and passed away many years ago.

Another founder, with a short tenure in the club, was John McCarthy, the Deputy Chief of Facility at Pine Gap, who left when he was recalled to Canberra. John returned to Alice Springs in the mid 1990's but declined to rejoin the club - he claimed he wasn't much of a drinker and didn't care for monkey suits.

Founder Chris Turner stayed active in the club for about five years; he is currently the Council Solicitor for the Alice Springs Town Council.

The eighth founder was Ben Smith, owner of Centralian Motors. There is no record of Ben being active in the club though his brother, Didi Smith of Mount Allan Station, was a frequent attendee in the early years.

So, by mid-1992 five of the eight founders were no longer active; however, the club was doing very well. Within 18 months of its founding the club had 32 "Ordinary" members plus two Life Members (Des Burns and Len Kittle, who received the title just based on age), which totalled four over the maximum allowed by club Bylaws. Alice Springs is said to be the first club to not count life members in the 30-person limit and even experimented with non-voting membership, having five such members in 1992.

Besides the founders the charter dinner in 1989 had 18 other guests including Pat Brennan, Jim Burgess, Erwin Chlanda, Brian Daenke, Len Kittle, Alan Murray, Murray Neck, Tony O'Brien, Bill O'Flaherty, Peter Sitzler and Didi Smith. Many members have come and gone over the years, but some of the more active ones in the early years included Keith Lock, Bill Muddle, Brendon Heenan and Greg Marshall joining in 1991. Steve O'Burtill joined in 1992 along with Peter Brooks, Eric Neil and Ted O'Dea. Don Simkins and Kerry Rickards joined in 1993, Terry Lillis in 1995, Tom Slattery and Michael Pawelski in 1996, John Stirk and David Koch in 1998 and both Al DeSalvio and Brian Rock in 2000.

In addition to the Overlander, early meetings were at Bojangles, Pine Gap (it's true, the date was December 1990), the Vista Hotel, the Ghan, the Bradshaw room at the Sheraton, the high-rollers room at the Casino (with Peter Bridge), Puccini's when it was in back of the Verde club on Undoolya Rd, the Ford Resort, Ross River, Ayer's Rock, the airport's Qantas Club (with Kerry Rickards), Glen Helen Resort, the Red Centre Resort (with Ted O'Dea) and Rossini's (also Ted O'Dea). Unlike today, smoking was quite common at dinner meetings, which caused a problem when the club met at the Gillen House, a tourism school that didn't allow smoking. Brian Danke and Didi Smith once took the lack of ashtrays as an oversight on the part of management and repurposed the butter dishes.

Many of the club's annual July AGM dinner meetings were held at Lasseters Casino, as was the 10th Anniversary dinner in March 1999, featuring the 1989 Irvine Grand Merlot (judged best in the world) and a 1993 Grange Hermitage.

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In 1997 Ron and Jack travelled to the Beefsteak and Burgundy convention in Cobram and regaled the attendees with mesmerizing tales of the exotic town of Alice Springs, pitching it as the ideal location for the year 2000 convention. Follow-up presentations at Broken Hill and Launceston sealed the deal, bringing 250 conventioners to Alice Springs on April 14, 2000. The Alice Springs women's B&B club joined our men's club in planning the event.

Prior to the convention, Tony O'Brien served three candidate wines at the casino without letting us know it was the same wine (two different temperatures and one repeatedly decanted) and sadly fooled all the members.

The club's formal dinner for the Convention was at the Road Transport Hall of Fame, where Ron Tremaine cooked all the steaks on his signature set of large Weber kettle barbecues. It was an outstanding success that utilized the casino, the winery, the old Ghan, and the Road Transport hall of Fame, all to great effect, in spite of an epic flood that closed Barrett Drive on the last day.

The Alice Spring Beefsteak and Burgundy Club upholds a tradition of all members and guests attending meetings dressed in 'formal attire' consisting of a formal dinner suit and bow tie.

During 2021, the club had a special weekend away, travelling to Uluru with partners, which provided a different environment for members to bond and share in the appreciation of fine wine and food. On another occasion, members caught buses to the "middle of nowhere" to have dinner under a blood moon.

The cellar is a 20-foot air-conditioned shipping container. It has proved valuable to the club, as it enables the club to provide good quality and aged wines for its meetings; this also enables savings in its wine costs.

The club invites partners of members to join them once a year at its December meeting.



As the 70 Years anniversary of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club approaches in 2024, the Alice Springs B&B Club remains one of the strongest clubs in Australia---the club's membership list is always full; it has maintained the original dress standard dropped by most clubs; and it has an excellent wine cellar. As from the beginning, members continue to celebrate good food, good wine and good companionship, occasional golf-buggy accidents not-withstanding.

The Presidents of Alice Springs Beefsteak & Burgundy have been:

1989/90 – Paul Pringle	1990/91 – Tony O'Brien
1991 – Dave Roberts	1991/92 – Ron Tremaine
1992/93 – Chris Turner	1993 – Michael Scott
1993/95 – Keith Lock	1995/96 – Eric Neil
1996/97 – Steve O'Burtill	1997/98 – Greg Marshall
1998/99 – Terry Lillis	1999/00 – Don Simkins
2000/01 – Michael Pawelski	2001/02 – Brian Rock
2002/03 – Bill Coffee	2003/04 – John Stirk
2004/05 – David Koch	2005/06 – Tom Slattery
2006/07 – Andrew Maloney	2007/08 – John Birch
2008/09 – Peter McDonald	2009/10 – Neil McLeod
2010/11 – David Forrest	2011/12 – Mal Guerin
2012/13 – John Birch	2013/14 – Tony Whitelum
2014/15 – Brian McGrath	2015/16 – Andrew Doyle
2016/17 – Randle Walker	2017/18 – Ren Kelly
2018/19 – Rob Price	2019/20 – Peter Nash
2020/21 – Peter Nash	2021/22 – Peter Nash
2022/23 – Ross Andrews	

222 ACCOLADE, SA

Twenty-three petitioners, including a Past President and then current member of the Adelaide Club Committee, Peter Martindale²¹⁹, sought a Charter for the new club of

²¹⁹ Peter resigned as a member of the Adelaide Club in 1998. Adelaide Club Minutes 3 August 1998

Accolade. Interestingly, in his letter to the General Secretary, Bill Russell, advising of the structure of the club, Peter listed a number of ideas the protagonists had come up with for the new club, including that there be “no more than two thirds of one sex in the group”.²²⁰

Bill Russell had previously written to Peter concerning the intent to form the club stating, “It was pleasing to hear that you are proposing a new mixed B&B club so that you can share the pleasures of B&B with your ladies on a regular basis with the advantage of having relaxing evening functions”.²²¹

The Club Committee granted Charter two hundred and twenty-two to the petitioners at its 4 September 1989 meeting.

The first President of the new club was Wyndham Dix²²², insurance manager, Vice-President Glen Armstrong, finance consultant, Winemaster, Beverley Peart, insurance consultant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lorraine Van Koeverden, Secretary, with Peter Martindale, managing director, and John Rabone, consumer affairs manager, completing the committee.

Their Charter dinner was held at the Feathers Hotel on 25 October 1989.

223 BYRON BAY, NSW

There were only four petitioners for a new club based at Byron Bay in New South Wales, although six names were listed for the committee. They were granted the two hundred and twenty-third Charter at the Club Committee meeting on 4 September 1989.

The first President of the new club was Paul Humphreys, a primary producer, Vice-President, David French, insurance broker, Winemaster, Peter John Roger, a medical practitioner, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Gary Fitzsimmons, pharmacist, with two non-petitioners, Bill Sheaffle and Graham Pearson, completing the committee.

224 BRISBANE CENTRAL, QLD

The Club Committee approved the granting of the two hundred and twenty-fourth Charter to the new *branch* club of Bridgeman in Brisbane at its committee meeting on Monday 4 June 1990.

There were five petitioners for the new club, including Ian Thornquest who had been involved in several clubs already, several as a founding member. He became the Vice-President and Winemaster of the new *branch* club. The President was Paul Zanner, a company director, Honorary Secretary, Ian Thomason, a general manager, Honorary Treasurer, Don Hadwen, a company director, with Denis Murray, an airline manager, completing the Committee.

The name came from the fact that the founding members were friends living in the area of Brisbane name Bridgeman Downs.

²²⁰ Letter from Peter Martindale to Bill Russell 23 August 1989

²²¹ Letter from Bill Russell to Peter Martindale 9 August 1989

²²² Wyndham Dix listed as resigning from the Adelaide Club in the Adelaide Club Minutes 6 June 1989

A request was received by the General Secretary for the Bridgeman Club to undertake a name change to Brisbane Central Beefsteak and Burgundy Club because it was thought that this better reflected the club's broader membership and meeting venues. The change was approved by the Club Committee at its meeting on 16 August 2022 and the club successfully received approval on 30 September 2022 for the change for its incorporated identity under the Queensland Associations Incorporation Act 1981, having become incorporated on 18 June 2010.²²³

225 WEST COAST, WA

Seventeen petitioners for the new *branch* club of West Coast, in Perth, were granted the two hundred and twenty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 1 October 1990.

The petitioners came from a variety of occupations, with just over half holding a managerial position of various levels and areas, while of the others, one was retired, another was a financial planner, another involved in mineral exploration, a couple were in hospitality as a restaurateur and a caterer, two were sales reps, and the last one was a financial controller.

The first President of the new *branch* club was Trevor Beutel, a state manager of a company, Vice-President, Michael Flanagan, a general manager, Wine and Food master Nicholas Skinner, a restaurateur, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Barry Ashbolt, a general manager, with the remainder of the committee comprising Richard McGregor, a financial controller, Clive Miller, a mineral explorer, Sam Musca, a sales rep, and David Purnell, a caterer.

226 ALICE LADIES, NT

There were twenty-eight petitioners, nearly full membership, which came soon after, for a female-only club at Alice Springs, with most from a business background, with many listing their occupation as director. They were granted the two hundred and twenty-sixth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 5 November 1990, becoming the eighth all-female club.

The name settled on for the *branch* club was Alice Ladies. However, their first intent was to call it the Alice Springs Ladies Gourmet Club. They were advised by the General Secretary, Bill Russell, the name was too long and they shortened it to Alice Ladies.²²⁴

The first President of the new club was Sharon Walden, an accountant and office manager, Vice-President, Bronwyn Adami, a director, Wine and Food master, Carole Frost, an executive officer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Jenny Bain, a chef and manager, with Jan Walker, a director, completing the committee.

²²³ Email from John Tathem, Secretary/Treasurer of the Brisbane Central Club, to the General Secretary 6 October 2022

²²⁴ Sharon Walden to the General Secretary 12 October 1990 and 7 November 1990

The club's Charter Dinner was held on 30 November 1990, to which the Alice Springs (No 221) *mens club* was invited. Keith Gramp attended and presented the Charter. He reported back to the Club Committee that it was "a great occasion".²²⁵

227 STONETOWN, CANADA

Pierre Chateauvert founded Stonetown Club after being made an *associate* of Lacedpede Bay Club (No 125) whilst an exchange teacher in the south-east of South Australia. Consequently, of the twenty-three petitioners, it is not surprising that nine were involved in education. Most of the rest came from professional backgrounds, with seven of them medical.

It began with a meeting in Pierre Chateauvert's dining room on 25 September 1991 attended by Pierre, Ron Aitken, Bruce Andrews, Fred Jewson and Martin Wheeler. The concept of starting a branch of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in St Marys, Ontario Canada, was discussed and overwhelmingly agreed upon. It was also agreed they would each invite three guests to an inaugural meeting, which was held on 21 November 1991 at the Westover Inn, St Marys.

Those attending that first meeting were: Ron Aitken, Brian Bestard, Leo Turner, Bruce Andrews, Bob Latham, Dave Greenberg, Bob Swetman, Fred Jewson, Bob Passmore, Brendan Ginty, Bill Osborne, Martin Wheeler, John Burns, Bob Davis, Pierre Chateauvert, Marty Humphrys and Rob Smink, while Allan Davies, Dwayne Hubbard and Rob Linton, who joined the club as original members, were unable to attend.

The meeting selected the name Stonetown Beefsteak and Burgundy Club as the club's official name to be submitted to the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc's committee.

The club's charter date is given as 2 November 1992 (and is so recorded by the General Secretary on the club's petition document); however, the only reference in the Club Committee Minutes to Stonetown is in the discussion on the new Handbook, where it was stated that, "It was agreed that Stonetown and Bunnerong be included although Charters had not been issued". There was not the usual statement of approval of a new charter, while it was normal practice for there to be a delay regarding the issuance of a Charter, while it was being prepared. The Charter was noted on the petition document as being prepared in July 1993 following the visit to the Stonetown Club of the then Club President, Keith Gramp on 29 June 1993. Part of the issue, undoubtedly, was that the petition document, itself, is noted as not being received until 3 July 1993, courtesy of Keith Gramp.

The President of the new Stonetown Club was Pierre Chateauvert, a teacher, Vice-President, Fred Jewson, a physician, Wine and Food master, Bob Latham, a teacher, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, David Greenberg, a journalist, with the remainder of the committee being Brian Bestard, a consultant, Brendan Ginty, a manager, Robert Smink, a CEO and Martin Wheeler, a physician.

²²⁵ Club Committee Minutes 3 December 1990

As noted above, the club was honoured to host and entertain the President of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, Keith Gramp in June 1993 as part of his trip to visit various B&B clubs around the world. He was a guest at the Stonetown Club's regular Thursday night meeting; visited Niagara vineyards and Niagara Falls with Pierre Chateauvert and Bob Latham on the Friday; followed by a special potluck supper at the Chateauvert residence of members and their wives, with Keith as the honoured guest. Members found him to be very friendly and gracious and a worthy representative of the parent club.

The club decided in September 2003 to establish a wine cellar, with the first cellared wines being: 2002 Pernand-Verelsses, Charton et Trebuchet; 2001 Leston Cabernet Sauvignon, Howard Park, Margaret River, Western Australia; and 2000 Reynella Cabernet Sauvignon, Reynella, South Australia. The first wine from the cellar was drunk at the November 2004 meeting at the Smith and Latham Restaurant. Unfortunately, the cellar is no longer in existence.

228 BUNURONG, VIC [FORMERLY BUNNERONG]

There were ten petitioners for the new club of Bunnerong, centred on Wonthaggi in Victoria. As per Charter 227 above, the charter date given for the club is 2 November 1992, although no formal motion was recorded in the minutes. However, the petition has documented on it that it went to the Club Committee on 2 November 1992, although the December meeting records that the "Humble Petition for Charter #227 to be signed."²²⁶.

As evident from the petitioners, the proposed new club was to be a mixed club, initially comprising five married couples. The first President of the club was Norm Shaw, retired, Vice-President, Joseph Leaman, a pharmacist, Winemaster and Foodmaster, Mark Battista and Marion Battista respectively, hotel-motel proprietors, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Stan Ziebell, a retired engineer, and completing the committee, Bett Sibley, a retired teacher.

It would appear that the club came about because one of the petitioners, Stan Ziebell, had an association with the Nital Club (No 72). In his letter to Stan Ziebell responding to an enquiry concerning commencing a new club²²⁷, the then General Secretary, Bill Russell, states that he was delighted to receive the enquiry and that, "If the new club takes after Nital it will be really top shelf." Mervyn Ziebell, presumably Stan's brother, was the founder of Nital and presumably Stan was a member at one stage.

The name came from the club's founders spelling of the name of the local Indigenous tribe, the Bunurong. It was not until 2021 that the error was rectified when the club's committee submitted an application for a name change to the correct spelling to the Club Committee, to which it was pleased to agree.²²⁸

229 MIRI, MALAYSIA

²²⁶ Club Committee Minutes 7 December 1992

²²⁷ Bill Russell, General Secretary, to Stan Ziebell, 13 May 1992

²²⁸ Club Committee Minutes 19 July 2021

At its 3 May 1993 meeting, the Club Committee approved the granting of Charter 229 for the new club, Miri, to twenty-one petitioners. Miri is a coastal city of a couple of hundred thousand residents in north-eastern Sarawak on the island of Borneo, near the border of Brunei. Oil began being produced there by Royal Dutch Shell in 1910.

The granting of the Charter was subject to receipt of an acceptable Humble Petition.²²⁹ This was probably processed quickly because of the intended overseas trip of then President, Keith Gramp, to all overseas clubs, other than in New Zealand, and the wish to include Miri in this.

Keith Gramp reported from his visit to the Miri Club at its 29 June 1993 dinner, at which he presented the Charter, that after only five months the *branch* had 27 members from 11 nationalities.²³⁰ These included: Australian, American, Belgian, British, Canadian, Dutch, French, Malaysian, and Swiss nationalities.

These foundation members also had a range of occupations, mainly professional. There were five geologists, nine engineers, a physicist, a surveyor, two hoteliers, a headmaster, a drilling superintendent, four businessmen, a catering manager, a firefighter and a manager.

The establishment of the club was the initiative of Howard Bennett. As he explained to then General Secretary, Bill Russell, in receiving the news about the granting of the Charter, Howard was keen to establish the club in Miri as, “having lived in Beijing, where I was a member of the B&B, I enjoyed the concept of meeting new people over a good meal and decent wine”.²³¹ Given there were over 1,500 expatriates, mainly related to the oil industry, Howard thought there would be a good chance of being able to establish a club.

Howard, the General Manager of the Miri Holiday Inn, became the club’s first President, Vice-President was Rajiv Bharatan, an engineer, Winemaster, Gerard Sudraud, a drilling superintendent, Foodmaster, Dominique Muller, a hotelier, Honorary Secretary, Patrick Allman-Ward, a geologist, Honorary Treasurer, Jonathon Westbury, a geologist, with committee member Bert Heijna, a geologist.

In October 1996, the then General Secretary, Bill Dand, was informed that they had changed the club’s meeting day to the last Friday of the month and that at their last dinner meeting they had 28 attending.²³²

Unfortunately, within a year or so later, the club ceased to exist. Howard Bennett had advised the General Secretary, Bill Dand, in March 1997 that he was transferring to Shanghai in mid-April 1997 and that Paul Pui, then President, would take over the secretarial duties until someone else was appointed.²³³

²²⁹ Club Committee Minutes 3 May 1993

²³⁰ *B&Bulletin* November 1993

²³¹ Fax from Howard Bennett to Bill Russell, General Secretary, 27 May 1993

²³² Club Committee Minutes 8 October 1996

²³³ Club Committee Minutes 1 April 1997

In the 1997/98 Handbook Paul was listed as both the President and the Secretary of the club. However, that was the last Handbook that lists the club so it would appear to have ceased in 1998.

230 HERVEY BAY, QLD

Three married couples were among the eight petitioners for the new *branch* club of Hervey Bay. A number of the petitioners were involved in the medical profession. They were granted the two hundred and thirtieth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 2 August 1993.

The inaugural President was Ken Pearson, a general practitioner, Vice-President and Winemaster/Foodmaster was Bill Parker, an accountant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Lauron Power, a secretary, and completing the committee were Colin Power, a podiatrist, and Stacey and Michael Carson, a physiotherapist and dental technician respectively.

231 OMNIVORES, VIC

There were only three petitioners for the new *branch* of Omnivores in South Melbourne. They were all listed as managing directors, so it may have been of the same company. There were four office-bearers listed, though, as the Honorary Secretary, Sally Patterson, was not listed as a petitioner and there was a note next to her name saying that she was at the same business address as one of the petitioners, Steve Morrison, who was the inaugural President. Vivienne Corcoran was the Vice-President and Trevor Hone was listed as a committee member.

Their Charter date was recorded as 6 September 1993, which is when the General Secretary informed the meeting of the Club Committee that there was a proposed new club, Omnivores, “with members from Pica B&B”. The Pica Club (No 213), commenced six years previously, was also centred on South Melbourne and its members were largely involved with the printing business. In fact, Trevor Hone was its inaugural President and Steve Morrison the first Honorary Secretary.

It appears that the Pica Club ceased operating around the same time, as when reporting at the October 1994 Club Committee meeting on the payment of the Affiliation Fees by the clubs, the General Secretary stated that the Pica Club was “defunct”.²³⁴

The Club Committee approved the new club, “pending petition receipt”. The petition was received on 5 October 1993, the date of the next Club Committee meeting.²³⁵

The club did not exist long, with the General Secretary reporting to the Club Committee in November 1996 that the club had folded through lack of membership and no funds.²³⁶

232 TROPPO FEMMES, NT

²³⁴ Club Committee Minutes 4 October 1994

²³⁵ Club Committee Minutes 5 October 1993

²³⁶ Club Committee Minutes 4 November 1996

At the Club Committee meeting on 2 May 1994, the General Secretary reported that there was a proposed new Darwin Ladies B&B Club and that documents had been sent for completion. At the next Club Committee meeting on 30 May 1994, on hearing that the General Secretary, Bill Russell, and his wife were considering a July visit to Darwin “the Committee asked if they would visit the Northern Territory clubs and charter new clubs *Troppo Femmes* and possibly *Tennant Creek*”. 30 May 1994 is the Charter date of the new club, the Troppo Femmes, but the minutes do not actually record a motion to that effect. It became the ninth all-female club.

Given that two women only clubs had recently commenced at the time at Katherine and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory of Australia it is not surprising that Darwin was not far behind. Unfortunately, the Club’s Charter document is not held in the Club archives so the petitioners for the Troppo Femmes and their backgrounds are not known. The list of Presidents provided by the club, however, indicates that Shirley Donovan, the club’s inaugural President, was one of them.

The earliest record in the Troppo Femmes Club is of a dinner held at La Chaumiere on Wednesday 11 September 1996. The members at the dinner were Kath Nicholls, Marie Hardy (who is the only one still currently a member), Colleen Milatas, Bonnie McMaster, Shirley Donovan, Sandy Miles, Pauline Phillips, Di Armstrong, and Moira Purcell. It is likely that all, or most, of them were foundation members.

The club currently has 30 full time members and 6 part time members who live elsewhere but spend a lot of time in Darwin. The club has a dinner at Pee Wees once a year (the most expensive restaurant in town). Yots is another popular venue, sitting beside the water. If a new restaurant opens the club usually try it if it is suitable. Members also like outdoor dinners and arrange catering. The club does not have a Wine Cellar.

Over the years the club has done a couple of trips to Katherine. For many years the Troppo Femmes had a combined dinner with the men’s club (Darwin No 88), but not in recent years.

Presidents

Shirley Donovan	1994 - 1996	Marilyn Rogers	2010 - 2011
Kath Nicholls	1996 - 1999	Jude Pickering	2011 - 2013
Kay Hunter	1999 - 2000	Marian Taylor	2013 - 2014
Sandy Smiles	2000 - 2002	Beverly Jenkins	2014 - 2017
Robyn Cahill	2002 - 2003	Mary McAlpine	2017 - 2019
Rosemary Campbell	2003 - 2006	Jo Sivyer	2019 - 2021
Glenda Stripling	2006 – 2008	Colette Pethick	2021 - Current
Sue Hyde	2008 – 2010		

233 BROADBEACH, QLD

Don Dickie, a solicitor of some standing on the Gold Coast, David Brew, Greg Scott and Ray Higgs, all members of the then Palm Beach (now Bundall) Club (No 135), had suffered too many big nights at B&B dinner meetings. It was difficult sometimes to front up to work the next day and perform at their best so they decided to start a new club; one held at lunchtime, planning, of course, not to go back to the office afterwards. Several of

their businesses were based around Broadbeach and there was a suitable brand-new restaurant right in the centre of town at which to hold it. Don had a vision to create a male only club that maintained very high standards, both for first class food and wine.

So, he and the others sought interested members and when they had enough people, twenty-three, mainly from professional backgrounds, but also a wide range of commercial and retail backgrounds, plus a singer and a musician, to start a club, they obtained their signatures and petitioned the Club for a new club in Broadbeach. On 4th July 1994, the charter was signed and at the very first lunch, held on 4th August at Maverick's Steakhouse, a part of the Pan Pacific Hotel, the charter was presented to the new club by the then International President, Ian Roberts. Don Dickie, a solicitor, was the inaugural President, Paul Valmadre, an accountant, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, David Brew, a jeweller, the Foodmaster and Greg Scott, a wine merchant, the Winemaster. Club number 233 was born.

One of the features of Mavericks was that it was not normally open for lunch and provided the Club could maintain enough numbers, they would open so that exclusive use was enjoyed. This privacy was treasured and many a meeting with much frivolity was held, all the while upholding the values of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. Many a good wine was consumed and some great steak devoured in this memorable venue. Such was Greg's knowledge of all things wine that the lunches were a great learning experience for all those attending.

After four good years at Maverick's, the club's world came crashing down when changes in management forced the closure of its much-loved steakhouse. It was going to be a tough battle to find a suitable restaurant that could live up to the very high standards that it enjoyed, but Cristel's in the Park Royal Hotel just up the road did the club proud for the next five years or so. Cristel's was another of those *fine dining* restaurants that provided some amazing experiences; food and service were always exceptional. But the time of fine dining venues such as this was coming to an end; larger hotels no longer wanted them it seemed and many were changing their focus away from this style of dining so, once again, the club had to move.

This time, however, the members decided to no longer have a venue that was a home base, so it commenced rotating around the better-quality restaurants in its local area, although from time to time, it ventured further afield; even venturing up to Mount Tambourine. Club members developed their favourites over the years but have always remained loyal to the general Broadbeach area. Since inauguration, the only scheduled lunches not held are those impacted by the Covid-19 virus in 2020. In addition, twice a year, partners are invited to attend a mixed lunch.

In 2002, eight years after the formation of the Club, Don Dickie was approved as a life member. This was followed in 2014 by Ray Higgs and in 2017 by Howard Smith, all foundation members who have held office and contributed to the betterment of the Club. While mentioning these three life members, one other member who contributed so much to the Club, who holds the record for the most attendances, who regularly attended the conventions, who kept every member on his toes and to expect the unexpected but who is sadly no longer with members, dear friend to all, was Gerry Cahir.

Over the years, the club has also organised trips and meetings to a variety of places, always related to the ideals of the club including a trip on the Ritz steam train from Murwillumbah to Lismore, numerous weekend trips to the Australian Small winemakers show at Stanthorpe, lunch and tours at Sirromet Winery at Mt Cotton and a lunch meeting at Thumm Winery at the base of Mt Tambourine. All of these not only provided enjoyment for club members, but they also created a mix of activities that engendered a camaraderie amongst the members that contributed in turn to long lasting friendships and good attendances at meetings.

From the early nineties, many members of the Broadbeach Club have attended and enjoyed the international conventions all over Australia and New Zealand, sometimes providing large registrations such as at the 2004 Convention, the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, at which 36 members and their wives travelled to Adelaide by a variety of means involving itineraries such as a five-day road convoy through outback Australia. Below is a photo of the group in Adelaide (at Reynella) at which most of the members are wearing the very distinctive shirts that made such a hit at the convention.

Since its inception, the club also has developed a very high-quality wine cellar which is professionally stored and managed at a nearby facility. At most lunches, wine from the club cellar is enjoyed. The club appoints a member Cellarmaster, whose task it is to maintain the integrity of the cellar and to prevent over-enthusiastic Winemasters from overindulging.

The club still meet on the first Thursday of the month, every month from 12 noon.



234 3H WINE & FOOD, SA

The birthplace of the new 3H Wine & Food Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was Harvey's Henley Hotel (HHH). It existed as the 3H Wine & Food Club (Inc) before determining to become affiliated with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. When the possibility of joining the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was put to the Club Committee, it wished the new *branch* club to be called Henley Beach, because of its averseness to anything linking the club with commercialism. However, the 3H Wine and Food Club insisted on retaining their name "as it does still preserve our history as a standalone club for 23 years and will still give us something to celebrate in a year or two for 25 years!!".²³⁷

On the awarding by the Club Committee of the two hundred and thirty-fourth Charter at its 1 May 1995 meeting, it was necessary for the club to change its incorporation, through the addition of Beefsteak and Burgundy Club to its original name and amending their constitution by adopting the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Constitution.²³⁸

There were seven petitioners, all of whom were members of the inaugural committee. The first President of the new *branch* club was Cliff Rothenburg, a teacher, Vice-President,

²³⁷ Letter from Mike Roach, Secretary 3H Wine & Food Club, to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 2 March 1995

²³⁸ Letter from Bill Dand, General Secretary, to Mike Roach, Secretary, 3H Wine & Food Club Inc, 28 March 1995

Neil Moffatt, a sales rep, Wine and Food master, Gary Clarke, a printer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mike Roach, a teacher, and completing the membership of the committee were Brenton Beard, an industrial insurer, John Quidacciolu, a storeman, and Fernando Martin, a business proprietor.

235 BRAZIL, BRAZIL

The new Brazil Club, located in Sao Paulo, Brazil came about because of the move to be the regional president of Scherer, Latin America, of Gordon Campbell from Tokyo where he was a member and Foodmaster of the Tokyo Club (No 126). He missed the spirit of Beefsteak and Burgundy and sought to establish one in Sao Paulo, with which he was successful.²³⁹

He organised eight petitioners from the business sector and was awarded the two hundred and thirty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee at its 12 August 1996 meeting.

The President of the new club was Walter Gheller, Consul-General of Australia, Winemaster, James Duncan, a director of World Book Distributors, Foodmaster, Kevin Smith, a president and CEO of a company, Honorary Secretary, Robert Hein, a partner of Egon Zehnder, Honorary Treasurer, Nicholas Cross, a banker, and Gordon Campbell completed the committee. The two petitioners not on the committee were Johannes Stoloforth, the Consul (Economic) of South Africa, and Mark Shadbolt, a director of The Product Makers of Brazil.

236 YARRAWONGA/MULWALA, VIC

There were eight petitioners to form the new *branch* club of Yarrawonga/Mulwala, seven of whose addresses were in Yarrawonga, Victoria, and the eighth just across the Murray River at Mulwala, New South Wales. Their formation meeting was held on 29 October, 1996, and was chaired by Graeme Diamond, President of the Cobram Club (No 97). They were granted the two hundred and thirty-sixth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 4 November 1996.

All the petitioners were members of the inaugural committee. The first President was Frank Vodusek, a butcher, Vice-President, Robert O'Donnell, a chartered accountant, Winemaster, Peter O'Bryan, a drycleaner, Food master, Rodney Vodusek, employed in the local abattoir, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Geoff Anderson, a retailer and completing the committee were Colin Brennan, an administration manager, Tony Tabor, a menswear retailer, and Ian Cummins, a builder.

237 EDEN VALLEY, SA

Eden Valley, next to the Barossa Valley, had twenty-two petitioners to form a new *branch* club of that name, of whom four were vigneron: Maurice Drinkwater, K J Seppelt, B Lillecrapp and Leon Holmes. Of the remainder, five were retired, three were graziers or farmers, four were undertaking various jobs, or were open to others, one was a medical practitioner, another a real estate agent, another self-employed, another a storekeeper

²³⁹ Fax from Gordon Campbell to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 26 June 1996

and completing the number was a general manager. One of the *various* was Peter Seppelt.

They were granted the two hundred and thirty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee on 5 May 1997, which was presented to them soon after by the then President, Phil Kleinig. For the Charter Dinner, twenty-three members of the Adelaide Club attended.²⁴⁰

President of the new club was Graeme Lawrie, whose occupations were various, Vice-President, Maurice Drinkwater, a vigneron, Wine and Food master, Bob Burgess, a farmer, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Jules de Brenni, retired, with other members of the committee being, Linda Werner, a real estate agent, Clive James, a medical practitioner, Trevor Worley, a storekeeper, and Liz Forrest, a retailer/grazier.

238 SHANGHAI, CHINA

Howard Bennett, who began his B&B journey in June 1989 as a member of the Beijing Club (No 212), was posted to Shanghai following a stint in Miri, Malaysia, where he established the Miri Club (No 229). Within four weeks of arriving in Shanghai in early 1997, he had “been in contact with a few chaps and had a preliminary meeting on the formation of a B&B Club in Shanghai”.²⁴¹ One of these “chaps” was Robert Forman²⁴², another Beijing Club member (joining in 1995) who had relocated to Shanghai. They both cobbled together like-minded wine buffs from a range of nationalities and professions and started having dinners.

According to Howard, the club’s first dinner was at the Hilton Hotel in May, 1997 in the Coffeshop of all places, followed by an Italian dinner at Enzo Di Mambro’s, (who later became a member) restaurant in Gubei, and then the American Club.

Discussions obviously went well as within a few months a petition from eight petitioners, all businessmen from different backgrounds, to form a new *branch* club was received and the two hundred and thirty-eighth Charter was granted by the Club Committee on 25 August 1997. The Charter dinner was held at the Portman Hotel.

Seeing that Howard already knew the ropes and how to manage a club, he took charge of running and organising the club, with Rob being the treasurer.

The first President of the new *branch* club, Shanghai, was Bruce Richardson, a general manager, Winemaster, Jeremy Lee, a marketing manager, a chief executive officer, Foodmaster, Eric Von Zwisler, Honorary Secretary, Howard Bennett, a hotel general manager, Honorary Treasurer, Robert Forman, a general manager, with other committee members being David Southsworth, a vice-president education, Stefan Van Hooydonk, a director of education, and Loius Tari, a manager of a wine company.

²⁴⁰ Letter from Bill Dand, General Secretary, to Jules de Brenni, 22 May 1997

²⁴¹ Email from Howard Bennett to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 8 May 1997

²⁴² Rob Formon was granted Life Membership by the Club Committee at its 25 February 2009 meeting. In his citation, he was held as using his position in business to the advantage of the club, being well connected in the wine industry, enabling him to do special deals for the club. He was said to have driven the club forward in its early days “and for years was the face behind the club and its driving force”.



Shanghai Club (No 238) Charter Presentation

From Left: Michael Parr, Jeremy Lee (Winemaster), Erich Zwilser (Food Master), Bruce Richardson (President), Howard Bennett (Hon Secretary), Rob Formon (Treasurer)
(Photo in Club archives)

Many of the club's early dinners were made through the connections of Howard, as he was in Shanghai to open a hotel for what was Bass Hotels and Resorts, now known as IHG, as there was in place an association of hoteliers, and deals were struck to host dinners with no corkage charge being levied, as everyone wanted business. In the December of 1997, a black-tie event was held with partners which became the norm in those early days of the club.

239 WELLINGTON LUNCH BUNCH, NZ

At its meeting on 2 April 1998, seventeen petitioners were granted the two hundred and thirty-ninth Charter by the Club Committee for the new *branch* club of Wellington Lunch Bunch. Twelve petitioners were managers, two were consultants, one a company director, another a consulting engineer, with an accountant completing the group. It is unlikely they were managers in the same company; presumably they moved in the same professional activities.

The first President of the new club was Rob Lewis, a manager, Vice-President, Max Flowers, a manager, Wine and Food master, Fred Denz, an accountant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mike Baker, a sales manager, with Frank Wellwood, Gary Hughes, a manager, Barry Thinn, a business services consultant, and Rob Johnston, a consultant, completing the committee.

The club became a mixed membership club in 2010, accepting both male and female members.

240 SESQUI, QLD

From the petition it is unclear how many petitioners for the new *branch* of Sesqui in Maryborough, Queensland, there were. Of the twenty-four names listed, nineteen were crossed out. The five remaining were the committee of the new club, which was granted the two hundred and fortieth Charter by the Club Committee on 2 April 1998.

The President was Perry G Ward, a design draftsman, Winemaster, William Zemek, a solicitor, Foodmaster, Belinda Sprake, a hairdresser, Honorary Secretary, Nadine Schulz, a music specialist, and Honorary Treasurer, Paul Mulholland, a car detailer.

Perhaps not surprising, given its interesting start, the club did not last long. Their Honorary Secretary, Stuart Scullen-Dean, advised the Club Committee in February 2003 that the club had dissolved.²⁴³

241 NEW AGE, SA

Six petitioners were granted the two hundred and forty-first Charter. While the notation on the petition stated it went to the Club Committee on 6 July 1998, the Club Committee minutes are dated 7 July 1998 and there was not mention of the granting of a petition to the New Age Club. It would appear to have been a General Secretary process, perhaps given that the new club's inaugural President, Ian Roberts, was also a member of the Club Committee.

All six petitioners formed the inaugural committee of the new club, with Ian Roberts, a company director and a former President of the Adelaide Foundation Club 1993-1995,²⁴⁴ as President, Vice-President, Vic Raymond, a company director as well, Wine and Food master, Sam Cross, a restaurant manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Brian Jordan, retired, a recent Committee member of the Foundation Club, with Sally Roberts, a school teacher and James Hooper, an accountant, completing the committee.

They came from suburbs across Adelaide, so presumably there was a connection, possibly centred on the restaurant that one member managed.

As Ian recounts:

After spending 12 very enjoyable years as a member of Adelaide Club, including 2 years as President, in 1993/94, I decided to form a new Club, aptly named "new Age". I say aptly because of my reasons for doing so, which prompted me to make the move. At that time, there was opposition to inviting winemakers to attend our meetings because, it was said, it could be seen to be endorsing their product.

I also felt we should have more variety for our meeting venues, and I wanted more flexibility for ladies to attend.

The new club was chartered in 1998, with about 20 members and I was Charter President. My intention at that time was to retain my membership of both clubs, but I found the time constraints difficult and decided to resign from Adelaide, which I did in 1999.

New Age Club flourished for many years with a team of young enthusiastic members. As time went on changes in members and board participants seemed to alter the focus and swing away from being essentially a wine club to more of a social club.

²⁴³ Club Committee Minutes 12 February 2003

²⁴⁴ Ian resigned from the Foundation Club in September 1999. Adelaide Committee Minutes 8 September 1999

We had several meetings to discuss the future directions of the club, but eventually, in approximately 2017, decided to hand back our charter and disband the “New Age”. I was personally sorry to see it happen, but we all had some wonderful times and many memories.²⁴⁵

In 2017, the then Honorary Secretary of the club, Di Betterman, notified the General Secretary that New Age had ceased and was wound up. This was principally because the membership was static and the club was more focused on meeting members’ social needs than being members of a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

242 TAURANGA, NZ

Two Hamilton Club (No 207) members, John Hogg and Richard Jopson, moved from Hamilton to Tauranga and having experienced the success of the Hamilton Club, along with another former Hamilton Club member²⁴⁶ set about forming a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in Tauranga. They held a dinner meeting targeting possible members and with the help of Bill Shotton and Emrys Evans from the Hamilton Club gained commitment from all attending to the formation of a new club.²⁴⁷

There were ten petitioners for the new club, Tauranga, mainly from professional backgrounds. They were granted the two hundred and forty-second Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 3 August 1998.

The first President of the new club was John Hogg, retired, Vice-President, K N Thorsen, a managing director, Wine and Food master, David Bates, a barrister, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Jopson, retired, with Ray Thornley, a company director, and John Speir, a civil engineer, completing the committee. Petitioners not on the inaugural committee were: G R Aislabie, a lawyer, P Clark, a school principal, B W Jopson, a club manager, and K Burgess, self-employed.

The club became a mixed membership club in 1999, accepting both male and female members.

243 FLEURIEU FRIENDS, SA

The Fleurieu Friends, centred on Victor Harbor, was the last club chartered in the twentieth century. The Club Committee approved its Charter at its meeting on 4 August 1999. When the club was originally mooted, it was thought to call it *Fenetically Flew-rio*; possibly a bit *way-out* there for some, although the General Secretary at the time, Bill Dand, liked it.²⁴⁸ The Fleurieu Peninsula is the area of land below Adelaide, which also incorporates McLaren Vale.

²⁴⁵ Email from Ian Roberts to the author, Vin Thomas, 17/12/2021

²⁴⁶ Letter from Richard Jopson to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 7 January 1998

²⁴⁷ *B & Bulletin* October 1999

²⁴⁸ Letter from Bill Dand to Trevor Ellis, President-Elect 13 July 1999

There were eight petitioners for the new club, mostly from Victor Harbor, but with two from nearby Port Elliott township and one from Hindmarsh Island, near the Murray mouth.

The President of the new club was Trevor Ellis, a manager, Vice-President, Julian Sowik, a consultant, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Deborah-Lee Cohen, home duties, with other committee members being Mike Hendricks, a purchasing manager, Alexandra Milton, a registered nurse, Laurie Philpott, an estate agent, and Colin Adamson, also an estate manager. The only petitioner not on the committee was Angus Cattanach, a manager. The position of Winemaster/Foodmaster was to be rotated.

244 TOWNSVILLE LADIES, QLD

The Townsville Ladies Beefsteak and Burgundy Club began on 11 July 2000 when 26 women gathered at Dianne Fitzgerald's house and everyone arrived with either a dish or a bottle of wine – what a great night it was. They came from a variety of backgrounds: three company directors, three managers, two educators, two secretaries, two undertaking home duties, a newsagent, librarian, bookkeeper, shop assistant, registrar, guidance officer, credit officer, medical coder, hairdresser, fruiterer, garden maintainer, nurse, public servant, and a clerk.

Ruth Caseur asked all present if they were interested in forming a Social Dinner club or a new charter with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. A show of hands unanimously indicated that all wanted to go with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. All 26 signed the petition to form a new club.²⁴⁹

Two names for the new charter were put forward - Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Barrier Reef and Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Townsville Ladies. The vote was unanimous. The decision was to call the charter '**Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Townsville Ladies**'. The Club Committee approved the two hundred and forty-fourth Charter for the new *branch* club, the tenth all-female club, on 9 August 2000. The charter dinner was held on Tuesday 10 October 2000.

The President of the new club was Ruth Caseur, the manager of a health fund, Vice-President, Emily Mussap, a manager, Winemaster, Marjorie Nielsen, a librarian, Foodmaster, Beryl Rowe, a company director, Honorary Secretary, Tricia Gricks, a secretary, and Honorary Treasurer, Dianne Fitzgerald, a newsagent.

²⁴⁹ Interestingly, eighteen of the twenty-six were breakaway members of the Brolga Club (No 182). Letter from Tricia Gricks to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 28 July 2000



The presentation on behalf of The Beefsteak and Burgundy Club of the Townsville Ladies Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No 244) by Phil Oakford, the President of the Townsville B&B Club (No 113) on 10 October 2000.

From left: Dianne Fitzgerald (Treasurer), Trish Gricks (Secretary), Ruth Casuer (President), Phil Oakford (President) and Life Members of No 113, Wayne Fitzgerald, Phil Geertz and John Fruitier
(Photo in the Club archives)

In 2007, Townsville Ladies in conjunction with the Townsville Men Club hosted the 2007 Townsville Convention. The organizing committee gave countless hours coordinating a national convention. The clubs showcased the city and fresh benchmarks were set for future conventions. It was a delegate's heaven.

Eight years later in June 2015, the Club celebrated its 15th Anniversary Gala Dinner and raised a glass to the club's past but always kept looking forward.

February 2016, saw the club celebrate its 150 newsletter – a milestone. From humble beginnings of printed newsletters, delivered by Australia Post, the club transitioned to a contemporary e-mail newsletter, arriving at members' digital devices a microsecond after clicking the 'send' button. The club's newsletter has always celebrated a rich history of shared recipes, member information, president's message, dinner photos, friendships, good food and fine wine education.

In August 2018, the Club held its 205th dinner.

Today the Club has two remaining charter members – Christine Lee and Suan Kennedy. Suan Kennedy was made life member in September 2007 for her substantive contribution to the 2007 Convention and work on the committee.

245 ECHUCA WINE & FOOD, VIC

There were twenty-one petitioners for a new Beefsteak and Burgundy club at Echuca, called the Echuca Wine and Food Club. They were granted the two hundred and forty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee on 9 August 2000. In granting the Charter the Club

Committee was of the view that the new club should simply be Echuca and not include Wine and Food; however, the latter has remained part of the club's name.

The new B&B club developed from the Echuca Wine and Food Society, which held its inaugural meeting at the Caledonian Hotel in 1964, with 15 members. For many years the Society met at the Bridge Hotel, Echuca. As the years passed the membership dwindled; presumably becoming a B&B club was repositioning the Society such that it did not disappear.²⁵⁰

The petitioners came from a variety of backgrounds as one may expect of a country town. Interestingly though, there were six from medical occupations. Amongst the others were a manager, a cellar owner, two retirees, a retailer, an insurance broker rep, a proprietor, farmer, vigneron, wine rep, consultant, and a butcher, with two listings indecipherable.

Also, largely indecipherable were the office-bearers and committee. It would seem that Marc Frochot, a chiropractor, was the first President of the new club, Ronald Parker, a medical practitioner, the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and Henry Horsfall, retired, and Doug Goldsworthy, a cellar owner, committee members. The signature of the other one listed as a committee member could not be deciphered, but best guess is Dick Phillips, a manager.



Bill Dand (General Secretary) presenting the Echuca Food and Wine Club's Charter to its President, Marc Frochot on 17 November 2000 (Photo in Club Archives)

246 BARKLY, NT

There were twenty-one petitioners from a wide range of backgrounds for a new mixed Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, called Barkly²⁵¹, at Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory of Australia. There were three police officers, six managers, three business

²⁵⁰ *B&Bulletin* Spring 2001

²⁵¹ Although Barkly does not appear anywhere on the petition, just Tennant Creek, but other correspondence gives Barkly as the preferred name of the club. Fax from Sarah Brown to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 12 December 2000

owners, a principal, a politician, gold producer, transport operator, home duties, health practitioner, publican and two tradespeople.

Not all listed on the petition signed it, as “we have work to do”! The Club Committee approved the awarding of the two hundred and forty-sixth Charter on 13 December 2000.

The President of the new club was Sarah Brown, a manager, Vice-President, Tim Thompson, a motel proprietor, Wine and Food master, Wayne Patterson, a manager, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Paul Shailes, a business manager, with other members of the committee being Allan Holland, a manager, Walter “Skimbo” Turnbull, a manager, Greg Targett, a publican and Michael Brown, a manager.

Interestingly, around the same time there was an enquiry made to the General Secretary, Bill Dand, regarding the formation of a women’s B&B club in Tennant Creek. It was made by the Secretary of the Alice Ladies Club (No 226) possibly on behalf of Sarah Brown.²⁵² Nothing came of the enquiry and the club formed soon after in Tennant Creek was a mixed club.

However, the new club did not exist for long. It was last listed in the 2002/03 Handbook. It was noted in July 2003 that the club was unable to be contacted and that letters and the Handbook had been returned unclaimed.²⁵³

It would seem to have ceased operating in 2002 as in the *Correspondence Out* of the August 2003 Club Committee, it is stated “Barkly – Letter to Paul Shailes re: Fees, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004”.²⁵⁴ Future minutes do not show the correspondence as having received a reply.

247 LES FEMMES ROUGE, SA

Eight petitioners from Whyalla, South Australia, sought a charter that would establish the eleventh women only Beefsteak and Burgundy club. They were awarded the two hundred and forty-seventh Charter for the Les Femmes Rouge Beefsteak and Burgundy Club by the Club Committee on 12 September 2001.

In determining what to call the club, several names were thought of: www.wet (women enjoying themselves; Amica (Latin for female friends); Hogs Head (name for a wine vat); Western Myall (a type of gum tree); and Les Femme Rouge (French for The Red Ladies/Women). The latter was chosen “through members wanting to represent that we were female and have ties to the Whyalla region”, given its red earth and iron ore.²⁵⁵

The first President of the new club was Debbie Hagenbruch, a supervisor, Vice-President, Sue Yates, a production superintendent, Wine and Food master Elaine Laird, a counsellor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Linda Carpenter, regional risk

²⁵² Letter from Bill Dand, General Secretary, to Viv Hawthorne, Secretary Alice Ladies Club (No 226), 21 September 2000

²⁵³ Club Committee Minutes 16 July 2003

²⁵⁴ Club Committee Minutes 13 August 2003

²⁵⁵ Les Femmes Rouge Volume I, Issue 1, September 2001

coordinator, with Linda Crutchett, (who was not listed as a petitioner) completing the committee.

Other petitioners were: Gail Rostig, tourism officer, Anneli Hardman, an accountant, Paula Bubicich, home duties, and Gillian Baggs, an accountant. Other founding members not signing the petition were: Susan Mitchell and Debbie Aspey.

The club's charter dinner was held on 19 October 2001 at Derhams Foreshore Motel.

248 CORAL SEA QUAFFERS, QLD

Eight petitioners from Townsville, Queensland, were awarded the two hundred and forty-eighth Charter by the Club Committee on 14 November 2001 for the new club of Coral Sea Quaffers.

The first President and Winemaster of the new club was Gerry Smith, a proprietor, Vice-President, Rob Johnston, an area manager, Foodmaster, Rod Kimber, a bookkeeper, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Alan Barrett, a manager, and completing the committee were Ken Croll, an engineer and Georg Ruhl, a proprietor. The other two petitioners were Ray Harvey and Michael Devine, both retired.

249 BANGKOK, THAILAND

Origins In 2002, a few friends led by Robert Jenkins, who had been a member of the Tokyo Club (No 126) before transferring to Bangkok,²⁵⁶ decided to seek support from the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club for Bangkok to form its own B&B Chapter. Those friends including Peter Williams, Brad McElroy, and Graham Storah were often to be found in The Blue Barbeque, Sukhumvit Soi 33 (sadly long since closed). The petition to form the club was signed by Robert Jenkins, Graham Storah and Ian Pascoe.

The Charter was approved at the Club Committee meeting on 18 September 2002. Robert became the first President of the new club, Vice-President, Graham Storah, Australian Submarine Corporation, Wine and Food master, Peter Williams, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Ian Pascoe, Grant Thornton Accountants, and completing the committee were Henry Beeber, Brad McElroy and Patrick Brett.

The club's charter was presented by the Australian Ambassador to Thailand at a Charter Lunch on 5 November 2002 at the Reflections Restaurant at the Plaza Athene.²⁵⁷

Favourite Venues Chesa (14 visits)
Amari Watergate (12)

²⁵⁶ Letter from Robert Jenkins to Bill Dand, General Secretary, 28 November 2000

²⁵⁷ Letter from Bill Dand, General Secretary, to H.E. Miles Kupa, Ambassador, Australian Embassy, 21 October 2002; and letter from Bill Dand to Robert Jenkins, 22 October 2002

Enoteca (10)
Artur (9)

Highest
restaurant
Best views

Mezzaluna The Dome (65th floor)

Paribatra, Peninsula Hotel
Le Normandie, Mandarin Oriental Hotel



Cosiest
setting

Le Bouchon (seats around 30 max)



Forgettable
experiences

Thai law makes libel a criminal offence so sometimes our reports might be considered either “economical with the truth” or offer in 2017 “alternative facts”.

Our only meal in a Brazilian cafe with high ambient noise and poor seating arrangement, but compensated in part by the simultaneous staging of a rehearsal for models getting ready for a fashion show.

A restaurant supplier who made his delivery of the promised lamb rack after we had finished the coffee.

A meal in a local hotel where the Chef quit one day before our lunch and the smokers lit up cigars before the first course arrived.

Never to be forgotten

The Chef who bought lamb for the lunch from a regular supplier who was also a member. When the member passed on his generous praise of the lunch, he suggested (incorrectly) that the lamb would have been even better had it been purchased from his company. After viewing the invoice, the member graciously accepted that the cost of the lamb was for his own account

Best meal - Côte de Boeuf from Artur year after year



A forgettable wine

Brown County Port (USA) produced mixed opinions on the wine with one (with tongue in cheek) who went as far as to compare with it to 'lubricating oil'.

Highest attendance

29 at La Scala, Sukhothai Hotel which included watching a re-run of the Melbourne Cup in 2005

Lowest attendance

8 at a restaurant (now closed) in Soi Tonson in 2005

Quotes from “our correspondents”	Gai & Joel – “A palpable shock wave ran through the establishment when a complimentary “mocktail” was served -- that is a cocktail without alcohol. “What is the point?” one incredulous member gasped as the wine master Jock Tulloch scrambled to pour a 2005 Babich Semillon Chardonnay from New Zealand and bring some desperately needed disorder to the proceedings.”
Luigi Vercotti	
Tim Randall (when the regular author or ‘headmaster’ was unfit and could not climb the steps):	<p>Monkey’s – “With a glass of Duval Leroy champagne in hand I sought out the menu. A few copies were finally provided and we learnt our fate. It was not the food that caught the member’s eye but the wine rations. Yes, finally we were told how much we could drink, and when we could drink it. Was this the headmaster’s revenge? Did he not trust us to drink in moderation? Clearly not, and on some dishes we were restricted to a mere 0.5 of a standard glass per head.</p> <p>Our rations appeared to equate to 5 glasses of wine. Who goes to lunch and drinks only 5 glasses of wine, even if it is preceded by 2 glasses of champagne and the appendix is 2.5 shots of some dubious Vodka? Clearly the headmaster who thought he was maintaining control in absentia although the pre lunch smoke out at the bar would have suggested otherwise.</p> <p>For the members who were there for the food the event now started with the Dim Sum Basket. Three dumplings each were not enough for those whose appetite had not been sated by tobacco but otherwise they were excellent. This was washed down with Howard Park Chardonnay, the same wine that went with the next offering of Drunken Chicken with jelly fish salad. Unhappily though, the 0.5 standard glass ration of wine was going to ensure only the chicken was drunken. Unfortunately from the writer’s perspective, the chicken rotating round the table got to me last and my fellow diners had clearly thought I needed to be on a diet. But they did leave me plenty of spicy crunchy jelly fish. I have always avoided jelly fish in the sea but now I suspect I shall also apply that rule to the land.”</p>
Accidents in the course of duty	<p>In La Villa, Thomas Brown had to visit the local hospital for stitches in his finger after breaking a wine glass. He returned in time to drink a final round of wine.</p> <p>Leaving a lunch in Beccofino, David Dean accidentally ended up in an excavation made for re-setting kerb stones in Thong Lor. After sponging down and sprucing up, he was able to rejoin the party in time for the bell-ringing session that used to end our forays into the Wild East.</p>
Statistics	<p>Between February 2003 and September 2017 we have enjoyed</p> <p>Lunches: more than 3000 servings</p> <p>Venues: at least 65</p> <p>Attendees: more than 240</p>

250 MACARTHUR, NSW

Sixteen petitioners from a range of Sydney suburbs, mainly in the general vicinity of Liverpool, were granted the two hundred and fiftieth Charter by the Club Committee on 16 July 2003, although it is incorrectly dated in the Handbook as 17 June 2003, even though the meeting minutes are dated 18 June 2003.

The petitioners, in the main, were connected through the building and associated industries. The first President of the new club of Macarthur was Doug Hutchinson, retired, Vice-President, Andreas Brettschneider, furniture manufacturer, Winemaster, Michael Coffey, transport consultant, Foodmaster, John Mula, real estate consultant, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dan King, in building and development.

251 SYDNEY 2006 CONVENTION, NSW

Consistent with the requirement that the club(s) hosting a Convention has public liability and directors and officers insurance and GST coverage in place, the two hundred and fifty-first Charter was issued on 16 July 2003, although the Charter date listed in the Handbook at the time was 14 June 2003.

The President of the Sydney Convention Club was Leo Lawrence, Vice-President, William L Ryan, Wine and Food master, Christopher R Moyle and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Anthony M Clarkson. They were members of the Sydney Club (No 7), which considered at that time to be the *lead* club, with nominees of other supporting clubs to join the committee from time to time.

The club ceased operating after the convention was wrapped up.

252 UNCORKED DARWIN, NT

The two hundred and fifty-second Charter was approved by the Club Committee on 22 October 2003. The annotation on the petition states it as being approved by the Committee on 15 October, while the Handbook has the Charter date as 16 September 2003.

There were eight petitioners, four couples, all of whom formed the committee. Presumably it was a friendship group with an interest in food and wine.

The first President of the new *branch* club was Eddie Willoughby-Smith, the state manager of a firm, Vice-President, Michael Pawelski, a group manager, Wine and Food master, Michael Graham, retired, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Pat Pawelski, a financial controller. With the rest of the committee members being Majella Graham, a teacher/librarian, Julie Wiloughby-Smith, a company representative, Kathy Hunt, a child career and Kevin Hunt, a supervisor.

In response to the General Secretary, Vin Thomas, following through on the non-payment of the Affiliation Fee and the updating of the club's officer the last club Honorary Secretary, Nathaniel Kernich, informed him that the club had ceased operating in 2020.

“Unfortunately, numbers have dwindled, most notably with COVID and also an aging demographic”.²⁵⁸

253 SINGAPORE, SINGAPORE

The petitioners for the new *branch* club Singapore were unconstitutional even as they applied for membership of the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, as there were thirty-one petitioners! One of the rare clubs that had full membership right from the start.

The petitioners, in the main, were from commercial and professional backgrounds who had come to Singapore for business purposes. The predominant backgrounds were law, directorships, consultancies, management, finance, while real estate, insurance, metallurgy, design, telecommunications and hospitality were also represented.

The meeting to proceed with the petition was held on 24 September 2004, with thirty gentlemen present. Their petition was approved at the Club Committee meeting on 20 October 2004 and the new Singapore Club received Charter 253.

The first President of the club was Jonathan Hannan, a Real Estate Director, Vice-President, Mark Zagrodnik, a director, Wine and Foodmaster, Seymour Ferreira, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Matthais Zimmerman, with the other Committee members being Nick King, a manager, Mark Morrison, Timm Vollbrecht, a real estate economist, and Ravi Sahi (who had Jokemaster next to his name!), a consultant.

254 CAULFIELD, VIC

The enquiry to establish the new *branch* of Caulfield came from Lawrie Kennedy who lived in South Caulfield, Melbourne, Victoria. Then, a petition having been received, of which unfortunately there is no record in the Club archives, the Club Committee, at its 15 December 2004 meeting, approved the Caulfield Club, a mixed club, which received Charter No 254.

The first President of the new club was Jamie Ellis, and the Secretary was Lawrie Kennedy and that remained the case until the club ceased operating, it would seem, in 2008.

The club ceased to be listed in the 2009-10 Handbook.

255 NOT ISSUED

This charter number was not issued because of an error in records of awarded charters.

256 COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

The founder of the Copenhagen Club was Danish business executive, Carsten Warburg. He became acquainted with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club when he was stationed in

²⁵⁸ Email from Nathaniel Kernich to Vin Thomas, 16 December 2021

Beijing where he joined the Beijing Club (No 212). His brother, Alan, who had his own business in Beijing was already a member of the Beijing Club.

On his return to Denmark, Carsten realised he missed the regular monthly meetings and invited other businessmen to a preliminary meeting to see if a Beefsteak and Burgundy Danish *branch* could be formed.²⁵⁹

Following a meeting on 8 April 2005, nine petitioners sought a charter for the new *branch* club of Copenhagen. In the main they were from a managerial, marketing or sales background, along with an engineer and a security chief. Several were connected with the Radisson SAS Royal Hotel and airlines.

The new club was awarded the two hundred and fifty-sixth Charter by the Club Committee on 11 May 2005.

The President of the new *branch* club was Carsten Warburg, an engineer and GM, Vice-President, Teddy Zebitz, a product manager, Winemaster, Jens Willumsen, a GM, Foodmaster, Anders Johannesson, a GM, Honorary Secretary, Dick Svanbreg, a product manager, Honorary Treasurer, Paul Moxness, a security chief, and completing the committee, Lars Jepson, a product manager, Bjorn Platou, a sales manager, and Trond Fredheim, a GM.

In 2007, two years after the club began, Carsten reported to the then General Secretary, John Macklin, that there was not much new to report from Copenhagen; they were currently 10 members and they had scheduled dinners every two months at different venues in Copenhagen.²⁶⁰ “We are still a slowly expanding *branch*”.²⁶¹

257 SHANGHAI LADIES, CHINA

The Shanghai Ladies Club has the distinction of being the first female *branch* outside Australia, as well as being the first club to complete all the requirements for the formation of a new club electronically.

The facilitator and founder of the club was Maureen Lyon, the wife of Dirck²⁶² Lyon, a member of the Shanghai Club (No 238), who while on a holiday in Sydney spoke with the General Secretary, John Macklin, about the possibility of forming a female club in Shanghai.

Accordingly, after scanning and emailing the necessary forms, the new club was awarded the two hundred and fifty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee on 22 June 2005, becoming the twelfth all-female club. There were six petitioners and they all formed the committee.

²⁵⁹ *B & Bulletin* Summer 2005

²⁶⁰ One of the early venues used on occasions was the premier restaurant at the SAS Radisson Royale Hotel where the club's Charter was proudly displayed on the wall of its Lobby Bar, owing to the hotel's General Manager being a member of the club. Email from General Secretary, John Macklin, to the Club Committee 23 December 2005

²⁶¹ Carsten Warburg to John Macklin, General Secretary, 6 September 2007

²⁶² Of interest: Dirck is a name for males of Old German origin and means “the people's ruler”. It is an alternate form of Dirk (Danish, Old German). It is a respelling of Derek and a variation of Theodoric (Old German).

The first President of the new *branch* club was Maureen Lyon, a director, Vice-President, Joy Ren, a company chairman, Wine and Food master, Julianne Huh, a director of international business and marketing, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Kerstin Schmidt, an assistant, and completing the committee were Beth Bunnell, a lawyer, and Candy Lopez, a CEO.

The members at the Charter dinner came from Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Korea, Philippines, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States of America²⁶³. A very cosmopolitan group.²⁶⁴

The club ceased to operate it would seem in 2014, as while it appeared in the 2014-15 Handbook, there was a note with the details indicating they had not been updated since the 2013-14 Handbook. The club was not included in the 2015-16 Handbook.

258 CYGNET, TAS

Thirteen petitioners, consisting of six married couples plus one person, sought a charter for a mixed Beefsteak and Burgundy Club *branch* of Cygnet in Tasmania. Of the couples, two were from a farming background, one viticultural, two hospitality and the other running a post office service. A farmer completed the thirteen.

The petition came about through the efforts of Rob Cooper, who in his initial communication with the then General Secretary, John Macklin, wrote that he and his wife had just bought the Post Office at Cygnet. “We are both very keen food and wine lovers and have spoken to several people that we meet through our business that share the same passion for food and wine”. He had had an experience of attending a function at the Grafton Club (No 155).²⁶⁵

They were granted the two hundred and fifty-eighth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 19 September 2007.

The President of the new *branch* was Rob Cooper, a postal officer, Vice-President, Jenny Booth, a farmer, Wine and Food master, Eric Phillips, a vigneron, Honorary Secretary, Lyn Glover, a hospitality manager, Honorary Treasurer Les Kocsis, a farmer, with the rest of the committee being Phil Booth, a farmer, Lisa Cooper, a postal manager, Margaret Blair, a farmer, and Gary Johns, a hospitality manager.

Unfortunately, their association with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was brief as by 2010 they were no longer affiliated.

259 MARLBOROUGH, NZ

Twenty-three petitioners, nearly all from Blenheim, a town in the north-east of New Zealand, in its Marlborough region, which is well-known for its wines. The petitioners

²⁶³ Maureen was from the USA and in early 2007 she and husband Dirck returned there.

²⁶⁴ *B & Bulletin* Summer 2005

²⁶⁵ Email from Rob Cooper to John Macklin, General Secretary, 3 June 2007

were mainly from professional or managerial backgrounds, although they included four retirees.

The Club Committee granted the petitioners the two hundred and fifty-ninth Charter at their committee meeting on 17 October 2007.

The first President of the new *branch* club of Marlborough was Eric Bowers, a company director, Vice-President was Mike Veal, a viticulturist and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was Edward G Johnson, retired.

260 ALLOURA, NSW

Seventeen petitioners, mainly residing at Alloura Waters, Davistown, near Gosford, in New South Wales, were awarded the two hundred and sixtieth Charter by the Club Committee at its meeting on 20 February 2008.²⁶⁶ The application was interesting on two accounts: all but two of the seventeen were retired, and of these, eleven resided at Alloura Waters, a Retirement Village, along with one of the two petitioners who was employed, which was as the Village manager; the other employed member was a company director and not a resident at the Retirement Village; and secondly, the other four petitioners, also not residents at the Retirement Village, were also noted as being members of the Sydney Club (No 7).

The President of the new club was John Samios, retired, Vice-President, Jim Dowling, retired, Winemaster, John Samios, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, John Pearson, retired.

The catalyst for forming this Club came from the new President, John Samios (a member of Sydney Club No 7 since 1980), who moved to the Central Coast in 1994 and then to Alloura Waters Retirement Village in 2000. He realised there were many residents who were interested in wine and food and so prevailed upon Sydney to sponsor an application for a Charter. As well as John Samios, members of Alloura who were also members of Sydney are Ross Blackmore, Garry Ward and Chris Moyle.

The Club in 2018 had 30 members and two provisional. It had no Life Members. New members mostly come from the Alloura Waters Retirement Village which has about 300 residents, but membership was not limited to residents. The Club has both male and female members.

The meetings were lunches, held on the first Tuesday of the month, except January and November, when it clashed with the Melbourne Cup, which is a big celebration day in the Village. So, for the latter few years, two of the Club's members (Dave Isaacs and John Samios) organised a Wine Tasting Supper on the Thursday after the Melbourne Cup in the Village's Auditorium. Normal lunches were held at various locales around the Central Coast.

²⁶⁶ The Charter date has been incorrect in the Handbook from the club's beginning. The Club Committee minutes of 20 February 2008 clearly show it to be approved then and a letter from the then General Secretary, John Macklin, to the then President of the Alloura Club, John Samios, dated 21 February 2008, states, "I am pleased to advise that your petition was received in time for the February Committee meeting. It was presented to the Committee on Wednesday 20th February, received and a Charter granted".

For example, the August 2018 lunch was held at the *Dart and Feather Waterfront* restaurant in Davistown. Starters for the lunch were Lebanese Bread Strips with three dips (Oil/Balsamic, Pesto and Capsicum/Tomato). First course was Chili Salt and Pepper Squid with chips and greens. The main course was Grilled Porterhouse with mash and grilled baby tomatoes and Broccolini with a red wine sauce. An Australian bubbly was served on arrival and with starters, then an Australian Chardonnay with the first and, of course, a Shiraz with the steak. Cost per head was \$50.00. The Club normally had 30 to 45 members and guests attending its lunches.

The Club's finances were in good shape. It always tried to supply its own wines and any that were left over from previous luncheons were raffled, which, of course assisted the Club's finances.

Members scored the dishes and wines of the venue at each function and a winner at the end of August received the Club's *Restaurant of the Year Award*. In 2018 it was narrowly won by the *Boathouse* on Brisbane Water Drive at Koolewong. The two previous Awards both went to the *Oriental Concept* in nearby Saratoga.

The Club's only regalia was a Silver Plated Tastevin and chain and a cow bell, suitably inscribed and which was donated by the Sydney Club. Both were for the use of the Wine and Food Master. The Club also owned its own portable PA system to assist at some functions, and which was of use when the Grape Crusher imposed a fine!

Unfortunately, after such a positive note in 2018, on 18 March 2022 John Samios, the then president of the club, wrote to the General Secretary to inform him that at a Special General Meeting on the future of the club the decision was made to cease operating. John wrote, "I suppose that this state of affairs has been precipitated by restrictions brought about by the [Covid] pandemic to some extent and also to the fact that most of our members are residents of the Alloura Waters Retirement Village and we are not getting any younger!"²⁶⁷ Very unfortunate as it was a lively well-functioning club.

261 SHANGHAI COSMOPOLITANS, CHINA

The new Shanghai Cosmopolitans *branch* club was awarded the two hundred and sixty-first Charter by the Club Committee on 26 March 2008.²⁶⁸

The President (and initially the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer) of the new *branch* was Patric Schroeter, a financial controller, Vice-President, Andrew Thompson, a partner and Deputy Chief Operating Officer with KPMG China, Winemaster, Luis Coronado, a tax consultant, with the two other petitioners, Peter Keim, a consultant, and Jeffrey Mock, a quality director, being designated as committee members.

The reason given for the new *branch* club being established was Patric and a couple of other members thought the Shanghai Club (No 238) "is getting a bit too crowded".²⁶⁹

²⁶⁷ Email from John Samios to the General Secretary, Vin Thomas, 18 March 2022

²⁶⁸ Erroneously listed in the Handbook as 14 March 2008. The Club Committee meeting approving the Charter took place on Wednesday 26 March 2008

²⁶⁹ Email from Patric Schroeter to John Macklin, General Secretary, 21 November 2007

Concern was expressed by the then President of the Shanghai Club (No 238), Alexandre Gruss, at the news that a former member of the club was intending to commence another B&B club in Shanghai. There was concern that if it was also called Shanghai that would lead to confusion by venues. The General Secretary, John Macklin, reassured him that there was no threat to their identity as the new club would be called by another name either geographic, or based on some other fact, such as the original members all being involved in the law, such as the Law 'N Order Club (No 196). He pointed out that Adelaide is a city one-tenth the size of Shanghai but has twenty-three clubs within its metropolitan area.²⁷⁰ Such concerns led the Shanghai Club to place an emphasis on it being the original Club in Shanghai.

Unfortunately, the club did not continue in the Beefsteak and Burgundy movement for many years. At the Club Committee meeting on 25 March 2019, the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, reported that he had written to the Shanghai Cosmopolitans Club stating that their non-payment of Affiliation Fees since 2012 meant that they would need to desist from calling themselves a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club and cease using the Club logo.

262 COOMERA, QLD

There were thirteen petitioners for a new *branch* club at Coomera on the Gold Coast of Queensland. Given that three of the petitioners were in real estate, three in property and land development, another was a business broker and another a civil engineer, it is highly likely that their involvement in the property industry was the connection that led to the proposal to form a new *branch* club. Of the other petitioners, one was a general manager, one a project manager, and a third an administrator, all of which also may have been connected with property, while the final petitioner, had the eloquent occupation of "Stuff".

They were granted the two hundred and sixty-second Charter on 29 April 2008.

The President of the new *branch* club was John Lang, a realtor, Vice-President, Russell Mowles, an administrator, Wine and Food master, Steve Cheney, a realtor, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Gerry Thibault, a realtor, with other committee members, Greg Robbie, a general manager, and William Owen-Jones.

The club appears to have ceased operating in 2017 as while it appears in the 2016-17 Handbook, it does not appear in the following ones.

263 EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

There were four petitioners for a new *branch* club in Edinburgh, Scotland, two of whom were a married couple. They were awarded the two hundred and sixty-third Charter on 21 May 2008. This was done provisionally on the details the then General Secretary, John Macklin, provided as the petition was delayed arriving in the mail. It was to be confirmed by John on the arrival of the petition, which did arrive on 23 May.²⁷¹

²⁷⁰ Email correspondence, John Macklin to Alexandre Gruss, 12 January 2008

²⁷¹ Email from John Macklin, General Secretary, to Scott Macpherson 25 May 2008

Eric Sim and Donald Willson, both members of the Adelaide B&B Club, were fortuitously in a position to be able to attend the Charter Dinner of the new *Branch*.²⁷² There were about sixteen at the dinner, according to Donald Willson's recollection years later, most of whom who were from Edinburgh, and possibly some from Glasgow. According to Donald, one of the main instigators was a New Zealander residing in Edinburgh, whose father was associated with a club in NZ.

The President of the new Edinburgh Club was Ian McAslan, a director, Vice-President, Susannah Macpherson, a doctor, Winemaster, Scott Macpherson²⁷³, an architect, Foodmaster, Susannah MacPherson, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Richard Webber, a director, and completing the committee was a non-petitioner, Felicity Bargeton.

In 2010 Donald did make an attempt to attend another scheduled dinner, but in making contact with them he understood that they were experiencing some difficulty in keeping the club viable.²⁷⁴ In fact, that was the last year the club appeared in the Handbook.

264 MANILLA, PHILIPPINES

There were five petitioners for a new *branch* club of Manila in the Philippines. They were of an expatriate background, although four of them listed their occupation as retired. They were granted the two hundred and sixty-fourth Charter by the Club Committee on 22 November 2008.

The President of the new club was Robert Jenkins, Vice-President, Richard Barclay, Winemaster, Lawrie Martin, Honorary Secretary, John Casey and Honorary Treasurer, John Booth.

The club's Charter dinner was held on Friday 13 March 2009 at the residence of the Australian Ambassador to the Philippines, Rod Smith.

265 PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

After a successful founding lunch on 23 September 2009, eighteen petitioners, largely from an expatriate background, sought a charter for a new *branch* club in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Most were directors, managers, or CEOs of companies, along with a CFO and a chartered accountant. They were awarded the two hundred and sixty-fifth Charter by the Club Committee on 16 December 2009.

The President of the new club was Peter Brongers, a CEO, Vice-President, Brett Sciaroni, lawyer and investment advisor, Wine and Food master, Darrell Gall, a director, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Senaka Fernando MBE, chartered accountant, with Jeroen Van Daalen, a general manager, completing the committee.

²⁷² Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc *Annual Report* 2008

²⁷³ Scott's father had been the Winemaster of the Kapiti Club (No 183) in New Zealand. Club Committee Minutes 20 February 2008

²⁷⁴ Email from Donald Willson to the author 1 May 2020

The club ceased to operate in 2017. However, the founding President of the club, Peter Brongers, wrote to the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, in 2019 seeking approval from the Club Committee for the Phnom Penh Club to be re-started under its original Charter number. The Club Committee gave its approval.²⁷⁵

The club is now again meeting every last Friday of the month for dinner. The committee consists of Peter Brongers and Darren Gall taking turns as President and Vice-President, Anthony Galliano as Secretary and Treasurer and Jeroen van Daalen as Food and Wine Master.

266 NEWPORT LADIES, NSW

At a meeting in August 2010 twelve women from Newport, a northern suburb of Sydney, agreed to apply for membership of the Beefsteak & Burgundy Club. The Newport Ladies' founding members' common thread was they were a group of local sailing friends who had been enjoying eating out together on a regular basis.

They were approved for the two hundred and sixty-sixth Charter by the General Secretary on 15 September 2010, the thirteenth women-only club. It was, however, not endorsed by the Club Committee until its meeting on 19 October 2010.²⁷⁶

The Club's membership has a strong link with The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club (RPAYC.) Some of ladies are members of both clubs racing and sailing on Pittwater and beyond with some of the partners being members of the RPAYC Beefsteak and Burgundy Club (No 119) established in 1972.

Penny McConaghy was the first President of the new *branch* club with Vice-President, Liz de Soyres; Winemaster, Jackie Palmer; Foodmaster, Jayne Cole; Honorary Secretary, Sue Mueller and Honorary Treasurer, Cherie Waddy. The first committee's other members were Jayne Perett, Tina Ernfridsson, Diana Storey and Zora Drazic. In that first year, there were seventeen members. Membership has now reached thirty for several years.

The Newport Ladies are a friendly, lively group of women from a variety of professional and business backgrounds who meet on the second Wednesday of each month ten times a year, except for January. They appreciate good food and wine and enjoy each other's company. Member guests are most welcome. The Club's AGM is held in July.

The club's 10th birthday celebration was special. Members with ten years' consecutive membership are welcomed to the Newport Ladies Club Lounge; the first three being Liz de Soyres, Jackie Palmer and Trish Dykstra.

Monthly dinners take members to local restaurants on the Northern Beaches between Palm Beach, Collaroy and Terrey Hills but usually no further so partners happily oblige provide transport. The Foodmaster encourages restaurants to enjoy the night by giving chefs a chance to create a special dinner. Menus are selected in conjunction with the Winemaster who matches them with wine from the Club's cellar. Partners are invited to attend the Christmas event in December usually at a favourite venue.

²⁷⁵ Club Committee Minutes 18 February 2020

²⁷⁶ Club Committee Minutes 19 October 2010

Member birthdays are celebrated at dinners with a gift for the birthday girls. There is a raffle with prizes sourced from local businesses. For the last few years Newport Ladies have been supporting Zonta Club of Northern Beaches Inc's kitchen starter kit initiative. These kits are given to women in need leaving several local women's refuges and support organisations as they embark on new life journeys. Wine options, quizzes or member reviews of the food and wine are common dinner activities and a lucky door prize awaits a winner.

Club dinners are supplemented by a couple of member-only events throughout the year. These are held in a member's home and they have included wine appreciation nights, tasting Australian, Spanish, Tuscan and South American wine and a cheese making workshop. The Club's popular annual weekend away in early May, with partners, has taken members across country to Crookwell, Orange, Gundaroo and Shoalhaven Heads to sample the local cuisine and wine. The President's drinks, first held in 2021, now wrap up the formal social proceedings.

Behind the scenes, the Newport Ladies Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month to review previous events and plan for upcoming ones. Meetings are accompanied by a glass of wine or two before members enjoy dinner together.

267 SOUTHERN GERMANY, GERMANY

The founding dinner for the new Beefsteak and Burgundy Club *branch* took place on 25 September 2010 in the Rosemarin Restaurant at Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany. The instigator of the dinner was Knut Steinkamp, who had recently returned to Germany after 17 years abroad, including time in Shanghai, where he became acquainted with the B & B movement.²⁷⁷ Ten people from the dinner were happy to be founding members.²⁷⁸

The ten signed the petition to establish the new *branch* club Southern Germany, situated at Erlangen. Four of the petitioners were Chief Financial Officers, two were consultants, one an interior designer, another a manager and two were "Owners". They were awarded the two hundred and sixty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee on 22 September 2010, although the Charter Date in the Handbook is listed as 27 September 2010.²⁷⁹

The President of the new club was Knut Steinkamp, a CFO, Vice-President, Angelika Henkel, a CFO, Wine and Food master, Nico Lichtenheld, a manager, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, Ana Paula Baltabar Steinkamp, an interior designer, with Mark Steinkamp, a consultant, and Christian Ulrich, a consultant, completing the committee.

The club did not exist for long though, ceasing operating in 2013, as it did not appear in the 2013 – 14 Handbook.

²⁷⁷ *B & Bulletin* Summer 2011

²⁷⁸ Knut Steinkamp email to Craig Thornquest, General Secretary, 27 September 2010

²⁷⁹ The Club Committee Minutes of 22 September 2010 erroneously have the Suzhou Club name alongside Knut Steinkamp, who submitted the Humble Petition.

268 ASTORIANS, SA

There were nineteen petitioners for a new *branch* club in Adelaide, named Astorians.²⁸⁰ Amongst the petitioners there were five couples. They came from across Adelaide and did not seem to have had an employment or industry connection. Three were public servants, two were company directors, two in sales, one teacher, another in promotions and another in tour operations. A couple were retired and others were listed as home duties. Presumably there were friendship connections, as evidenced by ten of the nineteen being five couples, and they decided to establish a club that met bi-monthly.

The petitioners were awarded the two hundred and sixty-eighth Charter by the Club Committee on 9 March 2011.

The first President and Winemaster of the new club was Vivienne Smith, a supervisor; Vice-President, Brian Smith, a public servant; Foodmaster was Robyn Stevenson, a teacher; Honorary Secretary was David Crighton; Treasurer, Bob Stevenson, a public servant; and committee member, Mark Holan.

The longevity of the club was brief, as it ceased operations as a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in September, 2017. Unfortunately, in the end it was only the Committee that really supported the club and this made it hard to negotiate with restaurants for good prices for dinners. The committee tried other formats such as Sunday lunches and visits to wineries and although quite well attended, unfortunately such initiatives failed to boost the club's membership. Other initiatives such as the subsidization of meals also did not bear the hoped-for results.

With the cessation of the club a number of the remaining members decided to join the Accolade Club, from which some of them originally came.²⁸¹

269 SUZHOU, CHINA

There were eight petitioners for a new *branch* club at Suzhou, China (about a 30 minutes high speed train ride from Shanghai). They were mainly managers, with one hotelier.²⁸² The driving force for the new club was Joe Gabrielle, the manager of a wine company. He became the President of the new club, with Guido Milner, a general manager, the Vice-President, Luc Bollen, a general manager, the Wine and Food master, and Dieter Wehner, a technical manager, with the interesting office of Cigar Master. The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was to be confirmed.

²⁸⁰ Why that name for the club was chosen is unclear; the word seems to have its origin in a city in Oregon and fur trading.

²⁸¹ Email from Vivienne Smith, President of the Astorians Club, to the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest 22 September 2017

²⁸² One, Alexandre Gruss, was listed with an address in Shanghai, where nine months later he would also be listed on the petition for the new Shanghailanders Club (No 272). Alexandre was a former President of the Shanghai Club (No 238)

Other petitioners listed were Endre Hosszu²⁸³, a managing director, Alexandre Gruss, an HR director, Mike Cookson, a business owner, and Justin Channe, a hotelier.

270 MALMO, SWEDEN

The petition for the new *branch* club at Skeppsbron in Malmo, Sweden, was signed by two petitioners, Anders Johannesson, a general manager, the proposed President of the new *branch* club, and Robert Hall, an entrepreneur, the proposed Vice-President. Also listed on the petition as members of the committee were Andreas Pieplow, the Wine and Food master, Anders Osbeck as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, and Pars Rosell and Marcus Skogfeldt as committee members.

The club's charter was approved by the Club Committee at its meeting on 25 May 2011²⁸⁴, although the charter date recorded in the Handbook is 17 March 2011.

The club ceased operating in 2015.

271 TAIPEI, TAIWAN

Alan Wickberg, a managing partner of a technologies company, was a driving force in the establishment of a new *branch* club in Taipei, Taiwan. The petition for the new club only had two other signatories: Scott Faull, a sales director, who like Alan, was also in the process of moving back to Taipei, and who was to be the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; and Michael Boyden, a managing director, and who was to be the Winemaster.

Alan was confident that he had commitments from 12 to 14 people to join the new club, largely from a business background, but also a hotelier and a lawyer.²⁸⁵

The two hundred and seventy-first Charter was awarded to them by the Club Committee on 10 June 2011.

272 SHANGHAILANDERS, CHINA

At the time the new Shanghaianders *Branch's* Charter was approved by the Club Committee (6 December 2011), there were two male B&B clubs, Shanghai (No 238) and Shanghai Cosmopolitans (No 261) and a female club, Shanghai Ladies (No 257).

The Shanghaianders was commenced by some previous members of the two male clubs in a desire to return to a more traditional B&B format. The four signatories of the petition were the new club President, Howard Bennett, also a co-founder of the Shanghai Club (No 238), Thomas Weil, the Vice-President, Alexandre Gruss, the Winemaster, and Hanns Michel, the Honorary Secretary/Treasurer. While not signatories, others listed as being on the Committee were Michael Schneider, Bob Oliver and Mike Cookson.

²⁸³ Of interest is that Endre Hosszu was listed with a Shanghai address and around the same time one Andrew Hosszu was the President of the Shanghai Club (No 238)

²⁸⁴ Club Committee Minutes 25 May 2011

²⁸⁵ Alan Wickberg email to Craig Thornquest, General Secretary, 23 June 2011

Howard Bennett, Alexandre Gruss, Hanns Michel, Michael Schneider and Thomas Weil had all been members of the Shanghai Club (No 238) but were seeking different dining and club experiences. Accordingly, the club's tagline became: *B&B chapter 272 The Shanghailanders Offering innovative and affordable culinary dining experiences in Shanghai since 2011.*

The two hundred and seventy-second Charter was awarded to them by the Club Committee on 6 December 2011.

Shanghai is a high-energy economic city with some transience of people coming and going, which does impact upon the Beefsteak and Burgundy Clubs there. However, the Shanghailanders have managed to maintain its 30-membership base over the years, with most of them being regular attendees to their lunches and dinners.

In 2015, the club was proud to host the first Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Convention held outside of Australasia; it was judged to be a great success.

The club, as with virtually every B&B club, went into recess with the onset of the covid pandemic, but fortunately was able to open again within a few months.

273 HONG KONG, CHINA

In an email with the Petition and Club Constitution to Craig Thornquest, General Secretary, Tom Hands, the proposed President of the new club, a marketing director, noted that the petition had been signed by himself, the Winemaster, Landon Bibeau, a banker, and the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Christoph Waelti, also a banker. In addition, there were to be two other Committee members, Benson Wu and Peter Thelin, and they would be joined shortly by Andrew Hosszu, the former President of the Shanghai Club (No 238).²⁸⁶

The two hundred and seventy-third Charter was awarded to them by the Club Committee on 24 February 2012.

274 NOT ISSUED

This charter number was not issued because of an error in records of awarded charters.

275 MONT ALBERT, VIC

Six petitioners, all managers, applied to establish the new *branch* club, Mont Albert, in Melbourne Victoria. They were granted the two hundred and seventy-fifth Charter, dated twenty-second August 2012.

The first president of the new club was Paul Minahan, Vice-President, Chris Willis, Wine and Foodmaster. Adam Thomas, Honorary Secretary, Ian Falls, Treasurer, John Evans, with James Freemantle completing the committee.

²⁸⁶ Tom Hands email to Craig Thornquest, General Secretary, 6 January 2012

276 HOBSONS BAY, VIC

There were nine petitioners for the establishment of the new *branch* club, Hobsons Bay, Victoria, named after the bay into which the Yarra River flows in Melbourne. They were granted the two hundred and seventy-sixth Charter, dated 4 September 2012. They were the fourteenth female club.

President of the new club was Karenne Hall, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary, Melissa Gramatakos, Winemaster, Bronwyn Clarke, Honorary Treasurer, Margaret Weyl-Willett, Foodmaster, Sanne Rodenstein, and completing the committee, Karen Newman, Caroline Gould, Margo Ingliss and Kim Bouchier.

The first meeting of the club had twelve present, the second, nineteen and at present the club has twenty-nine members.

277 SHANGHAI BELLES, CHINA

Eight petitioners, from a range of professional backgrounds, sought to establish a new *branch* club in Shanghai, called the Shanghai Belles, the fifteenth female club. The Club Committee granted them the two hundred and seventy-seventh Charter at its meeting on 26 November 2013.

The President of the new *branch* club was Marina Kramer, a consultant, Vice-President, Katja Meinunger, business administration, Wine and Foodmaster, Sandrine Blanchard, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, sales business, Frances Guthrie, an attorney and completing the committee, Yinting Ellen Hsu, finance, Kati Hauser, an engineer, Julia Xiao, in merchandise, and Rosina Obermaier, business administration.

Their founding dinner was held on 13 December 2013.

278 THE HONG KONG ORIGINALS, CHINA

At a Club Committee meeting in 2009, the General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, informed members that a club in Hong Kong had been meeting for 35 years and calling themselves a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. Their membership was mainly British, with the occasional Australian and American. The one venue, the Hong Kong Club, was used.

In 2004 Adrian Overholser, a member since 2000, and the youngest member by a number of years, was asked by the then convenor, Beric Hazelhurst-Howles, who was leaving Hong Kong, to take over the leadership of the club. Adrian did so with the determination to vary the dining venues used and to bring in different nationalities, as well as to regularise the name of the club.

Hence, he made contact with Craig. The Committee asked Craig to write to Adrian Overholser to formalise the affiliation and to point out the benefits of doing so.²⁸⁷

²⁸⁷ Club Committee Meeting 21 October 2009

In the fullness of time, after a process of gaining agreement from his members, Adrian and three other petitioners applied for a new *branch* in Hong Kong, interestingly named the Hong Kong Originals although there had previously been a *branch* in Hong Kong, called Victoria, Hong Kong (No 177), which had been established in 1978 and ceased existing in 1985. Even though not an official Beefsteak and Burgundy Club, the petitioners negotiated with Craig Thornquest, that because they were from a group informally operating as a dining society in Hong Kong since around 1973, they should be termed as the Hong Kong *Originals*.

The petitioners were awarded the two hundred and seventy-eighth Charter, dated 28 February 2014, so several years of internal negotiations had passed from the 2009 contact and invitation.²⁸⁸

The President of the new *branch* club was Adrian Overholser, a consultant, Vice-President and Foodmaster, James Fortier, a business owner, Winemaster, Salvo Ferreira, a banker, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Alan Norman, a chartered accountant.

The club uses a variety of dining establishments, and the club now has members from 28 different nationalities, so Adrian's aims have been achieved. The club's membership is strong. At the time its constitution was adopted it was approved to have a membership of 40 because of many members' continual abstention from Hong Kong on business. Membership is full. There are also a dozen *associate* members who do not pay membership dues but who have the right to attend on the intermittent occasions they are able to do so. Likewise, there are about twenty overseas *members* who were former members and can attend whenever they happen to be back in Hong Kong.

As recounted in the history of the Victoria Club, Charter 177, in 2021 Adrian Overholser began a process of investigating the link between the Victoria Club and the Hong Kong Original, the outcome of which was that at its meeting on 7 February 2023, the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Incorporated committee passed the following motion: That the Hong Kong Originals Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Charter 278 be discontinued and that the Victoria Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Charter 177 be reinstated as an operating club from this date forward.

The membership of the Hong Kong Original Club were informed of this outcome at their meeting on 16 February 2023 and there was a strong positive reaction to the news of the Club Committee's decision.²⁸⁹

²⁸⁸ Adrian acknowledged receipt of the *Humble Petition*, stating that he would table it at the next meeting. Club Committee Minutes 18 November 2009. From the Club Committee Minutes 24 February 2010, it seems that an internal process needed to be followed through to ensure that the members of the Hong Kong Club were happy with the move to affiliate. Adrian undertook lobbying with members before a vote in December 2009 to become a chartered club with the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Inc, thus regularizing their status. Unfortunately, some members were fearful of the implications of other B&B members visiting and possibly impacting on their dining, so the vote was defeated. The next strategy was to formally establish a dining society under the government rules, which required the club to have a constitution. Adrian arranged with Craig to use the B&B Constitution as the template. This was completed in 2013 so in December 2013 another vote was undertaken, which resulted in a yes vote to formally join the Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

²⁸⁹ Email from Adrian Overholser to the author, 17 February 2023

279 DARWIN DIVAS, NT

Nineteen petitioners from various professional, sales and media backgrounds were granted the two hundred and seventy-ninth Charter, dated 27 March 2014. The new *branch*, Darwin Divas, was the sixteenth all-female club.

Its first President was Tina Griffiths, who worked in sales, Vice-President, Marion Taylor, an admin officer, Winemaster and Foodmaster was shared by Monique Kildare and Tina Griffiths, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer was Andrea Calley, a bookmaker, and completing the committee was Kathryn Ganley, a legal practitioner.

280 123 CONVENTION, SA

The two hundred and eightieth Charter was awarded to the organising committee of the 2014 Convention in Adelaide, which was a joint effort by representatives from the No 1 club Brighton, No 2 club Lockleys and No 3 club, Burnside. Hence the charter being named 123 Convention. The club was disbanded once the convention was wrapped up

281 FABULOUS + BEAUTIFUL, CHINA

There were four petitioners for new women's *branch* in Hong Kong, called the Fabulous + Beautiful. They were awarded the two hundred and eighty-first Charter, dated 28 February 2015, the seventeenth all-female club.

The President of the new club was Sammi Jayawardane, a practice development manager for Asia, Vice-President, Melanie Wilton, a designer, Wine and Food Master, Maria Chan, a manager, and Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Candy Lok, also a manager.

The club was registered with the Hong Kong Societies Office as the Fabulous and Beautiful Dining Society and that was how it was marketed, with its Beefsteak and Burgundy Club affiliation being acknowledged in a low-key way by means of signature blocks and news items.

Unfortunately, the club introduced commercial activities, broader than inviting winery guest speakers, and unviable membership fee practices, that made the club's operation unviable. It ceased to be active from 2016-2020. However, through the work of its former Honorary Secretary, Vanessa Watts, the club was revived in 2021, with Vanessa becoming President.

282 AT SEA 2017 CONVENTION, SA

The Woodville Club (No 76) hosted the 2017 Convention, which took the form of a three-day cruise in the St Vincent Gulf of South Australia. The new organising *branch* formed for the convention had as its President, Tim Fischer, Vice-President, Rob Kelvin, Winemaster and Honorary Secretary, Jeff Wilson, Honorary Treasurer, Brenton Tiver and committee members Diane Myers, Gaynor Fischer, all from the Woodville Club and David Day, the Adelaide Club representative. The club ceased operating when the convention was all wrapped up.

283 BRIBIE-PUMICESTONE, QLD

There were twenty-four petitioners for the new Bribie-Pumicestone club, who were awarded the two hundred and eighty-third Charter, dated 28 November 2016. The ten petitioners who signed the document were listed as retired, which may have applied to most of the petitioners.

The President of the new club was Graeme Brittenden, Vice-President, Bill Eberhardt, Winemaster, Philip Arlidge, Honorary Secretary, Ellen Fell, Honorary Treasurer, Richard Fell, and Russell Woodward was the Foodmaster.

In early February, 2016, a notice appeared in the local newspaper inviting those interested in forming a Wine and Food Club to a meeting. The instigator, Graeme Brittenden, had discussed doing this with friends back in 2012, so he had certainly given it a lot of thought! It was a good turnout and over 50 people signed up to show their interest that night.

The gathered group heard several name suggestions and finally agreed on Bribie, for the Island on which many of the lived, and Pumicestone for the Passage that has to be crossed to reach Australia, fortunately via a bridge. Graeme was voted in as the founding President and Bill Eberhardt as Vice President. Members were fortunate that a very good and experienced purveyor of wines, Philip Arlidge, lived on the island and agreed to be the Master of Wine. By the end of that meeting a Secretary and a Treasurer had also been appointed.

The first Dinner Meeting was held on 20th April 2016, at Kai's Restaurant on the Island. 25 guests attended and of those, 20 signed up as members. The Club sent off its Humble Petition to the B&B Club in October 2016 and were granted B&B status later that year.

The club is a Mixed Club with the majority of members being retired couples. Only eight members have had previous experience of the Beefsteak & Burgundy organisation as either members or guests at some time, and none of the Island's restaurants were familiar with the concept at all. Thus, it has been a learning curve for not only some of the members but for local chefs, club managers and café owners.

Bribie Island, along with the hamlets on the western shore of Pumicestone Passage, is a haven for caravaners. The club has learnt to cope with their comings and goings by having its Meetings bi-monthly and by avoiding school holiday times whenever possible.

Since inception the club has had good relations with the Bribie Island Surf Club, the Pacific Harbour Country Club and various other restaurants on the island. However, it is difficult to maintain these relationships as chefs and ownership change constantly. Thus, members have had on average 5 dinner meetings each year and one or two luncheons. It is also harder on the island to have places that allow the club to bring along its own wine selections and it is with especial thanks to those restaurants that do allow such events and cater for the club's needs in food selections.

As the club moves forward it hopes to have established some traditions of its own; like Christmas lunch being off-island at one or other of the local wineries at Mt Mee or Maleny. As well, members are blessed with beach locations for a Sunset Soiree in January and the Oktoberfest later in each year.

Members hope to be able to have events that attract new members as well as cater for the fellowship and socialising that are part and parcel of Beefsteak and Burgundy clubs.

Whilst the club will never be big enough to have its own cellar, it has members who are knowledgeable about wine and thus are able to have good wines at reasonable prices. And on some occasions, members are able to have masked wine and commentary on both wines and food.

The Bribie-Pumicestone B&B club is fairly informal and has yet to have a black-tie dinner but members have enjoyed the more formal aspects at the yearly B&B Convention and have attended these at Hobart, Sydney, Coonawarra and the most recent at Echuca.

Going forward, members hope to continue to have dinner meetings that please the palate in both food and wine and that are enjoyable occasions for fellowship and camaraderie.²⁹⁰

284 JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA

The Johannesburg Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was initiated by Kym Fullgrabe, The Australian Trade Commissioner for Africa, who transferred to Johannesburg from Sao Paulo Brazil in October 2016. Kym had been a member of the Brazil Club (No 235) for the four years he was Trade Commissioner in Brazil so he was keen to replicate the experience in Johannesburg.

He was soon able to develop interest in the Club with the outcome that a petition signed by seven people was submitted to the Foundation Club Committee in April 2017 and approved. The Club's charter was presented to the new President, Kym Fullgrabe, at a Charter Dinner on 24 May 2017 by Dr Vin Thomas, a member of the Adelaide Club Committee.

President of the new club was Kym Fullgrabe, Vice-President and Wine and Foodmaster, Shane Hunter, a miner, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Chris Tunbridge, a migration adviser, and completing the committee were Lebusa Meso, a lawyer, and Mpho Mochekela, a strategic sourcer.

For reasons unknown, as contact was lost with the club, it appears to have not functioned for any period of time after its chartering. It paid its Affiliation Fee for the first year and not thereafter, so the club is considered to have ceased in late 2018.

285 BRISBANE 2020 CONVENTION, QLD

The organising committee of the 2020 Convention, to be held in Brisbane, were awarded the two hundred and eighty-fifth Charter on 17 September 2017.

²⁹⁰ Provided by Ellen and Richard Fell, respectively Secretary and Treasurer since 2016 and John Wroblewski, President since 2019

President of the organising committee was Ken Luskie, Vice-President, Steve Derbyshire, Winemaster, Russell Robertson, Honorary Secretary, Suzanne Luskie, Honorary Treasurer, Neville Cardiff and Foodmaster, Joanne Martin.

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic surfaced in Australia at the beginning of 2020, which with the instigation of governments in Australia brought about lockdowns and minimal travel and movement causing the convention to have to be cancelled.

286 SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

Petitioners from Seoul were awarded the two hundred and eighty-sixth Charter on 29 May 2018.

The President of the new club was Guy J Ofek, a general manager, Vice-President, Michael Conforme, Winemaster, Enrico Olivieri, Foodmaster, Mark Meaney, Honorary Secretary, Mitchell Williams, Honorary Treasurer, Robert Browell and completing the committee, Rosen Kim.

Unfortunately, with the transfer of the founder of the club, Guy Ofek, to Singapore along with the death of Michael Conforme, the club ceased operating during 2019.²⁹¹

287 THE CROWN AND SCEPTRE, SA

Four petitioners for the new club, The Crown and Sceptre – taken from the name of the hotel at which their initial meetings were held – were granted the two hundred and eighty-seventh Charter by the Club Committee on 22 August 2018.

President and Wine and Food master of the new club was Darren Gitsham, Vice-President, Kathleen ODoherty, Honorary Secretary, Marvin Maguda, and Honorary Treasurer, Ian Gitsham.

Unfortunately, the club did not function long and had ceased operating as a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club in early 2019.

288 ANGAS AND HUTT, SA

Inaugural members of the Angas and Hutt Beefsteak and Burgundy Club met at the Naval, Military & Air Force Club on 1 May 2019 to form the club.²⁹² This was largely at the initiative of Peter Martindale, a former President of the Adelaide Foundation Club, and a founding member of the Accolade Club (No 222). The Club Committee approved the granting of the two hundred and eighty-eighth Charter at its meeting on 24 May 2019.

The first President of the new club was Peter Martindale, Vice-President, Stephanie Eastwick, Honorary Secretary, Jan Pearson, Honorary Treasurer, Robert Leeder, Wine

²⁹¹ Email from Guy Ofek to General Secretary, Craig Thornquest, 23 June 2021

²⁹² The Naval, Military and Air Force Club is located on the corner of Angas and Hutt Streets, Adelaide. Hence the name of the new club.

Director, Oleh Bilyk, with other committee members being Paul Szuster, Sam Joyce and Teresa Hamilton-Smith.

In addition to those named on the committee there were seventeen other Charter members, including Dr Bruce Perks, who at the time was the Immediate Past President of the Adelaide Foundation Club.

The club's foundation dinner was held on 26 June 2019 at the Naval, Military and Air Force Club. It was attended by the then President of the Adelaide Foundation Club, Mark Jennings, who presented the new club's Charter.

289 HOLDFAST 2022 CONVENTION, SA

The two hundred and eighty-ninth Charter was awarded by the Club Committee by resolution on 4 July 2019 to the Holdfast Club (No 37), who were the club selected to hold the 2022 Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Convention.

The President of the new Holdfast 2022 Convention Beefsteak and Burgundy Club was Darren Reid, Vice-President and Honorary Treasurer, Mark Beibrick, Winemaster and Foodmaster, Gary Smith, Honorary Secretary, John Watts, and completing the committee, Fernando Talotta and John Burch.

Unfortunately, because of the Covid pandemic, the decision was made in 2020 by the club not to proceed with hosting a convention in 2022. As a consequence, the Echuca Club, which was to host the 2021 convention was able to re-schedule it for 2022, with the expectation that the pandemic would be more under control by then.

290 TAICHUNG, TAIWAN

Fourteen petitioners were granted the two hundred and ninetieth Charter by the Club Committee at its 17 February 2020 meeting. The petitioners largely came from medical and hospitality backgrounds.

The President of the new club of Taichung was Joseph S Jou, an international trader, Winemaster, Dylan Chu, in the hospitality industry, Foodmaster, Davy Lo, a wine merchant, Honorary Treasurer, David Yen, a retired merchant, and completing the committee, Jackson Chen, a retired merchant, and Simon Yen, a medical practitioner.

The first dinner was held on the Fourth of December 2019, with the club hosting bi-monthly dinners.

291 FREMANTLE, WA

At its meeting on 21 September 2020, the Club Committee approved the granting of the two hundred and ninety-first Charter to eight petitioners for the *branch* of Fremantle, Western Australia.

The President of the new club was Daryn Bungey, a sales representative, Vice-President, Bill McKenzie, Wine and Foodmaster, Alan Mason, a bus driver, and Honorary Secretary,

Ashleigh Arbuthnot, a vet. Completing the committee were Denver Mudie, vet, and Lizann Brown-Mudie, a customer service officer. The other petitioner was Rebecca Baigent, a coach.

Jacquie (Jaki) Andreis, was a petitioner and listed as the Vice-President on it, the same as Elizabeth Dempsey, an architectural technician, who was listed as the Wine and Foodmaster, initially.

292 HANOI, VIETNAM

The new club of Hanoi was awarded the two hundred and ninety second Charter at the Club Committee's meeting on 21 June 2021. The club was established on the initiative of Matthew Bahen, who on his arrival in Hanoi for a three-year deployment, noticed the absence of a Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. He had spent the previous 12 years in various placements in China, the itinerant nature of which mitigated against him becoming a member of one of the clubs in China, but as a wine merchant he had a long-term association with the Club there.

The first President of the new club was Adam McCarty, Chief Economist at Mekong Economics Limited, Vice-President, Michael Francis, Honorary Secretary/Wine and Foodmaster, Matthew Charles Bahen, Market Development Manager with De Bortoli Wines, Honorary Treasurer, Ray Mallon, with the remainder of the committee being Tom Bowen, John Michael Caldagues and Danny Liao and Sylvian Bournigault.

The club was launched with an initial membership of thirteen members.

293 SOUTHERN SWEDEN, SWEDEN

Six petitioners from Sweden, four of whom had been members of the Beijing Club (No 212) before returning to Sweden, were awarded the two hundred and ninety-third Charter at the Club Committee's meeting on 22 July 2021. Located in Båstad, Sweden, they named their club the Swedish Beefsteak and Burgundy Club; however, this was unacceptable for the Club Committee as it implied that no other B&B club in Sweden was Swedish, while it also implied another brand of Beefsteak and Burgundy Club. The petitioners were agreeable with changing the name of the club and they proposed Southern Sweden, which was accepted.

The first President of the Southern Sweden Club was Anders Lüchander, a business lawyer, Vice-President Stepan Östlund, retired, Winemaster Jens Olsen and Foodmaster Tommy Liu, Honorary Secretary Lars-Eric Johansson, Senior Vice-President in OQ Chemicals and Honorary Treasurer Jerker Olsson.

294 NEW TAIPEI, TAIWAN

At its 20 September 2021 meeting, the Club Committee granted the two hundred and ninety-fourth Charter to eight petitioners from Taipei for their New Taipei Club.

The new club was the initiative of James Mehren, an educator, who was a member of the popular Taipei Club and saw the need for another club in Taipei. James was the club's

inaugural president, wine and food master. Vice-President was Davis Miracle, an investor, Honorary Secretary/Treasurer was Ching-Yuan Yeh, a lawyer, and together with Sam Mar, a wine importer, they formed the inaugural committee while the club became established.

The other petitioners were: Gavin Chen, a beer importer, Laurence Lan, involved in hospitality, Kevin Woolf, a restaurateur, and Jason Ray, an importer/exporter.

295 SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS, NSW

At its meeting on 21 December 2021, the Club Committee granted the two hundred and ninety-fifth Charter to seven petitioners in and around Bowral New South Wales for the Southern Highlands Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

The President and major facilitator of the new club was Jeremy Thomas, a managing director, Vice-President, Matthew Rasheed, also a managing director, Honorary Secretary, Brett Law, Honorary Treasurer, Roger Johnson, with the remaining petitioners, Hayden Folbigg, Fraser Henderson and Justin Allen, serving as committee members.

296 BEEFSTEAK AND BURGUNDY CLUB CONVENTIONS, SA

The minutes of the Club Committee meeting of 21 December 2021 record the awarding of the two hundred and ninety-sixth Charter to the committee established by the host clubs for the 2024 Convention, Adelaide and Holdfast.

President of the committee was Ben Conrades (Adelaide), Vice-President, Mark Biebrick (Holdfast), Honorary Secretary, General Secretary Vin Thomas (Adelaide), Honorary Treasurer, Andrew Williams (Adelaide), Winemaster, Keith Delahoy (Holdfast), Cellarmaster, Dennis Reynold (Holdfast), Foodmaster, Darren Reid (Holdfast), Venues, Ian Coker (Adelaide), Program, Chris Thomson (Adelaide), Marketing and Communications, Alan *Branch* (Adelaide) and Accommodation and Transport, John Watts (Holdfast).

However, more stringent requirements for incorporation precluded one-off events, so the Club Committee decided at its 22 November 2022 meeting to change the name of the club to the general one of Beefsteak and Burgundy Club Conventions South Australia, which was to be the club for all future conventions in South Australia. Its committee under its constitution would be the Club Committee but the constitution had provision for sub-committees to be formed constituted by the hosting club(s) of the particular conventions.

297 2023 Convention, NT

At its meeting on 23 May 2022, the Club Committee granted the two hundred and ninety-seventh Charter to the 2023 Convention Club, comprised of the organising committee from the convention host, the Darwin Divas Beefsteak and Burgundy Club.

The committee listed on the petition were: President was Tina Griffiths, Vice-President and Treasurer Rosemary Campbell, Wine and Foodmaster Joanne Fitzpatrick and Tina Griffiths, Secretary Marie-Louise Pearson, and committee members Bek Garrett, Pina Sommerville and Jane Murray.

The club Ceased operating when the 2023 convention was wrapped up.