

CELLAR CLUB INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY 1991
8.00PM

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1990 Annual General Meeting held on 9th May 1990
3. President's Report
4. Financial Statement
5. Membership Subscription for 1991-92
6. Election of Officers for 1991-92

The current Club Officers have been:

President: MONTY ARNOTT

Vice President: PHIL GLEN

Treasurer: PAT ELL

Secretary: DONNA UPCHURCH

Committee: GLENN ROSS
CHARLIE ELL
ALAN EVANS
FRANCESCA MENZIES

CELLAR CLUB INC.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1991**

1990		1991
	INCOME	
3,202	Monthly Meeting Receipts	2,663
1,240	Subscriptions	1,080
257	Dutch Auctions	52
83	Interest	48
4,782		3,843
	EXPENDITURE	
3,251	Food and Wine	2,853
490	Room Hire	570
262	Postage and Stationery	251
218	Dinner Subsidy	120
274	General Expenses	196
(4,495)		(3,990)
\$287	LOSS FOR THE YEAR	(\$147)

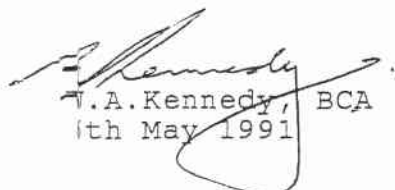
**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH 1991**

\$1,141	MEMBERS' FUNDS	\$994
	REPRESENTED BY :	
868	National Bank Cheque Account	733
14	Cash on Hand	1
259	Wine Stocks	210
0	Prepaid Expenses (Rent)	50
\$1,141	TOTAL ASSETS	\$994

REPORT OF THE AUDITOR TO THE MEMBERS

I hereby certify that I have examined the membership records, Income and Expenditure Account and their supporting records and that I have obtained all explanations and information that I have required.

I am of the opinion that the above are a true and fair view of the Club's position as at the 31st March 1991 and the results of its activities for the year ended on that date.


 V.A. Kennedy, BCA
 16th May 1991

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CELLAR CLUB (INC) HELD AT THE BRODERICK INN, JOHNSONVILLE ON 8 MAY, 1991, AT 8.00PM.

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Pam Edmonds, Ann Russell, Mr and Mrs Findlay, Graeme Fountain and Lyn Wallace.

2 MINUTES OF THE 1990 AGM

The minutes of the 1990 AGM as tabled, were taken as read and confirmed as a correct record of the Meeting.

Pat Ell/John Revell

3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President spoke to his tabled report and expressed that it had been a difficult year. He gave special thanks to the retiring members of the committee; Donna Upchurch (Secretary) and Phil Glen (Vice-President).

It had been encouraging that the wine trade had been prepared to present various wines to the Club and would continue to do so.

The President's report was accepted.

Monty Arnott/Charlie Ell

The incoming President, Alan Evans took the chair and gave thanks to the retiring President Monty Arnott. He indicated that the prospects for the Club in the coming year looked exciting.

4 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It was recognised that the trade had previously supported the Club well, but we may be faced with the cost of paying for some speakers. The Committee would need to decide if the costs of certain speakers would be prohibitive. The Committee had previously worked on a breakeven position per meeting and would continue to do so.

Robert Tredger asked if Robard & Butler had donated the wines for the March meeting. The Club had paid \$10.00 per bottle. In response to a question, it was advised that when the Club received a discount or donated wines these were shown at net cost in the accounts. The breakeven number for a meeting was approximately 25.

The profits from the meetings were normally spent on subsidising the dinners or Sherry, Port etc.

The Income and Expenditure Account recorded a net deficit for the year ended 31 March 1991. The Financial Statements were accepted as correct.

Les Newman/Jocelyn Fountain

5 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 1991-92

Discussion took place regarding increasing the sub to \$25.00 per annum. However the fee of \$20.00 would cover all administration costs.

It was agreed to retain the annual subscription at \$20.00 per annum.

Ron Thomson/Les Newman

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following members were elected as office holders for the Club for 1991-92:-

President:	Alan Evans	Charlie Ell/Phil Glen
Vice President:	Charlie Ell	Glenn Ross/Monty Arnott
Secretary:	Philip Eastwood	Ken Lishman/Pat Ell
Treasurer:	Pat Ell	Francesca Menzies/Monty Arnott
Committee:	Glenn Ross Vic Stagpoole Francesca Menzies Ken Lishman Frank McCarthy	Donna Upchurch/Monty Arnott Pat Ell/John Revell Vic Stagpoole/Robert Tredger Phil Glen/Charlie Ell Alan Evans/Noeleen Evans

7 HONORARY AUDITOR

Wayne Kennedy was elected as Honorary Auditor. The President thanked him for his generous assistance in this position.

Monty Arnott/Ron Thomson

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) Next month Warwick Orchiston from Mission would present his wine to us. These would be "Reserve" quality wines.
- b) The President asked for comments on the kind of evenings the Club had been running. Fay Julian congratulated the Committee on the range of good speakers we had seen and in particular mentioned John Comerford. The ideas of "Theme" evenings was suggested and it was agreed that the Committee would look into this.
- c) A general discussion took place on the drop in Club members. We have 52 members but typically 25-30 attend each month. We need to look at increasing numbers. Word-of-mouth was the best way but it was recognised that the competition was great and a number of wine outlets had entered the market of wine tastings. People were having to choose carefully. The suggestion of advertising in the local paper was made. The various advertising options such as the Contact (in the "What's On" column) were suggested. The local "Independant Herald" - often run editorials especially in conjunction with paid advertising. It was suggested that such advertising could be considered as well as posters in wine outlets such as "Rumbles".

The Meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Donna Upchurch
SECRETARY

CELLAR CLUB INC PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 1990-91

This past year has been a difficult one for the Club, especially in terms of retaining a suitable venue and a good level of attendance at our monthly meetings. The change in meeting venue and day for meetings obviously impacted on the numbers of members who were able to attend meetings. Your Club Committee nevertheless was able to continue to provide an excellent selection of wines throughout the year.

I know all Club members were most pleased we were able to return to the Broderick Inn in Johnsonville at the beginning of this year to what has become a very good venue for our tastings.

All these events produced a difficult year for the Club financially. By November it became clear that the reduced level of membership coupled with the increased costs of alternative venues, meant that the operating costs of the Club would exceed the subscriptions for the current year. Consequently, your Committee made sure that all subsequent costs associated with each meeting were covered by the nightly charge levied to members.

We have continued our aim of bringing to members a varied and enjoyable selection of wines and themes. Tastings over the past year have been:

JUNE 1990	Wine Options
JULY	Dinner at Gnomes Cafe
AUGUST	Vidals Wines
SEPTEMBER	Pinot Noir
OCTOBER	Weingut Seifried Wines
NOVEMBER	Method Champenoise
DECEMBER	Dinner at Timothy's Restaurant
FEBRUARY 1991	AIR NZ Award Medal Wines
MARCH	Robard & Butler Wines
APRIL	Wine Judging

The Club continues to attract a reasonable number of enthusiasts from the **wine trade** to present an increasingly broad selection of wines, and to share their knowledge of the industry.

The dinners continue to attract an excellent turnout of members. Increasingly there also seems to be a growing number of restaurants prepared to provide well presented quality food at a good price to at least 40 people at one sitting.

A number of your current Committee will be standing down this year. Donna Upchurch, Secretary, Phil Glen, Vice President and Monty Arnott, President have decided they wish to stand aside and give others the opportunity to bring forward their skills and experience in the running of the Club. Both Donna and Phil have made an excellent contribution to helping educate your palates. I have been closely involved in the running of the Club for the past 7 years and look forward to the opportunity of further educating my palate from a more "backseat" perspective.

The past year has been a difficult one financially for the Club. I have nevertheless enjoyed my role as President and wish the incoming Committee an enjoyable journey through the vineyards.

Monty Arnott
Club President