



## South Australian Brewing Club

### 2016/17 President's Report

SABC has had another cracking year, and I would like to thank my fellow committee members for the hard work they have put in to keep the club running.

Our membership has grown by about 15 percent over the last 12 months, and meeting attendances have reflected that. Our presence and visibility on Facebook has gone a long way towards helping this growth. We've put a lot of effort into making it easier to communicate with members, but there's still a way to go.

This year's two major events were a great success. It's hard to forget the \$2 cans at Pirate Life, and the BeerBQ repeated and built on the solid start that this event made last year. It's proving to be a good format and will most likely be a permanent fixture in the Club's calendar.

The Winter competition continued with open judging, and I can confidently say that this initiative has contributed to the number of newly registered BJCP judges among our membership. I'd like to thank Gary for his continuing enthusiasm in getting more people through the BJCP course.

Brendan Hennessy won the main prize at the Winter competition with a stand out British Golden Ale. For the summer competition, Jade tasked us with brewing a Munich Helles, which it turns out is not as easy as it sounds. Kieren Vercoe took out the major prize and once again will get to brew his beer at the Wheaty. Kieren also took the brewer of the year title for 2016.

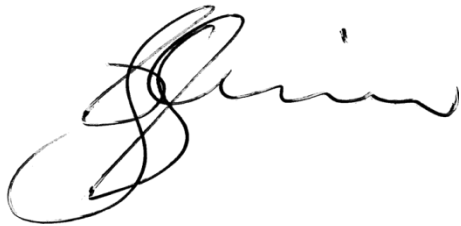
Of course, the big event of the last year was AHNC in Adelaide for the first time. This huge undertaking was only possible thanks to a number of dedicated club members, in particular Mike Leupold, Kieren Vercoe and Lachlan Johnson.

Apart from the conference itself, which brought quite a few big names to our little neck of the woods, there was Club Night. SABC took out the prize for best represented club with our unique boat bar, which had no less than eight taps and an outboard hand pump. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making that happen.

In closing, I'd like to encourage any members who have ideas to improve any aspect of the club to speak up. It's your club, so don't flocculate!

Thanks for your support, and Cheers!

Julien Gibson

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President

15 July, 2017