

E-Newsletter

THE STEAM EXCHANGE BREWERY SPRING 2005

Welcome to our Spring Edition Newsletter. Spring has sprung and it is time to fill you all in on the latest developments!

Building Progress

Recladding and roofing of the Railway Goods Shed has now been completed after a lengthy delay with the replacement of a major structural beam in the louvered semicircular vent. Over time, local cockatoos demolished any structural integrity the beam had – yet another 'renovating surprise' for our intrepid builder Des. The damaged section was cut out and a 9-metre length of first-growth oregon was inserted in its place with some clever carpentry.

The shed is already looking rejuvenated with its new cladding, deck, and wheel chair access. Down pipes and the new rainwater tank have been installed and once the final coat of paint is applied the old girl will be entering a new era of use.

While the building renovations have progressed considerably over the last two months, work has been underway to organise the plumbing of the brew house and bar area, as well as phone connections in preparation for the brewery office to be relocated.

Equipment

Several months of equipment searching and negotiations have finally brought positive results. The first of these was a shipment of kegs from New Zealand that arrived late September. They are now stacked and waiting for the first brews in 2006.

Negotiations with OENOBEV Technology a bottling and packaging company have been productive. They will organise the import and installation of a four head Meehan bottling line from the United States and an OMB single station labeller from Italy. These should arrive in Goolwa early December primed and ready for use in the New Year.

The purchase of a brewery from Beechworth Victoria has been the most significant development. The brew house is a combination of new and 2nd hand equipment imported originally from New Zealand. It contains a 3300 L kettle to produce 2250 L brew lengths. Plans are in progress to dismantle and transport the equipment within the month. This brew house combined with some new conical uni-tanks will create an awesome production facility.

Other News...

Awesome Experiments

The Brew Rig has continued to be invaluable with the production of a number of test brews. One of the more extraordinary brews has been the Double Choc Vanilla Bourbon Porter. Its dark chocolate coffee flavour and Bourbon overtones accompanied with the subtle hint of vanilla have left our trusty test tasters licking their lips. Our Pale Ale, Traditional Bitter and Kolsch have continued to be fine-tuned to perfection, whilst the stout is simply the best. Roll on winter 2006!

Logo Design

The development of a logo that adequately reflects the brewery and its location has been challenging! We have been working in conjunction with Peter Smeets Artwork and Design, and concepts are undergoing gradual development. We hope to show you our progress in the next newsletter.

These are the latest updates...cheers and beers from all of us at the Steam Exchange!