



FRIENDS OF THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA VIGNERONS DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Friends,

We have had a very successful series of events in 2022 after a tentative start to the year. We actually held 11 events this year bookended by the Chirping Bird winery visit in November 2021 as the start and the AGM at Elgee Park as the finish. We had the Comparative Tasting, a 3 Vineyard tour, a number of winery lunches/dinners, some at the winery, some at other venues, a couple of "Educationals" and the Award Lunch.

Our hearty thanks go to Nick Balazs, Sue Sewell, Stephen Ellis and Nick Pantazi who retired from the Committee at the AGM and indeed to the whole Committee who make all the events that we enjoy happen.

We welcome Ash Cooper, Mark Higgins, Pam Mammers, and Mark Rodman onto the Committee and are looking forward to providing you with an interesting programme of events for 2023.

This will start with a BBQ at Kings Creek Vineyard on February 26 and other events as per the schedule in this newsletter. As details are finalised we will update this schedule but wanted to ensure you had an idea of when various events will occur throughout the year.

Our total member numbers are growing and our participation rate is also growing. During 2022 some work was done on our systems but we still have a lot of manual processes involved in running the club so a background piece of work that your Committee will be doing in 2023 will be to sort out our systems to ensure booking events is simple, communicating with members is smooth and our electronic presence is appropriate and up to date.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and an enjoyable holiday period perhaps visiting a few wineries over December/January; we look forward to catching up with you for our first event in February.

Tony Sewell on behalf of the 2023 FMPV Committee



RECENT EVENTS

STONIERS WINEMAKERS' DINNER



After a gap of two years, due to Covid restrictions, we finally were able to run this very popular event.

The dinner was held on Saturday 10th September at the Safety Beach Sailboat Club Restaurant and attended by 46 members and guests.

We were treated to a fantastic menu by David Snooks and complimented by a range of wines from the Stoniers wine portfolio.



Justin Purser, the recipient of the 2022 Jimmy Watson Trophy, spoke about the wines after each course and displayed a vast knowledge of the Stoniers wines and shared many of his experiences in wine Estates throughout Australia and Overseas.



2022 Award for Excellence Presentation and Lunch featuring FMPV Cellar Wines, held at Functions by the Bay.

Sunday 16th October 2022 saw 50 Friends members and guests enjoying a 3-course lunch with matching FMPV cellar wines. The purpose of the lunch was to present our club Award for Excellence now in its 27th year. This annual award is presented to a person who has made a significant contribution to the Mornington Peninsula Wine Industry. The recipient for 2022 is Rollo Crittenden from Crittenden Estate, Dromana. Rollo's contribution to the MP wine industry is described below.

The wines featured on the day were Stoniers 2016 Sparkling wine, a 2014 Moorooduc Estate Chardonnay and a 2021 Pantons Pinot Gris for comparison, a 2012 Merli Pinot Noir and a 2014 Paradigm Hill Col's Block Shiraz from the cellar. In addition, Rollo donated a 2021 Oggi and 2021 Kangerong Rose. The final wine offered was a 2019 Quealy Estate late Picked Pinot Gris. Each of the wines was paired with the food provided by the venue for the particular course.

Rollo is a worthy recipient of our Award for Excellence, and it was wonderful that he and his wife Linda were present to accept the award and that Rollo was available to speak to our club.

Many thanks go to the event organisers, Glenn Lugg and Nick Balazs, whose dogged persistence and determination enabled this event to proceed.



And the Award goes to.....

Rollo Crittenden of Crittenden Estate..... the son of pioneer winemaker Gary Crittenden who won the Award in 1998. Interestingly this year is the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Crittenden Estate so it is very fitting that Rollo has won this year's Award.

Rollo is a graduate of Charles Sturt University and was appointed Chief Winemaker at Dromana Estate at the early age of 26. Returning "home" to Crittenden Estate in 2007 he was awarded Australian Young Gun of Wine in 2010. In 2014 the Estate gained Five Red Stars in the Halliday Companion of Australian Wines



awarded for consistently producing exemplary wines, a status they still hold to this day. In 2021 Crittenden Estate was awarded Best Large Cellar Door on the Mornington Peninsula by Gourmet Traveller magazine. As well as developing alternative varietals and growing the enterprise, Rollo has acted as President of Mornington Peninsula Wine (previously the MPVA) and is on the Board of Grape and Wine Australia, the Wine Industry peak body.



In accepting the Award, Rollo spoke eloquently and passionately of his journey in wine and his realisation that to continue to improve the quality of Crittenden Estate wines he had to steer the vineyard away from using pesticides and herbicides. These he said, "were killing the soil". The Estate now embraces organic and regenerative farming methods which are already paying dividends in improved wine quality.



Rollo and Linda Crittenden

FMPVA AGM



2022 Annual General Meeting

- M** = 53 members and guests at,
- E** = Elgee Park,
- R** = Raised a glass of Elgee Park award winning sparkling,
- R** = Raised a glass of Elgee Park 2019 award winning Chardonnay,
- Y** = You just had to be there to,

- C** = CELEBRATE!!!!
- H** = Happy people who,
- R** = Really enjoyed being with friends,
- I** = Inside away from the Inclement weather!
- S** = Sharing,
- T** = Together the
- M** = Myers family
- A** = Amazing art, at the gallery.
- S** = **SEE YOU IN 2023!!!!**



Meet Your Committee for 2023



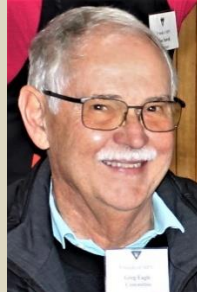
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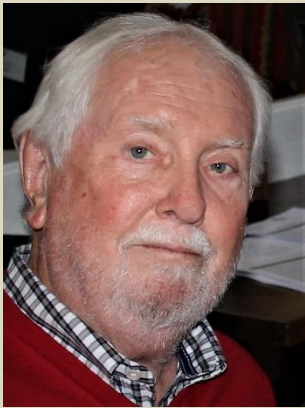


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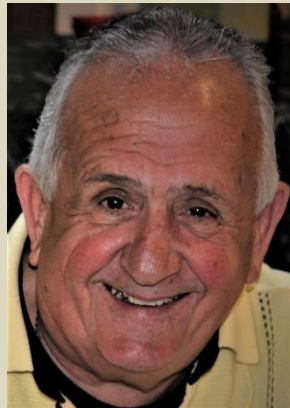


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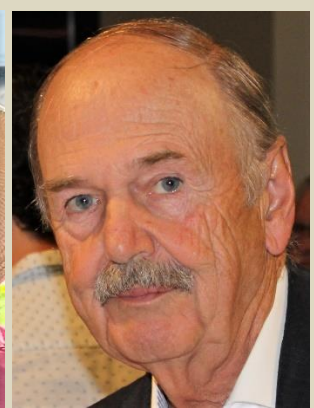
Nick Balazs



Nick Pantazi



Sue Sewell



Stephen Ellis

It is with heartfelt thanks that we farewell the two Nicks, Sue and Stephen from the Committee. Their contributions have been enormous. However, notwithstanding their departure from the Committee we look forward to seeing them regularly at our Events.



Christmas Suggestions

Woodhaven Vineyard

Lee and Neil Ward of Woodhaven Vineyard (visited as part of the 3 Vineyard Tour) have extended the discount on their wines to FMPV members to 30 December 2022. Those discounts are 10% on 6 or more and 20% on 12 or more bottles purchased. Free delivery on 6 or more bottles. For members wishing to purchase Woodhaven wines they can do so by phone (59310170) or via the website (www.woodhavenvineyard.com.au). The 2020 Estate Chardonnay has sold out but the 2021 Chardonnay has just been released.

Chirping Bird

“If you didn't already know, Chirping Birds owner Lee has been going through a major health battle the last few months. We are here to keep the wheels turning while he focuses all of his efforts on getting back on his feet. As always your support for his wine is what is guaranteed to bring a smile to his face. So we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.” (Chirping Bird Flyer)

Extended Black Friday Sale!

20% off any dozen!
use the code BLACKFRIDAY on checkout

[ORDER YOUR WINE NOW](#)
Control and click above

SOME THINGS YOU MIGHT CONSIDER DOING OVER

SUMMER

Merricks General Store

The Wine Nook Summer Series: 5pm – 7pm on the following Friday nights:

Friday 16th December (sparkling wine)

Friday 30th December (varietal to be advised)

Friday 6th January (varietal to be advised)

The kitchen will be open for snacks with Head Chef, Martin Duke designing a special snack to pair with the focus wines of the week.

Being informal in nature, these events are not ticketed, nor are you required to book. We hope to provide you the opportunity to relax over a glass of wine & casually learn a little bit more about wine. Each week the evening will culminate with the opportunity for someone to win a bottle of wine to take home and enjoy.

For 16 December, the wines selected are: award winning Elgee Park Cuvée Brut 2018, Elgee Park Cuvée Rouge 2018, Chalmers Aglianico Col Fondo 2021 & JmSélèque Solessence Champagne.

PENINSULA SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Peninsula Summer Music Festival is a celebration of music in gorgeous venues on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, Australia.

1 JAN	Hair of the Dog: Sambado!	St John's Flinders
2 JAN	Inventi Kids: Peer Gynt	Balnarring Civic Reserve
2 JAN	Peninsula Chamber Musicians	Balnarring Civic Reserve
2 JAN	Clancy McLeod: Guitar	Peninsula Hot Springs
3 JAN	Jalgany x Inventi	Willum Warrain
3 JAN	Perolas	Main Ridge Estate
4 JAN	ZöJ	Peninsula Hot Springs
5 JAN	Stephen McIntyre: Piano	Moorooduc Estate
6 JAN	Jalgany x Inventi	Peninsula Hot Springs
7 JAN	Reuben Tsang: Piano	St John's Flinders
7 JAN	Orpheus Trio	St John's Flinders
7 JAN	An Evening with MCO	St John's Flinders
8 JAN	Accademia Arcadia	St John's Flinders
8 JAN	Andrea Keller: Jazz Piano	St John's Flinders
9 JAN	Life Drawing: Inventi	MPRG
9 JAN	Art & Music: Inventi	MPRG
11 JAN	Artamidae Quartet	Peninsula Hot Springs
12 JAN	Artamidae Quartet	Port Phillip Estate
19 JAN	Anna Stegmann: Recorder	Port Phillip Estate

For details and booking instructions Ctrl + Click the following link: [Peninsula Summer Music Festival](#)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ETC.

11 December, 7pm - 9.30pm
Carols in the Park
Tyabb Central Recreation Reserve

16 December, 6pm - 10pm
Somerville Carols by Candlelight
Fruit Growers Reserve

21 December, 4pm - 8.30pm
Carols and Christmas Market Dromana
359B Point Nepean Road
(near the visitor information centre)

22 December, 1pm - 9.30pm
Mornington Christmas Carols
Mornington Park
Buy tickets via Oztix

23 December, 8pm - 9.30pm
Carols by the Bay
Parade lawn Mount Martha Community House

23 December, 6pm - 10pm
Rosebud Christmas Carols
Village Green

Frankston Street Art Walking Tours

Awarded gold for Best Street Art Tour in the 2021 Australian Street Art Awards.

There are more than 50 artworks across Frankston's buildings and laneways. Created by the world's best contemporary street artists, a walking tour is the best way to discover these incredible pieces.

Lead by a local guide, you'll discover Frankston's iconic street art scene, the new street art hub of Southeast Melbourne.



You'll learn about the artists, their story, and inspiration behind the murals that have become a celebration of Frankston's urban art culture.

Tours run every weekend and bookings are essential.

Content: Frankston Street Art Walking Tours

Special Features:

Carpark, Coach Parking, Family Friendly, Food and Refreshments

Accessible friendly:

Disabled access available, contact operator for details.

Details and booking: [Street Art Walking Tours \(discoverfrankston.com\)](http://discoverfrankston.com)



Music on the Hill – or MOTH – brings singer-songwriters and bands to listening audiences on the Mornington Peninsula.

Presenting a variety of national and international touring and recording artists and bands who are often supported by the best local talent, MOTH is a venue with a difference. It features a capacity of 100, an intimately comfortable atmosphere, excellent sound quality and lighting – all ensuring that the music is the focus.

MOTH is held monthly (and sometime twice-monthly) – usually on the first Friday of every month at various venues including art galleries, wineries, churches and halls; but primarily at the Red Hill Showgrounds.

Fri 6 Jan Steph Strings w/ Liaden Zane – Red Hill Pavilion

Tickets available at

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=973308&>



EVENTS CALENDAR 2023

MONTH	ACTUAL DATE	EVENT NAME	VENUE(S)
FEBRUARY	Sunday February 26, Noon	Summer BBQ	Kings Creek Vineyard
MARCH		Winemaker Lunch	TBA
APRIL		3 Vineyard Tour	TBA
MAY		Comparative Tasting	Safety Beach Sailing Club
JUNE		Educational Function	TBA
JULY		Local Makers Lunch (beer, wine and spirits)	TBA
AUGUST		Educational Functional	TBA
SEPTEMBER		Old and New Lunch	Dromana Surf Life Saving Club
OCTOBER		Awards Lunch/Dinner	Ranelagh Club
NOVEMBER	26th November	AGM	Paradigm Hill



Merry Christmas to you all! Have a wonderful and safe New Year!!

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2023.

from your

Friends of the Mornington Peninsula Vignerons (FMPV) Committee

