



## January 2015 Newsletter

### Australia Day Dinner, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Albany Club



**Australia Day is celebrated on the 26th of January every year, marked by most Australians with a day off due to the national public holiday, along with parties, going to the beach and attending fireworks displays.**

But do you really know what Australia Day really symbolises? Here are some interesting facts courtesy of Australia's *Fleet Care*.

- The first recorded Australia Day celebrations were held on January 26, 1808 to mark twenty years since Captain Arthur Phillip raised the flag at Sydney Cove.
- Lachlan Macquarie was the first Australian Governor to hold the first "official" Australia Day celebrations in 1818, to mark thirty years of European settlement. The celebrations included a thirty gun salute and a ball at Government House.
- The first colony to declare Australia Day as a public holiday was New South Wales in 1838, on the 50th anniversary of the Sydney Cove landing.
- By 1888 nearly all of the colonies had declared a public holiday to celebrate Australia Day, but it wasn't until the 1940's that January 26th was agreed upon by all states as the proper day to celebrate.
- Now this we did not know, the two animals featured on the Australian coat of arms are the Emu and the Kangaroo – the reason for this being that neither animal can walk backwards, but instead can always go forwards, symbolising Australia's desire to do the same.

So with all this in mind, we invite you to join in the AWS Celebration on Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> with our always popular sit down four course dinner, served with some of the finest wines Australia produces.

Your evening starts on the fourth floor at 6:30 pm, for bubbly and reception canapes, at 7:30 pm we move down to the main dining room for dinner with fine wines from the AWS cellar.

## **Australia Day Dinner Menu**

### **First Course**

Australian Roast Pumpkin Puree with Ginger Cream

### **Second Course**

Beetroot, Riverina Fetta Cheese, Walnut and Mint Salad

### **Third Course**

Shiraz Braised Wiltidam Australian Lamb Shanks,  
Wattleseed Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Bundles

### **Dessert Course**

Lemon, Passionfruit and Ricotta Anzac Tart

Our Cellar Master John Macdonald has selected a diversity of fine wines for each course.

There will be entertainment from our good friend Peter Shaw, the strolling musician from down under. Peter asks you to bring your enthusiasm and your voice to join in and make this a memorable Australia Day evening.

The Albany Club is located at 91 King Street East, Toronto, 416-364-5471. Metered parking is available and parking lots are adjacent to the Club. The King streetcar stops at the door, east of the Yonge Subway station.

Please note that we are limited to 120 seats for this event, so reserve early. Tickets are \$120.00 for AWS Members and Guests, including all taxes and gratuities. For men, suits and tie are appropriate, Black Tie optional and always welcomed, ladies evening wear or cocktail dresses please.

As table seating will be set in advance, (look for your table name on your name tag), we will reserve seating for groups, so please indicate the names in your group, when registering; maximum of 8 per table.

Or download the attached Registration Form and mail to AWS, c/o Bernard Nottage, 71 Old Mill Road, Suite 310, Toronto, Ontario, M8X 1G9, or go on-line to reserve. The link to on line registration is <http://aday2015.eventbrite.ca>

## Past Event

The first AWS dinner and dance with a live band on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> was indeed a rousing success, following the warm reception with numerous bottles of Yellow Glen Pink bubbly, the 72 AWS and Faculty Club members and their guests sat down for a fine three course meal with matching vintage wines. At 9:00 p.m. the band, **Backspin** kicked in at full throttle to shake and rattle the rafters of the Faculty Club, the dancing was classic rock and roll, that went on to 11:30, a night to remember, especially as this was our first holiday dinner dance.

## Future Events

The AWS Directors are lining up more wine centric events for 2015 that will include a high end wine tasting night, since we have a few iconic outstanding vintages to come out of the cellar. We are working on an Agent's night; a special food and wine matching, the Summer Solstice has been booked with the Faculty Club for June and the AGM booked with Toronto Lawn Tennis Club for August.

## AWS Facebook Page - Refresh... "Like"

The AWS - Toronto Facebook (FB) page has been updated and will be an active and dynamic resource for all AWS members to communicate on all that concerns the club and wine.

This is an interactive social platform where you can share comments, pictures, wine reviews, events or anything that is suitable and of interest to the membership. The page will be monitored daily and updates will be posted as they become available in live time.

The existing AWS website, newsletter and e-mail communication will remain as is. The Facebook page is an additional communication tool designed for greater and immediate interaction amongst the membership. It is understood that not everyone uses FB. Be assured all information/announcements will continue to be supplied through all the other communication channels that you are accustomed to.

We welcome any suggestions or material to make the FB page useful to you.

More importantly, please "Like" us the next time you visit so that we can raise the profile of AWS in the Toronto area.

For any assistance or questions with the FB page, please feel free to contact Richard Ayllon directly on the FB page or at his e-mail: [nbdhealth1@gmail.com](mailto:nbdhealth1@gmail.com)

You will find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/aws.toronto>

***Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year***

***From your AWS Board***