



January 2014 Newsletter

We have been invited to join the Australian Trade Commission and CACC to celebrate Australia Day in fine fashion at the prestigious National Club in the heart of Toronto, on Friday January 24, 2014.

On Australia Day we join the nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. It's the day to reflect on what they have achieved and what brings pride to their great nation. It's the day for us to join in and re-commit to making Australia an even better place for the future.

Australia Day, 26 January, is the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet of 11 convict ships from Great Britain, and the raising of the Union Jack at Sydney Cove by its commander Captain Arthur Phillip, in 1788. On Australia Day, over half of the nation's population of 21 million attend either an organized community event, or get together with family and friends with the intention of celebrating this national day and we will be at the National Club.

This year the evening will provide an opportunity to mingle, share stories and above all have a memorable time with fellow members and guests from Austrade and the Chamber. The National Club's Chef has created a special reception menu, and our Consul General, Portia Maier, has stocked the bar with great Aussie wines for the evening.

Australia Day Reception Menu

Kangaroo Carpaccio with Parmesan & Arugula
Tasmanian Ocean Trout Gravalox
Roaring 40's Rosettes with Candied Macadamia Nuts
Grilled Baby Lamb Chops with Peppper Berry
Mini Beef Meat Pies with Tomato Sauce
Scallops with Lemon Myrtle
Akudjura Spiced Shrimp Satay
Crocodile Stew on Asian Spoon
Assorted Wines selected from the Austrade Wine Cellar
Soft Drinks, Juices and Mineral Water

The National Club is located at 303 Bay Street, Toronto, 416-364-3247. The King streetcar stops at King and Bay, you can also enter the Club from PATH in Scotia Plaza.

Tickets are \$75.00 for AWS Members and Guests, CACC Members and Guests, including all taxes and gratuities. Business suit is required, however Black Tie is optional and always welcomed and for the Ladies, cocktail dresses.

Reservations can be made by mailing the Reservation Form to Barbara Barde to her address on the form, or by going on-line to the Eventbrite links as follows;
<http://australiadaytoronto2014.eventbrite.ca>

Past Event

My goodness what an outstanding Holiday Dinner happened on December 9 at Vertical Restaurant. The service was spot on, John Macdonald's selection of wines matched the courses with aplomb. After quaffing glasses of Yellow Glen Pink bubbly, we sat down for a Rabbit Terrine with 2006 Yard Dog Petit Verdot, followed by, to die for Beef Cheeks that melted in your mouth with 2004 Margaret River Watershed Shiraz. Then capped off the meal with Cheesecake Mouse Crostatina with a Rutherglen Muscat. As they say at Bay Bloor Radio,... If you missed it...you missed it.

Future Events

As 2014 winter winds down, the next event will be Wines of Victoria dinner on Tuesday, March 11th. Watch for all details in the next Newsletter, but for now mark the date in your calendars.

April will feature a white wine tasting evening at the Faculty Club.

The 2014 Summer Solstice falls on a Saturday, therefore we'll have our celebration on the Faculty Club's patio on Thursday June 19.

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year

From your AWS Board