



The International Wine & Food Society Inc.

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2018 Get-Away – Bellarine Peninsula Friday 15th to Sunday 17th June 2018

Dear Members,

This year's 'Get-Away Weekend' will take us on an epicurean adventure to the sensational Bellarine Peninsula. Here, we'll combine visits to some of the region's finest restaurants, wineries and hidden coastal gems which make the Bellarine such an exciting gourmet destination.

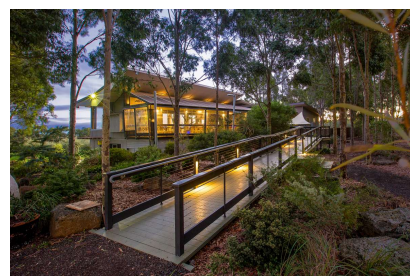
Highlights include:

- ❖ Optional Thursday evening dinner at **Igni** (2 hat), one of Australia's best restaurants, delivering upscale and contemporary dining at its finest*;
- ❖ Friday evening dinner at **Merne at Lighthouse**, where chef Josh Smith, sets the tone for our weekend with a relaxed but contemporary opening night dinner with some special wines that can only be accessed as a small group;
- ❖ Saturday morning starts with special access to **Scotchman's Hill**, followed by free time - sustained by a gourmet picnic lunch hamper - to explore the **Bellarine Taste Trail** with its farmgate producers and local providores or discover the delights of the Surf Coast;
- ❖ Saturday night dinner at **Captain Moonlite**, one of Victoria's most exciting new restaurants. As the highlight of the weekend, celebrated chef Matt Germanchis (formally of Pei Modern), will create a culinary experience to perfectly match a range of old world wine treasures;
- ❖ Sunday morning tutored wine tasting followed by a gorgeous winter luncheon at **Austin's**, 2016 winner of *Gourmet Traveller's* best 'cellar door experience'.

**For those members interested in extending their weekend, we recommend booking at Igni. Igni was unable to accommodate a group of our size through the main program, but may be able to accept smaller groups on Thursday 14 June.*



MERNE
AT LIGHTHOUSE





The program

This year's organisers, Erik Lehnacker and Rachel Wellam, have designed a program that leverages our branch connections and takes in the best food and wine experiences:

Draft itinerary

Thursday 14th June:

- ❖ Optional small group dinner at **igni**, arguably one of Victoria's top regional restaurants.

Friday 15th June:

- ❖ 6.30 pm – Champagne and canapes at RACV Resort
- ❖ 7.00 pm – Bus to Friday evening dinner at **Merne at Lighthouse**.

Saturday 16th June:

- ❖ Time to linger over breakfast, relax and enjoy the Resort. Maybe an early game of golf or a walk around the grounds;
- ❖ 10:30 am – Collect your **picnic lunch hamper** and drive to **Scotchman's Hill** for a tutored tasting followed by free time to explore all the Bellarine Peninsula and/or the Surf Coast have to offer;
- ❖ 6:15 pm – Bus to Saturday night dinner at **Captain Moonlite**.

Sunday 2nd July:

- ❖ 10.30 am - Optional morning walking **tour** of historic Geelong or up to nine people can elect to have an exciting **Segway** experience along the Geelong waterfront;
- ❖ 12.00 pm - Tutored wine tasting followed by a gorgeous winter luncheon at **Austin's**.

Accommodation

We have booked the stunning Torquay RACV Resort for Friday 15th and Saturday 16th June and hope that all attendees will stay here – all bus departures will leave from and return to RACV Resort.

<https://www.racv.com.au/travel-leisure/racv-resorts/our-destinations/torquay-resort.html>

Please note that 'Autoclub', 'Club' and 'Non-member' per room, per night, rates apply. If you are not a member you can join for \$35 upon arrival:

	Auto-club members	Club Members	Non- Members
Golf View	\$ 342.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 456.00



Get-Away Cost and Numbers

The cost of the weekend (not including accommodation) is \$850 per head and is limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.

Places will be confirmed on receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$250/head. The balance of \$600 is payable by May 4th 2018.

Payment to IWFS Victoria; ANZ Bank; BSB 013 006; A/C No. 4851 19607

Your payment of \$850 covers all wines together with:

- Friday dinner at Merne at Lighthouse
- Saturday picnic lunch hamper
- Saturday dinner at Captain Moonlight
- Sunday lunch at Austin's
- Bus transport (Friday and Saturday nights)
- Tutored tastings at Scotchmans' Hill and Austins
- Segway experience or historical tour

Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved until 30th April. Attendees must book directly with RACV Club Torquay, by this date to access this reservation. Please email reservations_torquay@racv.com.au and quote 'Rachel Wellam' or 'IWFS Victoria Branch' as a company to arrange your booking these rooms.

We are confident that the program will maintain the very high standard of previous get-aways and invite you to join in the traditional great fun, food, wine and camaraderie. Please join us for another memorable wine and food experience.

Getting to and from Bellarine Peninsula

We suggest you consider car-pooling. We can discuss this further once we know who is attending.

Warm wishes,

Erik and Rachel



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