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Lunch at Captain Moonlite

Sunday 19th May 2019

Dear Members,

For our May function we head to the magnificent Great Ocean Road to take in one of Victoria's best restaurants - Captain Moonlite. Those of you who joined our Getaway last year will recall an astonishing meal – such was your enthusiasm for it, we pleaded with the Captain Moonlite team to recreate the meal for the rest of our members at this function.

Tucked into the cliff-edge overlooking the Anglesea surf beach, Captain Moonlite's location and views are nothing short of breathtaking – it's hard not to get misty eyed just taking in the unbeatable beach and coastline. However, the real drawcard is at the table, where Head Chef Matt Germanchis, together with partner Gemma Grange, bring spectacular food and service to match.

Germanchis will be known to many of us for his time heading both the Melbourne and Sydney versions of Pei Modern. After a stint in the UK working at Heston Blumenthal's pub The Hinds Head, he took himself off to Greece and ran a waterfront taverna on the island of Skiathos. That's where Captain Moonlite had its genesis.

Their delicious one chef hatted menu reflects an expert understanding of the modern Australian palate, just as the ingredients reflect a sense of place. Dishes such as Fremantle octopus - sous-vide and then finished in a kamado barbecue - arrives golden, smoky and crisp, and is now a menu stalwart.



For our function, the kitchen is taking it up several notches, curating a special five course fine-dining menu just for us. Expect stunners such as Bass grouper, Jerusalem artichoke, cumquat and smoked hazelnut or dry aged duck breast, white radicchio and quince terrine. These dishes are off-menu, prepared especially for IWFS, and paired with wines from our cellar, which will include perfectly matched Premier Cru Burgundies, a silky Rhone and some special Victorian treats.

Included in the cost is a return coach trip to Captain Moonlite departing from the corner of Madden Grove and Gibdon Street in Richmond at 10.30am. Plentiful all-day free parking is available. The coach will also collect and drop-off at RACV Torquay for those members that would like to stay overnight.

Rachel Wellam and I as function organisers are excited to once again work with the Captain Moonlite team and urge all members not to miss what we expect to be the function of the year.

Please reply by email as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

Date: Sunday 19th May 2019
Venue: Captain Moonlite
Address: Bus departs from Cnr Madden Grove and Gibdon Street, Richmond (and RACV Torquay Resort)
Time: 10.30 AM for a strict 10.45 AM departure
Cost: Members \$280; Young Members \$255, Guests/Non-Members \$305 – Price includes return coach fare to Captain Moonlite
Dress: Smart Casual
Closing Date: Monday 13th May 2019 or until booked out
Pay **direct:** ANZ Bank, BSB: 013006, Acct: 485119607, Acct Name: IWFS Victoria
Pay by **cheque** (made out to 'IWFS Victoria') to the above address please.

Cheers,



Erik Lehnacker,
President, IWFS Victoria (Australia)