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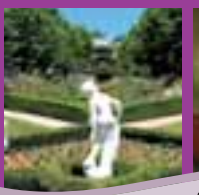
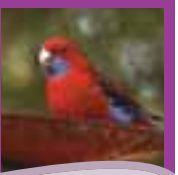
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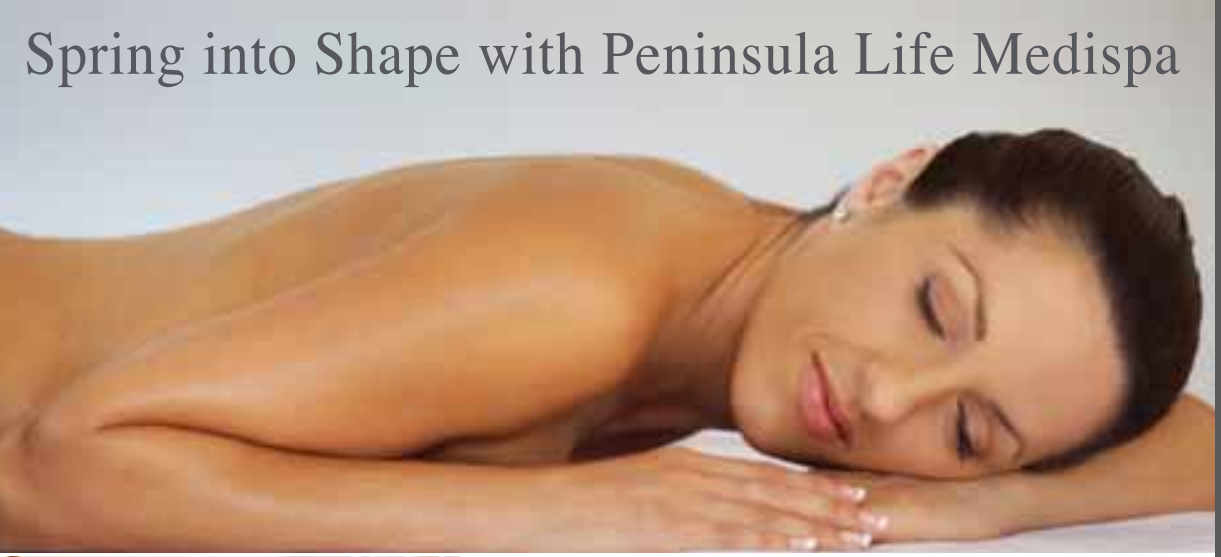


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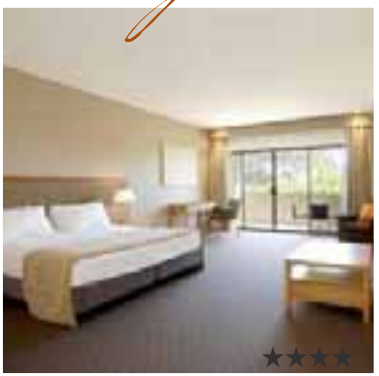
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# Peninsula Wine Country

## Welcome to Mornington Peninsula Wine

***Walk pristine beaches and spectacular cliff tops, catch a wave, paddle a sea kayak, tackle the fairway at Cape Schanck, or sip a seductive pinot noir – and feel the difference when you visit the Mornington Peninsula.***

***This is a special place where vines thrive in sheltered undulating valleys nurtured by a maritime cool climate that together create elegant, personality-packed award-winning wines.***

## LOOKING FOR WINE… LOOK AT THE VINES!

***"The increased knowledge now available to winemakers has furthered the pursuit of single vineyard wine and has framed the ambition for the Peninsula to be recognised as a leading producer of some of the world's great Pinot Noir." - Arthur O'Bryan***

Winemakers on the Mornington Peninsula have made many improvements and great progress over the past twenty-five years. The pioneers of the region began with a passionate commitment to their vineyards. Along the way they talked about shared values, formed a strong vigneron's association and developed a vision for the future that pushed them to continually improve the wines. Their ultimate goal was to have their beloved Mornington Peninsula recognised as a significant wine region- better known for wild yeast ferment than wild open surf beaches.

Overcoming many barriers, mainly caused by unpredictable weather, producers such as Baillieu Myer AC, Nat White, Brian Stonier AO, Garry Crittenden, Lindsay McCall and Rick McIntyre always kept the focus on quality over quantity.

***Harvest was all about precious, small parcels of wine. They'd drive to Melbourne and hand-sell to the canny wine retailers and restaurants of the inner suburbs. Over the decades, these same wine merchants became solid supporters of the once exotic, and occasionally quixotic, cool climate wines. Today the very best Peninsula wines are recognised for finesse – with style, line and length, essential qualities by which those same wine merchants recognise the world's great wines.***

There is little argument that the place where improvement has been most notable is in the vineyard. Here winemakers have deliberately narrowed their focus to grape varieties they believe can best achieve the quality the region is capable of.

The aim is to match a specific variety (be it Chardonnay, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir or even Tempranillo) with each unique pocket of land.



This mimicked the European approach and differed from many Australian regions that had more of a 'fruit salad' planting regime.

In French Burgundy, the benchmark of individual vineyards and expression of site are the most interesting facet of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir production. Therefore single vineyard wine is a logical progression for winemakers wanting to properly realise the whole concept of terroir*.

The best winemakers understand wine quality better than anyone else. Their intimate knowledge of the climate, best soil and site all plays into the concept of terroir - implicit in the differences seen in the same variety and the same vineyard and adjacent vineyards.

The differences in aroma, flavour and most importantly, the structure, line and length of wine allows the winemaker's acute wine GPS to hone in on site peculiarities and this is the foundation on which great single vineyard wine is built.

Today there are more and more single vineyard wines entering the market giving us all more compelling reasons to down the tools and visit a cellar door to try them.

** Terroir consists of the site- or region-specific characteristics of a wine.*




## PENINSULA'S OWN MASTER OF WINE

Jill and I are delighted to pass on to you the news that our daughter Kate was, on Friday the third of September, 2010, amongst the nine new Masters of Wine (world wide) announced by the London based Institute of Masters of Wine. She is the third Victorian & the 3rd Australian woman to achieve this highly prestigious qualification.

As you may know, this has been a long-term project. She has been in the program since 1999, passed the examinations in 2008 and has now had her 10,000 word dissertation, entitled "Australian Chardonnay in crisis - reality or industry perception?", accepted by the Institute and has therefore satisfied all the requirements to become a Master of Wine.

Not only does this acknowledge that she has a wonderful palate but also that she has an extensive knowledge & understanding of the vast array of international wines across the board, and that she has conducted and written up significant original research for her dissertation which has revealed important insights into, in particular, consumer attitudes to Australian Chardonnays of various styles. This study provides important information for producers & marketers of wines made from Chardonnay, that most noble of white varieties whose reputation has suffered from an image problem in recent years.

We are both immensely proud of Kate's achievement. Well done Kate.

*- Richard McIntyre, Moorooduc Estate*

*The Mornington Peninsula is fortunate to have our very own MW, and Kate has great enthusiasm for the region. "Being able to put MW after my name will be a bit of a personal battle won, it is the pinnacle of achievement in the field I have chosen to work and it is the hardest thing I have ever done in my life. For me it's like an athlete getting to the Olympics."*

# Mornington Peninsula CHARDONNAY & PINOT NOIR

The Mornington Peninsula is a young wine region in global terms but we do have over 30 years of experience to draw on. It seems clear that the region is particularly suited to the Burgundian varieties, chardonnay and pinot noir. This may at first sight seem surprising given that Burgundy is a long way from the sea and the Mornington Peninsula is surrounded by water. In fact, Burgundy has a humid, rather than a classical continental climate and is closer to our climate with its maritime influence than drier regions away from the sea.



Within the Mornington Peninsula there is considerable diversity of climate, soil types, rainfall and altitude as well as the usual variations in topography, which give each vineyard site its unique characteristics ("terroir"). Despite this, one can see some regional characters in the grapes and the wines. The effects of "terroir" and winemaking ("the hand of God and the hand of man") are superimposed on these more general characteristics. We now have enough mature vineyards in the region to attempt to define some of these characters.

**What can we say about Peninsula chardonnay?**
Probably the clearest and most important feature of Mornington Peninsula chardonnay is the high level of acid in the grapes when fully ripe in terms of sugar and flavour. The fruit from the cooler sites is so high in acid that the resulting wines cry out for a malo-lactic fermentation to bring them into balance. From the less cool sites, the wines are still acid enough to carry the effects of malo-lactic fermentation without losing acid balance, but from these sites winemakers can decide these issues from the viewpoint of style – some preferring a simpler, higher acid style and others preferring a softer more complex style of wine.

Another characteristic of chardonnay fruit from the Mornington Peninsula is in the fruit flavours, both in intensity and in type. The spectrum of flavours is from the citrus through melon flavours to stone fruit, reflecting the cool nature of the region. Flavour intensity in fruit from the best sites is great. This encourages winemakers to use techniques such as wild yeast fermentation, including solids in the ferments, warm fermentation temperatures and malo-lactic fermentation which add complexity and texture but diminish primary fruit flavours and aromas.

**What about pinot noir?**
Pinot noir is a variety that is fastidious. It will declare loudly that something is wrong when it is not planted in the right place, is not looked after properly, is over cropped or not pampered in the winery. Josh Jensen (Calera Vineyard) called it the "especially grape" – especially difficult and unforgiving. It is also especially rewarding sometimes.

***It is now clear that there are regions in the "new world" in which pinot noir can produce wines of great quality. (There was a time not so long ago when this was not thought to be the case – that outside the côte d'or in Burgundy planting pinot noir was a waste of time). The areas around the city of Melbourne, known as the "dress circle", are in this category. These are the Mornington Peninsula, the Yarra Valley, Macedon & Geelong.***

Of these, the Mornington Peninsula is the most southerly, and has the greatest maritime influence. It is, as mentioned above, quite a diverse region. There are two main unofficial sub regions. The more northerly ("down the hill"), which includes Moorooduc, is warmer and drier with poorer soils than the more southerly part ("up the hill") around Main Ridge and Red Hill, which generally is at a higher altitude.

The best wines from pinot noir from both sub regions show complexity of primary fruit aromas and flavours in the spectrum of cherries, plums and raspberries, with the "up the hill" wines tending to the red fruits and the "down the hill" wines to the darker fruits. Savoury complexity is common and, as vine age is increasing, we are seeing more tannic structure in the wines, to an unusual degree for new world pinot noir.

In general, the best wines from both sub regions have fine, complex aromatics, good mid palate weight and length and fine tannins.

In terms of longevity, the (almost) universal use of closures that are consistent and do not allow the ingress of significant amounts of air into the bottles, (screw cap and "Diam" mainly) means that there is virtually no inconsistency and premature oxidation of the wines. If cellared under proper conditions, one would expect the chardonnays to live for five to ten years, although most consumers would regard three to five years as the time when most wines are drinking at their best.

In general the pinot noir wines would have a longer life expectancy in bottle than the chardonnays, particularly those which have been made to encourage the extraction of tannins. As the structure of these wines seems to be increasing (see above), one would expect the more recent wines to live for longer, say, ten to fifteen years.

**What does the future hold?**
On the positive side, increasing vine age and the introduction of clones (especially of pinot noir) that used not to be available in Australia, promises an increase in wine quality. Uncertainty about climate change is of concern. Our climate in recent years has been warmer than, say, ten to fifteen years ago. This has been associated with improved wine quality, but clearly, further significant warming would not be welcome. Our maritime situation may mitigate some of the predicted changes. We remain cautiously optimistic and believe that we can expect to continue to grow and make wine of exceptional quality from these varieties for many years.

*- Richard McIntyre, Moorooduc Estate, May 2010*


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# News on the WINEMAKERS

## ROLLO CRITTENDEN - THE YOUNG GUN OF WINE

Second generation Peninsula winemaker, Rollo has won the prestigious 2010 Australian Young Gun of Wine Award. Refreshingly down-to-earth, Rollo says making wine at his family's vineyard in Dromana has allowed him the opportunity to progress interests close to his heart, particularly organic farming. He has also been able to expand the Crittenden portfolio which now includes a range of innovative Spanish wines of pedigree and vibrant personality.

When asked what has contributed most to his recent success, Rollo is circumspect: "It's definitely to do with improvements in the vineyard. We have stopped harmful, outdated practices; we've almost completely wound-up spraying chemicals and needlessly rumbling up-and-down vine rows on a tractor. We are now committed to a far more sensitive approach to viticulture and this includes spreading compost under vines, reducing chemicals, green mulching and adopting a hands-off approach", he says.



Positives can be found throughout the current range of Crittenden wines with many exhibiting good balance, structure and that all important 'sense of place'. Rollo says his experiences from making wine in other parts of the world, particularly Italy have helped push the envelope in technique and style. The lesser known Spanish and Italian varieties are a singular passion. Asked what gun he'd take to a knife fight, the newly crowned Young Gun of Wine says, "I would reach for one of my Spanish wines. These are under the Los Hermanos label and include, Homenaje a Cataluna a savoury and complex Catalonian-style red blend, Tributo a Galicia a Savagnin (previously thought to be Albariño in Australia) a subtly aromatic and crisp white wine and Tempranillo- a red wine of vibrancy, tannin and structure.

Rollo sees the Spanish varieties more as a point of interest than the main event: "They are approachable, great food wines but we are definitely not moving away from the tradition of Burgundian varieties," he says.

To this end, Crittenden continues to make three distinct Pinot Noirs. There's the entry level Geppetto, a multi regional blend made for early drinking and above that there is Crittenden Estate a wine which takes the middle ground between fruit-driven and more complex and structured. The Zumma is a Pinot Noir of outstanding pedigree, demonstrating a level of elegance and restraint only attained from the best fruit sourced from the family's 30 year old Dromana Pinot Noir vineyard. Fine silky tannins, restrained oak and taut acidity provide the palate with great length and balance.

***Rollo continues to work alongside his father, the indomitable Garry Crittenden who planted vines over thirty years ago.*** During his career, Garry oversaw a successful horticulture business before developing vineyards on his Dromana property. Today he's recognised as one of the true pioneers of the region, at the forefront of promoting Peninsula Chardonnay and Pinot Noir internationally and, more recently, Italian grape varieties. His particular style and formula is based on determination and smart, no-nonsense marketing. Rollo has flair and is innovative too but is somewhat more laidback than his dad. His philosophy is simple: "With minimal intervention such as wild yeast ferment, subtle oak and less winemaking artifacts in my wines I just try and make wine that is more interesting. What makes an interesting wine for me? Length on the pallet is very important but so too are aromatics – I'm always trying to come up with something just that little bit more beguiling for the drinker," he says.

Two other second generation winemakers from the Mornington Peninsula, Mike Aylward from Ocean Eight, and Dan Buckle (now at Mount Langi Ghiran), the son of one of the founders of the local industry, Roger Buckle, were also finalists in the Award.

***A GUN'S WINE IN FOCUS:***
***Los Hermanos 2009 Tempranillo Rollo Crittenden is particularly excited about his Spanish wines and for good reason. This youthful style Tempranillo exhibits vibrant fruit characters. A complex and intriguing nose, showing red fruits with a touch of mulberries, earth, pretty aromatics like rose petals and spices. Plums, cherries there's quite a lot going on. The palate follows on from the nose, with terrific balance, beautifully smooth in texture, on the fuller side of medium bodied & ultimately very satisfying. Drink over the short term, perhaps now to 2013.***



## NEW SINGLE VINEYARD RANGE AT WILLOW CREEK



Willow Creek's winemaker, Geraldine McFaul will soon release the new range of single vineyard wines. These are the first wines that Geraldine has worked on from start to finish since joining Willow Creek and these wines are the realisation of a decision made in 2009 to refine the range. Its is an exciting step for Willow Creek and one that means every wine they make is sourced entirely from their site and carries a name that best describes their focus now and in future - Willow Creek Vineyard.

## TOP FORM FOR PARINGA AND MAIN RIDGE

Main Ridge Estate and Paringa Estate have both been included in the Langton's 2010 Classification of Australian Wine V, the 'form guide' of Australia's best performing and most prized wines. Langton's Classification was first published in 1990 to create interest and build demand in the fledgling Australian fine wine market. Followed by wine collectors and wine trade around the world, it has become an Australian institution with a prestigious international currency. It is arguably the most famous and widely respected wine Classification outside of Europe. Langton's Classification of Australian Wine is released every five years.

The latest edition comprises 123 ultra-fine Australian wines, each with a reputation for authenticity, consistency and provenance. Revised every five years, the classification portrays an evolving wine making culture that lies at the forefront of Australian innovation and excellence in the world of fine wine. It also reflects a continuing momentum towards single vineyard wines and regional identity. It maintains a strong emphasis on red wines, particularly labels with renowned cellaring potential.

Congratulations to Nat and Rosalie White of Main Ridge Estate for their Half Acre Pinot Noir and Lindsay McCall at Paringa for the Paringa Single Vineyard Pinot Noir and the Paringa Single Vineyard Shiraz

# *And from the* CELLAR DOORS

## NEW FEASTING MENU



Lindenderry at Red Hill has gained much critical acclaim in recent months, having received the only GOLD medal awarded in it's class for the 2006 Lindenderry Chardonnay at the 2010 International Cool Climate Wine Show followed by the recent 4.5 Star Winery rating & 94 points by James Halliday in his 2011 Wine Companion.

**While the wines continue to win a multitude of awards the restaurant is also forging ahead with a new Spanish Style feasting menu on Sundays.**

Linden Tree has an ever changing, 5 course feasting menu, Spanish style, that is designed to be shared and destined to be loved. Dishes inspired by the cuisine of rustic Spain, feature on the menu that changes weekly, the de pescado a la brasa (char-grilled fish) and plato de postres (shared plate of desserts) high on the favorites list. The Linden Tree takes reservations from 12 midday. Bookings, a lively conversation and plenty of time to share with family and friends are all essential, as is a tasting in the cellar door prior to sitting down to lunch. Their cellar door opens 11am weekends & now features a wood fired pizza oven.

**Examples of the ever changing menu is available at www.lindenderry.com.au. Reservations can be made on 5989 2933 or email info@lindenderry.com.au**

## GREEN OLIVE OPENS ITS DOORS



Always wanted to know what was behind those beautiful gates at 1180 Mornington Flinders Road, Red Hill??

Well, your chance has come. Green Olive has opened its gates to the public and visitors will be able to wander the working farm, see 500 tree olive grove, vineyard, herb garden, coffee trees, free range chickens, organically raised sheep as well as enjoy tastings of VERY local produce For more page 33.

## NEW CELLAR DOOR BISTRO



The new Cellar Door Bistro at Port Phillip Estate provides a relaxed friendly atmosphere with sweeping views across vineyards to the sea. The food is inspired by French provincial classics, adapted to a modern bistro environment.

The ever changing menu features seasonal local produce and ensures that regular visitors can try something new each time they stop by.

**For those wanting an informal dining experience, the Cellar Door Bistro is a great place to unwind and enjoy unique food and wine. Open for lunch from Saturday to Tuesday from 11am-4pm - no need to book.**

## ACCOLADES FOR PORT PHILLIP ESTATE

Port Phillip Estate was recently honoured at the 2010 Victorian Architecture Awards, taking out the top prize for commercial architecture, the Sir Osborn McCutcheon Award. The Wood/Marsh Architects designed building was described by the awards jury as being like "an archaeological artefact revealed by drifting sands, the rammed earth walls of Port Phillip Estate winery spiral from the earth and heighten anticipation of what lies below".

There were 191 entries competing across 11 categories in the 2010 Victorian Architecture Awards, described by chair of judges as being another extraordinary year. As the Victorian winner in the commercial architecture category, Port Phillip Estate now moves into national contention to compete against winners from around the country. The National Architecture Awards will be announced in Melbourne in late October.



## WILLOW CREEK VINEYARD UNVEILS NEW CELLAR DOOR SALIX BISTRO & DECK

After many years of planning and extensive renovations, Willow Creek Vineyard is taking the visitor experience to a new level with the redevelopment of their cellar door, the adjoining Salix Bistro and deck, and historic homestead.

The doors have just re-opened to the public, revealing a completely revitalised Willow Creek cellar door with a stunning u-shaped bluestone tasting bench and walls lined with American oak wood panelling.

Manned by a long-serving staff of local wine enthusiasts, the new cellar door space is ideal for experiencing the Willow Creek range of estate-grown wines, including their flagship chardonnay and pinot noir.

The adjoining Salix Bistro has also undergone renovations and the deck extended further, providing additional space for relaxed dining overlooking the rolling vineyards. Salix Bistro offers a range of grazing dishes and share plates incorporating the best local produce that chef Bernard McCarthy can source.

Spread across three undulating slopes, Willow Creek Vineyard captures the treasures of the Mornington Peninsula and is the perfect place to pop in and stay a while. Whether relaxing in the refurbished cellar door, on the bistro deck or in Salix Restaurant, guests can settle in and taste Willow Creek's exceptional cool-climate wines in comfort.

**166 Balnarring Road, Merricks North**
**(Mel Ref. 162 H9) p. 03 5989 7448**



# Mornington Peninsula
# VIGNERONS ASSOCIATION CELLAR DOORS

**1. Alden Park**
201 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Tyabb
Mel Ref: 148 A10 (03) 5977 3501

**2. Balnarring Vineyard - Quealy Wines**
62 Bittern-Dromana Rd, Balnarring
Mel Ref: 163 C11 (03) 5983 2483

**3. Barmah Park Wines**
945 Moorooduc Hwy, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 146 E7 (03) 5978 8049

**4. B'darra Estate**
1415 Stumpy Gully Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 147 E6 (03) 5978 8447

**5. Blue Range Estate Wines**
155 Gardens Rd, Rosebud
Mel Ref: 171 B8 (03) 5986 6560

**6. Bluestone Lane Vineyard**
269 Myers Rd, Balnarring
Mel Ref: 163 A7 (03) 5989 7081

**7. Box Stallion**
64 Tubbarubba Rd, Merricks North
Mel Ref: 152 E12 (03) 5989 7444

**8. Darling Park Winery**
232 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 191 F3 (03) 5989 2324

**9. Dromana Estate**
555 Old Moorooduc Rd, Tuerong
Mel Ref: 152 B2 (03) 5974 4400

**10. Dunns Creek Estate**
137 McIlroys Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 191 D1 (03) 5989 2011

**11. Elan Vineyard and Winery**
17 Turners Rd, Balnarring
Mel Ref: 162 K5 (03) 5989 7209

**12. Eldridge Estate of Red Hill**
120 Arthurs Seat Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 190 K4 (03) 5989 2644

**13. Elgee Park Wines**
3460 Frankston Flinders Rd, Merricks
Mel Ref: 192 E10 (03) 5989 7338

**15. Foxeys Hangout**
795 White Hill Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 190 H2 (03) 5989 2022

**16. Hurley Vineyard**
101 Balnarring Rd, Balnarring
Mel Ref: 193 A1 (03) 5931 3000

**17. Jones Road Cellar Door**
2 Godings Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 147 A11 (03) 5978 8080

**18. Karina Vineyard**
35 Harrisons Rd, Dromana
Mel Ref: 160 J7 (03) 5981 0137

**19. Kings Creek Vineyard**
237 Myers Rd, Bittern
Mel Ref: 163 F7 (03) 5983 1802

**20. Kooyong at Port Phillip Estate**
263 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 191 G2 (03) 5989 4444

**21. Lindenderry at Red Hill**
142 Arthurs Seat Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 190 K4 (03) 5989 2933

**22. Main Ridge Estate**
80 William Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 190 C4 (03) 5989 2686

**23. Mantons Creek Vineyard**
240 Tucks Road, Main Ridge
Mel Ref: 255 F1 (03) 5989 6264

**24. Martha Cove Vineyard**
160 Harrisons Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 160 J10 0417 581 880

**25. Merricks Estate**
Thompsons Lane, Merricks
Mel Ref: 192 B9 (03) 5989 8416

**26. Merricks General Wine Store**
3460 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Merricks,
Mel Ref: 192 E12 (03) 5989 8088

**27. Miceli**
60 Main Creek Rd, Arthurs Seat
Mel Ref: 190 A4 (03) 5989 2755

**28. Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove**
33 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 256 B2 (03) 5989 8412

**29. Moorooduc Estate**
501 Derril Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 152 H2 (03) 5971 8506

**30. Morning Sun Vineyard**
337 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge
Mel Ref: 171 K10 (03) 5989 6571

**31. Myrtaceae Winery**
53 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge
Mel Ref: 190 A3 (03) 5989 2045

**32. Nazaaray Estate Winery**
266 Meakins Rd, Flinders
Mel Ref: 260 F2 0416 143 439

**33. Northway Downs Estate**
437 Stumpy Gully Rd, Balnarring
Mel Ref: 163 D6 (03) 5983 1945

**34. Ocean Eight**
271 Tucks Rd, Shoreham
Mel Ref: 255 G1 (03) 5989 6471

**35. Paradigm Hill**
26 Merricks Rd, Merricks
Mel Ref: 192 E9 (03) 5989 9000

**36. Paringa Estate**
44 Paringa Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 191 D9 (03) 5989 2669

**37. Phaedrus Estate**
220 Mornington-Tyabb Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 147 E9 (03) 5978 8134

**38. Poplar Bend Winery**
465 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge
Mel Ref: 171 H12 (03) 5989 6046

**39. Port Phillip Estate**
263 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 191 G2 (03) 5989 4444

**40. Prancing Horse Estate**
39 Paringa Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 191 C10 0419 393 145

**41. Rahona Valley Vineyard**
6 Ocean View Ave, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 191 B12 (03) 5989 2924

**42. Scorpo Wines**
23 Old Bittern-Dromana Rd, Merricks Nth
Mel Ref: 162 F12 (03) 5989 7697

**43. Seaforth Estate**
520 Arthurs Seat Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 190 A2 (03) 5989 2362

**44. Staindl Wines**
63 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 190 K12 0419 553 299

**45. Stonier Wines**
2 Thompsons Lane, Merricks
Mel Ref: 192 F9 (03) 5989 8300

**46. Stumpy Gully Vineyard**
1247 Stumpy Gully Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 147 D10 (03) 5978 8429

**47. Ten Minutes By Tractor**
1333 Mornington-Flinders Rd, Main Ridge
Mel Ref: 190 E11 (03) 5989 6080

**48. T'Gallant Winemakers**
1385 Mornington-Flinders Rd, Main Ridge
(Cnr Mornington-Flinders & Shands Rds),
Mel Ref: 190 E12 (03) 5989 6565

**49. The Cups Estate**
269 Browns Rd, Fingal
Mel Ref: 169 B12 1300 131 741

**50. The Duke Vineyard**
38 Paringa Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 191 D9 (03) 5989 2407

**51. The Garden Vineyard**
174 Graydens Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 152 J2 (03) 5978 8336

**52. Tuck's Ridge**
37 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill South
Mel Ref: 256 B2 (03) 5989 8660

**53. Underground Winemakers**
1282 Nepean Hwy, Mt Eliza
Mel Ref: 105 C7 (03) 9775 4185

**54. Vidoni Estate Vineyard & Olive Grove**
280 Main Creek Rd, Main Ridge
Mel Ref: 171 K8 (03) 5989 6132

**55. Vines of Red Hill**
150 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill
Mel Ref: 191 D4 (03) 5989 2977

**56. Willow Creek Vineyard**
166 Balnarring Rd, Merricks North
Mel Ref: 162 H9 (03) 5989 7448

**57. Winbirra**
173 Point Leo Rd, Red Hill Sth
Mel Ref: 191 D11 (03) 5989 2109

**58. Yabby Lake Vineyard**
112 Tuerong Rd, Moorooduc
Mel Ref: 152 D2 (03) 9667 6541

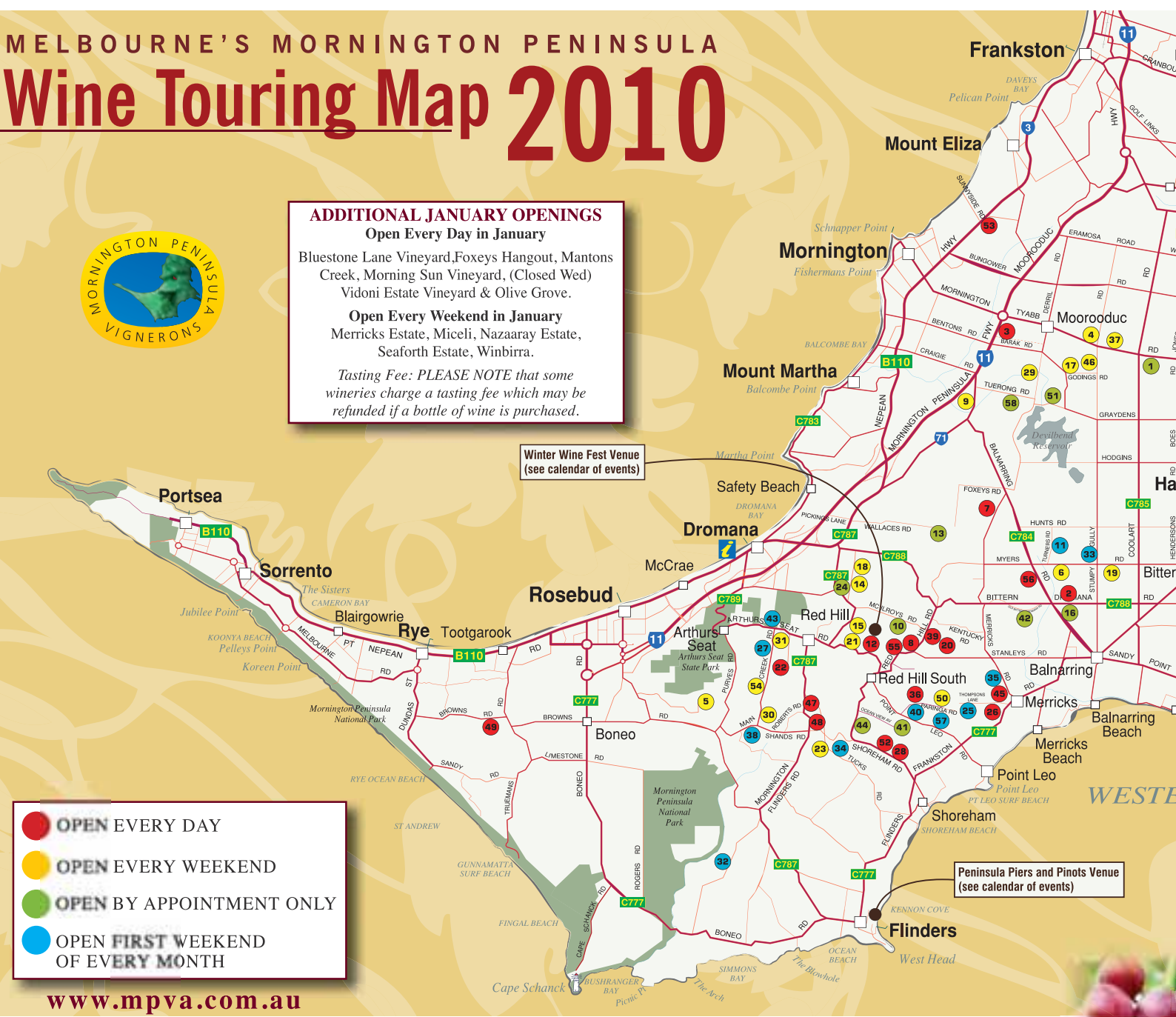
**Many Mornington Peninsula wineries have restaurants, cafés, light lunches or even cheese platters available.**

**Light Lunches / Cheese Platters**

**Restaurants / Cafés**

MELBOURNE'S MORNINGTON PENINSULA

# Wine Touring Map 2010



# Exploring MT ELIZA, MOOROODUC & TUERONG



***The most northern of the Peninsula's vineyards are found at Mt Eliza and Moorooduc. It tends to be few degrees warmer than other areas and therefore you will not only enjoy Pinot and Chardonnay at these tasting benches but Cabernet, Shiraz and Merlot and other emerging varietals.***

Situated in one of the most prominent spots on the Peninsula, **UNDERGROUND WINES** is right beside the Nepean Highway as you drive between Mt Eliza and Mornington where their roadside banner attracts a steady stream of wine savvy customers. Young, fresh and modern this team of winemakers have a great sense of fun with quirky labels and a revolutionary attitude. Their wines are full flavoured and excellent value. Amongst the releases are Dr Durif, a Durif from fifty five year old vines, Offspring Pinot Gris, Cabernet Merlot, Moscato and Black and White Pinot Grigio. Drop in and meet the boys whose philosophy is refreshingly simple: Wanting to make high quality wines you can really savour without a ridiculous price tag.

## MOOROODUC REGION

The proof of the region's great potential already exists in wines with true intensity, length and finesse. This is the best reason why you should visit a cellar door like **MOOROODUC ESTATE.** Here winemaker Rick McIntyre has championed the use of wild yeast fermentation in chardonnay recognised as amongst the regions' best. Rick has continued to look long and hard at fruit coming in from different sites before utilising whatever traditional winemaking techniques he sees as appropriate.

The Moorooduc Estate wines show great balance and in recent years, Rick has put fruit specifically from the Garden Vineyard Pinot Noir through whole bunch fermentation. The quality is evident. Like ocean fishing from an exposed ledge, this type of winemaking can be precarious but the rewards always justify the risk. The whole bunches bring out specific characteristics of the vineyard. Call on Rick and wife, Jill over summer and you could end up staying for wood fired pizza lunch and enjoying a platter of unpretentious, generous, wine friendly food with a glass of Chardonnay or Pinot noir.

**B'DARRA ESTATE** vineyard *(pictured above)* is situated on the warm flatlands of Moorooduc. The winery produces a variety of boutique wines including: Sauvignon Blanc, Merlot, Pinot Gris, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and also specialises in a special raspberry desert wine. Owners, Gavin and Linda Perry purchased the land for the vineyard in 1998. Gavin makes all the wines on the property and he goes to great lengths in the vineyard and winery to achieve the highest quality possible. They invite you to call by for a tasting of their boutique wines. Relax in the cellar door, or enjoy the casual setting by the estate's ornamental lake.

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| Moorooduc Estate | B |
| B'Darra Estate | C |
| Zante Estate | D |

### Mt Eliza

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**2006 RASPBERRY DESSERT WINE...** SILVER- Australian Fruit Wine Show '08

SILVER - Australian Fruit Wine Show '09 • TROPHY- The Australian Fruit Wine Show 2007

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## UNDERGROUND WINEMAKERS

... was established in 2006 at Mt Eliza by two former T'Gallant employees, Adrian Hennessy and Peter Stebbing. At that time the venture had no resources other than Adrian and Peter's extensive wine industry experience and a resourceful, hands on, determination. The vision was simple; source the right grapes and make quality, approachable wines, which are true to style and expressive of variety.

True to this philosophy, Underground is not restricted to a single region. The Mornington Peninsula provides Pinot Gris, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, while Central and Northern Victoria supply Durif, Shiraz, Cabernet and Brown Muscat. All wines, are made and bottled by Adrian and Peter at Mt Eliza, giving Underground complete control over winemaking input.

Packaging and presentation of the entire range is contemporary, designed to reflect both the quality and individual character of the wine.





**THOUGHTS ON PINOT NOIR**

Visitors to the cellar door are often surprised to discover that the person serving them also makes the wine. Ask a question and be rewarded with rare personal insights into wines and winemaking on the Peninsula. I asked winemaker Peter Stebbing what it is about Pinot Noir that makes perfecting this variety the elusive dream for so many. He spent a moment considering the question, smiled and gave the following reply:

***"More than any other variety, Pinot Noir is in a constant state of becoming. It doesn't matter if it is fermenting in vat, or maturing in oak or aging in bottle, the wine is constantly moving and changing. A person who wants to make Pinot Noir must understand this, but most importantly they must remember that they too are in the same fluid state as the wine. They are also in a state of constantly becoming. Reconciling a dynamic reality with one's dreams is the profound challenge of Pinot Noir".***


- Winery Cellar Door Sales
- Pale & Fresh Pinot Grigio, Sav Blanc / Chardonnay
- Rich Extractions of Pinot Noir, Shiraz and Cabernet Sav
- Fresh Moscato House made
- Dr Durif
- Cellar Door OPEN DAILY 10am- 5pm



**THUG pinot noir**

**MS THUG chardonnay**

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# News from MOOROODUC ESTATE



For the first time since 1996, we have seen a wet winter and early spring. Who knows what the rest of the growing season will come up with? Climate change seems to serve up extremes. So far we on the Mornington Peninsula have been treated kindly by these changes. I cannot help being optimistic about this season. A later start may mean that we will be picking beautiful, ripe fruit in March and April next year, with a chance to make wines of quality that reflect (in a positive way, we hope) another interesting season. - *Richard McIntyre*

## NEW RELEASES

**2008 The Moorooduc Chardonnay - $60/bottle**
James Halliday gave this wine his equal top score for chardonnay in his 2011 Wine Guide – 97. "Light straw green, this wine brings together the best of the McIntyre and Robinson Vineyard wines, complexity, sheer intensity and an extremely long palate with great energy and drive. Close to perfection."

Can't really say much more than that – this wine is from the best fruit from the McIntyre Vineyard and we are delighted with it. Needless to say, it will sell extremely fast so get in quick if you want to have some of your very own. Limit of 6 bottles per customer.

**2007 Moorooduc Estate Shiraz - $30/bottle**
Our new release shiraz shows lovely pepper and lifted Moroccan spice and received 94 points from Halliday

**2009 Moorooduc Blanc - $16/bottle**
Just in time for spring and summer, our new Moorooduc Blanc is ready for release. Are you looking for something crisp, fresh and bright? With no oak and just a splash of pinot gris, this is a delicious dry refreshing wine to drink cold on a sunny day, quaff with a cold seafood platter or to drink with yum cha. Perfect warm weather drinking!

**The Moorooduc Chardonnay Six Pack - $360**
Ever compared a few vintages of a wine in a 'vertical' tasting? If you haven't already stashed these wines in your cellar, we are offering the unique opportunity to purchase the 2008, 2007 and the 2005 The Moorooduc Chardonnay.




CELLAR DOOR: OPEN THURSDAY TO MONDAY 11 TO 4
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## JILL'S SAY



My seasonal lunches have been enormously popular and I have really enjoyed doing them. We have held a series of set menu Sunday lunches in the restaurant. These lunches feature very local, organic, top quality seasonal ingredients and the cost has been $80 per head including our Moorooduc wines matched to the food. This is amazing value for a great Sunday afternoon relaxing in our beautiful dining room.

I have decided that in 2011 I will do more of these special events and suggest that if you are interested you book early so you don't miss out. Seasonal Feast dates for 2011

9th January - Summer lunch
20th March - Harvest Chardonnay lunch
10th April - Autumn lunch
8th May - Mothers Day lunch
19th June - Winter Solstice Mushrooms and Pinot
10th July - Winter lunch
4th September - Fathers Day lunch
9th October - Mornington Peninsula Pinot Week
13th November - Spring lunch
11th December - Christmas at Moorooduc

Finally, I would like to ask how many of you have noticed that most reviews of Moorooduc Estate, begin "Down a dusty unmade road…" ? Access to Moorooduc Estate has always been a negative for us and now the situation deteriorates further. Due to the construction of the new freeway Derril Rd is closed and we are inaccessible from the North, but take no notice of the Road Closed sign at the Southern end as we ARE here, you CAN get to us from the South. Signage to Moorooduc Estate is minimal and most of it directs from the North, but I would like to reassure you that we are accessible via Tuerong Rd. (look for our sandwich board pointing left up Derril Rd.), and also via Loders Rd., and Graydens Rd. - *Jill.*

***If you would like to hear more about what is happening at Moorooduc Estate, why not sign up for their newsletter?***

***Call 59718506 or email Moorooduc@ozemail.com.au today with your email address and they will email you first with all the information about their upcoming events & new releases at Moorooduc Estate. - ED.***

# HISTORIC HOMESTEAD OFFERS RESTAURANT, CELLAR DOOR, GALLERY

***Dromana Estate is packed to the rafters with award winning wines, knowledgeable staff & welcoming smiles.***

Visitors can wander through the cellar door and gallery rooms in the homestead and view original paintings by local artists (they are great supporters of our local art industry) all of which are available for purchase from Original Oz Gallery in Mt Martha.

Whilst you are visiting make the most of the winery specials available to Cellar Door visitors and Cellar Club members. If you are not already a member of their online Cellar Club, simply fill out a form and they will keep you in touch with their upcoming events and activities.

For over a quarter of a century Dromana Estate has been a benchmark for wines from the Mornington Peninsula.

With production limited to ensure quality, the wines in this flagship range are crafted by winemaker **Duncan Buchanan** to provide exceptional expressions of both regional and varietal characteristics.



The ***Dromana Estate*** range has been consistently lauded as some of Australia's finest examples of classic, cool climate Burgundian varieties, producing wines of finesse and distinction.

The ***Mornington Estate*** range of wines are fresh and vibrant with distinctive varietal and regional characteristics, crafted to showcase a broader range of varieties that excel on the Mornington Peninsula - Pinot Gris, Shiraz Viognier, Sauvignon Blanc and of course, the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.

For over 15 years their ***'i' range*** has been synonymous with innovation and experimentation of Italian varietals. After spending several vintages working in Northern Italy, Duncan Buchanan draws on his passion for all things Italian. Versatile and distinctive, the "i" range; arneis, pinot grigio, rosato, sangiovese and nebbiolo have been created as the perfect accompaniment to a wide range of foods.

***Dromana Estate Cafe/Restaurant*** has much to offer its visitors with **Chef Jason Goldingay** producing fresh, quality food from their set menu and daily specials board.



With an impressive set menu offering delicious entrees and mouth-watering mains to be finished off with tantalising desserts its not easy to choose! Beetroot ravioli; chilli and lemon grass mussels; slow braised lamb shanks or ocean trout with ginder potatoes - just to name a few. And then there is the specials board which offers an array of quality local produce - the emphasis of your dining experience.

Seating is available inside the historic homestead or in the garden terrace area and they welcome large groups which can also be catered for your convenience with set menus.










## Dromana Estate

- **Winery**
- **Cellar Door**
- **Restaurant**
- **Function Room**
- **Local Artwork**
- **Online Cellar Club**

**Book now for our spring racing Fine Wine & Fillies event on Thursday November 4, 2010 - details on our website**

555 Old Moorooduc Rd Tuerong, Victoria, 3933 (Mel. 152 B2)

**CELLAR DOOR - Wednesday - Sunday 11-5pm**

**RESTAURANT - LUNCH Wednesday-Sunday 12-4pm and DINNER Friday - Saturday**

Cellar Door / Restaurant 03 5974 4400 Office 03 5974 3899 www.dromanaestate.com.au

DROMANA ESTATE

## PIERRE'S PLATTER AT STUMPY GULLY

Why not indulge in Sunday lunch at Pierre's Platter at Stumpy Gully Vineyard in Moorooduc.

Specialising in French –Mauritian cuisine from Terrine with Armagnac, Brioche, Coq au Vin, Grilled Prawns in White Wine to Suzanne's famous Pilaf. A touch of Europe on the Peninsula!

Signature dishes are Suzanne's platters which can be shared by a table of guests with a delicious variety of taste sensations accompanied by a glass of Stumpy Gully wine. Stumpy Gully produces wine from 10 different varieties of grapes including Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Marsanne and Sangiovese along with Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Shiraz for which the Mornington Peninsula is justifiably famous. A glass of Stumpy Gully Merlot or Cabernet Sauvignon is also a delicious accompaniment to a platter.

With views of Stumpy Gully Vineyard and a choice of outdoor dining or inside the restaurant with a log fire and seating capacity for 40-50, Pierre's Platter is open for lunch every Sunday. Bookings can be made on 0411 358170.

Tastings and wine sales every weekend Saturday and Sunday 11-5pm.

## *More* IN MOOROODUC...

A small, family run winery with an exciting Greek menu tempting weekend visitors, **ZANTE ESTATE** offers all this plus a range of estate grown wines with a substantial selection of back vintages on offer. Owners, Spiros and Christine Teboneras commenced development of their vineyards in 1991 and offer warm, traditional Greek hospitality and a range of wines including Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

**STUMPY GULLY VINEYARD** - Officially zoned as 'Cool Climate' and well known for its Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Grigio, Stumpy Gully's vineyard geographic location in the Moorooduc area produces excellent Merlot, Cabernet and Shiraz as well as delivering some fine Sauvignon Blanc. Family-run Stumpy Gully Vineyard is one of those rare wineries where visitors meet winemakers or grape growers doubling as cellar door staff.



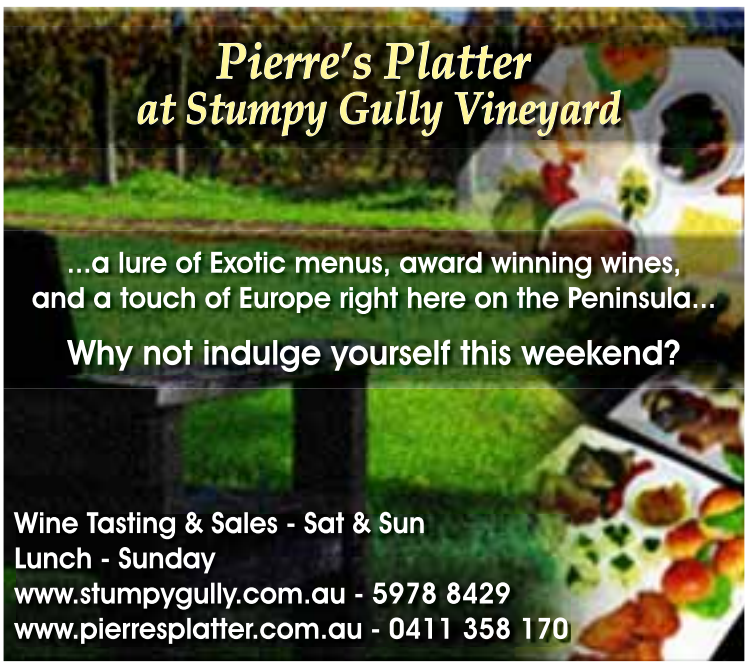
## *And in* TUERONG

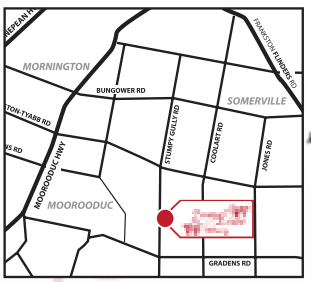
**DROMANA ESTATE** wines reflect the unique sense of place of the Mornington Peninsula in their freshness, fruit purity and vibrancy of character. Senior Winemaker here Duncan Buchanan is committed to quality and enjoys the challenge of consistently producing wines of the highest quality. All decisions made in the vineyard and winery is based on the effect they will have on the quality of the wine.

Dromana Estate make a flagship Pinot Noir and Chardonnay crafted with fruit sourced from the original vineyard planted in 1982 in Dromana. The vineyard features a mix of soils and slopes away from the Bays to capture more sun. As the vines age, this vineyard displays typical characteristics and great quality from vintage to vintage. The flagship wines will benefit any cellar and should be kept to improve further in bottle.

The cosy restaurant is located in a historic homestead overlooking the vineyard. It blends harmoniously with the surroundings and provides a relaxing place to enjoy a glass of wine, lunch or a coffee.

*- Arthur O'Bryan*


Zante Estate Winery

The Gateway to the Mornington Peninsula

Nestled in the heart of Moorooduc on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, this winery/vineyard produces Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir and Shiraz and blends of sweet wine including a sweet red! Every wine is naturally matured without the aid of milk or egg whites. All wines are reasonably priced.

Open every weekend for wine tastings and sales. Also enjoy delicious BBQ lunches, home-made Greek dips, salads and desserts. Come along and experience the wine & full flavoured BBQ lunches in a peaceful rural setting.

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# Going Green WITH GARRY

***Those of you who read this occasional column will have followed our adventure as we move inexorably towards what we hope will be a better way of farming. Gradually we are renouncing our past conventional practices in favour of a more sustainable way of doing things.***

There comes a time in the life of man when certain facts must be faced. We have reached this time.

It's all very well to espouse a more thoughtful way of farming but as my daughter Zoe keeps reminding me, "How are consumers really to believe us when we can't claim authenticity in the form of certification for our practices?"

The time has come, she thinks, to bite the bullet and succumb to the scrutiny of certification by one of the internationally accepted organic bodies. This process is both time consuming and onerous, not one that can be achieved by ticking the boxes on a few forms. Indeed the whole process, should it proceed to fruition, will take a minimum of three years with a gradual conversion to full organic status as an outcome. It may well be that along the way we try to incorporate biodynamic certification as well.

Happily, gone are the days when organic farming (and farmers) was regarded with suspicion by much of the consuming public; now there is widespread understanding of the issues surrounding the extravagant use of herbicides and pesticides and the havoc they wreak on our soils our crops and most alarmingly even on our bodies.

Back in mid winter we made our first tentative steps towards certification by contacting Australia's first Organic Certifier, NASAA, who in turn put us in contact with a highly regarded facilitator "TM Organics" based in South Australia. Tim Marshall, the firm's principal, has a long connection with organic farming in many disciplines, particularly viticulture. As a result of our contact Tim agreed to come over to the Mornington Peninsula and run a workshop titled "Organic Viticulture: is it for you". This well structured day long course is an essential primer for anybody considering the conversion from conventional farming to organic. Rather than have only our own staff attend we decided to throw the day open to all and sundry from the local industry.

***We were delighted to have a turn out of fifteen local grape growers and two from other regions. As Rollo said in his vote of thanks to the presenters, "If this was held three or four years ago only a handful of people would have been interested. Today we have a room full of people".***







*In the fast evolving world of grape growing and winemaking increasing emphasis is being placed on sustainability. Australia is lagging behind the rest of the world, and New Zealand in particular, in embracing these responsibilities. Climate change is generally seen as a negative but there must also be opportunities.*
*- Garry Crittenden*

Crittenden Estate supported "Organic Viticulture – is it for you", a one-day course designed to give a practical understanding of what is required to convert a vineyard to organic and/or biodynamic operation, at Stillwater at Crittenden in September

Personally I believe this augurs well for local farming and signals a significant change in attitude with people willing to come out and express their concerns with older style farm practices. It remains to be seen how this will translate into action but at least we have a beginning and we for one will be moving down the certification path and encouraging others to join us.

Finally, here is what Tim Marshall from TM Organics said to me in an email a few days after the event:

"We have run 16 Organic viticulture workshops in every state in Australia (except NT and Qld) and the event at Stillwater at Crittenden was without a doubt one of the best. The grape growers and winemakers that attended really contributed to the day by asking lots of questions, and shared information amongst the group. There was a great atmosphere, aided in no small part by the wonderful location of Stillwater at Crittenden. The attendees showed a lively interest in improving the sustainability of their properties, and a number of them indicated their intention to continue to progress down the pathway of organic or biodynamic production."

*The future is in our hands.*
*- Garry Crittenden*

# Exploring DROMANA

***With the bay twinkling to the east and the hills to the west the vineyards in Harrisons Road Dromana sit in a natural amphitheatre.***




*Dromana*

**Crittenden Wines** **A**

The name Crittenden has been associated with growing and making wine on the Peninsula for two generations. Today, Garry Crittenden and his son, Rollo work side-by-side to produce an exciting range of handcrafted wines. Their efforts are directed toward producing small batches of wines that elegantly and emphatically speak of their varietal and geographic provenance under the Crittenden Estate, Pinocchio and Geppetto ranges.

The Crittenden family takes great care, pleasure and pride in the wine they produce. The portfolio spans estate-grown, cool climate wines of Burgundian origin, new and exciting Italian and Spanish varietals and other regional classics from both the Peninsula and further afield from central and north-east Victoria.

The centerpiece of the Crittenden property is the **STILLWATER AT CRITTENDEN** restaurant which is managed by husband and wife team Zac and Jacqui Poulier. The dining room is the perfect place to feast as you overlook the impressive vineyard, extensive lake and immaculate, cloistered gardens. With his years of experience, executive chef, Zac ensures an innovative take on modern Australian cuisine and has a focus on local produce whilst Jacqui runs front of house. Stylish and modern, this fine a-la-carte restaurant is a warm & welcoming experience.

*- Arthur O'Bryan*

## SO CLOSE YET A WORLD AWAY - STILL THE ONE

Stillwater at Crittenden is destination dining at its best but literally only 10 minutes from Mornington and sitting on the delightful deck you could be anywhere in the world

It offers the whole package - a cellar door with over 13 wines and great local produce to taste including their own house dressings, the multi-award winning Stillwater Restaurant with fabulous alfresco areas, 4 1/2 star Lakeside villas and plenty of wide open space in a beautiful setting.



***Zac and Jacqui Poulier have earned an enviable reputation for being great hosts in their popular restaurant and they have recently taken over the running of the lakeside villas, which are luxuriously perched on the lake, complete with ducks, gourmet country breakfast hamper and bottle of sparkling wine included in the tariff. Stillwater is also one of the most sought after wedding venues on the Peninsula and the lakeside villas just add to the appeal.***




### *FINALLY THEIR DUKKAH & OLIVES ARE 'TAKE-HOME-ABLE'!*

Introducing Zac and Jac's Kitchen Produce - a brand new, ultra premium range of gourmet products that they've created in their restaurant kitchen, so that you can take home a little something from your Stillwater experience. Unapologetically locally sourced produce, seasonal ingredients, and as organic as possible, this range is something worth shouting about.

They've turned giant Red Hill strawberries into a totally luxe jam finished off with a splash of moscato; sourced local and organic beetroot for the relish, marinated a selection of exquisite olives in virgin olive oil, preserved lemons, spiced pears from Del Grosso Orchard and created a glossy, gingery rhubarb compote that no piece of toast would pass up.

The piece de resistance is their ultra premium extra virgin totally amazing Olive Oil - made to match their exacting restaurant standards and is the taste sensation that completes the range. Yum!

Pop into the cellar door to taste, sample and purchase any of the range before everyone else does!



### *RESTAURANT*

Come and enjoy this multi award winning dining room overlooking the tranquil lake and vines. Indulge in modern, produce driven cuisine by chef owner Zac Poulier and browse the extensive wine list with over 30 wines available by the glass. For a more casual lunch try a vignerons platter with a glass of estate wines by the terrace and lake.

The restaurant was recently reviewed in the Age by Tricia Welsh who noted "Stillwater is one of the best on the Peninsula" and with very good reason. Zac's skills as a chef are well documented and his smooth running of the restaurant ensures a great dining experience whether you're there for lunch or dinner.

Special occasions at Stillwater are guaranteed to delight. Their private dining room which seats 40 has its own private decking or you may enjoy drinks and canapés by the lake at sunset with gorgeous receptions in the main Dining Room.



### *CELLAR DOOR*

No trip to the Peninsula would be complete without a visit to the Crittenden Estate cellar door. They offer 13 wines available to taste as well as gourmet Goodies, produce tastings, estate made jams and chutneys as well as plenty of wine and food related gift items.



### *LUXURY VILLA STYLE ACCOMMODATION OVER THE LAKE*

The 4.5 star lakeside villas are an oasis of luxury and tranquillity, ready and waiting, perfect for a relaxing couple of days away from it all. An indulgent weekend or midweek escape, putting your feet up, reading the papers, tasting some wine, eating fabulous food staying in a luxury appointed villa right on the lake, sounds idyllic – it is!

Featuring private decks, separate bedroom with king sized bed, full kitchen and laundry facilities as well as quality appointments throughout. Just a short stroll across to the restaurant and cellar door to indulge in the beautiful food and wine, or why not take a walk around the lake with native wildlife, vines and ducks to complete the scene. Gourmet country breakfast hamper and bottle of sparkling wine is included in the tariff.



# Still love discovering a hidden gem



## Discover Stillwater.

Still love spending time with family and friends?

Fine dining or casual, indoors or out, Stillwater delivers a perfect regional food experience. Relax with tasting plates on the terrace, while the kids play in the sandpit. Enjoy a sophisticated restaurant dinner, or long lunch with friends surrounded by views of the lake and vineyard.

Quality local produce, exciting flavours, stunning views, lakeside accommodation, cellar door, weddings, events – still amazed that one place can deliver so much?

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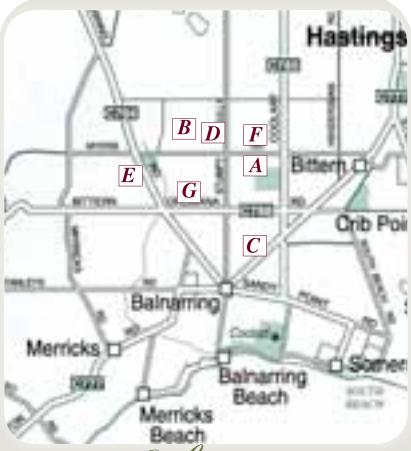
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# Exploring BALNARRING & MERRICKS NTH

***Balnarring and Merricks North are home to wineries both large and small. Though not far from the hills the wines produced here are distinctly different. Italian varietals grow alongside old world favourites with a few surprises in between.***




*Balnarring*

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## BALNARRING

Just out of Balnarring, **LAZZAR** (*pictured right*) offer a range of well priced entry-level wines including the quirkily named Malibu Cabernet, Diego's Dream Pinot Noir and Sooty's Merlot (named after their remarkable black sheep). These wines are regarded as everyday, fun drinking and should appeal to those who know what good wine is but don't see the need to pay top dollar.



## BALNARRING NORTH

Share in Kathleen Quealy's passion for winemaking, in particular her Pinot Gris and discover other wines from one of the regions most original thinkers.

In Balnarring, **QUEALY WINERY AND CELLAR DOOR** is the new venture of winemaker Kathleen Quealy, previously of T'Gallant fame. Kathleen is passionate about her vineyard but rather than any single variety she champions blended wines and offers a lovely range under the Balnarring Vineyard label that includes Pobblebonk- a Pinot Grigio Friulano blend and Rageous- a Sangiovese Merlot blend. Her wines are untamed, exuberant and original in style – very much like the maker.

**ELAN VINEYARD** is open on the first weekend of every month. Having just completed fifteen vintages, winemaker Selma Lowther continues to develop the quality of her wines and you won't be disappointed. If you love Pinot Noir but your bank account wishes you didn't, then you must try her Gamay. This is the flagship wine here- a dry and fruity red made using the French Beaujolais grape variety. The wine is quite something; it is light-bodied but tangy with flavors of cherry and raspberry.

At **NORTHWAY DOWNS,** on the first Sunday of each month, you can experience an Austrian style lunch, which includes house smoked meats, accompanied by the estate's wines.

A highlight at the tasting bench is always the Chardonnay and summertime sends people to the cellar for this delicious wine which matches the fruits of the agricultural season and the scents from the BBQ grill. It's the purity and clarity of the wine that captures the essence of summer on the Peninsula.

**WILLOW CREEK** winery offers a sensational range of wines made by the very talented Geraldine McFaul who was runner up in the 2005 Qantas-Gourmet Traveller Winemaker of the Year Award. Knowledgeable and fun loving cellar door staff led by Ian 'Macca' Macdonald delight cellar door visitors with a passionate dissertation about the winemaking and vineyards. Willow Creek is the winery for discerning wine lovers who just love wine and don't want to be over burdened by bombastic wine snobbery. Oh yes, it also boasts a cosy restaurant with stunning views to the valley below. The care and knowledge of the cellar door staff means that the wine tasting experience raises to another level of sophistication and enjoyment.

Ten years ago the Poulter family established the **BLUESTONE LANE VINEYARD** on unproductive grazing land in Myer Road. They planted a range of grape varieties including Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Shiraz and also set aside a substantial part of the property for rejuvenated wetlands and bush which now serves as a tranquil wildlife habitat. A feature of the cellar door and **VERAISON RESTAURANT** is the use of bluestone pavers reclaimed from some of Melbourne's historic laneways. Andrew Thomson and Phil Kettle are the winemakers and they produce a great range of hand crafted wines to be enjoyed in the convivial surrounds of the seriously tempting Veraison restaurant. *- Arthur O'Bryan*


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## A FAMILY AFFAIR

In 2007 the Latras family bought Marinda Park, the very pretty property you can't help but notice on Myers Road in Balnarring.

After living in inner city Melbourne all their lives, the acreage and open space was captivating and proved irresistible so in 2009 they left the city behind and the whole family made Marinda Park and the Peninsula their permanent home.

The cafe cellar door is now called "Polly's"and began as an opportunity to work together in a family business. Sons, Onassi and Ben work in the kitchen with their father, Nick, whose list of talents include chef and daughters Poppy, Lilly and Pascale work on the floor with their mum, Polly.



*At Polly's at Marinda Park they say that wine should taste of place and be true to the variety, vineyard, region and vintage.*

"We offer good simple rustic food generously served with friendly welcoming service and there has been a great response from locals. The barn has a warm ambience-dressed up with lots of treasures acquired over years of collecting. Our venue is the perfect place to host weddings and celebrations and the grounds offer a parklike setting".

Their winemaker's philosophy is that wine should taste of place - be true to the variety, vineyard, region and vintage. The vineyard produces exceptional fruit and vines are hand pruned and hand picked. Crops are kept low to improve intensity of flavour and the fruit is the star of the show.

They offer sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, pinot noir, pinot rose, pinot gris (which will come to fruit for its first harvest next year) - and merlot - all highly sought after single vineyard wines.

Polly's at Marinda Park is a refreshing take on the cellar door experience and one where you will enjoy the very friendly atmosphere and personal touches that come with a family run business. Call in on Sundays and enjoy live music.




## OLD WORLD HOSPITALITY - NEW WORLD EXPERTISE

Established in 1980, this small estate produces wines of style and a point of difference. Elan's 2.5 hectares provide Shiraz, Cabernet/Merlot, Gamay, Riesling and Chardonnay. The Gamay is one of a handful made in this country and one of the world's seriously underestimated wine styles. Taste their just released 2008 Cab/Merlot described by James Halliday as a generous wine, with lots of ripe fruit and luscious blackcurrant fruit, controlled tannins and oak or the 2008 Shiraz with a nose of spicy cherry and satuma plums and vibrant palate.

This is a farm-gate vineyard with old world hospitality and new world expertise.

It is a great example of the small producers who still make up the bulk of the Peninsula industry.



*Jonathon & Selma Lowther at Elan Vineyard*

## VERAISON - SMALL PLATE LUNCHES

Veraison has a new lunch concept in Small Plate lunches with a large array of sides from the organic kitchen garden.

A sample of small plates include: Sugar cured Salmon slices, Estate cucumber, spring onion mascarpone Terrine, honeycomb walnut syrup; Pancetta wrapped Saltimbocca of Kingfish, Canadian scallop and Leek Panna cotta, Smoked sweet corn cream; and Pan-fried Venison with double baked Mountain blue liquorice William pear soufflé.



**Imagine** "Taking Mum and the family a short drive to the Mornington Peninsula wine country, taking a set on the balcony atop of the manicured Vineyards, sounds of Mojo Pearls the Acoustic duet resonating throughout the restaurant amphitheatre, enjoying the gastronomque waft of fine food as the wait staff serves dishes to other guests, What a great day out!"

Veraison is a stunning reclaimed bluestone building with views across the beautiful Bluestone Lane vineyard. The restaurant accommodates up to 80 people, and a rotunda with a heart-shaped rose garden has recently been added with wedding ceremonies in mind. Wedding reception menus can be view by a visit to the new website www.veraisonrestaurant.com.au

**Veraison Restaurant at Bluestone Lane Vineyard, 269 Myers Rd, Balnarring. Mel ways 163 A7**
**Open for lunch**
**Thurs - Mon from 11am**
**Dinner Fri & Sat from 6pm.**
**Bookings: 03 5989 7081.**


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Veraison restaurant is located at the home of Bluestone Lane Winery, situated within the beautiful Peninsula wine country and created by owners, Mark and Cherie Poulter. The building constructed from salvaged bluestone of Melbourne's historical Lane Ways. Veraison's food is Modern Australian, a success put down to their use of fresh, organic and seasonal produce featured from the estates extensive kitchen garden. You will often find the young couple pottering amongst the fruit and vegetables, selecting produce read for the small plate lunch menus or the formal dinner menus

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269 Myers Rd Merricks North (mel 163 A7)
Open Lunch Thursday-Monday 12-4pm Dinner Fri/Sat 6.30pm-11pm
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*Merricks*

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# *Exploring* MERRICKS



***Merricks sits in the middle of the Peninsula and contains many large rural holdings. Vast golden paddocks give way to sea glimpses. Dusty roads intersect green vineyards; a patchwork of farms and bush land to explore.***

**STONIER** is on Frankston-Flinders Road in the sleepy hollow of Merricks. Cradled between surf and bay beaches on Western Port Bay they manage 155 acres of vines that thrive on volcanic or sandy loam soil. The first vintage of Chardonnay was produced in 1982 and Pinot Noir came in 1986. Winemaker Mike Symonds joined Stonier in August 2008. As the vines age and Mike has greater understanding of terroir of individual sites he is confident of producing wines of great depth and complexity. In 2003, Stonier introduced a range of single vineyard wines from the much feted KBS and Windmill vineyards. The KBS Chardonnay and Windmill Pinot Noir vineyard sites have consistently provided low yield reserve quality fruit. Their distinctive flavours, structure and other characteristics bring complexity to the wines.

**MERRICKS ESTATE** is located at the far end of Thompson's Lane on gentle slopes in sight of Western Port Bay. Planted in 1978 by the ebullient and friendly ex-legal eagle, George Kefford and his family, Merricks Estate continues to produce high quality, estate grown Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon. The Pinot Noir is a superb Burgundian-style wine of the highest quality and the recently added Thompson's Lane range offers real quality as well as exceptional value for money.

**MERRICKS GENERAL WINE STORE** *(pic above)* is the meeting place for food & wine lovers & a Mornington Peninsula icon. Its 1920's era design with large bull-nose, shady veranda and protected outdoor eating area with views to the Bay makes the store a popular destination for visitors and locals. The large airy interior houses the Cellar Door & Café and is all tasteful, rustic country charm. The Cellar Door has, on tasting & sale, the entire range of Elgee Park, Baillieu Vineyard & Quealy Wines.

Merricks General Store Cellar Door and Café are open every day from 9- 5 serving breakfast, lunch and refreshments to suit the locals and wine tourers. - *Arthur O'Bryan*

## TASTE AND TOUR AT STONIER



One of the founding wineries on the Peninsula, Stonier was established by Brian Stonier and his wife Noel in 1978. Chardonnay was first planted with Pinot Noir soon after. These two noble varieties are the sole focus for Stonier, as they are perfectly suited to the cool, maritime climate of the Peninsula.

A visit to cellar door will allow you to explore Stonier's different expressions of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. The Stonier Pinot Noir and Chardonnay and fruit driven, early drinking styles made from younger vineyards; the Reserve wines are a more concentrated, complex style sourced from the oldest plantings, while the Single Vineyard wines are the ultimate example of site expression. Stonier also craft two Sparkling wines, each a unique blend of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay.



***Along with tasting these stunning wines, you can enjoy an informal tour of the fermentation and barrel room (just ask!), with a range of cheese platters also available. The adventure playground will keep the kids busy while you enjoy a glass of wine on the verandah overlooking the vines, pondering your next stop.***

Join them throughout the year at one of our many events at the winery:

- **June -** Winter Wine Weekend 'Pies & Pinots', Queen's birthday weekend.
- **October -** Pinot Week 'Cheese or Chocolate matching Pinot Noir tastings'.
- **November -** Melbourne Cup day celebration.
- **December -** Oysters, Sparkling wine and a roving minstrel.

***Phone (03) 5989 8300 for details.***

# HAVE YOU DISCOVERED MERRICK'S ESTATE?

***Down a long, winding, dirt road with stunning bay views, you'll find Merricks Estate, one of the founding vineyards on the Peninsula.***



The old wooden shack tasting room, nestled beneath a canopy of gums, hasn't changed in thirty years and neither has the quality of the wine.



*Visitors are invited to explore a walking track that loops the property and bring a picnic to enjoy by the dam.*

Merricks Estate Wines have a small yield and a high demand. Winery owners George and Jackie Kefford have lovingly grown all the grapes for their wines on the property. They believe each vintage should be of a superb quality so they never rush to release one.

Both the Premium Merricks Estate Range and the new Thompson's Lane, boast a Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, as well as a cool climate Shiraz and a Cabernet Sauvignon. Full bodied reds are rare on the Peninsula & the Kefford's have had great success with both varieties.

Thompson's Lane has already established a strong following as a superb range of wine at an outstanding price.

The chance to have the Kefford's take you through a tasting and sample some older vintages that are exclusively available at the Cellar Door, is another reason this winery is such a discovery.

Open the first weekend of every month and public holiday weekends from 12 till 5 pm, plus every day from the 26th of Dec to the 1st of Jan, you'll find Merrick's Estate at the end of Thompson's Lane (past Merrick's General Store).





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Stonier was established in 1978 and specialises in premium Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Sparkling.
Open 11am - 5pm daily (closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and Good Friday).
Regional cheese platters, winery tours and children's playground available.

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MORNINGTON PENINSULA Stonier



*Balnarring Vineyard winemaker Danny Calvert*

# BALNARRING VINEYARD... DELICIOUSLY RUSTIC

***Balnarring Vineyard has a rich history of important grapes and wine; because it is off the beaten track it is often forgotten by wine lovers.***

Balnarring Vineyard is now owned by the Quealy-McCarthy family. Their winemaker Daniel Calvert has worked closely with them since their T'Gallant days. The wines made at Balnarring Vineyard are Quealy, Balnarring Vineyard and their sole client; Baillieu Vineyard.

Whilst the Quealy Range & Baillieu Vineyard wines are tasted and sold at their communal Merricks General Store, the Balnarring Vineyard range as well as various barrel & bin ends are tasted & sold at Balnarring Vineyard.

A trip to Balnarring vineyard is always enchanting; hidden from the road by the cypress hedge, changing to the lespaliered fig trees, past the mad chook village, the avenue of olives ending at the magnificent gigantic Manna Gum tree and eventually to a large old very plain converted apple cool store filled with barrels & tanks and stuff and amongst it their Cellar Door

The Cellar Door is open every day and in the old fashioned style of a family business, it's the winemaker and the family who generally take you through the tasting.

The range of wines all offer great value. There is an unwooded chardonnay and the new blend for Australia; Pinot Grigio Friulano – Friulano is a very groovy cool climate Italian white variety that compliments Pinot Grigio as a partner in the ferment tank. Friulano is acidic thus preventing the Pinot Grigio becoming soft & flabby. The Pinot Noir is bold & delicious and priced so you can make it your house Pinot. There are single barrels of Shiraz, Sangiovese & Pinot worth discovering. Finish your tasting with a luscious local muscat.



Balnarring Vineyard was amongst the first vineyards planted on the Peninsula. The Quealy 17 Rows Pinot Noir many would consider amongst the finest. In the old fashioned way, the vines were planted wide along wide rows – once to allow big all purpose paddock tractors entry. These days the fashion is to mimic Europe with narrow rows however the legacy is tasted in this wine where the sunshine streams into every part of the vine- never shaded by the neighbour and the result is profound wine of exotic spice.

There is plenty to discover, taste & discuss at Balnarring Vineyard. It's a laid- back, open house style hosted by charming knowledgeable people.

**Balnarring Vineyard**
**62 Bittern-Dromana Rd, Balnarring.**
**Cellar Door Open Every Day 9-5**
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## IT'S ALL ABOUT THE WINE…

***Merricks General Wine Store showcases wines from three vignerons with deep ties to the Mornington Peninsula – Elgee Park, Baillieu Vineyard and Quealy Wines. All wines are single vineyard, 100% estate grown wines and present exciting new styles of wine, viticulture & winemaking.***

Elgee Park vineyards are now forty years old and the wines clearly reflect profound quality. Baillieu Vineyard wines express the youthful exuberance of their vineyard and a real country charm. Kathleen Quealy's wines are as quirky as ever.

The new release Musk Creek Pinot Gris 2009 is the perfect showcase from the "Queen of Pinot Gris" and the Mornington Peninsula, the palate is complex with a rich and powerful wild honey finish. Pinot Gris is a fabulous 'with food' wine, perfect to enjoy with our Mediterranean influenced modern country menu.

Sit out on the deck and enjoy a glass of our Baillieu Vineyard Rose 2010. With richly perfumed aromas of fresh strawberries and rose petals, it is made from short maceration of Pinot Munier and Noir, the bright red colour of the skins bleeds into the juice. Available until stocks run out!




Elgee Park is the oldest vineyard on the Peninsula and one of the oldest varietals is Chardonnay. The Elgee Park Family Reserve Chardonnay has beautiful aromas of melon & peach with a hint or more of lemon crème brûlée. It has been barrel fermented for nine months and undergoes full malolactic fermentation – a great wine for lunch or to take home and put away. The Elgee Park Family Reserve Viognier, from the first planted vines on the Peninsula, matches deliciously with our saffron bouillabaisse. The saffron is grown on the Elgee Park estate and is the ideal matching spice for viognier.

Our single vineyard Pinot Noirs are a must try – choose from the acclaimed Quealy 17 Rows or Musk Creek or Elgee Park's Family Reserve.

Dine in our heritage building or taste wine by the open fires, on the deck with sea views, under the vines or just drop by to take home a local taste of the Peninsula.







# *A Real Taste of the Region*

Merricks General Wine Store heritage as a community hub began in 1924. The building continues in its role of offering travellers and locals' hospitality and now a cellar door tasting the range of Elgee Park, Baillieu Vineyard & Quealy.

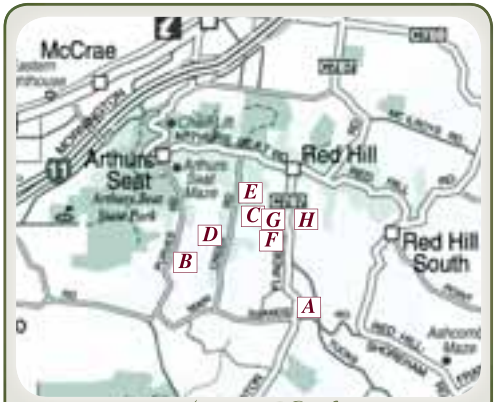
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**Kathleen Quealy's wines** are as quirky as ever…so if you want to taste something different…

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# Exploring MAIN RIDGE

***In the cool hills of Main Ridge you'll find some world class Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Drive these winding roads, complete with pine canopies, and be enchanted. Red volcanic soils, lush valleys and talented winemakers make a trip into the hills an adventure with a new discovery awaiting you at every turn.***


*T'Gallant's Spuntino Bar*

**MAIN RIDGE ESTATE** is located high in the hills near Arthur's Seat and is one of the Mornington Peninsula's finest producers of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Winemaker, Nat White is a wine industry icon and an early pacesetter for these varieties. Today he continues to make wines of elegant intensity. With a passionate commitment to quality, Nat produces two outstanding single-vineyard pinot noirs and a stunning single-vineyard chardonnay which have all received thumping accolades from the best Australian and International wine media.

Further along Main Creek Road, **VIDONI ESTATE VINEYARD AND OLIVE GROVE** is a must visit. The Vidoni family have lived on the Peninsula for over thirty years and established the vineyard and olive grove thirteen years ago after selling the family orchard. Eleven different wines are available to taste and there are plans for a larger cellar door and restaurant to open. It's hard to go past the 2005 Pinot Grigio; the estate olives marinated in olive oil, garlic and herbs are also divine!

Owners, John and Julie Trueman, grow the grapes, make the wine and conduct the tastings at **MYRTACEAE**, a vineyard and winery situated in a small picturesque vale high on Arthurs Seat. Limited quantities of high quality, cool climate, single vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines are produced.

The site, planted in 1985, was chosen by John for its unique combination of climate, aspect and soil and provides the cellar door with spectacular views across the hills and expansive garden.

All winemaking is by Julie and conducted on site. John manages the vineyard and his primary aim is to grow the best possible fruit. Over a number of years he has changed or modified viticulture in the quest for better and better fruit.

Housed in an original apple cool store and packing room the **T'GALLANT** Cellar Door is very hip with Italian rustic charm, exciting wines and award winning Ken Cato designed labels. There's lots to try as T'Gallant have one of the largest and most diverse ranges on the Peninsula and are the spiritual leaders of Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio push. Great rustic flavours can be found at La Baracca Trattoria next door or if you are after a quick casual bite try the Spuntino Bar outside - lots of Italian flavours to go with the wines. It might seem shallow, but you could just about buy these wines on the way they are packaged- try and resist the hip, sexy eye-catching look.

Walking into the **PIG & WHISTLE TAVERN AT BAYVIEW ESTATE** is like stepping into a marvelous old English pub, complete with low ceiling, soft lighting, comfy furniture and a huge array of wall hangings that catch one's eye wherever you look. Tetley's on tap and hearty country fare including pies and ploughman's lunch make it a favourite amongst beer and traditional pub grub food lovers who can enjoy an ale at the bar or outside in the beer garden. The Pig and Whistle brews beer as well. Look out for the preservative-free Big Pig Amber Ale – just luvely jubbly! *- Arthur O'Bryan*

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# HAPPY 35TH TO MAIN RIDGE ESTATE

***Main Ridge Estate is the Mornington Peninsula's original winery & cellar door, established in 1975. Owner-winemaker, Nat White, is also one of Charles Sturt University's early graduates in winemaking and viticulture.***

Main Ridge Estate is situated on a protected North-facing hillside, high in the glorious Red Hill countryside. From the beginning, the philosophy has been to nurture every vine, use only fruit from those vines and to make the wine without compromise.

The fact that, for 35 years, not a single grape has crossed the threshold, defines the often misused trendy descriptor "single vineyard". The cool Red Hill sub-region of the Mornington Peninsula, with its long, slow ripening period, is ideal for producing Australia's finest styles of Pinot Noir & Chardonnay. Main Ridge Estate's Half Acre Pinot Noir has achieved iconic status in the "leagues tables" drawn up by wine writers. The Chardonnay is one of Australia's standard-bearers for the defence of white wine in the face of "sauvelanche NZ" !

The vineyard is a mere 8 acres and so supplies are limited, export being limited to an allocation for Qantas 1st Class.

You will see the label at top restaurants around Australia, but most wine is sold from the picturesque cellar door which is open daily. Lunch is served on Sundays in the spacious tasting room or, weather permitting, on the rose-draped verandah or in the garden courtyard.
The menu is dependent upon the produce from the Estate's extensive vegetable and herb gardens and changes frequently to reflect the seasons.



*Main Ridge Estate is also one of the prettiest vineyards on the Peninsula*

***Various events during Spring and Summer will celebrate the Estate's 35th Birthday....***

Two grand banquets are sold out but a few places remain for a winery dinner on Thursday 27th January and a long table lunch on Sunday 20th February.

Main Ridge Estate is a sponsor of Peninsula Summer Music Festival and will host a concert featuring soprano Louisa Hunter-Bradley on January 7th.

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***The dining room has been extended giving space and light all around. The French doors open onto a spectacular shaded deck overlooking the beautiful country side, the estate vineyard, the nearby olive grove and of course the Pétanque pitch.***

The large new dining room has everything you are looking for when you visit the Peninsula, space, light, leafy views and an elegant and relaxed atmosphere. The knowledgeable staff is eager to guide you through a culinary experience.

In addition, Chef Simon Buckley's new creations reflect the season and his passion for local produce. Port Phillip Bay Snapper, Main Ridge Aged Black Angus Sirloin, Flinders tomatoes, Boneo kipfler potatoes and Devon Meadows asparagus and greens.

The cuisine is inspired by the South of France with dishes like the Seared Hervey Bay scallops, du Puy lentils, broad beans, garlic snails and parsley jus or the Port Phillip Bay snapper, mini ratatouille, chick pea panis, tomato tarte Tatin and tapenade emulsion.

Simon's creations are based on traditional recipes and techniques with surprising combinations of flavors.

For dessert, if you like chocolate you should try the best. The soft centered pudding is made with 70% cacao from Valrhona chocolate made in France & used in the best restaurants around the world.

The wine list is also impressive. Most of the local wineries are represented with 30 wines offered by the glass and many more affordable and desirable choices by the bottle. If you prefer to sit back and enjoy, let the menu guide you, try the suggested wine with each dish.

The elegant dining room, well trained staff and delicious dishes make it a natural for a return visit.

- La Pétanque won the Gourmet Traveller Best Regional Wine List of the Year 2009
- Best European Restaurant at the Mornington Peninsula Award for Excellence 2009 and 2010
- Award for excellence in service and front of house in 2008 and 2010.

During the weekdays try the little spring menu for lunch, two courses is only $32 and three courses is $42.

Bookings are suggested on weekdays and highly recommended on weekends.

La Pétanque living, the homewares boutique has been relocated to the main street in Flinders.

# PADDOCK TO PLATE - A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Green Olive at Red Hill has opened its farm gate. The experience is unique with concept of "paddock to plate" being top of the menu. Owners Greg and Sue O'Donoghue farm, Olives, Vines, Herbs/ Vegetables, Isa Brown chooks and Wiltshire sheep. Customers can sample a full range of farm produce including the recently released Kelpie Bridge range of wines. The farm is eco-friendly with everything being composted or recycled with only the glass & plastic leaving the site. There are tasting platers all day with amazing sausages and meat balls an absolute treat accompanied with Sues tomato relish and capsicum relish. The produce store is a great place to find that unique food gift or a fabulous hamper. Open Fri, Sat, Sunday and public holidays 10am to 5pm however open every day from the 27th of December through to the 31st of January. This is a must do experience for all ages.

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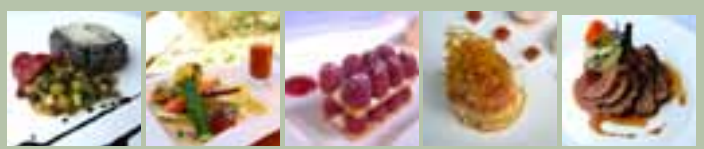

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# *Family & Pet Friendly* RELAXED ENGLISH PUB



Main Ridge Publicans Helen and Jack have now been at the iconic Pig and Whistle for 3 years, and have made some subtle changes to this rustic country English pub!
If its possible the addition of the dart board gives even more atmosphere to the memorabilia covered bar and visitors and regulars are reassured to know that The Pig still serves good English 'pub grub' - steak and kidney pudding, beef and Guinness pot pies, ploughmans plates and the old favourites like the 500gm rib eyes that the Pig and Whistle built its reputation on. The House specialty of fresh seasonal seafood is always on the board but to the delight of diners they have also expanded the menu to include some fabulous new dishes like crispy skin pork belly and steamed ginger rockling and shoulder of lamb.

**Very popular with locals & visitors alike,** the atmosphere at the Pig is always warm & friendly & whilst the outdoor settings beckon in summer during the cooler months the open fire is very inviting & adds to the charm.

The Pig is also highly entertaining. The restaurant has live music on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons but with the spring racing season now here you can also watch all the races, cup day events, and sporting events on the big screen (pls call for info) in the bar which serves a huge range of specialty beers with unlikely names, Big Pig wines and champagne, locally brewed beers, Guiness and also some English beers on tap.

The Pig and Whistle is in an idyllic setting, boasting wonderful bay views and surrounded by magnificent gardens and the estate is home to one of the Peninsula's oldest wineries and cellar doors. Open weekends and overlooking the vines on 5 acres of garden families can enjoy the freedom of a country lifestyle! There are 2 petanque pitches, and you are welcome to bring the footy!

Wood fire pizzas and snacks are available together with wines to taste and a select range of gifts to take home.



Many of the locals arrive on horseback, and there are tie up facilities provided. Dogs are also welcome, as are responsible owners! And they can arrange horse agistment and B&B for those who want to stay a little longer.

Helen and Jack cater for all occasions at the Estate, but weddings are their specialty and couples can choose between the more casual cellar door or the restaurant and beer garden - also the perfect place for your Christmas Party. They always do their best to cater to your needs, and their specially trained staff work with you to make your event a success and a very happy occasion.

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# THE MITCHELLS

## MONTALTO VINEYARD & OLIVE GROVE, RED HILL

***Getting their own work-life balance right at Montalto Vineyard and Restaurant is perhaps the biggest challenge for the Mitchell family. During the past decade the business has quickly grown from a successful local wine venue into an iconic Peninsula food, wine and cultural attraction.***

" Because of our high quality and committed staff, we should - in theory be able to take off a couple of months to travel, but we're continually evolving and improving", says John Mitchell "… and, anyway, Wendy would fret if she's not around to seed the tomatoes in her kitchen garden "

Wendy Mitchell's popularity as the Peninsula's 'celebrity' kitchen gardener has provided her with a profile that she never imagined, nor particularly wanted. People come from far afield to her Montalto garden, often bringing rare and unusual seeds to swap with her.

Apart from the tomatoes, there's little chance of the Mitchell family sailing into a Tahitian sunset or settling into a Tuscan villa in the near future. They recently brought the winemaking in-house, after years of it being produced at Scotchman's Hill on the Bellarine Peninsula. The large factory and coolrooms in Tubbarubba Road will eventually also provide contract winemaking for other local vineyards. Montalto already provides contract vineyard maintenance for 50 Peninsula properties.

For daughter Heidi (Williams), her days in the legal industry are long behind her, especially as she now has two young boys – Lewis and Sonny - as well as the family business to fill her every waking hour. Husband, Neil Williams, is also involved as the graphic design consultant for Montalto and as the curator of the now well established annual Montalto Sculpture Prize.

This year's sculpture competition attracted 100 entrants from around Australia, from which 26 were selected for exhibition.

Each year the Mitchells purchase one or two items for the Montalto collection, so the 19 permanent pieces scattered about the Westernport hillside property makes it a year-round cultural attraction in its own right.

Throw-in the Mitchells' hosting of the Peninsula Summer Music's opening and closing night performances, an annual Shakespearean lunch in February, the two day mid winter Olive Fest and their involvement with the Foundation 59 Peninsula youth organization, and you start to appreciate what an integral role the business plays in local life.

In between, John still manages to squeeze in some time to race his Couta boat with Flinders Yacht Club and to sit on the board of Tourism Victoria.

It becomes very clear that their extended 'family' includes the 20 full time staff, many of whom have been with them for between five and ten years. Some have relocated from city jobs to be part of the Montalto team, but most are local people who have grown up with the business. Some staff have left to try other things and places, but several have returned to the family bosom.

The Mitchells have even introduced a program of 'staff rows' in the vineyard, which enables staff members to tend the vines throughout the growing year, then to enjoy the fruits of their labour through a few dozen bottles.



"It is a form of training in one sense", says John, "but it also helps to reinforce to the restaurant staff that we are principally a vineyard".

"We're a business and a business has to be viable and sustainable, but the nice thing about not having to answer to a board of directors is that we can instil a value system which revolves around a belief in our staff and making them feel comfortable, but never complacent".



And what's the Mitchell's advice for surviving in business together:

John: "Make sure you get the business into perspective and never put family at risk. At the same time, don't sweep things under the carpet that need to be discussed with each other".

Heidi: "A family business needs to be carefully nurtured and, despite the relationships between family members, you need to treat it as a workplace, so that you can develop and grow professionally".

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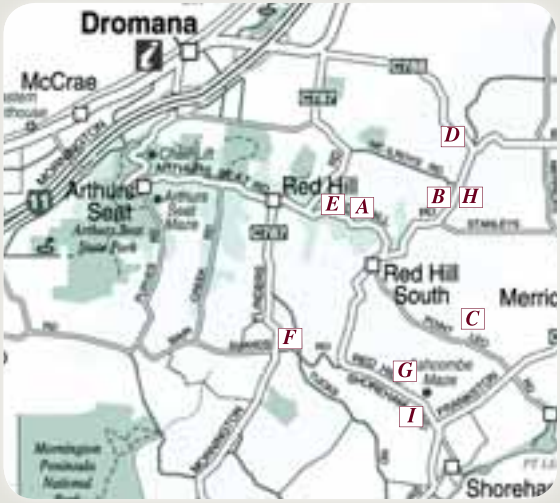
# Exploring RED HILL & SHOREHAM



## SHOREHAM - RED HILL STH

**PIER 10** is a small family owned and run vineyard, restaurant and cellar door on Shoreham Road.Owners, Sue McKenzie and Eric Baker have brought together their families to run the restaurant and cellar door and the four sons all pitch in during vintage. The fully licensed restaurant enjoys a strong following and the open fire gives a warm cosy atmosphere during the colder months.

The menu is innovative with food sourced from local regional producers and the winery's organic vegetable garden. An extensive list of Pier 10 wines can be enjoyed with a platter of unpretentious, generous, wine friendly food – the food we'd love to go home to- and the entertainment- from a large stable of local musicians - create a very lively, friendly atmosphere.




*Red Hill & Shoreham*

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No single winery or indeed winemaker has done more for the profile of the Mornington Peninsula than **PARINGA ESTATE**. The Burgundian twins, Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are like putty in Lindsay McCall's craftsman like hands. Over the years, Lindsay has isolated the best bits of the best vineyards to make wines that continue to win a staggering amount of top awards, trophies and medals. A confirmed terroirist, (committed to the relationship between vines/earth/climate/site) Lindsay has never compromised his fierce commitment to quality and doubtless never will. The single vineyard Reserve Pinot Noir is from a hillside vineyard that traps the sun in a chilly part of the Peninsula. Single vineyard Chardonnay also grows in a sunny amphitheatre and the warmest vineyard site of all produces a Shiraz deep in colour and rich and spicy in flavour. The winery's more affordable wines under the PE label are great drinks too.

**PRANCING HORSE ESTATE** is owned by Anthony & Catherine Hancy who have made the brave decision to fully adopt bio dynamic viticultural practices for their small chardonnay and pinot noir vineyard. This means that they will avoid using any pesticides, herbicides and fungicides on their vines. Winemaking is by Sergio Carlei (who produces a range of biodynamic wines from Victoria's major growing regions) and they recently added an additional six acres of new plantings to their Paringa Road estate. There is a strong French connection here; they have released a number of vintages of Burgundy and Chablis wines under their label including a premier cru from Morey St Denis and a grand cru from Chablis –serious wine.

## RED HILL DISTRICT

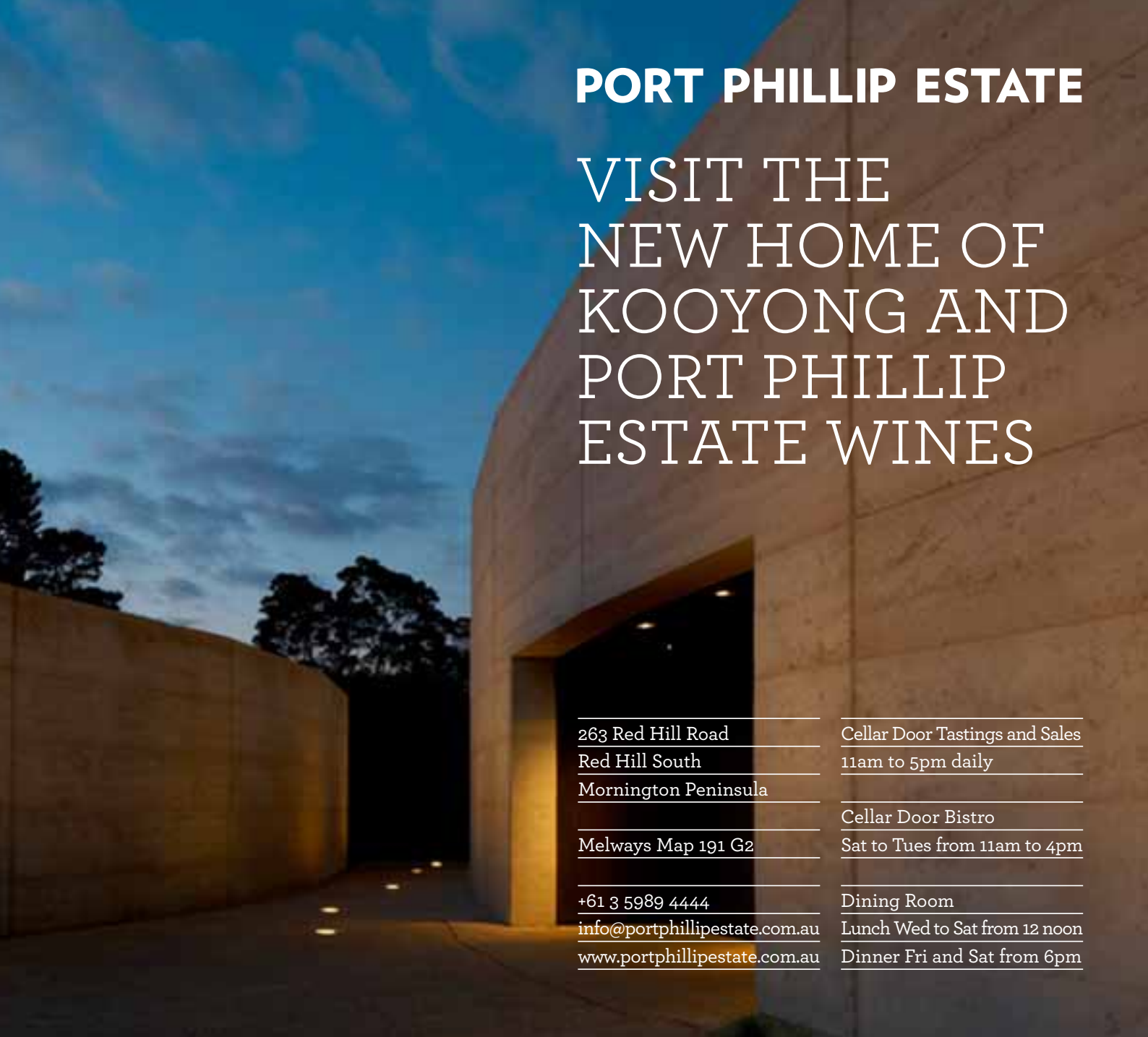
Located in the heart of the Red Hill wine district, the striking **PORT PHILLIP ESTATE** winery resembles a gigantic sand-coloured shell, protruding from the top of a hill overlooking Western Port Bay. The view is stunning but you won't see anything until you are well inside the front door. Heralded as a landmark venue, for lovers of wine and design Port Phillip is a must visit. In its entirety it is a striking statement that contains winery, cellar door and restaurant all under the one vast roof.

The huge, airy dining room and tasting hall feature sweeping view of vineyards, Western Port Bay, and a number of significant landmarks. Winemaker Sandro Mosele makes the Port Philip Estate and Kooyong wines, all of which are on tasting. In recent years he has developed a range of single vineyard wines under the Kooyong label that are the showpiece of the enterprise and are of a style that expresses the individuality of the vineyard site.

The restaurant offers one of the genuinely distinctive experiences in the region. Chef Simon West's menu takes centre stage with a delicious selection. The wine list reads like a pleasurable journey through the Mornington Peninsula's best vineyards with intermissions from French, German, Italian and Spanish big hitters.

A place that should win your heart is the rustic and charming **DARLING PARK**, a farm-gate vineyard with old world hospitality and new world expertise. Visit to experience the very relaxed 'joie de vivre' of the Darling Park Cellar Door where they offer delicious regional, seasonal platters and light food from local producers along with a glass of Darling Park wine. Surrounded by rose bushes, the cellar door is the place to sample the Darling Park Shiraz, a stand out along with the warm and friendly staff.

The most recent wineries to open on the Peninsula enjoy a strong wine culture and at **WHINSTONE ESTATE,** winemaker Ewan Campbell has created a lovely range of single vineyard wines that over deliver on quality for the price. Here the ebullient Ken and Leon Wood are your hosts and wine is their biggest passion. The cellar door is open every weekend and is definitely worth the trip- a place where patrons can sit over a glass or two, enjoy some snacks and relax.



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# More in RED HILL

**MONTALTO** was established by the Mitchell family in 1998 and has come along way in a short time. It is far more than a cellar door experience combining state of the art rammed-earth building design, a fashionable piazza café (open weekends), fine dining restaurant (open daily), picnic spots, lush garden, wetlands and beautiful ocean views, vineyards and a sprawling sculpture park. The property features over thirty acres of vines mainly Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and the core of the vineyard goes back to 1986. Recently appointed winemaker Simon Black comes to the hill after making wines originally at Willow Creek then Clyde Park and Heathcote Estate. He is finely tuned to the Peninsula's weather and committed to further refining the range including the top Montalto wines. The Montalto Pinot Noir is a Reserve style wine featuring, the best fruit grown on the estate. This single vineyard wine has depth and complexity, truly reflective of its origins- the superb growing conditions on the north-east facing slope of the Montalto property.

**LINDENDERRY AT RED HILL** enjoys a reputation for relaxed understated elegance, consummate service, superb cuisine and magnificent surrounds. Set in an expansive thirty acre estate in the heart of Red Hill, this secluded retreat with just 40 guestrooms features gardens, lawns and a vineyard. Each room is individually decorated, with spa baths and open fires in premium rooms. Lindenderry is very much in the tradition of elegant European country estate hotels with private courtyards, and a large collection of exquisite art and antiques throughout the property. Take time to do a wine tasting with the staff – a lovely personalized way to familiarize you with the premium wines from the estate's vineyards. *- Arthur O'Bryan*

## A REFRESHING EXPERIENCE

***The kernel of an idea began to develop when the Mitchell family lived in the UK during the 80's. Summer holidays were spent in the South of France, where John & Wendy Mitchell became smitten with the vineyards rolling down the hills to the Mediterranean. The generosity of spirit and joie de vivre was also infectious, as was a glass of rosé in the afternoon!***

It was also at this time, unconnected to the Mitchell's, that the Montalto vineyard was being planted.

A few years after their return to Australia, the Mitchell's started thinking about planting some vines at their holiday house on the coast at Westernport Bay on the Mornington Peninsula, running down the slope to the sea as they had seen in France. John Mitchell undertook a short viticultural course and was hooked. After further study the Mitchell's decided to buy a vineyard site to produce their own wine. They purchased their first 25 acres in 1997, and, when the adjacent block came up a year later, purchased that also.

Over a period of 3 years the property that would become Montalto evolved as the passions of the Mitchell family took hold. A love of nature, growth, people and environment joined with a desire to produce the best possible from the land of which they were now caretakers. Montalto was opened to the public in January 2002.

***Montalto provides a genuine heartland and home for its produce, a natural and sustainable expression of horticultural production, and a welcoming, peaceful and refreshing experience for the visitor.***

A family business, Montalto is run by John and daughter Heidi. Wendy is the creator and keeper of the extensive vegetable and herb gardens, fruit & nut orchard and roses.



***Montalto won the award for Best Winery Restaurant in The Australian Travel & Tourism Awards. The Australian said of Montalto: "This dining experience offers outstanding food, much of it sourced from the estate's organic gardens & orchards".***

The Mitchell's draw on what they love, and share this passion with others. The unique combination of wine, olives, gardens, natural wetlands and sculpture evolves from this philosophy of producing with love, for love.

Described as 'the Mornington Peninsula's best winery restaurant' Restaurant Montalto is led by head chef Barry Davis. **THE PIAZZA AND GARDEN CAFÉ** offers simple, tasty food to enjoy with a glass of estate wine in the protected courtyard or amongst the abundance of Wendy's kitchen garden.

And a **PICNIC AT MONTALTO** is a unique experience - an afternoon in your own private and beautiful location and a menu inspired by the freshest produce. (Available Nov – April)

### SCULPTURE

It was John & Wendy Mitchell's desire to combine their passion for the arts with their love of nature and growth that was the birth for the Montalto sculpture collection. The Montalto estate provides a picturesque outdoor gallery, and sculptures are sited throughout the beautiful grounds.

Meander along the walking trail or contemplate as you enjoy lunch in the Restaurant or Piazza Cafe. The Montalto Sculpture Prize - Exhibition of Finalists is held from mid February to the end of April each year, providing a further burst of colour & creativity at the property.


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# Making History AT RED HILL

On a hill where wild bullocks once roamed and kangaroos could be counted in scores, there are still a few who call it by its old name – Bald Hill. But to lovers of wine, food and the beauty of nature it is called Red Hill and the jewel in the crown is Red Hill Estate.

If you believe that viticulture in the Red Hill area only began around 30 years ago, you would be mistaken.

In the 1870's H B Simon, known in his day as 'Simon the Frenchman', grew grapes to make his own wine and James Wiseman, a Scottish Blacksmith set up home and shop on what is now Red Hill Estate.

These people founded the lifestyle of many who still carry the torch today.

From the 1920's to the 1970's the area progressed as a successful farming region with cattle farming, thoroughbred breeding, strawberry farms just some of the many agricultural pursuits enjoyed on the Peninsula.

Unfortunately grape growing was not one of the more successful pursuits at this time as the affliction of disease in this cool climate area saw many growers abandon their attempts to establish vineyards.

In 1973 with the advent of modern technology to cope with the pressures of managing vine cultivation in a marginal region, the Baillieu Myer family decided to have another go at the wine industry establishing Elgee Park vineyard and winery and in the mid 1970's and following in their modern pioneering footsteps other wineries such as Main Ridge Estate were founded, re-establishing the area as a wine growing region.

**Really, what better place to start a vineyard?**

In 1979 Sir Peter and Lady Derham purchased 20 picturesque acres at Red Hill for cattle grazing. A further 30 acres was purchased as the land was prepared for its ultimate transformation into a vineyard.

From blacksmithing to thoroughbred breeding to cattle farming, and now to one of the viticultural showpieces of the Mornington Peninsula, Red Hill Estate captures the essence of this part of the world.

## ... AND AT MAX'S

The pioneering spirit that brought the Paganoni family from Lombardia in Northern Italy to the apple country of Tyabb in 1908, also found expression in their grandson Max.

In 1993, the then 26 year old chef saw the potential of combining quality dining with the Peninsula's fledgling wine industry.

A cooperative venture with Sir Peter Derham at the magnificently sited Red Hill Estate resulted in a dining experience without parallel in Victoria.

**Max had this to say about his personal journey to Red Hill**

*"The Paganonis are still involved in orcharding, but I grew up with 4 brothers & sisters on a small dairy and pig farm in Tyabb. I have an English mother, but it was my father's Italian background that influenced those early years.*

*" The Italian philosophy was that if you raised a farm animal, nurtured it and killed it kindly, then it would be happy for you to eat it."*

*"My mother nurtured my interest in cooking and I often prepared meals for the whole family.*

*" I started an apprenticeship at a Chinese restaurant in Frankston. We worked 80 hours a week, serving hundreds of people, but I found that I really enjoyed the whole environment: the food, the people, the madness of working that many hours, and the immense enjoyment of the day off.*

*" I worked as a chef for Olympia Bortolotto in the early days of the Moorooduc Coolstores during the mid 80s. It was the first restaurant of that size on the Peninsula & we were seating 300-350 people a night.*

*" I then backpacked around Europe working as a barman, waiter, cook and dishwasher. At the time it was just a way to raise enough money to get to the next destination, but I now realise that dealing with different nationalities has helped me to cater for the needs of the international clients we attract here in Red Hill."The winery restaurant concept which Max pioneered on the Peninsula came to him whilst working for Geoff Whiteman at Frescos in Sorrento.*

*"One day we were touring the wineries to work out a new wine list. Red Hill Estate was a basic cellar door facility serving cheese platters, but we were knocked out by the view.*

*" We spoke to Sir Peter about the possibility of adding a restaurant. He wanted a proposal and by January the following year we opened our doors to 80 people on the first day.*

*"It was the first true winery restaurant in the area and possibly in Victoria.*



***Max's at Red Hill Estate was voted Australia's Favourite Modern Australian Restaurant 2009 in the Lifestyle Food Awards & also received a Finalist position in the Victorian Tourism Awards.***

*"Many said I was mad because people would never travel from Melbourne to dine in Red Hill. It was tough initially and I only got through by setting-up credit arrangements with local suppliers. I still use most of them today because of their faith and loyalty in helping me to get on my feet.*

*" The idea of matching food with wine was almost unheard of on the Peninsula. Because I had travelled a lot I knew that the whole French-Italian mentality is that you always eat food with wine and you always have a certain wine with a certain food. Matching the food and wine gave people a knowledge that was otherwise difficult to obtain.*

*" There was a great phrase I once read on a menu that said "Any meal eaten without wine is obviously breakfast"*

**Max's at Red Hill is renowned for its use of local produce**

*"There's a lot grown on the Peninsula and I use local produce wherever I can - Jan and Trevor Brandon of Red Hill Cheese provide me with a 'cheese of the week'.*

*"My olive oil is produced just down the road by Julian Barson and we use seasonal produce such as Barry Pontifex's quinces and Morello cherries and the local strawberries and cherries. We also have local people calling at the back door selling baskets of what they grow in their gardens. My herb lady, Dawn, has been calling with her box of herbs every week for 10 years. We design our menu around what is in season.*

*"We change the menus seasonally, but we change on the moon rather than the month, because that's when the food changes. That's how it's done in Europe.*

With commitment to service, a total food & wine experience & the most spectacular views on the Peninsula, Max's Restaurant at Red Hill Estate - according to so many visitors to the Peninsula from Australia and around the world - is a journey well worth taking.





## eat

Recently voted Australia's Favourite Modern Australian Restaurant, Max's offers a seasonal menu utilising the finest local produce, with stunning views from the glass walled dining room.




## drink

Enjoy our sensational range of 100% Mornington Peninsula wines including Pinot Noir, Shiraz and Chardonnay.
★★★★★ winery - James Halliday
Shiraz 2008 - 96 points



## stay

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Dinner Friday and Saturday from 6.30pm

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# Paringa Estate

WINERY AND RESTAURANT

**2008 "The Paringa Pinot Noir"**
Trophy: Best Pinot Noir 2010: Winewise Small Vignerons awards

**2008 Estate Pinot Noir**
Pinot Noir Medallion: 2010 Winewise Championship
Champion Varietal Red: 2010 Winewise Championship
Champion Dry Red : 2010 Winewise Championship

**2008 "The Paringa Chardonnay"**
Gold Medal: 2009 Australian Cool Climate Wine Show
Gold Medal: 2009 Rutherglen Wine Show

**2007 Reserve Shiraz**
Gold Medal: 2010 Sydney Royal Wine Show
Trophy Best Shiraz & Best Red Wine of Show:
2009 Royal Hobart International Wine Show
Gold Medal: 2009 National Wine Show of Australia - Canberra
Trophy: Best Shiraz: 2009 Royal Melbourne Wine Show
Trophy: Best Shiraz, Best Red Wine & Best Wine of Show: 2009 National Cool Climate Wine Show
Trophy Best Shiraz, Best Red Wine & Best Wine of Show: 2009 Australian Cool Climate Wine Show
Trophy: Best Shiraz & Best Red Wine of Show: 2009 Rutherglen Wine Show
Trophy: Best Red Wine & Best Wine of Show: 2009 Ballarat Wine Show
Trophy: Best Single Vineyard Wine in Show: 2009 Sydney Royal Wine Show
Trophy: Best Red Wine of Show: 2009 Cowra Wine Show




# PARINGA JUDGED THE 'BEST OF THE BEST'!

***Incredible success on the Australian wine show circuit has continued this year for Paringa Estate.***

In the 2010 Winewise Championship Paringa took out 3 Trophies for the 2008 Estate Pinot Noir which included Champion Dry Red, Champion Varietal Red & the Pinot Noir Medallion.

In what amounts to as the 'best of the best competition', the object was to acknowledge Australia's finest wines, from producers large & small.



" The Winewise Championship is an exciting new initiative designed to showcase the benchmark wines of Australia" Mr Jesberg (Winewise Championship Chairman) said. "And the results demonstrate this well with every State featuring in the awards."

Invitations for entries were extended to the best wines from the 2009 National Wine Show of Australia (the premium national show which has become the province of large producers) & the 2009 Winewise Small Vigneron Awards (the premium small producers' wine show) were judged against the best from the major Australian regional wine shows during the 2009 show circuit.

"This is a competition amongst peers and gives us an accurate snapshot of the quality of the Australian wine industry at this point in time" said Mr Jesberg.

Paringa owner & winemaker Lindsay McCall was thrilled with the result "effectively this means that we have been awarded the best Pinot in Australia from a group of very highly awarded wines!".

And more recently in the 2010 Winewise Small Vignerons Awards Paringa Estate won the trophy for Best Pinot Noir with the 2008 'The Paringa' Single Vineyard Pinot Noir.

So 2008 is shaping up to be a very successful vintage indeed given the triumphs of both the 'Estate' & 'Single Vineyard' wines in separate Winewise competitions. Paringa also flew the flag for local Mornington Peninsula Wineries in the 2010 International Cool Climate Wine Show held earlier this year with both the Paringa 'Estate' Shiraz & 'The Paringa' Single Vineyard Shiraz which won the trophy for 'Best Estate Grown & Made Red Wine'.



## STOP PRESS!!

Paringa Estate has won several major show awards in recent weeks including:
Trophy - Best Pinot Noir - 2010 National Cool Climate Wine Show
Trophy - Best Shiraz - 2010 Rutherglen Wine Show
Trophy - Best Pinot Noir - 010 Ballarat Wine Show
Trophy - Best Shiraz - 2010 Ballarat Wine Show
Trophy - Best Wine - 2010 Ballarat Wine Show

Lindsay was particularly pleased to see the 2008 'The Paringa' Shiraz having such great success following the enormous success of the previous vintage, the 2007 Reserve Shiraz, which won 15 major wine trophies including Best Shiraz in the Royal Melbourne, Royal Sydney & Royal Hobart Shows in 2009.

Of the 2010 Vintage Lindsay is also confident "the recently made wines from vintage 2010 are showing signs of being as good as any we have produced. While it is still early days to make bold claims - The consistency across all our varieties & different batches is stunning! The strong varietal expression shown by all of our wines is a sign that the seasonal growing conditions were ideal in 2009-2010. The single vineyard Chardonnay, Pinot Noir & Shiraz all seem to be evolving into very special wines"

***Paringa Estate's legendary wines can be sampled at their cellar door open daily from 11am-5pm or in their fine dining restaurant open for lunch Wednesday - Friday, Dinner Friday & Saturday.***



***" Paringa's new dynamic young chef – Shane Smith - is delighting diners with classic French cuisine and recently Shane and his team presented a 6 course and very memorable Pinot Week 2010 Winemakers Dinner featuring the fabulous wines of Eldridge Estate, Paringa Estate and Paradigm Hill . "***


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## Restaurant

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## CHOCOLATE & WINE AT RED HILL'S NEWEST CELLAR DOOR



Ask most people what their favourite things are and chocolate or wine will always be high on the list. At Mocha My Day in Red Hill they have put the two together in what is a truly divine combination with almost universal appeal. Who doesn't love chocolate AND doesn't like wine. Mocha My Day - how true - is a cafe/bar designed to melt the coolest customer. They serve chocolate drinks, pastries and ice-cream and there are more than 60 types of chocolate on sale - with an assortment of dark and milk from around the world. Gift boxes and hampers are filled with handmade chocolates from Belgian chocolatier Stefaan Van Neunen and there are also special occasion cakes and taste tempting gift ideas. Of course some non chocolate items are on offer - coffee for instance is gourmet and you can enjoy it in store or take some home freshly ground - and for lunch they have some fabulous foccacias.

***THE BIG NEWS however is that Mocha My Day is now a cellar-door where you can taste, buy and enjoy a selection of beautiful Peninsula wines in one central location. How convenient and what a delicious marketing mix. The comfortable lounge area and outdoor tables are inviting and there is also a small function room for private parties. So you can settle back and taste a favourite drop with a side of silky Belgian chocolate. Mmmmm...***

## HOME OF SPARKLING WINE

***Whether it's enjoying a quiet glass of wine by the open fire or relaxing on the expansive deck in the summer sun with friends and family, Pier 10 Restaurant offers the ideal retreat and venue for all occasions. The friendly staff will make you feel at home as you enjoy the locally inspired seasonal menu and our own estate grown wines.***

Pier 10 is a small family owned and run vineyard, restaurant and cellar door. The Pier 10 story began in 1995, from what was originally a weekender it became the Pier 10 Vineyard in 1996 with plantings of 4 acres of Pinot Noir, 1 □ acres of Pinot Gris and 2 □ acres of Chardonnay.

2000 saw the first vintage under the Pier 10 label, sold through the old garage. These days, on a trip to Pier 10 you can sample the estate grown and bottled wines in our refurbished cellar door, better known as "The home of sparkling wine on the Mornington Peninsula". This is an opportunity to experience one of the Peninsula's few establishments, where all stages of the wine making process, takes place on the property, from planting to drinking.

Pier 10 Restaurant opened in 2004 and has since become a very busy, fully licensed restaurant with a strong following of locals. The contemporary 'shed' houses a relaxed, country restaurant along with large open deck overlooking the vineyard and rolling hills of Shoreham. Al fresco dining is superb over the warmer months and the huge open fire inside gives a warm cosy atmosphere as the weather chills. Should you wish to exert a little energy maybe a game of bocce, only to retire to the lawns atop our rugs with a wine in hand.



Join us every Sunday when local musicians perform live music creating a buzzing, lively vibe. As the sun sets, experience Pier 10 at night with candle lit dining in a friendly atmosphere.

**Pier 10 Restaurant's Head Chef Steve Davidson** was born and trained with master chefs in Michelin star restaurants in the UK, Steve has been living and working on the Mornington Peninsula for the last 12 years. Steve worked with the legendary Herman Schneider at Arthur's Seat as Sous Chef, from which he moved to the Vines of Red Hill as Executive Chef during which time he was awarded 3 consecutive chef hats in The Age Good Food Guide. More recently Steve lent his talents to Tucks Ridge vineyard at Red Hill as Executive Chef.

Steve's innovative creations are complemented by the Estate grown produce, and also fresh local ingredients. Steve's cooking style is evolving, regional, seasonal and original. To quote John Leathlean: "Steve has imagination and talent to back it up".

*- From all at Pier 10 … happy drinking*


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Whinstone Estate is set in a magical valley of squawking rosellas, soaring wedge-tailed eagles, the occasional visiting koala on the deck and wondrous afternoon light shows.

The Tasting Room is a delightful place to experience the Whinstone Muscadet with its spicy, flinty flavours and aromatics which particularly complement shellfish dishes, especially fresh oysters. Newly released this spring is the Whinstone Demi Sec Sauvignon Blanc, a semi sweet spring/summer wine, full of flavour.

Whinstone Estate was established in 1994. Varieties grown at Whinstone Estate are Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Muscadet. Ken and Leon Wood aim to produce single vineyard wines of excellent quality at a realistic price.

The Whinstone Estate Tasting Room is in beautiful surrounds at 295 Dunns Creek Road, Red Hill (not far from Gordon Glassblowers Studio).

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## DARLING PARK IS A MAGICAL PLACE



...and has provided just the right sort of challenge for energetic winemaker Judy Gifford (*pictured*). The wines are elegant with layers of complexity and Judy and owners, the Liberman and Coe families, produce wines amongst the best on the Peninsula.

Darling Park's cellar door is warm and welcoming with whimsical labels featuring Australian artworks from the Liberman family's collection.

Try a Peninsula grazing plate matched with a glass of Judy Gifford's sumptuous wine. The kids will be entertained in the children's sculpture garden – complete with sandpit! - *Emily Davenport*

## PRANCING HORSE - FOR THE SERIOUS WINE LOVER

If you are on the Peninsula to have a great time, enrich your wine knowledge and taste outstanding wines of international pedigree and quality, Prancing Horse is well worth a visit.

**Leading wine writers say...**

*"Hidden behind a high hedge, Prancing Horse's driveway opens up to amazing views across trees and pasture to Westernport Bay. Corrugated iron cows graze and a prancing horse rears out of the hillside vineyard. The deck beside the cellar door is a great place to absorb the atmosphere and try the organic and biodynamically produced estate wines. The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir produced here are outstanding, with winemaking by the legendary Sergio Carlei ensuring their quality and individuality"*

*- Ralph Kyte-Powell, Wine Regions of Vic. 10th Edition Sept'10*

**A global focus on quality...** Prancing Horse understands wine quality. Having looked at vintages, communes and the great wines of Burgundy's Côte d'Or and Chablis there is now a cluster of Cru wines made under the label. "Prancing Horse now have wines specifically made for them in Burgundy." Says James Halliday in the 2011 Australian Wine Companion.

**but you need not be surprised.....** Prancing Horse owners, Tony and Cathie Hancy, are driven to produce world class wines ....wines that can compete with the best on an international stage. Winemaker/viticulturalist, Sergio Carlei and Paul Danaher in Australia and Pascal Marchand and Patrick Piuze in Burgundy France have produced stunning chardonnays and pinot noirs to challenge the best. At a recent International Pinot Noir Tasting Prancing Horse pinot noir featured very favourably against leading brands from France, New Zealand, Australia and the United States.

**So what wines are available.....**

- Prancing Horse Estate 2008 chardonnay (Mornington Peninsula )
- Prancing Horse Estate 2008 pinot noir (Mornington Peninsula )
- Prancing Horse Estate 2010 pinot gris (Mornington Peninsula )
- Prancing Horse 2007 1er Cru Morey Saint Denis "Clos des Ormes " ( Burgundy )
- Prancing Horse 2008 1er Cru Meursault "Blagny" ( Burgundy )
- Prancing Horse 2008 Grand Cru Chablis "Les Clos" ( Burgundy )
- Prancing Horse 2008 Grand Cru Chablis "Bougros" ( Burgundy )
- Prancing Horse 2008 Grand Cru Chablis "Les Preuses" (Burgundy)
- Prancing Horse 2008 Chablis AOC ( Burgundy )

**But be warned, these wines are for the serious wine lover....** Tasting sessions are available the first weekend of each month. Each session lasts an hour and you get to challenge your thinking about pinot noir and chardonnay with some of the best wines from the Peninsula against Burgundies made by two of the recognised leading winemakers in France.


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# EPICUREAN DISCOVERY AT THE PENINSULA'S HEART

When Andrew & Samantha first established The Long Table Restaurant six years ago their vision was to offer a unique dining experience with constantly evolving food celebrating all four beautiful seasons of the Peninsula.

They've also crafted an ambience which reflects their personalities and their passion for wine, food and art.

The interior sets whimsical atmospherics with gentle wall-wash lighting, antique school tables, velvet covered bentwood chairs, church pews and walls adorned with ink and watercolour paintings which sing of all seasons' harvests.

With fireplaces, rural views, outdoor bocce court & alfresco dining in the warmer months, the



feeling is both provincial Europe and very much Red Hill.

Striking refurbishments at The Long Table were completed in late 2009 and the venue now offers an a la carte restaurant, separate private dining facility & relaxed wine lounge.

Located between the bays atop Red Hill, The Long Table is central to all the best the Peninsula provides – a fact the menu reflects beautifully. Close to major Peninsula wineries, beaches, attractions and a host of stunning B&Bs, The Long Table is truly at the heart of the Peninsula.

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**THE CUPS ESTATE** is located bang in the middle of the golf course region known as the sand belt of the Peninsula; south of Cape Schanck and flanked by Port Phillip on one side and Bass Strait on the other. The area is known as The Cups because of the undulating dunes and hence the name of the winery. The vineyard is very well managed and early vintages show great promise. Rick McIntyre makes all the wines in his Moorooduc winery. His non-interventionist, Burgundian approach ensures a delicate and lighter style with finesse and power. Rick's meticulous attention to detail has earned him many plaudits.

By appointment only the kindly folk at **BLUE RANGE WINES ESTATE** invite you to come & indulge with spectacular Bay views at this boutique family winery. Sit back with a glass of wine & let nature's surroundings spoil you. Open weekends, public holidays & everyday in January from 11am to 4pm. Closed during Winter.

## STUNNING BAY VIEWS QUALITY WINES

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The De Cicco family established the vineyard in 1987 with their first vintage in 1991. Since then they have consistently produced premium quality wines under the Blue Range label. Pinot Noir, Merlot, Shiraz, Chardonnay, Riesling and Pinot Grigio are grown on the estate.

Come and enjoy a bottle of wine on the outdoor deck and receive a complimentary cheese plate. (Valid until March 2011) Cellar door tasting and sales open weekends 11am - 4pm, extended hours in summer. Available for functions and private events.



**We asked Lee Fisicaro to tell us in 10 words or less, what best describes THE CUPS wines?**

*...Sophisticated and complex in flavour but most importantly; enjoyable!*

**What about the Cellar door?**

The cellar door is open 7 days 11am to 5pm for wine tastings. It takes advantage of breathtaking views with its floor to ceiling windows and round bar. It overlooks the vineyard, olive grove, neighboring Moonah Links Golf Course and the magnificent dune region known as 'the cups'.

The cellar door offers wine tasting, wine sales, live music, a range of boutique local produce & brilliant views; all offered in a great atmosphere of relaxed fun. The Cellar Door serves lunch on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays but opening times are extended during holiday periods.




**What's on the menu?**

It's taken us a while to get the food side of the business going. We have just introduced a new tapas style menu. The menu is seasonally changing and consists of fresh local produce prepared with the influence and flavours of the Mediterranean. It's a casual yet sophisticated menu designed to match the wines we produce. We wanted people to share their meals because we think it encourages more talk and a livelier atmosphere. Like how our wines are all about the variety, our menu is all about the ingredients, we don't mess with the product too much- just enhance it. Antipasto Platter, Italian Meatballs, Pork and Fennel Sausages, Lamb Cutlets, Pan Roasted Australian Scampi, Tomato salad, Rosemary and Garlic chat potatoes.

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It does not matter if you are a wine buff or just beginning to broaden your appreciation of wine, what matters is that you like what is in the glass. Michael and Kay are often asked the question "how do I know if it is a good wine" their answer "when you enjoy the wine in the glass!

A good hint though to assist you to keep your taste buds in check during a wine tasting and ultimately make a purchase is the 'sniff, taste, rate' method. Keep it simple, out of 5:- swirl the wine in the glass, 'I like the colour' that's one point, now sniff ' that's 2 points, sniff again 'yes I do like the aromas' 3 points, now sip 'yea not too bad' 4 points, one more sip 'yes I appreciate this wine', and there you have it 5 points, and you have begun your journey of wine appreciation.

Their tours are different; because they see things differently, they love to share their knowledge and sense of humour with you; and will assist in your quest to purchase and take home a few bottles, to enjoy and to share moments of wine and laughter with friends. Settle back and relax, let them worry about the driving. If you're looking for a private tour then their 'Connoisseur Tour' is for you, designed for those who wish to customise a tour to meet specific needs.

A typical tour includes visits to small boutique cellar doors, with a smattering of the large premier wineries to ensure your day of wine experience is broad. They visit cellar doors where you are welcomed and where you will appreciate the wine "A wine tour should be a holiday", and while you are with them you are on holidays.

Michael and Kay also invite you to stay at their award winning self contained 2 bedroom Petit Amour Cottage.

For wine tours phone Michael 0403 500 528 Accommodation phone Kay 0408 377 317 or visit www.petitamour.com.au

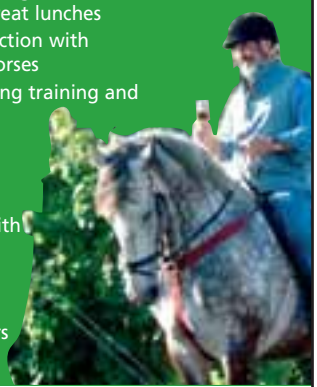

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# *Stay and Enjoy* AMONGST THE VINES

## NEW VINEYARD APARTMENTS



September saw the opening of six luxurious and exquisitely appointed self-contained 'Vineyard Apartments' at Port Phillip Estate.

There are five one bedroom apartments and a larger two bedroom apartment, all boasting sumptuous king–sized beds, living rooms, spacious ensuites, a discreet "guest only" entry and stunning views from both the bedroom and living area across the vines to the bay as well as substantial outdoor terraces.

The sleek interior design by Wood/Marsh Architecture also includes a striking Bill Henson photograph in each apartment, cutting edge design books in the living area and more. The perfect weekend or midweek getaway from the city and ideal if you are having a meal at Port Phillip Estate.

## MOOROODUC ESTATE

boasts four double rooms designed and fitted to exacting standards. They have a tranquil, serene feel with uncluttered simplicity, cool rammed earth walls and courtyard gardens. In winter have a coffee and read the paper in front of the dining room fire.

In fine weather relax in the courtyard. Take in the view from the balcony with a glass of wine or take a stroll in the vineyards. Ph. 5971 8506

## LAKESIDE VILLAS AT CRITTENDEN ESTATE

Perched overlooking the vineyard's lake these three contemporary one bedroom villas are an oasis of luxury and tranquility.

Quality appointments throughout ensure your stay is an experience of comfort and relaxation. The open plan living and kitchen, which spills out onto your own private balcony over the lake, creates a feeling of spaciousness and warmth. Why Not Stay - Beside a Lake? 59873275

## STAY & TOUR

Farm stay accommodation is available at Spring Creek Farm (the home of Horseback Winery Tours) for up to eight people. Only one group is booked at a time and guests enjoy the privacy of their own wing of the house. The view from the house is serene and Terry Scott is proud to share his sanctuary, "we sit up here in Main Ridge and look down across this valley and think 'where else would you want to be?" Phone. 5989 6119

## NORTHWAY DOWNS ESTATE

This vineyard & charming Austrian styled self-catered farm house offers 4 large bedrooms each with a double spa, ceiling fans, T.V. & bar fridge (2 queen, 1 dbl, 2 single beds). The kitchen is fully equipped with microwave & d/w & the living area has a woodfire & pool table. Linen & towels are provided, there is a laundry with washing machine & dryer. The vineyard setting of this picturesque property is delightful & guests will enjoy a full size tennis court & rural views across 65 acres -15 planted to vines all within close drive of other wineries, golf, restaurants, markets & the race course. Phone 0417 050 627

## LINDENDERRY AT RED HILL

5 star & country charm. With its imposing exterior resembling a French chateau, this five-star country resort and vineyard blends European charm with the wide verandas, light filled interior, generous living spaces and picturesque views that immediately welcome visitors. Its stylish boutique accommodation, offering a spectacular indoor pool with rafted cathedral ceilings, provides the perfect base for exploring the Peninsula & its wineries. Each of the garden rooms has a king bed, ensuite with private spa bath, its own lounge area and doors opening onto a wide veranda or balcony. Nestled among 30 acres of vines and landscaped gardens Lindenderry at Red Hill combines five-star luxury with the laid back charms of a country resort . 5989 2933



## MAX'S RETREAT



Luxury accommodation, 4 large bedrooms with ensuite and deck, Oversized living/ dining room, Fully equipped kitchen, Beautiful manicured outdoor areas, Close to Red Hill attractions. 9 Station Road, Red Hill South

## MAX'S RETREAT AT RED HILL ESTATE

Vineyard Cottage, 2 bedrooms with ensuite, one with a corner spa, Recently renovated farm cottage, 2 sitting rooms, Open plan kitchenette, with dining room, Large outdoor deck, Close to Red Hill attractions. 53 Shoreham Rd, Red Hill Sth

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL Tel/Fax: 03 5989 3007
Mob: 0419 873 597 - Your host Marcus Bradford

## SEAWINDS VINEYARD COTTAGE

… is set in 27 acres of gardens, natural bushland and a 6 acre working vineyard growing sauvignon blanc, chardonnay and pinot noir grapes for local wineries with beautiful rural views from the north facing verandah over the rolling landscape to Arthur's seat.

This private, spacious and fully self contained 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom cottage includes all linen and a fully equipped kitchen. A selection of books and games and a luxury surround sound system with CD/DVD/TV will keep you entertained or why not enjoy your complimentary bottle of Peninsula wine and cheese on the verandah overlooking the vines.

Seawinds Vineyard Cottage will suit wine loving couples looking for a little luxury & a lot of relaxation.
phone 0419 118 593

# *Events not to be Missed* ON THE PENINSULA

## PIERS AND PINOTS

Every year on the Sunday of Labour Day long weekend, just follow the flags at Flinders Foreshore to the finish line of the Piers & Pinots yacht race. Mornington Peninsula vignerons will showcase their pinots with matched food and live music. Venue: Flinders Foreshore adjacent to Pier. Enquiries & Bookings: 03 5989 2377



## RED HILL LONG LUNCH

Celebrated chefs and wineries from across the region create a wonderful menu with a spectacular dining experience in a beautifully rural location This annual March event is always an early sell out so be quick 59310177

## MONTALTO OLIVE FEST.

9th Annual Montalto Vineyard and Olive Grove Abundance Festival July 2011 The celebration of the year's olive harvest. See, smell touch and taste your way through the ABUNDANCE market stalls, new season's olive oils fresh from the press, estate cured and marinated olives, cooking demonstrations and top up at the martini bar. Relax with an olive oil massage, Montalto's Estate wine tastings followed by lunch in the piazza with live entertainment. Learn about the history of olive cultivation and find the best variety for your garden at their olive tree nursery.. ABUNDANCE is an all weather event, family friendly so bring the kids & entry is free.



## ANNUAL QUEENS B'DAY WINTER WINE WEEKEND

Immerse yourself in wine – wander with the winemakers, visit the vineyards and taste new vintages. Three days of wine, food and song – pinot noir, chardonnay, pinot gris, shiraz, and a range of other less well known wines for the region, are matched with fine Australian cuisine, saucy mussels & regional fare, home made soup by the fire in a mud brick cellar and long Sunday lunches, Whether at a vintage review, a wine and food matching program, blending your own sparkling dosage, or simply chatting with the maker, the wines of the region will be on show in grand style.



The opening event is the Winter Wine Fest (Saturday, 11am – 4pm, an exhibition and tasting which traditionally marks the beginning of the annual extensive Winter Wine Weekend program. One place on one day all under cover where you can taste more than 200 premium wines from 50 wineries, in a winter wonderland.

## PINOT WEEK - OCT 2011



An annual Celebration of Pinot in restaurants and cellar doors with Peninsula and Melbourne events, Peninsula Pinot Partner Dinners and Pinots by the Glass and Wine tastings with matched cuisine. Pictured above, this years Winemakers Dinner at Paringa Estate hosted by Lindsay McCall Paringa Estate, George Mihaly Paradigm Hill & David Lloyd Eldridge Estate.

## BIENNIAL PINOT CELEBRATION 2011



Two hundred people visited the Mornington Peninsula in early February 2009 and attended the fourth biennial Mornington Peninsula International Pinot Noir Celebration. Two days of celebrating Pinot Noir from around the world was an exceptional experience. The stylistic expressions of terroir and the 2006 vintage from France, US, Canada, Chile, Australia and New Zealand were highlighted.

The 2009 keynote speaker Jancis Robinson had not visited the region since 1985 and has since referred to "Australia's greatest concentration of Pinot Noir producers, in the Mornington Peninsula"

During the Mornington Peninsula tasting Jancis noted that the region tends to follow the Burgundy model of producers growing and making their own wine which gives more personality to the wines and the region. The brackets of local wines she tasted during the Celebration indicated a regional style which, she commented, was "very very creditable….. overall, the wines were delightful; subtle and refreshing"

The inaugural Pinot Garden Showcase was attended by another 200 visitors following the Celebration, at Lindenderry in Red Hill. Visitors were treated to tastings provided by over 30 Mornington Peninsula Vignerons with guests from New Zealand, Canada and other Australian regions.

**The next Mornington Peninsula International Pinot Noir Celebration will be held 28 & 29 January 2011**

Taste Pinot Noir from around the world for 2 days, experience the beauty of the Mornington Peninsula and the RACV Cape Schanck Resort, be escorted to Cellar Dinners & a Grand Banquet finale. Highlights will include Keynote Speaker Allen Meadows, Burghound.com and an interesting and challenging selection of wines. Two days of serious fun!

Book Tickets - available NOW

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA PINOT GARDEN SHOWCASE

will be held on Sunday 30 January 2011 at Lindenderry at Red Hill. Relax and taste at leisure a range of Pinots in the sunken garden of Lindenderry. More than 35 Mornington Peninsula wineries showcase their wines alongside selected wines from around Australia in a beautiful setting. Take a Burgundy Masterclass and taste your way through regioanl presentation by local Chefs.

**Bookings for the Celebration (28 & 29 January 2011 at RACV Cape Schanck Resort) and the Showcase (30 January 2011 Lindenderry at Red Hill) are essential & numbers strictly limited**



## AT WILLOW CREEK

**Australia Day**
Willow Creek Vineyard will celebrate Australia Day with live music, a barbeque feast and estate wines in their expansive gardens . Entry to the event is free and the barbeque will be prepared by Salix Restaurant and matched to Willow Creek's wine range.

**Melbourne Food & Wine Festival - Sunday 6 March**
Indulge your secret winemaking ambitions by becoming a Winemaker for a Day at Willow Creek Vineyard Hosted by a well know wine media personality, this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be a part of vintage 2011.

Start the day with a tutored blending exercise, co-hosted by Willow Creek's cool climate winemaking extraordinaire, Geraldine McFaul. Final blends will be bottled and sealed to take home and share (show off?) with friends. Be guided through the finer points of matching wine with food via a 4 course lunch in Salix Restaurant. Owner/chef Bernard McCarthy will present a delectable menu showcasing the finest seasonal and local produce and demonstrate why Salix Restaurant won 'Best Restaurant in a Winery' on the Mornington Peninsula at the 2010 Mornington Peninsula Regional Awards for Excellence.

Finally, experience a comprehensive tour of the winery and vineyard before trying your hand at picking some of the fruit that will go into the 2011 Willow Creek wines.

## MONTALTO VINEYARD

**First (wine) Sunday of the Month**
At Montalto we are dedicating the 1st Sunday of every month to...wine! Come along & learn something new, taste something special, engage with all aspects of wine.

We are putting together our collective wine minds to bring you an exciting calendar of events, here is the next one!

**November - New release whites and the art of blending Sunday, 7 November 2010 11am-3pm**
Join us as we celebrate the release of our 2010 vintage aromatic whites. Be the first to taste the 2010 Pennon Hill Pinot Grigio as well as the lively, herbaceous Pennon Hill Sauvignon Blanc. Enjoy a sneak preview of the yet-to-be-released 2010 Montalto Riesling and the unveiling of our latest wine, an Alsace-inspired aromatic blend that we have dubbed Mélange Blanc—literally "white melody."

We will be discussing the traditional art of blending and the "modern blending revival" that has resulted in some of the most impressive wines to come out of both Europe and the New World in the last few years.

This is a free event, but we'd like to know if you are coming. Please RSVP by calling Justin or Travis on 03)5989-8412 or e-mail us at wine@montalto.com.au

## CELEBRATING 35 YEARS

Various events during Spring and Summer will celebrate the **Main Ridge Estate's** 35th Birthday....
Two grand banquets are sold out but a few places remain for a winery dinner on Thursday 27th January and a long table lunch on Sunday 20th February.

## TUTTI A TAVOLA AT T'GALLANT



Final sessions for 2010 of the fabulous T'Gallant Cooking Classes will run **13th and 20th November** and recommence in February.

Tre Gusti - 3 tastes of food, wine and song in cucina and barrel garden cooking classes. Barrels of fun with a modern Italian skew. 11am -1pm $75 incl T'G Grace pinot grigio and Cyrano pinot noir.

**Inaugural Kitchen Garden Lunch Saturday December 4** "let there be laughter and the sharing of pleasures. This will be the culinary culmination of our Tre Gusti Cooking Class sessions It will be a totally participant driven event, never fear we won't start without you, we will be waiting for you cosily nestled in the cucina barrel garden with the ladybirds, butterflies and bees .."

Lunch with acoustic music, 3 courses plus 2 glasses of wine plus their legendary pizza and a chilling glass of Moscato to lick off the proceeding $75

**1385 Mornington Flinders Road Main Ridge**
**t 59 31 1300 info@tgallant.com.au**

## EVENTS OF NOTE AT MAX'S RESTAURANT

**January** - New Years Day Recovery
- Australia Day weekend
**February** - Valentines Day Dinner
**March** - Labour Day Weekend
**May** - Mother's Day Lunch
**June** - Queen's Birthday Weekend
**July** - Return to Tuscany Dinners
**August** - Burning of the Canes Dinners
**September** - Father's Day Lunch
**November** - Melbourne Cup Day Extravaganza

**Saturday 27th November 2010 - Taste of Italy Dinner**
Celebrate their annual Italian feast with fabulous wines from the Red Hill Estate range and live entertainment. For a gastronomic Italian adventure, book in early to avoid disappointment. $90 per person includes a three course dinner, wine and entertainment.

**Red Hill Estate invites you to visit the Cellar Door and enjoy the view while tasting three of their new releases – all stunning wines!**
**The Cellar Door Release Chardonnay 2008** has a complex nose of grapefruit, swirling creamy lemon and cashew overtones. The intense palate boasts lemon, grapefruit and tart tropical flavours with a lemon and nutty finish. **The Cellar Door Release Pinot Noir 2008** enjoys a delicate perfumed nose of cherries, red berry and spice, and a persistent fine palate of bright red berry, morello cherry and integrated fine tannins cradled by sweet French oak. You will love their stunning new dessert wine - **Après Late Picked Semillon** - it is intense and complex with dried apricots, marmalade and honey overtones. The luscious palate has lingering fig and raisin characters balanced by crisp, refreshing acidity. These wines are exclusive to the Cellar Door.

## MORNINGTON MAIN STREET FOOD WINE AND PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL



3rd Sunday in October every year - the Mornington Peninsula's largest celebration with two stages bookending Main Street creating a mall to allow families and connoisseurs to peruse the Peninsula.s talent and sample some fantastic creativity. Be whisked away by the colour and drama of street theatre while tasting wine, sampling local gourmet food and shopping. Wander amongst street performers, listen to original songs, chat to visual artists about their work, talk to the winemakers and gourmet food producers, allow your children to participate in creative works shops, enjoy the fashion parades, shop till you drop - and generally have a great day. Join the happy throng in 2011 for the 16th Annual event - not to be missed!
**www.mainstreet festival.com.au**

# *Dining Guide...* A FEAST OF OPT

***Across the Peninsula you'll find restaurants, wineries, cafes & landmark hotels providing menus inspired by an abundance of fresh, quality, local produce & fine cool climate wines. For more inspiration see our fabulous chefs selections - recipes from their menus on page 60 & 61.***

## FRANKSTON

***Ginseng*** Modern Asian Cuisine open 7 days for dinner and Thursday to Sunday for lunch. Yum Cha daily. Dine in or takeaway. 03 9783 1313

***The Spice Club –*** Indian Brasserie with a la carte & buffet dinners, lunch Wed to Fri, dinner daily from 5pm. 9770 5011

## MORNINGTON, MT MARTHA & MT ELIZA

***The Mornington on Tanti*** is an exciting dining & entertainment experience, a fabulous outdoor cafe, function room, remodelled sports bar & gaming area 5975 2015.

***Restaurant Soy*** has Yum Cha available daily. Open for Lunch & Dinner the modern Asian menu is delightfully refreshing. 5975 5311

***Steeples Bistro*** at the Mornington Racecourse in Tyabb Rd is open 7 days for lunch & dinner. 03 5976 0711

***Brooklands of Mornington*** in Tanti Avenue serves High Teas 2-5pm on Sundays. Bookings Essential 5973 9200

***The Grand Hotel*** built over 100 years ago provided rest & relaxation for travellers and was also the place for the local gentry to wine & dine. Today, gracefully restored, it features all the modern comforts yet retains its charm, full waitress service, fine food, good cheer and the traditional hospitality that was born so long ago. 03 5975 2001

## MOOROODUC & TUERONG

***B'Darra Estate*** – enjoy a gourmet antipasto platter in the 'Stone Room' or on the banks of the lake. 03 5978 8447

***Dromana Estate*** Cellar Door Restaurant is open Friday to Sunday 12noon - 4pm. 03 5974 4400.

At ***Moorooduc Estate*** cellar door fare & pizza 5971 8506

***Pierre's Platters at Stumpy Gully Winery -*** specialising in French - Mauritian cuisine. Signature dishes are Suzanne's platters which can be shared by a table of guests with a delicious variety of taste sensations. 03 5978 8429

***Woodman Estate*** - In keeping with Woodman's premiere accommodation standards, the restaurant is as good as it gets. Phone 03 5978 8455.

***Zante Estate*** Delicious BBQ lunches, traditional home-made Greek dips, salads & desserts. 03 5978 8618.

## RED HILL & MAIN RIDGE

***Darling Park Vineyard*** serving lunches, light meals & platters on weekends. 03 5989 2324.

***Green Olive*** Tantalise your taste buds with seasonal produce bruschettas made with our wood fire bread, handmade sausages, olives, wine & fresh farm roasted coffee. Every Fri, Sat, Sun & public holidays. 10am-5pm. 03 5989 2992

***Sunny Ridge Strawberry Café*** serving light meals, delicious desserts & everything strawberry. 03 5989 6273

***La Petanque -*** Cuisine from the South of France in the heart of Main Ridge. 03 5931 0155.

***La Baracca Trattoria*** - Enjoy a little bit of Italy on the Peninsula 'La Baracca Trattoria' 03 5989 6565

***The Long Table*** Bar & Dining Room: regional cuisine in a relaxed rural setting. Bar open for light meals & snacks. Private function facilities available. 03 5989 2326.

***The Linden Tree*** at Lindenderry Country Hotel caters to a market seeking a sophisticated food experience, vineyard dining at its very best. 03 5989 2933.







# IONS







***Montalto Vineyard Restaurant*** - designed to be relaxed and simple yet stylish with innovative Mediterranean cuisine-receiving rave reviews. 03 5989 8412

***Paringa Estate*** is reflective of the ambience of the restaurant & provides guests with a superb a la carte dining experience. 03 5931 0136

## DROMANA & ROSEBUD

***Blue Range Estate Wines*** - enjoy a glass of wine and a delicious tasting plate while taking in the views. 5986 6560.

***Heronswood Café*** situated in the fabulous grounds of Heronswood serving fab food. Open 7 days. 03 5984 7318

***Stillwater at Crittendens.*** Overlooking the lake & set amongst stunning surrounds, its the perfect place for that relaxing lunch or special dinner. 5981 9555

## RYE

***Peninsula Hot Springs Cafe*** offers visitors to the mineral springs and day spa and people a late breakfast, lunch and long lunch menu every day. 03 5950 8777

At the ***Rye Hotel*** dine either in the family bistro, the Garden Courtyard or in the al fresco café, serving breakfast, lunch & dinner - they serve meals & snacks all day. 03 5985 2277.

***The Cups Estate –*** enjoy a light lunch with live entertainment every weekend in Summer. 1300 131 741

## FLINDERS

***The Flinders Hotel*** offers a unique dining experience taking pub dining to a new level. Superb menu appeals to all tastes & budgets. Choose indoor, deck or courtyard. 03 5989 0201

## SORRENTO & PORTSEA

***Buckleys Chance –*** a long-time family fav. Good service, great food, open all day, Buckleys extends to the footpath so that diners may watch the world go by. 5984 2888

***The Portsea Hotel*** on the beach is open for breakfast, lunch & dinner daily. The Hotel Bistro offers a wide variety of meals combining traditional "pub" fare with innovative Mediterranean influences. Plus a great kids menu which is sure to keep little ones happy. 5984 2213

## WESTERN PORT

***Ashcombe Maze*** Lic Cafe/Tearooms and Garden Terrace Breakfast in Summer, lunch & serving refreshments all day. Brilliant setting, glorious gardens, great for all the family. 03 5989 8387

***Caio Bella Pizzeria & Wine Bar*** was names the states best pizza restaurant 2010. Dine inside or al fresco Food glorious food 5931 3098

***Northway Downs*** – On Sunday of the first weekend of every month you can enjoy the Austrian style food & music at this pleasant winery. Bookings ess. 03 5983 1945

***Pier 10*** in Shoreham is a friendly family affair with great food, wonderful wine, regular live music and fabulous atmosphere. Open 7 days over summer. 03 5989 8848.

***Salix at Willow Creek*** enhances the dining experience with it's clubby atmosphere & stunning outlook. Salix is one of the Peninsula's finest vineyard restaurants. 03 5989 7640

***Stonier Wine*** Local cheese platters, wine tastings, winery tours and children's playground. 5989 8300

***Veraison Restaurant, Bluestone Lane Vineyard.*** Elegant yet casual dining offering modern Australian style with French influence. Open Thurs to Mon 11-5. 5989 7081

## MERRICKS

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# Dining & Entertainment

*A good glass of wine deserves a fine meal to go with it and with so many excellent restaurants on the Peninsula it is hard to choose just one.*

*Creative chefs find so much to inspire them here, with a wide range of local fresh produce available as well as gourmet food stores offering locally produced olive oils, chutneys, cheeses & breads.*

*Regular food and wine tasting festivals as well as weekly local produce markets means there's always something fresh on the menu. Long Table serves up a mouthwatering selection of light meals and snacks in their idyllic rural setting. Turn to our dining guide and see where your tastebuds can take you.*

## BLISS BATHE AND DINE

***The most relaxing dining experience on the Peninsula just got a little more relaxing and healthy.***

Peninsula Hot Springs now offers breakfast, lunch and dinner every day and night of the week. Open from 7:30 am the springs provide the perfect way to start the day. Relax in the pools, join in a Yo-da (Yoga and Dance) class and enjoy a healthy start breakfast.



The popular Dine & Bathe and Pasta & Bathe evenings on Fri, Sat and Tue nights continue. Every other evening of the week, till 7 pm, the café now offers a small but healthy range of light meals such as a selection of salads, wraps and salmon patties. The café is fully licensed, however, if you are wanting a healthy alternative the juice bar is now staying open late as well. A new detox juice is available providing the ideal post spa recovery for anyone on a cleanse and seeking a healthy new way of being. Pools are open till 10 pm daily so after your light meal head back to the pools again for a warm up before bed.

Function and group bookings can exclusively hire out the entire Spa Dreaming Centre from 7 pm till late. This inspirational setting is ideal for groups of up to 100. This would definitely be the office Christmas celebration that will not be forgotten!

**See details on the web www.peninsulahotsprings.com or phone the groups department on 5950-8712**

## BEST EUROPEAN HAS BEEN EXTENDED

La Petanque in Main Ridge has been judged MP Gourmet European Restaurant of the year (see Awards page 72) for the second year in a row and also won the Excellence in Front of House category. Great news for the Marquets and great news for diners - after only two months of major renovations, La Pétanque has now reopened their doors.

The dining room has been extended giving space and light all around. The French doors open onto a spectacular shaded deck overlooking the beautiful country side, the estate vineyard, the nearby olive grove and of course the Pétanque pitch.

The large new dining room has everything you are looking for when you visit the Peninsula, space, light, leafy views and an elegant and relaxed atmosphere. The knowledgeable staff is eager to guide you through a culinary experience. (For more see page 33)

## 35 WINES FROM 20 LOCAL VINEYARDS



The family-friendly Flinders Hotel is the perfect base for your next escape from city living. Stay for a relaxed weekend or extended stay while you explore the area, or stop for a delicious meal or enjoy a drink in the buzzy Deck Bar Bistro.

The Flinders Hotel has a unique offering for those seeking to truly taste the best of the Peninsula's justifiably famous cool climate pinot noir, chardonnay and pinot gris. The Flinders Hotel boasts a substantial Mornington Peninsula Wine list - 35 wines from 20 vineyards to reflect the breadth and skill of the region's winemakers – a first for such an extensive compilation of the best of the local wines. See their fabulous house made pizza on page 61 **www.flindershotel.com.au**


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# IS CIAO BELLA THE BEST PIZZA RESTAURANT IN AUSTRALIA?

***There are over 300 Pizza Restaurants in Melbourne so when relative newcomer, Ciao Bella, in the seaside town of Balnarring, won the state's Best Pizza Restaurant award in Restaurant & Catering Victoria's 2010 Awards for Excellence, the young owners were elated.***

"This award is a tribute to our enduring commitment to excellence in cuisine and food service." Co-owner and restaurant frontman, David Weill said after accepting the award. His business partner, pizzaiolo-chef Claudio Pecorino added: "We only use the highest quality, locally sourced seasonal produce and that's really the key to our success. We produce almost everything on the premises or it comes from close producers in the region." This great local produce and attention to detail have rewarded Ciao Bella with the 'Best Victorian Pizza Restaurant' award and the restaurant now looks forward to competing for national honors.

It's remarkable to think that the boys teamed up as recently as late last year with a mission to add a casual dining experience to the Peninsula's quieter coast, on Westernport Bay. Between them they have brought real energy, charm and warmth to the Peninsula's restaurant scene. With Italian flair Ciao Bella's interior blends modern chic with rustic charm. At the very front is a large sprawling deck area with market umbrellas and tables that overlook a lovely secluded garden and the most abundant and thriving organic vegetable patch you'll ever be likely to see see in a commercial setting.

Ciao Bella Pizzeria & Wine Bar, at Balnarring, opens Tuesday-Sunday for coffee, lunch, aperitivos and dinner. It specialises in super thin-crust wood-fired pizza, including toppings such as homegrown five-colour silverbeet or heirloom tomatoes.






During the day, they also serves piadina, antipasto, pastries, gelato and other desserts. It offers a carefully selected range of local and Italian wines, with several available by the glass.

Now with the award on display in his restaurant, David Weill says "We've been open less than a year and have enjoyed fantastic support from locals and holidaymakers; it is really exciting to have this kind of recognition which will inspire us into the future."

**www.ciaobellapizza.com.au Phone 5931 3098**









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## 100 YEARS OF HOSPITALITY AT THE GRAND MORNINGTON

***The Grand Hotel. is a heritage listed building and a landmark on the Mornington Peninsula. Built over 100 years ago the hotel has been gracefully restored featuring all modern comforts and you are sure to enjoy the fine food, good cheer and the traditional hospitality that was born so long ago.***

***The Grand's colourful history is evident in the framed historic photographs and paintings that grace the walls, whilst modern comforts have been maintained and the soft ambience of the Bistro is popular with both locals and visitors alike Enjoy a meal whilst gazing out at Mornington's busy Main Street and in warmer months dine al fresco or simply sip a cocktail or sample a local wine on the Grand Terrace which extends from the Gaming Room to the Sports Bar.***

At The Grand the chefs consistently excel producing good quality delicious meals, lunch and dinner, every day. The extensive seasonal menu includes vegetarian and gluten free dishes, childrens and seniors meals but it is advisable to book to avoid disappointment. And at the Grand you'll enjoy waitress service with a smile.

From the new Spring Menu you could select Oysters Kilpatrick 1/2 Doz $14.95. Another fabulous entree is Crumbed Calamari Rings with chips, salad & tartare sauce at $13.95 or Golden Wedges topped with sour cream & chilli sauce $9.95. Maybe its a salad that you fancy? Then the Grand's Traditional Caesar with anchovies at $17.95 or their Greek Lamb $21.95 could be just perfect. Pasta and Risotto is also well represented and the Home Made Lasagne served with chips & salad at $21.95 or the Spring Tagliatelle $22.95 is hard to beat.

The choices from the Ocean are also extensive and include oven roasted whole flounder with sage and lemon butter $26.95, Fried Flathead Tails or you could indulge in their Fisherman's Basket crumbed calamari, scallops, beer battered hake $25.95

On Sundays & Public Holidays you can even enjoy a Grand Breakfast (8.00 - 10.30am) and on sunny days the Street Cafe is just the place to enjoy a lazy afternoon with friends.





## MORNINGTON ON TANTI NOW OFFERS...

***With a fabulous menu and warm friendly atmosphere the Mornington on Tanti offers something for everyone.***

***Renovations and improvements over the past few years have heralded a new beginning for this local pub.***

Upstairs there are now 21 fabulous suites, perfect for guests or you could escape the family and spend an evening alone with the one you love enjoying a huge room, complete with balcony and a spa bath that has definitely been built for two.

***Raffles Cocktail Bar*** has now come of age. Superbly decorated with Chesterfield lounges, cow-hide antique chairs, intimate corner hideaways and a massive chandelier above the bar, this is the place for friendships to be savoured and acquaintances melded. A meeting place where you can enjoy a cold ale, a sumptuous cocktail and even a selection of seasonal tapas. On Fridays enjoy the sweet sounds of their solo guitarist and sometimes an extra special deal of two for one cocktails! Ask for details.

Raffles is open Fridays from 5pm until late and can be booked for functions including cocktail weddings at other times.

From Nepean Highway you may have noticed the bottle shop being upgraded. It is well stocked and offers plenty of choices for wine lovers, also having the convenience of drive through when you are in a hurry.

The bistro has always been a busy place for families and friends to enjoy great well priced meals. Mornington on Tanti offers an interesting menu with many choices and varied dishes to suit most tastes.

You will find; pan fried barramundi, served on a sizzling skillet plate and topped with three creamy herb prawns; Swag of game, a selection of kangaroo, crocodile & emu served on a sweet potato mash & BBQ dipping sauce, or try one of our delicious selections of desserts.

With daily specials including; Tuesdays selection of parmigianas for only $13, Thursdays selection of fish & chips for only $14 or Fridays oysters by the dozen are half price.

***This is a big hotel with big specials, so check them out with their friendly staff on your next visit. Whilst the hotel may be spacious, each area is a zone within itself, not interfered with by music or noise from another section, and you can easily get from area to area.***

Another recent addition is their conference room. With drop down data projector, screen and whiteboard flip chart, you can host up to 50 people, theatre style with your own private facilities.

You really can't go past the Mornington on Tanti for value, friendly service and quality.

## ART, FOOD, WINE

Sunny days bring inspiration to Noel's! The Mezze is proving so popular we have extended the menu to include more delicious options like beetroot and sherry cured salmon with local goat's cheese and duck, fennel and apple salad sprinkled with toasted hazelnuts. Mains are now sourced daily and added to a blackboard menu which keeps the regulars on their toes! Watch out for Paella made with sparkling fresh seafood and delicious lamb kebabs served with smoky pita bread and fresh greens, topped with our legendary tzatziki.

From November 5th Friday nights are dedicated to REAL Cornish pasties made to Jane's family recipe served with local Cider or Pinot and a bowl of greens for just $30. The pasties are huge and positively do not contain peas, pumpkin or carrot...



not even open to discussion with Jane...the pasty purist! She knows... she is Cornish after all!

Art, great food, local wines and that friendly service everyone is raving about... visit Noel's soon!

**Open Wed-Sun 11-5 and Fri and Sat for dinner from 6pm. 1175 Mornington-Flinders Rd, Red Hill, Mel Ref 190 E7 Ph: 03 59892538 www.noelsgallery.com.au**

***A fabulous melting pot of international cuisines can be found dotted along Nepean Highway in Frankston. Dining gems include...***

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***YOUR SHUTTLE*** is an experience and service greatly appreciated by restaurateurs, Bed and Breakfast providers, the golf resorts and, above all, visitors to the Mornington Peninsula.

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# Chef's Selections FROM THE MENU

## Pier 10's
## PINOT POACHED EGG, LOCAL ASPARAGUS & TRUFFLE HOLLANDAISE

**INGREDIENTS** *(Serves 4)*

- 4 free range eggs
- Poaching Liquid
- 500 ml pinot noir
- 1 bay leaf
- 5 tbs red wine vinegar
- 20 local asparagus spears (peeled & blanched in boiling water)
- Pinch porcini mushroom powder

**Truffle Hollandaise**

- 1 shallot
- 1 sprig thyme
- 80 ml white wine vinegar
- 200 ml clarified butter
- 1 clove garlic
- 150 ml white wine
- 4 egg yolks
- Seasoning/truffle oil to taste

**METHOD**

Boil all Poaching Liquid ingredients. Carefully break eggs into liquid and bring to simmer. Take pot off the heat and leave eggs in liquid to cool.

Reduce white wine and white wine vinegar with shallot, garlic and thyme, then strain. Whip egg yolks over simmering water, and then add the reduced liquid. Gently incorporate the butter. Add seasoning and truffle to taste.

NB. you are making a hot mayonnaise and must be kept warm

Arrange the asparagus amongst 4 plates, top with poached egg, ladle over warm sauce. Optional (Garnish with crispy sage leaves that have been fried in butter).

*- Recipe created by Steve Davidson*

## LaPetanque's
## VANILLA PANACOTTA & POACHED RHUBARB

**INGREDIENTS**

- 500ml cream
- 3 egg yolks
- 2 x gelatine sheets soaked in cold water
- 75g sugar
- ½ vanilla bean

**METHOD**

1. Infuse cream with vanilla bean over low heat until it comes to a simmer.
2. Whisk in gelatine until dissolved and remove from heat.
3. Combine egg yolks and sugar and whisk over water bath until pale and the eggs have cooked out, making sure not to scramble.
4. Combine cream and egg mixtures and pour into moulds.
5. Place in fridge to set. Once set, remove from mould, run under hot water and give a good shake.



## Red Hill Estate's
## MAX'S TUSCAN STUFFED PORK



**INGREDIENTS** *(Serves 6-8)*

- 5 cloves garlic
- ½ cup coarse salt
- 5 sprigs sage
- 1 tablespoon of Max's Award
- 1 ½ kg pork belly
- 5 rosemary sprigs
- 5 sprigs thyme
- ½ tablespoon fennel seeds
- Winning Extra Virgin Olive Oil (or an equivalent high quality oil)

**METHOD**

Remove rosemary and thyme from stalks and roughly chop along with the garlic cloves and sage.

Place pork skin side down, rub with half the amount of salt, then fill with garlic cloves and chopped herbs and truss closed with butcher's string.

Score pork at 2cm spacings, rub with a dash of olive oil and the remaining salt. Cook pork in oven at 230C for about 1 hour, basting from time to time then turn oven down to 180C and cook for another 2 hours.

Slice and serve on creamed potatoes topped with a little of the pan juice.

*- Buon appetito!*



## *Flinders Hotel's* HOUSE MADE PIZZA

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Good Quality Pizza Base
- Fresh Torn Basil
- 4 Stuffed Bell Peppers
- Sprinkle of Semolina Flour
- 200ml of High Grade Napoli
- Hot Salami ( Heat optional)
- 2 Bocconcini Balls
- 2 Flinders tomatoes - halved and sliced

**METHOD**

1. Sprinkle tray with semolina to prevent sticking
2. Place pizza dough ontop
3. Cover lightly with napoli and spread right to edge
4. Tear basil and place around evenly
5. Arrange tomatoes around the outside of pizza
6. Halve the bell peppers and arrange
7. Tear bocconcini balls and arrange
8. Bake in a pre-heated oven at 190 degrees for 8-12 minutes, depending upon oven.
9. Finally add some extra basil - slice and enjoy

*- chef Michael Jennings*

## *Heronswood's* HEIRLOOM CARROTS, PENINSULA HONEY, WALNUTS, GRILLED POLENTA AND ROAST CARROT PUREE

***"Regional, seasonal and organic wherever possible!" - that's the catch phrase of Chef Luke Palmer aka Skeeta "We grow and farm our own carrots, when they're gone their gone!"***

***So the menu here truly reflects what is in season. Fresh is not only best but the rule at Heronswood in Dromana.***

**INGREDIENTS - SET POLENTA**

- White Polenta 200g
- Water 500ml
- Parmesan 60g
- Salt & Pepper Taste
- Milk 500ml;
- Butter 60g
- Sage Chopped 50g

**METHOD**

Bring milk, water and sage to the boil, rain in polenta, whisking to prevent lumps. Cook for 2minutes then add butter and parmesan, season to taste. Place in lined flat tray, smooth out and place in fridge to cool and cut into desired shape.

**OTHER INGREDIENTS**

- Heirloom Carrots 10 each (cut how you desire)
- Walnuts ½ cup
- Watercress 150g (Sprigged)
- Olive oil

**CONSTRUCTION**

Slow roast the heirloom carrots until tender, drizzle with a little warm honey. Reheat puree and smear onto plate. Grill the polenta until golden on both sides and place onto plate. Fold carrots, walnuts and watercress together in a bowl and arrange on plate and finish with a splash of Ridge Estate olive oil.

**INGREDIENTS - ROAST CARROT PUREE**

- Carrots large 5 each
- Juice of one orange
- Sherry vinegar or Red wine vinegar 2tbls
- Peninsula Honey 3tbls
- Salt and Pepper to taste

**METHOD**

Rough chop carrots, place into baking tray, drizzle with oil and roast until golden and tender. Place in blender while still hot, add orange juice, honey and vinegar, blend until smooth. Remove and pass through a fine sieve and season to taste.





## *Veraison's* FELCHLIN WHITE CHOCOLATE VIOLET CRUMBLE

**INGREDIENTS**

- Felchlin Aerated white chocolate ice cream
- Aerated Violet ice cream
- Leatherwood honey comb
- Meringue biscuit ripple crumble
- Home made Felchlin White Chocolate Aero
- Vanilla fairy floss
- Mint / Strawberries

**METHOD**

This is an Aerated dessert and is a Veraison restaurant Signature dish.

The method is too complicated to describe, as it involves a cream gun, spacebag and a vacuum cleaner to complete the aeration technique! The texture in the mouth is like frozen fairy floss, disappearing in the mouth.

*- Chef de cuisine Mark Poulter*

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# Attractions AT A GLANCE



## BONEO MAZE & WETLANDS

Only a 5 minute drive from Rosebud, off Boneo Road on the Mornington Peninsula..

***TAKE A WALK ALONG THE BOARDWALK -*** winding thru the unique 15 acres of swamp and wetlands, stopping to view the native wildlife, tall tea tree, mini fern glade and fairies

***GET LOST IN THE MAZES -*** largest hedge maze stands 2 meters tall with a centre viewing platform. The small maze was designed for the young and the young at heart. The timber `Cage' maze has 1.5 m long tunnels, enter if you dare.

***PLAY GIANT GAMES AND PUZZLES -*** have a friendly game of chess or draughts and other games and lawn puzzles within the gardens, complimented by tall shady trees and luscious green grass perfect for family picnics.

***BRING A PICNIC -*** stage coach and picnic tables in the gardens, bring a blanket. (No BBQ)

The Tearooms serve homemade Devonshire Tea, light refreshments and great coffee.
The Gift Shop offers a range of puzzles, games, chess sets, garden and other quality giftware.

***SPECIAL FEATURES*** - Wetlands, Boardwalks, Bird Hide, Hedge Mazes Garden Chess & Draughts, Lawn Puzzles & Games, Buddleia Butterfly Walk (Summer), Gardens, Gift Shop, Tearooms, Picnics Welcome.

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### ART GALLERIES & ANTIQUE CENTRES

The Peninsula is a treasure-trove of fine art galleries & antiques, from the major public regional galleries in Mornington and Langwarrin to the myriad of high quality smaller private galleries and antique shops scattered throughout the region. Details see pages 74-77

### ARTHURS SEAT

Fabulous lookout & once your 'on top of the world' there's walking trails & seawinds gardens to explore.

### ASHCOMBE MAZE & LAVENDER GARDENS

Red Hill Road, Shoreham
Ph.5989 8387 Open daily from 10am
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### CAPE SCHANCK BOARDWALK

Cape Schanck Road, Cape Schanck - Open daily From the cliff top lookout you descend via a well constructed staircase on a journey to the wild Bass Strait coastline which will stimulate the senses in most weather. The red capped lighthouse has been winking out its signal since 1857

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he best collection of motor vehicles, motor cycles, signs, bowsers and motoring memorabilia south of Melbourne, including several rare & unusual models.

### HERONSWOOD

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### HORSE-RIDING

- Gunnamatta Trail and Ocean Beach Rides 5988 6755
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1st Saturday:
- Red Hill Community Market 8-1pm Sept-May

3rd Saturday:
- Boneo Market 8am-noon all year.
- Balnarring Market Nov-April, 8am-1pm

2nd Sunday:
- Mornington Racecourse, 9am-2pm all year

### MCCRAE HOMESTEAD

11 Beverley Road, McCrae
Ph. 5986 5688 The drop slab construction homestead built in 1844 on the slopes of Arthurs Seat for the pioneering Mc Crae family evocatively recalls the early farming days on the Peninsula





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**WINERIES**
For a complete listing of participating wineries offering cellar door tastings & sales (many with restaurants)
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**FRENCH ISLAND**

- French Island Eco Tours 1300 307 054
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- Rosebud Park Public Golf Course 5981 2833
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# The Mornington Peninsula
# STEP INTO OUR WORLD

***When you choose to visit the Mornington Peninsula, you open up a world of options. For singles, couples and families of all ages, there is so much to do and see here – history to explore, fine dining, wineries, beaches placid and wild, luxurious spas, shopping, fine art, wildlife and a myriad of places to stay – the list is almost endless.***



When it comes to a romantic retreat, the Peninsula is a haven for couples of all ages. Spend your days strolling village streets, browsing in galleries and shops or lazing under the sun on golden beaches. Argue if you wish, but only over which excellent winery to visit for lunch. Indulge yourselves with a variety of treats, from luxurious spa treatments for two to delicious fresh produce purchased direct from the farmer, then retire for the evening to your comfortable hotel room and fall asleep to the sound of waves. You can even get married – the Peninsula is an increasingly popular destination for weddings, with over 900 couples choosing to tie the knot here over the past year. With our variety of great venues, experienced chefs and caterers plus beautiful scenery, we have everything you need to plan the perfect wedding day.



## *There is also plenty of family fun to be had on the Peninsula.*

First stop for most people is our beautiful coastline which offers a variety of activities for young and old. The gentle bay beaches with their shallow waters stretching from Frankston to Portsea are popular with young families, while the many shells and golden sand offer a chance to create the most elaborate of sandcastles. The wilder back beaches have loads of rock pools to explore and surfers can ride the waves all the way from Portsea into Westernport bay. (However, be wary of the currents and submerged rocks – swimming is only recommended between the flags on patrolled beaches).

***Leave the beach and head into the hinterland for a complete change of scenery...***

There are parks and markets to visit as well as fruit picking at places such as **Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm**. Those wishing to test their brain power can work their way through our mazes – **Ashcombe Maze, the Enchanted Garden** and **Boneo Maze and Wetlands** are three different options incorporating native landscapes, games and well-designed hedge mazes to challenge and delight the whole family.



Historical sites such as Point Nepean, with its old barracks, poignant cemetery and amazing views across the Heads are a chance to increase your knowledge and have a fun day out, while shopping and spa treatments are an ideal way to give mums a well deserved break.

Active types have plenty to do here as well, with riding, bush walks, swimming, surfing, windsurfing and scuba diving some of the many energetic pursuits available. The Peninsula is also home to some of Australia's best golf courses, with our sandy dune filled landscape offering an ideal space to test your swing. Fore!

***All this activity can tire you out, so if you decide to stay the night once again you will be spoilt for choice.*** Holiday lets ranging from studio apartments to huge beach houses are available through several dedicated agents on the Peninsula. Offering all the comforts of home with proximity to Peninsula attractions,



they are an easy way to have a space to call your own without the expense of purchasing a holiday home. There are also so many places to stay - from rustic cottages surrounded by rustling gum trees to modern spaces just a short walk from the beach the list goes on, but one thing is for sure - when you choose to visit the Mornington Peninsula, you've made a wise choice.

# Family Fun

***There are a multitude of activities indoors, outdoors & undercover across the Peninsula ...you could ride the steam train at Mornington, visit Charlie's Arthurs Seat Auto Museum, indulge your sweet tooth at Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm or ride the beach with Gunnamatta Trail Rides. And of course the whole family can enjoy mini golf, ten pin bowling or the latest features in air conditioned comfort at the cinemas in Rosebud or Sorrento.***

## PICK YOUR OWN AT SUNNY RIDGE



Sunny Ridge is the perfect outing for day trippers who want to excape the city hustle or ideal to drop in to after visiting the local wineries and galleries.

Sunny Ridge officially started 'pick your own' strawberries in the 1980s and the fabulous café and strawberry centre was built in 1997 making it a year round attraction, a favourite with all ages.

Travelers come from all over the globe to taste the sweet strawberries and over the years Sunny Ridge has produced a range of exclusive strawberry products including jams, syrups, chocolate-coated freeze-dried strawberries & medal winning strawberry wines & liqueurs.

***IN THE CAFE*** the heavenly dessert menu focuses heavily on Sunny Ridge farm produce with their strawberries – of course – remaining a prominent feature. For example, the decadent chocolate fondue is sure to keep the indulgers happy.

This perfect marriage of strawberries with the highest quality Belgian chocolate serves two at your table.

Just try not to fritter away the afternoon while you dip your luscious berries into the warm chocolate sauce in the authentic farm surrounds.

***AND IN THE SHOP***

Sunny Ridge's award winning farm ice cream is available in a range of fresh flavours and the cellar door delights are in full bloom. Sunny Ridge's boutique fruit wines and liqueurs are world class, unique drops. The "Charlotte" Strawberry Sparkling and the "Strawbellini" Sparkling Strawberry Moscato recently won accolades at the Australian Fruit and Wine Show in Tasmania.

The range of strawberry themed gifts are changed regularly while locally produced honey, olive oil and gourmet produce are always available.



### SUNNY RIDGE STRAWBERRY FARM FAMILY WEEKEND

**When** Saturday 4th December to Sunday 5th December, 2010

**Where** Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm, 244 Shands Road, Main Ridge, Mel Ref: 190 E12

**Time** 9am-5pm (upick strawberries closed at 4.30pm)

**What** Animals on the Move – Mini Pets (11am-3pm), Face Painting (12pm-3pm Saturday), Balloons, Farm Made Ice Cream, Family Discounts for Upick Strawberries


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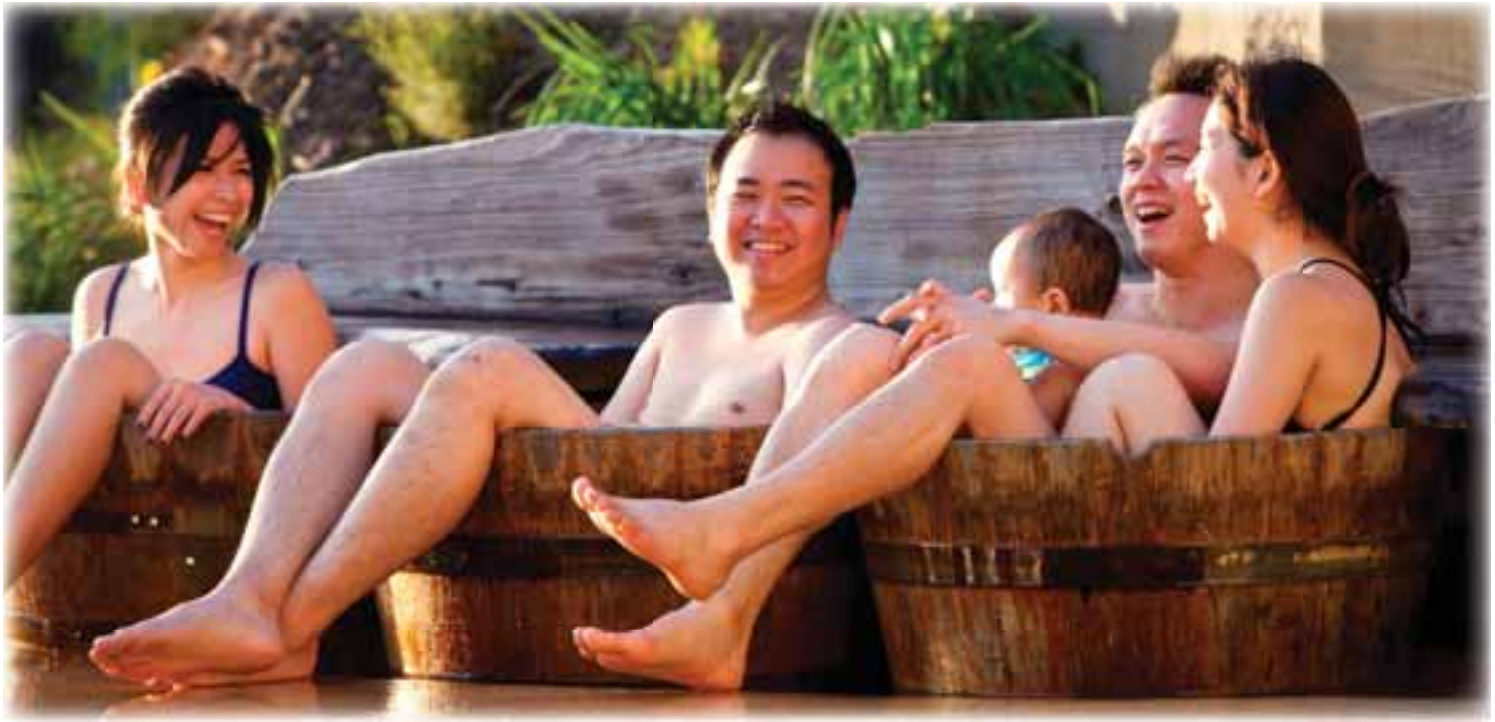
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# Soak in oak at Peninsula Hot Springs

Wine barrel pools in the Peninsula Hot Springs family bathing area have proven a family favourite since their inclusion in Stage 2 landscaping plans.

As well as fun for children and adults, the barrels are representative of the springs' strong connection with surrounding wine country.

The wine barrels follow on from a theme set six years ago with construction of an eight person port wine barrel pool in what is now the private Spa Dreaming Centre.

The pool (pictured right) started life filled with a Rutherglen port in northern Victoria, close to a hundred years ago.



# The peninsula's global bathing wonderland



Over the past six years Peninsula Hot Springs has brought to Australia a world of hot springs and spa culture, combining the best of these within the unique natural environment of Victoria's Mornington Peninsula.

The newest addition to the global hot springs experiences at Peninsula Hot Springs is an ornately tiled Turkish steam bath, or hamam.

The hamam is representative of a very long and rich culture of bathing and relaxation by the Romans, Ottomans, Persians and Arabs. Peninsula Hot Springs' research into the hamam bathing experience included trips to Turkey in 1984, Yemen and Egypt in 1998 and Turkey again in 2010. These trips provided valuable knowledge and understanding of the ways of the bath which has helped weave this experience into the broader global cultural hot springs and spa bathing offerings available at Peninsula Hot Springs.

The Peninsula Hot Springs hamam is an underground domed room located in the side of a hill in the centre of the bathing area.

Other cultural influences and experiences from the globe available at Peninsula Hot Springs include Swedish saunas, Russian cold plunge pools, a Japanese cave pool and reflexology walk, USA watsu pool, Nepalese massaging thermal shower, and Li'Tya massage and spa treatments using indigenous Australian massage techniques.

Peninsula Hot Springs



Above: The new hamam (Turkish steam bath) at Peninsula Hot Springs.

Left: Nepalese massaging thermal showers and the thermal gully.

Below: The reflexology walk



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# *Welcome to* MORNINGTON PENINSULA GOURMET

***The Mornington Peninsula is a culinary traveller's delight! Food grown and produced from the riches of the land and the sea; from tastings to dishes prepared by the best in the industry. We look forward to welcoming you to the Mornington Peninsula – the quintessential region of taste.***

Just cruise along our coastlines and quiet country roads, and the Mornington Peninsula's love affair with wine, fresh produce and bountiful food on the table quickly becomes obvious. Just over an hours drive south-east of Melbourne the landscape has a delightfully European air. Silvery olive groves, rolling hills laced with vineyards, waterfront cafes and restaurants, roadside signs for fresh produce, and lively local markets featuring just-picked and just-made gourmet food.

There is an array of dining experiences across the region. From casual cafes to excellent hotels & fine dining restaurants, some overlooking the water and others with views of vines.



## PRODUCE

For more than a century the mild climate of the Mornington Peninsula has been the home of passionate food producers. Even now you can visit local orchards that have been in the same family for generations. The deep red soils of Red Hill are ideal for luscious cherries, autumnal apples, juicy plums, sweet pears and apricots. Plump hydroponic tomatoes, groves of olives, and fields of strawberries are grown throughout the hinterland along with the more unusual sour morello cherries, quinces, figs, avocadoes, blueberries and raspberries. The fertile Boneo and Cranbourne soils produce a wonderful harvest of delicious vegetables – asparagus in green and white, pumpkins, carrots, potatoes, peas & beans, crisp salad vegetables and herbs. Purchase fresh produce direct from the farmgate or you can Pick Your Own by the basketful.

Across the region boutique kitchens produce a vast range of mouth-watering goodies. Local honey and olive oils, herbal teas and hand roasted coffees, pasta made to old family recipes, free range eggs, freeze dried fruits, homemade chutneys, jams, mustards and spice blends are all waiting to be discovered. View behind t he scenes production at the local cheesery or chocolate makers.




Delicious aromas waft from the local bakeries. Gourmet butchers create delicious sausages and smallgoods. Wander the jetty at Mornington for fresh fish caught the same day or try the local mussels from Flinders.

Discover the local beers, cider and a range of fruit liqueurs alongside some of the best wine in the world. Visit one of the numerous regular markets held within the region. Sample an assortment of gourmet product or pick up a hamper at one of the many local retail outlets stocking regional fare.

***Look for the MPGourmet logo as your explore the best gourmet produce the Peninsula has to offer.***

## DINING

Tranquil valleys, vineyard settings, olive groves, seascapes, rolling surf, quaint little towns are all part of the pleasures associated with gourmet dining on the Peninsula. Many restaurants make a point of serving fresh and flavoursome local produce. Treasures such as fresh berries, fruit, olives, cheese and preserves can be found on menus throughout the region.

The picturesque coastal and rural scenery provides a perfect backdrop to enjoy local cuisine. Take in picturesque views over the vines or over the sea. Snuggle up with a hearty soup by a cosy open fire in winter, or relax in the summer sunshine while enjoying casual platters al fresco.

Wander the coast of Port Phillip Bay from Frankston to Sorrento and discover a unique café culture with a multitude of bustling cafes and casual dining choices.

Explore the fringes of Westernport Bay from Hastings to Cape Schanck to discover even more. Freshly cooked fish and chips by the beach, homemade gourmet pies in the hills, and delicious cakes or biscuits for a traditional morning or afternoon tea.

***It is not surprising that a number of high profile Melbourne chefs have discovered the delights of the Mornington Peninsula and have made this wonderful region their home. Their flair and personality brings passion to the dining experience. Enjoy local produce as it is taken from harvest to table and matched with exceptional local wines in stylish winery restaurants, elegant fine dining venues and vibrant hotel bistros.***

All day breakfasts, long lingering lunches and sumptuous dinners await. Take the plunge to rejuvenate and revitalise. Be creative and join a cooking class. Plan a picnic. Explore the numerous cellar door experiences and indulge in a platter of prawns, tapas, or local cheeses.

Much of this produce is available locally - look for the Mornington Peninsula Gourmet brand at retail outlets, restaurants, cafes and farm gates - it's your assurance of top quality from proud & passionate MPGourmet members. Produce is also showcased at gourmet events throughout the year, while the biannual Mornington Peninsula Gourmet Regional Awards for Excellence recognize outstanding regional achievement in dining experiences.

Of course with so much to taste & explore, you may need to stay a while.

***Pick up you copy of the Mornington Peninsula Gourmet Guide or read it online at www.mpgourmet.com.au***

# A Paddock - A Plant - A Plate
# THAT IS HOW THE DREAM EVOLVES

**However, there is little time for romance when preparing dishes to present to local diners and visitors to the Mornington Peninsula. But the chefs of the region have plenty of passion for local produce and the end result: meals of delicious proportions!**

Staying true to their zest for quality, some of the top local chefs from within restaurants, cafes, wineries, pizza bars and other dining establishments entered this year's Mornington Peninsula Regional Awards for Excellence presented by Mornington Peninsula Gourmet and Restaurant & Catering Victoria.

**Salix Restaurant** was the overall winner, taking out an incredible four awards, including Clamms Seafood Restaurant in a Winery, Bendigo Bank Excellence in Coffee, MPVA Excellence in Local Wine or Beverage (together with **Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove** who were joint winners) & Tully's Excellence in Local Produce.

This is the second year Salix Restaurant has taken out the Restaurant in a Winery category in these Awards, and in 2008 they also went on to win the Victorian award for Best Restaurant in a Winery statewide. **Tulsi Indian Restaurant** of Somerville was awarded MP Gourmet Asian Restaurant. **Two Buoys** of Dromana was awarded Denor Hospitality Café Restaurant for the second year in a row. Two Buoys was last year awarded the Regional, Victorian and National winner of Café Restaurant – Regional in the Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence. **La Petanque** of Main Ridge was presented with two awards - MP Gourmet European Restaurant for the second year in a row, as well as Chisholm Institute Excellence in Front of House (together with **Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove** who was a joint winner of this award).

**Loquat** of Sorrento took home the MP Shire Modern Australian Restaurant for the 2nd time.

Some newer restaurants on the Peninsula were also celebrating, with **Ciao Bella Pizza** of Balnarring awarded Galaxy Print & Design Pizza Restaurant and **Rye Pier Restaurant & Bar** awarded Nepean Waste Informal Dining Restaurant. **D.O.C.** Mornington took out MPG Gourmet Retail Outlet.

***VICTORIAN AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE***

Among the winners were two fabulous Mornington Peninsula Gourmet experiences:

- Two Buoys - WINNER Café Restaurant (Regional)
- Ciao Bella - WINNER: Pizza Restaurant
- Finalists included:

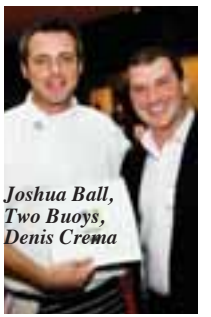
Salix Restaurant, Rye Pier Restaurant, Loquat, La Petanque Restaurant, Tulsi Indian Restaurant.

Winners and highly ranked finalists went through to the National Awards for Excellence.


*Award Winners*


*Zac & Jacqui Poulier, Stillwater*


*Steve Robin,Gillian Haigh, Lindsay McCal*


*Joshua Ball, Two Buoys, Denis Crema*


*Salix Restaurant Team*


*Devendra Singh, Kevin Wyatt, Gurpreet Singh*


*Michael Jennings, Chad Delaney - Flinders Hotel*


*Joe & Dee Caligiuri - Red Hill Cellars*




*Brodie Harper, Claudio Pacorino, Ciao Bella Pizza*


*Bernard & Rachael McCarthy - Salix*


*Cheryl Lee, Sandro Moselle, Matteo Pignatelli*


*David Carey, Montalto*


*Philippe & Judy Marquet, La Petanque*


*Zac Poulier, James Laudrum, Stillwater*

## BONEO COMMUNITY MARKET

Boneo Reserve, Cnr Limestone & Boneo Rds, Boneo (Mel Ref 253 A3)

**3rd Saturday of every month**
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Boneo Market offers Devonshire tea, our unique crafts, fresh produce, plants and more... Enjoy the Shire Band & Santa at our Christmas markets. See the mobile baby animal farm or have your fortune told!

Located in the heart of the Boneo farming district, the market is a rural delight with all profits funding local community projects.

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# Peninsula PRODUCE

*Taking home a boot load of really fresh vegetables and fruits has been one of the pleasures of visiting the Peninsula for many years. Fresh farm and orchard produce is available from local farms, on the roadside, at markets and at many traditional coolstores. These days you can add free range fresh eggs, honey, cheese, wonderful jams, chutneys and relishes and fresh roasted coffee beans.*



The markets are a popular institution showcasing the work and wares of many talented local crafts people and the produce of its market gardens and country kitchens.

The famous ***RED HILL MARKET*** led the way and is still setting the standard 30 years on. Be sure to include a visit to at at least one of our delightful markets during your stay and take a taste of the Peninsula home with you.

Red Hill is a village style country market. The original 'Home produce' Market est in 1975. Its trademark is 'Make it, Bake it, Grow it, Breed it'.



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**Ron Casey Memorial / Motor Court Toyota / Kids Day Out Monday 27 December 2010**
The Kids Day Out program will provide children and their families with a fun filled day of activities and rides.



**1 January 2011** There's no better way to start the New Year than spending a day with the family at one of Country Racing's most picturesque racecourses.

Bring a picnic or enjoy the fantastic menu in the members dining room. The highlight of the year for many is the **T'Gallant Mornington Cup on 16 February.** Crowds of around 18,000 locals and visitors flock to the course to enjoy a great day of fashion, family and friends, the excitement of spectacular racing and a wonderful excuse to frock up.



In August this year the Mornington Racing Club merged with the Melbourne Racing Club, effectively creating a 'super club" with tracks at Caulfield and Sandown. Race meetings at Mornington will increase from 18 to 23 and Fraser Bayne CEO of the Mornington RaceCourse (*pictured above*) is confident that the merger will allow the Club to complete renovations to the lower level grandstand earlier than anticipated and that members will benefit with privileges at all three racecourses. And as we head into summer - we're off and racing in the fashion stakes.


Mornington Racing Club

Dates to Remember...

- 31 October 2010 (Sun) - T'Gallant Peninsula Cup
- 20 November 2010 (Sat) - Wise Employment Raceday
- 26 November 2010 (Fri) - Break Up Day
- 10 December 2010 (Fri) - Christmas Celebration Raceday
- 27 December 2010 (Mon) - Ron Casey Memorial - Kids Day Out
- 01 January 2011 (Sat) - New Years Celebration
- 14 January 2011 (Fri) - Summer of Racing
- 21 January 2011 (Fri) - Melbourne Football Club - Coterie Fundraising Day
- 28 January 2011 (Fri) - Summer of Racing
- 16 February 2011 (Wed) - Mornington Cup



Mornington Racing Club

For more information contact Simon Gitsham

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*The Peninsula has been attracting artists and artisans as both visitors and residents for many years and it is easy to see why. The diversity of our landscape, tranquillity of our surrounds and the ease of existence is a perfect environ in which to create and be creative. Galleries are to be found across the Peninsula, as well as regular craft markets – the Red Hill Market, the most well known, has been running for 35 years and was the first of its kind in Victoria.*

*Fine art and sculpture are to be found in abundance at the McClelland Gallery & Sculpture Park, as well as the Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery. Sea Winds Garden, located on Arthur's Seat, is not only a wonderful place to visit, with sweeping views across the bay and coastline, but is also home to several works by Australian sculptor William Ricketts, noted for his work which explores themes based on his long friendship and residence with indigenous Australians.*

## NOELS GALLERY

Regular visitors to Noel's have noticed a change in the past year or so. Since taking over in July '09, Jane Tilley and family have kept their promise; the Gallery is once again bursting with local Art. Works from Merlyn Rae still grace the walls and she is joined by local painters Clive Ducker, Emily Holsman, Marlene Onesti, John Hanson, Ann Stewart, Rhys Grunden and more recently, stunning paintings and sculptures by Gary Goodrich have filled the exhibition room. Ceramics by Fred's Folly and Malcolm Stewart are exhibited with everything from birdbaths to tiny bowls...something for everyone! Fine silver and gold jewellery by Hugo Stieger and Tonia Vertigan's unique silver clay jewellery are also on display. Teamed with a locally made card, a perfect Christmas gift! Come and visit the Gallery and have a great coffee while you browse or stay for a delicious meal!




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## A GALLERY OF ARTISTS

The **Guild Gallery** remains one of the Peninsula's silent gems as a premier independent realist art co-operative, exclusively representing and exhibiting original classical representational works by local artists…and with a smile. Member artists are on-duty to provide technical advice & information, and share their knowledge – the gallery has a desirable reputation for its reasonable pricing. Up-to-date examples of pictures by Guild artists may be viewed at www.tyabbandcraftvillage.com.au - drop in & be delighted.

**ARTISTIC PROFILE - Beverley Scofield**

Beverley was born in Melbourne and has a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Education from Monash University, Victoria. She combined a love of reading and art appreciation through studying English Literature and Visual Arts, which led to a career in teaching. On taking early retirement in 1997, she began painting for pleasure and started exhibiting her works.

She now lives on Port Philip Bay & takes most of her inspiration from the local coastal scenes. Her style is mainly impressionistic, & her aim is to try to capture the ever-changing vivid seascapes in oils & watercolours. She also enjoys new challenges, often experimenting with different mediums, subjects & styles. Her paintings can be small, personal observations or bold broad-stroked canvases depending heavily on complementary palette knife work.

Beverley's paintings are often purchased by visitors to the Mornington Peninsula and now hang in private collections throughout Australia and overseas. She has won several awards for her work, including 2nd in The McClelland Guild of Artists' Artist of the Year competition. Examples of her work are permanently on display at The Guild Art Gallery, Tyabb and Victoria Street Galleries at Loch and Inverloch, South Gippsland. She exhibits through most of the major exhibitions and is a member of McClelland Guild of Artists. Beverley Scofield can be contacted on tel: 61 3 97730328

## JENNY PIHAN FINE ART – FRANKSTON AND HAMPTON

Spring is here now and after a cold winter we can look forward to some beautiful days and inspirational art! We warmly invite you to visit our two quality art galleries at Frankston and Hampton to discover a diverse range of exceptional art featured in our regular exhibition program.



We have an exciting series of exhibitions coming up and each one is worthy of a visit. Exhibitions will be held at our galleries at Frankston and Hampton and at Glen Eira City Council Gallery.

A truly exceptional exhibition will be held at Glen Eira City Council Gallery, Cnr. Glen Eira and Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield in November. "A Passion for Birds" by Tony Pridham.

This exhibition is a must for the "Fine Art Collector and Connoisseur".

Widely regarded as one of the world's premier painters of birds, Tony Pridham's works hang in a number of museums specializing in natural history art, and have been published in a number of important ornithological books.

***Tony Pridham*** is one of the great success stories of Australian bird painting. His achievements on the International scene are testimony to an extraordinary talent. Through critical observation Tony Pridham captures the transient characteristics of the birds he paints, achieving an integrity and beauty rarely seen in the commercial world. This ability to transcend the boundaries of nature and interpret in paint, a sense of the bird's presence and relationship to the viewer, is what separates this great bird painter from others.

Opening Night: Tuesday 16 November, 6.30pm. Exhibition open daily 10am – 5pm/ 17 – 28 November…Not to be missed!

The final solo exhibition for 2010 features artist ***Greg Allen, one of Australia's most accomplished watercolourists at our JPFA Hampton Gallery, Opening on Thursday 9 December at 6pm. The exhibition will be open daily until Sunday 19 December.***

Visit the galleries at Hampton and Frankston to view a fine selection of works featuring our stable of well established artists in between solo exhibitions. The art selection features a diverse range of paintings in style, subject and medium. Visit our website to discover our artists and view paintings currently available.

We also provide a unique portraiture service to clients upon request, liasing closely with the client and selected artist to achieve a highly personal and distinctive family or corporate heirloom. Enquiries welcome.

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**Frankston & Hampton**

**Tony Pridham**
"A Passion for Birds"
17 - 28 November
Venue: Glen Eira City Council Gallery Cnr. Glen Eira & Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield
Opening: Tues 16 Nov, 6.30pm

**Greg Allen**
9 - 19 December
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## CELEBRATING 12 YEARS

**ORIGINAL OZ ART GALLERY** is tucked away in the Clock Tower Arcade at Mt Martha's shopping village.It is locally owned and operated by Peter and Christina Nolan. In May the Gallery celebrated 12 years!

Peter and Christina are proud to showcase works from some of Australia's best artists. All artwork is original, handpicked direct from local and national realist and contemporary artists.

Drop into their gallery, say hello, and browse the paintings showcased. Alternatively you could visit the website from the comfort of your home.

The website has been designed specifically to make your web experience easy. Browse by artist, painting style or even the type of scenery on offer.

Original Oz Art Gallery last year opened a gallery room at the cellar door of Dromana Estate Winery, a window of art opportunity that is proving highly valuable in reaching a broader audience.

For more information contact the gallery.

What can be elucidated about master jeweller Neil Bradshaw and his **HOUSE OF KRAFTWERKZ** that hasn't already been said or intimated, given that as a superb craftsman, design innovator and clever fabricator of all jewellery aspects in a practical manner, he is ever reticent when it comes to any admission as to how good he really is at his art - so like all imaginative artists he simply lets the wisdom hidden in his finished pieces do the talking for him – very smart action indeed!

Perhaps that's it when it comes to Neil…simply give him a jewellery problem and a logical budget scope, and he will let his tiger of a mind loose on the idea - pencil in one hand and sketch book in the other as he unfurls a myriad of stylish images and original designs for you, the client, to consider then and there. Neil is the real deal - his only concern is to bring into being a first-class piece of beautifully made and aesthetically pleasing personalised piece of jewellery.

His precocious agility at 3-dimensional spatial-visual thinking is also evident in the logical shape and form of his website at www.kraftwerkz.com.au - where at the press of a few computer keys a broad selection of fine hand-crafted bespoke items of jewellery can be instantly accessed, downloaded, perused, adored and zoomed-in upon!

The great facility offered by this site is that one can chose a beloved gemstone, source its precise geographical and geological details, custom-make choice jewellery accessories by mixing and matching various styles and designs across categories, and ultimately arrive at one's own uniquely created one-off signature piece of jewellery.

**The House of Kraftwerkz comprehensive stock list encompasses intricately hand-forged golden chains, exquisite pendants, rings, earrings, cufflinks, sculptural objects and other adornments - generally in gold, and set with a choice of precious or semi-precious gemstones.** - *Michael Berry*

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# Our Famous Glassblowers
# 20 YEARS YOUNG

***From beginnings in a tin shed in Numurkah in 1990, to a factory in Rosebud and finally a dream studio and gallery in Red Hill, Grant Donaldson and Eileen Gordon are still enthusiastic about the exciting possibilities of Hot Glass.***

***The couple met in Tasmania in the late 1980s', where Grant was managing a farm and Eileen, a talented glassblower from a famous Scottish glass family, was helping establish the Tasmanian glass blowers' workshop in Evandale.***

A few years later they were married and running a dairy farm in Northern Victoria, where Grant had built Eileen a glassblowing studio in a large shed. Eileen's work quickly became so popular, it wasn't long before Grant started assisting her and absorbing the technical and artistic skills of the craft. Soon, selling all they could produce, they decided to move closer to a metropolitan market and establish a larger studio.

In 1994, after searching Australia for an ideal location, they settled on the Mornington Peninsula, temporarily locating in an old factory in Rosebud and Grant turned to full time glass blowing. They finally found their ideal location, a lovely valley in the hinterland of Red Hill, where in 2005 they opened a modern studio and a beautiful gallery, renovated from an historic cottage. Here, they are close to magnificent vineyards and restaurants and have become an important part of the supportive artistic community of Red Hill-Main Ridge. Today, they both credit the Peninsula environment as a major inspiration for their work, where influences can be as subtle as the shape of fallen leaves or the unusual colours of an old beach shack.



Eileen Gordon and Grant Donaldson are part of Australia's "first family of glass" and you can see the work of the whole family in this remarkable studio. Eileen's parents, Rish and Alasdair Gordon, are noted internationally for the fine quality of their copper wheel engraving. a technique now considered a dying art. Her brother Kevin has a world-wide reputation for his contemporary glass engraving.

While quality glassware tends to avoid the fickleness of fashion, Eileen says that her interest in colour and its subtleties, plus the public's changing preferences, result in the most obvious differences in her work from year to year. In recent times she has resurrected old colourings that she has not used since the 1980s. Even so, every item produced is unique and subject to so many variables, they can never be quite sure of the outcome. They work with a softer form of glass, which cools more slowly to allow it to be worked. It requires an intimate understanding of the properties of glass and how heat affects it. Adding different colours can change the dynamics of the process. Perhaps rather surprisingly, simple shapes are often the hardest to achieve. Grant says that glass blowing requires a combination of mental and physical coordination like no other activity. This sets up a constant challenge for him that he really enjoys and is largely responsible for the public regard for the extraordinary work he produces.



For visitors to this unique part of Victoria, winter, or early Spring can sometimes be the best time to visit the Mornington Peninsula. The colours are more intense and the cooler weather is more conducive to browsing, wine tasting and sampling the great foods on offer. This is a very busy time for the glassblowers as lots of new works are in progress, There are always fascinating things to see - often a few experimental pieces, best worked on when the weather is cooler. The furnaces will be hot and the viewing cosy and safe from their mezzanine gallery.

Here you can watch magnificent artworks being created by skilled glass artisans, utilising centuries old hand blowing techniques, from sand to glass. Someone is always on hand to answer your questions, or to discuss a special work that you might like to develop collaboratively with the studio. Over recent years many very exciting and unique garden sculptures have been developed this way for their clients.



There is also a beautiful glass gallery to meander through, where you will find lots of colourful inspiration here for creating stunning interior settings. Here you will find an amazing collection of glassworks, from small perfume bottles and bowls, to large sculptural display pieces to set your imagination firing! The translucency of glass and the gorgeous colours available, lend themselves to winter - candle light and cosy atmospheres. Art glass comes to life at this time of year in the bursts of winter sunlight, or under artful spot lighting,

The studio is conveniently located on Red Hill Road, (near the corner of Dunns Creek Road), so it's near several excellent wineries and makes a great break, if you are planning a winery tour. Don't miss it. This is a Twentieth Anniversary which the whole community should celebrate!

**Gordon Studio Glassblowers**
**Open 7 days, 10am – 5pm. Phone 5989 7073**
**290 Red Hill Rd, Red Hill www.gordonstudios.com.au**

## SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Established in 2008, the annual Peninsula Summer Music Festival attracts visitors from across the Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne and beyond to enjoy world-class music, wine and food each January.**

The Festival offers something for everyone from the die-hard classical fan to the summer holiday concert-goer, and features opera, jazz, classical and chamber music. Performed by an outstanding array of Australian and international musicians, many of the concerts take place in the fabulous wineries and restaurants that the Peninsula is so famous for, including Montalto, Main Ridge Estate and Vines of Red Hill.

For her fourth festival, founder and Artistic Director Julia Fredersdorff has created a program which promises to be seductive, joyous, profound, intriguing and just plain irresistible.

Highlights of the program, include:

- A Gala Opening at Montalto featuring a cabaret-style musical degustation
- The return of the immensely popular Cantatas by Candlelight concerts
- A Recital Series showcasing chamber music masterworks by JS Bach, Mozart and Schubert and more
- A celebration of French opera conducted by one of Europe's leading Baroque music specialists
- Twilight Jazz on the lawns of Montalto, the perfect way to spend a balmy summer's evening.

The 2011 Peninsula Summer Music Festival will take place between January 4-11. Tickets are now on sale.

***Visit the Festival's website - www.peninsulafestival.com.au - to pre-order your brochure and register for the free e-newsletter, which provides exclusive previews and updates.***





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Mother and son team, Sheila and Edwin Martland, operate one of Australia's largest treasure-troves of antiques and collectables.

The Martland family bought the old Tyabb Apple Co-operative building in the early 1990s. It was the culmination of a lifetime's interest in antiques that spanned both sides of the world.

The English Midlands paediatric nurse, who later became governess at the Henri Mayer Vineyard in France, arrived with her husband Gerard and their children aboard the 'Fairstar' in 1969.

Sheila worked in occupational therapy at Mt Martha, followed by a stint in a Mt Eliza café and homewares shop, but it was a job assisting in a Somerville antiques store that kindled her involvement in the retail side of antiques.

The first venture was a restorers' antique business in Moorooduc (now The Bottom Drawer Antiques). Strong public response encouraged them to invest in the ramshackle former apple shed in Tyabb. Nearly 20 years later, the vastly expanded shed is now home to 35 dealers under the one roof, many of whom have been with the Martlands since opening day.

Gerard passed away some years ago, but they had been joined in 1997 by one of their four children, Edwin.

After 24 years in audio-visual work at Toorak College, Edwin was happy to say goodbye to video monitors. He'd started with reel-to-reel black and white editing and left just before the advent of the digital age, to help manage the maintenance role at The Packing Shed. He now also manages the adjoining Craft Village complex of artists and artisans.

Edwin describes The Packing House as the 'Sydney Harbour Bridge' of buildings; a never-ending schedule of maintenance, but admits that he's happiest when operating behind the scenes.

" Dad used to answer the phone telling customers that he was the cleaner. I've elevated myself slightly by telling people that I'm just the maintenance man. Mum is the face of the business; she handles the dealers and the public".

Edwin's wife, Mary, runs a large second hand book shop within the complex and his brother Richard is one of the dealers under the huge roof, who operates a furniture importing business.

***What's the secret to families working together? Edwin: " Not working together...we have quite separate oles and the place is so large that it's easy to stay out of each other's way " !***

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## RAVE REVIEWS

*"Rosebud Public Golf Course… is Mornington Peninsula's hidden jewel."*

*"splendid turf quality on the fairways and around the greens"*

*"it would be a good course in any of our capital cities"*

*- Australian Golf Digest April 09*

Rosebud Park celebrated 50 years as a golfing venue in 2006. Initially, nine holes were developed in 1956 & in 1960 the 18 holes layout became a reality. This picturesque course has been significantly redesigned & enjoys magnificent panoramic views of Port Phillip Bay stretching towards the Heads & around to Bass Strait.

The 13th & 18th fairways were replanted with Santa-Anna couch and like most other fairways on the course are in excellent condition & the use of re-cycled water has ensured that the course remains in excellent condition despite the lack of rain.

Experience for yourself the excellent golfing layout, the outstanding views, and the modern under-cover BBQ facilities.

# Top Attractions

***Variety, they say, is the spice of life. It's also a word often used to describe the Mornington Peninsula, with our myriad of attractions, landscapes, villages and towns. There is much to do and see here, whether you are planning a short or long visit – it's hard to believe we are only an hour from Melbourne.***



***A rugged and picturesque Rye ocean beach is the setting for a spectacular horse riding adventure with Gunnamatta Trail Rides, and absolutely no experience is necessary for you to enjoy this ride to the beautiful St Andrews ocean beach.***

***If you are looking for something a little different to do on your visit to the Mornington Peninsula, we suggest that this horse riding adventure is one not to be missed.***

The trail ride begins at the Gunnamatta stables with a 45 minute ride along a sandy track towards the ocean beach. Cheerful instructors ride with small groups of riders to assist where necessary and to ensure that everyone has a memorable experience. The horses climb over the coastal sand dunes and down on to the expansive sands of St Andrews ocean beach where the views along the coastline are simply stunning.

The horses often frolic in the shallows and the more competent riders can enjoy a long canter down the beach as the waves crash over the nearby rocks. Surfers are common on this beach and even whales and the endangered hooded plover have been spotted by riders. After stopping for the necessary photo snaps, the ride heads back over the lofty sand dunes to Gunnamatta's 80 acre trail riding property. Owners Joel and Sarah Tipping have updated the facilities at their Gunnamatta Trail Riding business and invite you to come and inspect their stables.

The 65 horses at Gunnamatta Trail Rides are all in excellent condition and the staff are obviously experienced and well trained. "We tend to spoil our horses with food, carrots and hugs" says Sarah who manages the horses and the riding instructors. Further details can be found at the new website www.gunnamatta.com.au







## JOURNEY INTO THE PAST



**The friendliest sound on the Peninsula is undoubtedly the whistle of K163, Mornington Tourist Railway's steam loco, as it winds its way across the northern Peninsula countryside. It's also the Railway's best advertisement, as it lures dozens of young families out of their homes on weekends to experience rail travel the way it used to be.**

The Mornington Railway runs five return services between Moorooduc and Mornington on the first three Sundays of each month, as well as two public holidays.

Riding in restored heritage carriages, which are hauled by vintage steam locomotive K163 always brings smiles and wonderment to the faces of the many children who ride on this railway. It is a unique experience for the children and a journey back into the past for adults.

## HERONSWOOD GARDEN, DINING & NURSERY

Historic Heronswood ...the home of The Digger's Club, stands in 2 hectares of magnificent waterwise gardens. The garden is open everyday & is a delight to visitors all year round.

For those who love flowers come and be dazzled by the exciting mix of hot colours and foliage that are the feature of their sub tropical and herbaceous borders. Stroll through the new food border where they will show you how to grow fruit, flowers and vegetables together.

The dry climate garden shows how to have a beautiful garden with no watering at all and the brilliant annual border combines both flowers and vegetables to create the look of the 21st century, providing organic produce for the table, and flowers for the soul.

The nursery shop stocks over 400 hard to find plants – most of which are drought tolerant. Heirloom vegetable seeds are also available, being the best selections for home gardeners that have been handed down for generations.

Visit the cafe to enjoy food picked from their garden and then call into the nursery to take home plants and seeds to grow.

Heronswood runs workshops through out the year - details on www.diggers.com.au and have special annul events including the Spring Festival over Cup Weeked and the Harvest Festival each year in March.



*Visit Heronswood, home to the Digger's Club and enjoy their famous garden and fabulous food.*

The next festival will be held March 26th-27th, where you can come down and taste of the produce grown at Heronswood. In March they had some of their tomato and melon varieties to taste. There will be 5 free workshops as well as the garden tours on both days. Little Diggers activities will be on the Sunday and local producers will sell their wares.

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# Our Heritage...

## PENINSULA'S ORIGINAL PASTORAL PROPERTY



The Briars Park at Mt Martha is one of the Peninsula's original pastoral properties. Entry to the park is free and families are welcome to bring a BBQ or picnic.

Visit the Homestead (entry fees apply) & learn about the Balcombe family's connection with the Emperor Napoleon. Afterwards, let the kids search for kangaroos & koalas at the 76 hectares of wildlife reserve.

It's an area for roo & wallaby spotting (non-breeding populations of both eastern grey kangaroos and swamp wallabies have made the sea change from Healesville Sanctuary) and a breeding population of koalas has been introduced to the vermin-proof reserve.

The visitor's centre records daily sightings, so head to where the last sighting was to spot the wildlife.

If you are looking for something to do during the school holidays, why not join one of the organised activities? The Junior Ranger Program is designed for kids aged 6 to 10 & is always popular, so book early.



**THINGS TO DO AT POINT NEPEAN**

- **Explore the fortifications and tunnels at Fort Nepean.**
- **Take a self-guided tour through the Quarantine Station.**
- **Go for a bike ride or walk through Moonah woodlands.**
- **Try and spot a dolphin in Port Phillip Bay.**
- **Ride the Transporter from the Visitor Centre out to Fort Nepean.**
- **Have a picnic. ...or just marvel at the dramatic coastal landscape where Port Phillip Bay meets Bass Strait.**

## A LITTLE HISTORY

Our landscapes, are many and varied – they are also replete with history. From the original inhabitants to early European settlement, grand hotels and even a French emperor, there are many places of interest to visit. **Point Nepean**, at the very end of the Peninsula, holds many buildings and sites of historical significance to the area. Standing at the end of the point looking down at the narrow channel between the Heads you can see why mariners of old described their passage through the treacherous currents and reefs as 'threading the needle'. Visit the poignant pioneer cemetery and wander the trails through moonah trees to hidden coves with views across to Queenscliff.

**Lime burning** was for a time the premier industry on the Peninsula, with boats arriving regularly to transport the lime across the bay to Melbourne. Old lime burning kilns are to be found across the Peninsula and the timber piers which stretch out into the bay are much as they were when used for trade.

Visit Mornington and you will find **the Briars**, an historic homestead which harbours a world renowned collection of Napoleonic artefacts, while at **Schnapper Point** there is a memorial to Matthew Flinders, who first landed in the area in 1802, at the earliest stage of European Settlement. To one side of the point is **Fossil Beach**, so named for the fossils dating back 25 million years which were found there – as you can see, our history goes back quite a long way on the Peninsula!


Soak up our Beautiful Cultural Landscape

The Briars Park

- One of the Peninsula's earliest original pastoral properties with buildings and gardens dating from the 1840's
- Superb views over delightful farmland to native bushland and wetlands
- See the Homestead and learn about the Balcombe family, the amazing connection with the Emperor Napoleon and how the Briars got its name
- Explore the Wildlife Reserve & search for koalas and kangaroos, and view waterbirds from special 'hides'
- Bring a barbecue lunch or go to Josephines Restaurant
- PARK OPEN 9AM - 5PM



Nepean Highway Mt Martha **Ph:5974 3686**

the.briars@mornpen.vic.gov.au Melway 145 D11


## NEW WALK AT POINT NEPEAN

***A part of Point Nepean National Park sign posted "Warning: Unexploded Ordnance" and never before accessible to the public is now opening with the new Range Area Walk.***

***Parks Victoria has opened the new 1.8km walking track in the Range Area which meanders through coastal shrub & links the Quarantine Station & Cheviot Hill.***

"The walk takes visitors past great features in the park like Monash Break and Light which has sweeping views of the Quarantine Station, Queenscliff and Melbourne City," said Victor Teoh, Parks Victoria Ranger in Charge. "Visitors also walk past the Rifle Range."

The Range Area was used by the Army Officer Cadet School from 1952 – 1985 with many forms of training taking place like firing rifles, rockets, grenades and machine guns.

The 205 hectare Range Area was transferred from the Commonwealth to State Government in 2005 and included as part of the Point Nepean National Park.

Parks Victoria and the Department of Defence have since worked together to clear the unexploded ordnance from affected areas.

"A variety of methods have been used to clear the land which included crushing vegetation using machinery, preparing mulch lines and clearing areas of understorey vegetation, as well as, fuel reduction burning. Department of Defence personnel then coordinated the detection of unexploded ordnance and disposal."

Parks Victoria has been working on making Point Nepean more accessible to visitors. Since December 2009 the Quarantine Station has opened to the community, entry fees have been removed and almost 6 kilometres of walking tracks have been opened. Now the Range Area has been opened to visitors for the first time.

# POINT NEPEAN NATIONAL PARK

Explore Fort Nepean's tunnels and gun emplacements, discover the historic buildings of the Quarantine Station, view the beach where Prime Minister Harold Holt disappeared and enjoy the spectacular coastline of Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay.
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# Arthurs Seat...

***Wherever you look on the Port Phillip side of the Peninsula your eyes are drawn to the hills of Arthurs Seat. Nowhere is Port Phillip better defined than from its 305 metre summit. Once you 'drink-in' the lookout points & Seawinds Gardens there are a wealth of things to do within a 5 minute walk of the famous summit. The peak was named after a similar landform near Edinburgh, Scotland, by Lt. Murray in 1802***

Arthurs Seat was named after a mountain near Edinburgh, Scotland by Lt John Murray during the first exploration of Port Phillip Bay in 1802. Captain Matthew Flinders later climbed the mountain and glowingly recorded the view from the summit in his journal.

Within the State Park are Seawinds Gardens - a delightful botanical garden just south of the Arthurs Seat summit, commanding magnificent views of Port Phillip Bay & the Mornington & Bellarine Peninsulas. A popular attraction in all seasons, Seawinds Gardens offers electric BBQ's & picnic facilities, sculptures by William Ricketts, spectacular views & a range of walking tracks that lead to areas of the Park.


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## MAGICAL MAZES AND ENCHANTED GARDENS

Enliven the senses in a world of enchanted magical mazes, theme gardens, topiary & sculptural creations at The Enchanted Maze Garden. Experience The Amazing Lolly Shop with giant lolly pops and every delicious fantasy you could think of.

Especially in Spring and Summer at The Enchanted Maze Garden you will appreciate all the fantastic colours of the season that appear with a great show of annuals and bulbs as well as the luscious new growth on the Liquid Amber Avenue and amazing Blossom Trees.

***FREE TEMPORARY TATTOOS and FREE FUN ACTIVITIES*** are just part of the fun during School holidays (all through the year) and at the Enchanted Maze there are so many great things to keep the children entertained including

The ***HEDGE MAZE*** where you can wander through the traditionally styled and beautifully manicured Leighton Green Hedge Maze and discover the tranquility of the Japanese Garden located in the centre.

Then move on down to the Labyrinth and be amazed by the intricate nature of the ***TURF MAZE.*** Not your typical type of maze the Labyrinth is set out on the ground and with the luscious hedges surrounding, you to seem like you have entered a secret world. The kids will thoroughly enjoy the chance to follow the brick trail as it encircles The Loch Ness Monster feature.

Move a little further down the hill and you will find ***THE CHILDRENS MAZE***, specially designed for kids to stop and play with a series of themed gardens that will capture the imagination of everyone. the featured gardens include the African Savannah, the Beach Box, the Fairy Realm, the Panda Garden and a new giant interactive snakes and ladders game. Spin the dial and try your luck at being the first to finish... Heaps of fun for everyone!!

This maze is sure to delight and fascinate all children and adults alike.

The ***BLUE GUM GALLERY MAZE*** is a totally different experience from the other mazes. Either take directions from the bridge or take the challenge on your own. This maze proves that just because you can see through to the centre it's not always a certainty that you will succeed in reaching the middle.

So take the challenge of their 7 Mazes and Brain Teasers, get involved in a game of Snakes and Ladders in the Children's Maze, walk among the sculptures on the Bush Track and marvel at the formal gardens that make THE ENCHANTED MAZE GARDEN so inspiring.

**Open daily 10am -6pm.**
**The Enchanted Maze Garden**
**55 Purves Rd, Arthurs Seat. 5981 8449**
**www.enchantedmaze.com.au**

## DISCOVER THE RARE & UNUSUAL

Charlies Arthur's Seat Auto Museum in Purves Rd is just 1.5k from the summit of Arthurs Seat & displays over 50 motor vehicles, motorcycles and model cars housed in a 1940's style garage and showroom.

The museum offers visitors the opportunity to take a journey through the rare & unusual, a mixture of new & old concepts & plenty of memories.



Vehicles on display include the brilliantly built chauffeur driven 1913 model "T" Ford, the immaculately presented 1954 Hudson Super Wasp, 1949 Plymouth and a 1950 MG "Y".

Also included are the fabulous "Bond Bug" c. 1971, the "MG TD series" c.1952 and the Studebaker Piano Izzer Box Buggy 1911 and so many more! Not just cars... Charlies also displays amazing models and nostalgic lifestyle memorabilia.

The museum also features a Ford Falcon decked out as a look-a-like V8 Supercar used for promotion purposes by the former Dick Johnson Racing Team, a 1952 TD MG (pictured) & a Sunbeam Alpine from the early 60's.



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The Gardens offer 363 hectares of remnant vegetation, and contain a wide diversity of native plants, including rare orchids and wildflowers and a variety of wildlife including koalas, bandicoots and bird species.

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**The Australian Garden Journey ~ Guided tour**
Every day (1pm - 2pm) you can join an experienced guide on a walk through the Exhibition Gardens, past the Rockpool Waterway and into the Eucalypt Walk, learning about the Garden's creation and the beautiful and hardy plants you can use at home. Cost:$6.50 adults, $5.20 children/concession additional to the Australian Garden entry fee.

**The Plants of the Australian Garden**
Every Wednesday (11.30am - 12.30pm ) wander through the Australian Garden with a talented member of their horticultural team, learning about the techniques, tricks and tips they use to make this an award-winning Garden, and that you can use at home. Cost $9.50 adult, $8.10 child/concession. Bookings required.
Tel: (03) 5990 2245 for more information.

**FOR THE FAMILY**
There are special events throughout the year at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne including:

**Frog frolic - Saturday 13 November**
6.30 – 8.30pm Bookings required
The wildflowers have gone to bed so it's time for the frogs to play. Meander out to the wetlands, see how many frogs you can find from their calls, discover how they grow from tadpoles to frogs and learn about their habitat before potting-up a frog-friendly plant for your home garden.

**Bush Christmas - Sunday 28 November**
Story time 10.30 – 10.45am & 1.15 – 1.30pm
Drop in/out 11am – 12.30pm
The Garden Shop 9.30am – 5pm

It's time to celebrate Christmas, Aussie-style! Settle under the Angopheras with their Aussie Christmas Elf and listen to some fun Aussie Christmas tales. Jingle your bells over to the activity station to create an authentic, bush Christmas decoration to take home. Cost:Story-time FREE with entry to the Australian Garden. Drop in/out $3.30 child, $2.80 Garden Grubs Kids' Club member. Bookings/enquiries: Ph. 5990 2245

**The Woodland Picnic** area is a fantastic space for families & community groups to enjoy the bush land in the Royal Botanic Gardens. Large open grasslands, barbecue facilities and a children's playground are all part of the new picnic area.

**There is also an exciting club for kids between 5 and 10 years of age**. Members receive a backpack full of garden goodies and invitations to school holiday programs & special Garden Grubs Kids' Club days.

**Bike Track** Bring your family, friends or bike group and explore the new & track. Over 4km of track wind through beautiful bush land and open grasslands.

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# HORSEBACK WINERY TOURS & EQUESTRIAN CENTRE



Terry and Bev Scott's Spring Creek Farm has expanded to incorporate Red Hill Equestrian Centre. Horseback Winery Tours over the past 8 years have achieved nationwide and international recognition. "Nowhere else in the world can people enjoy this experience" says Terry. "Our horses and staff are outstanding we can cater for experienced riders or total beginners. We are fortunate that we are close to some of the best wineries in Australia offering award winning cool climate wines. Wineries such as Montalto, Red Hill Estate, Tucks Ridge, Pier Ten, Foxeys Hangout, Ten Minutes by Tractor, T'Gallant and Mantons Creek also offer innovative dining experiences in their restaurants which range from casual cafe style to fine dining".

**Red Hill Equestrian Centre**

"The demand for correct and safe riding instruction is enormous" says Terry "There are many excellent instructors on the Peninsula but none have suitable school horses. We fill that need. We have horses and ponies to suit beginners and highly educated horses to suit experienced riders.
Our instruction will cover all aspects of riding, training & horsemanship."



"We have recently completed a new 60 x 30 metre all weather arena and a 19 metre lungeing ring."

"Our facilities provide a safe environment for riders of all levels. Clients can enjoy a cup of coffee or glass of wine in our new cafe or enjoy a BYO picnic or BBQ by the frog pond our instructor Paul Walkling (Bev's son) is an extremely accomplished rider having come through the ranks at Main Ridge Pony Club as a teenager, & has competed successfully as a showjumping and eventing rider. He has enjoyed the privilege of having been instructed by the best including Rosemary Thiele, Michael Baker, Olympians Andrew Hoy and Amanda Ross, International competitors and instructors Michelle and David Strapp and showjumping great George Sanna. Paul, an excellent communicator, enjoys instructing and is available 6 days a week."

There will be several other regular instructors as well as clinics throughout the year with renowned instructors from Australia & overseas. Stabling and paddock facilities are available for visiting horses & they offer excellent B&B & catering for clients.

**Horseback Winery Tours**
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# STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES

***The Rose Maze at Ashcombe Maze is the oldest circular Rose Maze in the world - planted with more than 1200 bushes & 217 different varieties chosen for their colour & perfume.***

The object of a Circular Maze is to try and find your way into the Central Arbour. It is actually a lot harder than it looks. And of course, once you get into the Centre you have to remember how you go there and see if you can get out! This is a Maze that is even more difficult in the winter when there is no foliage. It is a real test! Of course if you take a little while to get through the maze, at least you have time to "stop and smell the roses"- the fragrance is truly beautiful.

Throughout the Ashcombe gardens, roses feature. Standard icebergs roses alongside the cafe deck, urns filled with pink sprawling carpet roses in the Centre Garden, pink-apricot blushing Peace roses in the Summer Garden intermingled with the perennials.

The roses are in flower from Spring through Summer and into Autumn, and are also featured in the famous Rose Petal scones in the mud brick café.

In 2010 another 100 roses were added along with more than 50 informative signs scattered throughout the maze; not to tell you how to get out, but to tell you botanical, historical and literary information as you wander among the roses.

***Australia's oldest and most famous traditional Hedge Maze*** is now standing over 3 metres high & 2 metres thick. With four mosaic flags to find in each half of the hedge maze, the hundreds of metres of winding paths take you through the South Maze into the Centre Garden before you tackle the North Maze. While not overly complicated it does take a little while to make your way through (some people take longer than others!)

The North Maze is a totally different layout to the South Maze, so any tricks you worked out while making your way through the first part, mean absolutely nothing in the other!

The Ashcombe Hedge Maze was planted in the 1970's with more than 1000 Cypress plants and each year the hedge gets a bit bigger (and the paths get a bit narrower!)



***The Lavender Labyrinth*** at Ashcombe Maze is part of 3000 square metres of garden set on the rolling hillside overlooking the incredibly picturesque Ashcombe Arboretum. The 4000+ lavender plants have been used to create the winding paths of the lavender labyrinth leading to a viewing platform floating above the lavender. Careful plant selection and garden design ensures a garden that has lavender in flower for twelve months of the year. The ever popular blue and mauve varieties are on show as well as the lesser known pinks, whites and even green varieties.

**AND NOT JUST FOR THE KIDS...**

***The Great Gnome Hunt***

The story goes that Ashcombe has a resident Garden Gnome; Mazey Mike.

Mazey Mike lives at Ashcombe Maze and looks after the gardens. He regularly has gnome and fairy friends to visit. They have a lot of fun dancing around the gardens in the moonlight after dark - because that's what gnomes and fairies do!

But during the daytime, they sleep in the gardens, & visitors to the gardens (if they look very carefully) may be lucky enough to see them...

Admission to the gardens includes a clipboard and pencil with an answer sheet to fill in the names of the gnomes and fairies spotted in the gardens.

The children (and adults) who try the hardest receive a lolly and a stamp for their efforts ..... and they have a lot of fun exploring the gardens at the same time.

Mazey Mike has different friends visiting throughout the year, and they sleep in different locations as well, so return visitors may not find them where they thought they were.

**Ashcombe Maez and Lavender Gardens**
**15 Shoreham Road, Shoreham, Mel. 256 E4.**
**Open daily 10am all year. Ph. 5989 8387**
**www.ashcombemaze.com.au**

# *Nothing "Common"* ABOUT PORT PHILLIP BAY

BY JEFF WEIR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DOLPHIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

"Fish of the day" was on the menu off the balcony of Mornington's Royal Hotel in January this year. Although the fish wasn't yet caught and the dolphin and tern (upper right) weren't exactly waiting for their numbers to be called out!

The life in Port Phillip is anything but common. Indeed, our bay is the only place in the world where over the last three years common dolphins (pictured), a species normally only found in ocean waters, have not only come to live but also breed.

Researchers from the Dolphin Research Institute (DRI) think that they prefer the eastern side of the bay and now seem to stay for the whole year.

Common dolphins are more petite than our other resident bottlenose dolphins, being only about 2/3 of their size. The common dolphins also often have a yellowish flash on their side, giving them a striking appearance.

DRI's researchers are concerned that this small population of dolphins may be under a lot of pressure from boats during peak seasons and urges boat owners to obey the Whale Watching Guidelines which state that you shouldn't deliberately approach any whales (including dolphins) closer than 100m. If they come to you, keep a steady speed and direction and slow down if safe.

Enjoy the experience but don't follow them when they leave.

This is just one more example of how amazing the life in our bays truly is. Maybe we should consider renaming the Royal to the "House of Commons"!



## WAYS THAT YOU CAN HELP THE DOLPHIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

DRI invites people from Western Port and Port Phillip to report their sightings of dolphins around both bays. This can be done on-line at www.dolphinresearch.org.au or by calling 1300 130 949.

The Hastings-based Dolphin Research Institute is a not for profit conservation organisation working hard to protect our dolphins and their environment. We gain very little government funding and provide world-class research and the only state-wide marine education and leadership programs for Victorian schools.

One of the best way you can make a difference for Victoria's Marine Treasures is to support the Dolphin Research Institute by becoming an Adopt-A-Dolphin Member. At only $98 (less than 27 cents a day) it also makes a wonderful and lasting gift that really does make a difference!

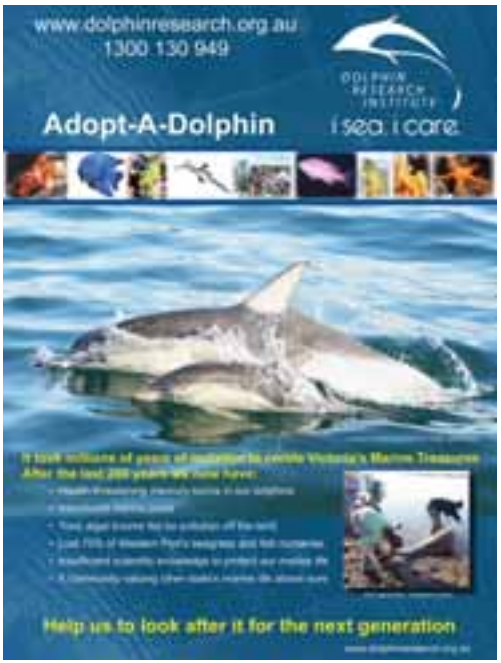
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# On the Water

*The picturesque Mornington Harbour makes a great vantage point to view the fishing fleet or fish from the pier itself. Rosebud boasts an abundance of boat hire facilities and at Rye, the jetty is home to several charter and fishing boats. The ferries to Queenscliff compete with many other sightseeing vessels at Sorrento's pier - whilst a stroll along the Portsea pier offers amazing views back to the shoreline.*


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***On the Sorrento*** approach magnificent homes nestle into the rugged clifftops, yachts moored in the small coves bob up and down and the Sorrento pier beckons. ***As you near Queenscliff,*** the historically significant Fort looms large and the rooftops and chimneys of the township contrast with the Harbour's new marina.

There are two vessels, the MV Sorrento & the MV Queenscliff each holding up to 700 passengers & 80 vehicles. MV Sorrento has disabled facilities with a lift from the vehicle deck to the passenger lounge.

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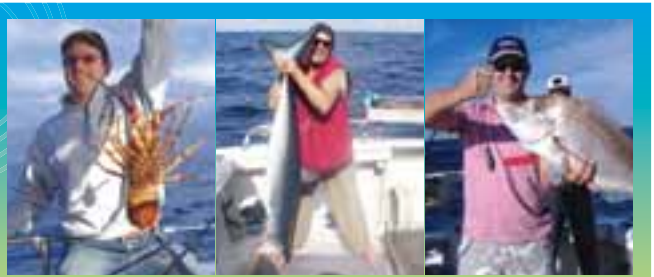
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*Woodman Estate*

***There are some wonderful 'traditional B&Bs offering in house accommodation with breakfast served to guests either in their suites, in the dining room or perhaps garden and these days many B&Bs are self-contained with breakfast provisions provided allowing even more flexibility. Numerous cottages across the Peninsula offer even more choice - designed as a home away from home and mostly fully equipped, appealing to those who seek total privacy. Cottages also have wide appeal for families but they are equally good fun for a group of friends or a couple seeking a romantic break.***

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## FIRST STOP – FRANKSTON



Eastlink has made the world of difference to many visitors particularly from Melbourne and the eastern suburbs. The Peninsula is now within easy reach for a day out and Frankston with its wonderful waterfront and information centre is often the first stop.

Thousands of motorists every day are enjoying the travel time savings and reliability benefits on offer with a trip from Ringwood to Frankston now taking less than 30 minutes.

And since the opening of EastLink, the works alongside both the road and the walking and cycling path. such as Callum Morton's 'Hotel', have attracted much attention and triggered some debate. These imaginative works were created by a number of very talented and diverse artists, recognised in Australia and overseas for their extraordinary talents and ConnectEast's public artwork program has created a lasting legacy for communities in the east and south-east of Melbourne. And made the trip to Frankston so much more interesting.

## THINGS TO DO

***The Beach and pier are a constant source of delight for vistors and locals. All through the year, the fabulous children's playgrounds at the foreshore & also at Ballam Park, picnic locations such as Beauty Park Lake & George Pentland Gardens are great favourites with all the family.***



- Ballam Park Homestead, Cranbourne Rd
- Mulberry Hill, Golf Links Road, Langwarrin Sth
- Arts and Galleries
  - McClelland Gallery & Café, Langwarrin 9789 1671
  - Frankston Arts Centre
  - Jenny Pihan Fine Art, Ph. 9770 5354
- Beautiful Scenic Walks
  - George Pentland Botanic Gardens, Foote St (*left*)
  - Langwarrin Flora & Fauna Reserve, McClelland Dve
  - Sweetwater Creek
  - Kananook Creek
- Sandsculpting - December to April
- Frankston Cultural Drive, page 64-65
- Bayside Entertainment & Shopping Centre
- Starzone Entertainment Centre, Karingal
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## CULTURAL DRIVE
## A DAY TO REMEMBER

***Frankston City has long been regarded as a fantastic family playground, offering pristine beaches, beautiful parks and gardens, a diverse arts scene and modern playgrounds. Frankston's Cultural Drive, signposted as Route 12, showcases many of these treasures in an easy to follow day trip for both visitors and locals.***

The tour begins at Frankston's Visitor Information Centre on the waterfront, where you will find the sculptural work Sight Line, featuring nautical flags stretching from the shore to the end of the pier. Children, and those young at heart, can follow the flags and decode the nautical message.

Frankston is seen as the artistic hub of the Mornington Peninsula, and the ***Frankston Arts Centre, Cube 37, the Old School Museum and Mulberry Hill National Trust Property*** are a highlight of the cultural drive. Their displays of Australian art and Frankston City heritage will be of interest to all ages.

The Cultural Drive also includes much of Frankston's natural beauty, visiting ten parks, gardens and farms. These include the ***George Pentland Botanic Gardens*** and the ***Dame Elisabeth Murdoch Arboretum***, one of the most picturesque parks in Melbourne and a favourite for weddings and photographs. ***The Frankston Waterfront Regional Playground, Beauty Park and Ballam Park*** feature captivating playgrounds that ensure the children are more than entertained.

***The McClelland Gallery + Sculpture Park*** combines art with natural beauty - its sixteen hectares featuring developed garden galleries, bushland, lakes, and sculpture trails. The award-winning gallery hosts a program of exhibitions, public lectures and art events, including the McClelland Survey – Australia's richest sculpture exhibition.

With sixteen locations to visit and explore, the Cultural Drive is sure to work up an appetite for the whole family, and the Ballam Park Homestead, Sages Cottage Farm, McClelland Gallery and the Frankston Waterfront all offer quality, affordable dining.

***The Frankston Cultural Drive is a full day of entertainment, but can also be tackled in smaller, bite-sized portions across a series of weekends. For more information visit the Frankston Visitor Information Centre at the Frankston Waterfront, or call 1300 322 842.***

# *Stay & Enjoy* FRANKSTON

***Frankston is a perfect base for country, interstate & international visitors who would also like to explore the nearby Dandenong Ranges, Phillip Island and Melbourne. The former glory era has returned to this vibrant city, which now reverberates far & wide. Stroll the seaside boardwalk. Take in the views from atop Olivers Hill. Visit the Arts Centre and enjoy the entertainment. Spend a while at the Jenny Pihan Fine Art studio. Embark upon a walking tour of the city's surrounds.***

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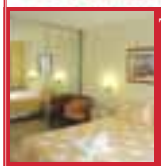

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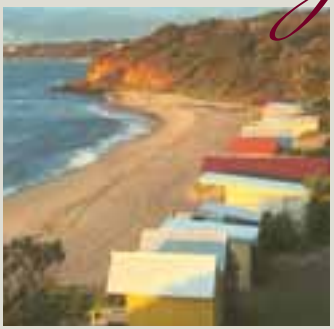
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# Northern Mornington Peninsula

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- ***Arts and Galleries***
- MP Regional Gallery 5975 4395
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- ***Family Fun and Attractions***
- The Briars Historic Park, 5974 3686
- Old PO Museum, Main Street
- Balcombe Creek estuary boardwalk
- Mornington Tourist Railway, Mt Eliza Park ph 1300 767 274

- ***Shop 'til you drop*** in Fabulous Main St Mornington & explore Mt Eliza Village.
- There are a feast of options when it comes to dining from historic hotels, like the Grand, to the beachside chic of Harba, see pages 54-55 for a full list.
- For wineries like Moorooduc Estate, Jones Road, Barmah Park, Underground and more see our Winery listings & map page 12-13

## WHATS ON

- Mornington Race Course, for the best in country racing.
- Mornington Racecourse Market on the 2nd Sunday of every month 9am-2pm


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***The Northern Mornington Peninsula offers a wide range of accommodation from traditional 'in house' B&Bs to self contained seaside seaside cottages. Little wonder more visitors are choosing to stay in the charming townships of Mt Eliza, Mornington, Mt Martha & Mooroodoc to enjoy their wealth of local attractions, great beaches, fabulous shopping and wonderful cafes & restaurants.***

## WELCOME TO MORNINGTON



**The happy blend of seaside village charm and its abundance of cafes, hotels and restaurants, great fashion & specialty stores makes Mornington one of the most popular destinations on the Peninsula.**

Settlement began in the 1840's and many fine buildings still line its main streets, including the residences of Beleura Hill and **The Grand** (*pictured right*) and Royal Hotels. Of course Mornington is not simply **Main Stree**t and it has a host of other attractions for the whole family. The coast line of red bluffs is best appreciated from cliff top walking trails and several lookout points

At the end of Main Street is **Mornington Park** established in 1854 and overlooking the harbour. This park is a natural focal point for street processions and large gatherings. The park boasts a children's playground (including a replica of the sailing ship HMS Investigator), jogging track, flag pole and water fountain and also provides shaded picnic tables and barbeque areas.

Continue on to **Schnapper Point** and the 10 metre high granite obelisk commemorating explorer Matthew Flinders and his work, which contributed towards the early settlement of Port Phillip Bay.

From the boardwalk you will enjoy a fabulous outlook over the **Mornington pier** and **harbour**. The pier, first built in the 1850s was an important addition to the commercial wellbeing of the Shire, providing a safe anchorage for ships carrying produce to the busy markets of Melbourne - and for steamships from the city bringing holiday makers to the many guesthouses and hotels of Mornington.



Whilst still being a commercial hub for the scallop fishing fleet, the pier is enjoyed by 1000s throughout the year - fishermen line its railings during all kinds of weather, and strollers find it an irresistible attraction. The adjacent **Mothers Beach** the main swimming area in the centre of town and aptly named for its shallow waters (suitable for children), is a favourite spot with picnic tables and barbecues under shady foreshore cypress trees.

**Fossil Beach** - off the Esplanade between Mornington & Mt Martha. Limestone was mined at this beach in the early 1860s & used to make cement. Remains of the lime-burners' kilns & works still exist.

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Leonie is a performer's artist, cast in the mould of the old Vaudeville style / circus artist, with an un-canny ability to immerse her self in any style. Beautiful, talented and alluring with a touch of cheekiness would describe her perfectly.

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# Mornington

***Main Street, with its mix of funky cafes and great shopping, is a great place to people watch, grab a coffee or do some serious damage on the credit card. The weekly Wednesday market features local produce, craft items and artworks.***



## ONE STOP SHOPPING AT ITS BEST!

For the most fabulous shoes and gorgeous boots on the Peninsula, call in and see Elizabeth at **LILLIBELLE'S** in Blake Street. And while you're there the selection of stylish & original hand bags, scarves, gloves & superb jewellery is sure to tempt.

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## CURL UP WITH FACT OR FICTION

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Marlee May's focus is on Australian, Italian and South African Leathers, with designs that include fabulous beautifully tanned colors in cow, goat and lamb leathers and exotic skins such as ostrich, springbok and crocodile. Her traditional pieces are timeless and can be worn with almost any outfit - beautiful, luxurious and long lasting at an affordable price - and the inspiration comes from old movies and cars, traveling, hunting, equestrian and more.

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# Peninsula People

## THE HOROBIN FAMILY - PETER HOROBIN SADDLERY



***These days there's no evidence in Peter Horobin of the once 35 kg apprentice jockey.***

***By age 17 his dreams of professional horse racing had been dashed by a major growth spurt, but, ironically, his search for an alternative career in the industry has made him one of the respected names on the Australian equestrian scene.***

Peter and Julie Horobin are the largest producers of custom-made saddles in the country. The recent addition of their children, Rhys and Marlee, to the Mornington-based business will ensure that the Horobin name continues to occupy a major place in the industry.

Julie handles the administrative and retail side of the business, Rhys is one of the country's few apprentice saddlers, while Marlee has turned her design talents to launch a range of high quality handbags and accessories. However, nothing leaves the Watts Road workshop until it is signed-off by the Master Saddler himself.

Peter was born into an equestrian environment on the NSW south coast. His father was a Steeple jumper who took his family to live in Europe during the 1970s to chase the big events and the big money of the continental racing circuit. He topped-off his racing career by winning the German Grand National and if not for the adolescent growth spurt, Peter may have followed in his father's footsteps. Instead, he started a leather apprenticeship at the 150 year old German company, Passier & Son.

Returning to Australia in 1980, the Horobins decided to settle in Victoria - the Australian home state of steeplechasing - and they chose the Mornington Peninsula for its equestrian reputation. The young, budding saddler met Julie, they started a backyard operation in Mornington manufacturing race and exercise saddles. They expanded into Main Street, then 10 years ago they moved to a purpose-built factory in Watts Road.

Peter's career highlights include being asked to make a bridle for the president of Argentina, being the first saddler in Victoria to be accredited as a saddle trainee assessor, delivering lectures in more than 10 countries throughout Europe and Asia, winning the contract for the Australian Olympic pentathlon team and making saddles for the German National equestrian team.

***Modern day consumption seems to be all about throw-away, cheap, imported items, but a few steps into the showroom of the Horobin Saddlery reassures that Australians can still make things of beauty, quality and to last. It's a visual and sensory experience: the engulfing aroma of high quality leather, superbly crafted saddles made from high quality Austrian, Swiss, German and English hides, special items crafted from Ostrich and crocodile skins, and the superbly designed leather bags & accessories under the Marlee May label.***

Forget any notion of bootmakers, franchised saddle shops, or the smell of tanneries, because the presentation of the Horobin Saddlery would not be out of place in any David Jones store.



A quality saddle is virtually a lifetime investment. Saddles more than 25 years old are still finding their way back to Peter for adjustment and repair. It's not unusual for a well-looked after Horobin saddle to sell on the secondhand market for more than its original price. The saddles are custom-made to fit rider and animal. They are designed so they can be adjusted and altered every 6-12 months, to accommodate any physical changes in the horse and/or rider.

Peter and Rhys frequently travel interstate and around Victoria to ensure precise fitting and adjustment. They are also familiar faces at agricultural shows and big equestrian events around the country. With an output of 350 saddles a year - over 25 years - there are not many places the Horobins visit where their saddles cannot be seen in local paddocks, race tracks or show rings.

Despite growing up among leather, the second generation of Horobin saddlers were not brow-beaten into joining the family business. Rhys toyed with the idea of plumbing after finishing at The Peninsula School. Marlee started a university course after Toorak College. She now combines the practical experience gained from working with leather in the family business with an innate sense of design, to produce her range of handbags available from the Mornington outlet and through select Sydney and Melbourne stores.

Ten staff work under the roof at 106 Watts Road, Mornington. Saddle clients may be invited into the back room workshop to fully appreciate the skill and labour-intensive work required to make a high quality saddle. Other people must make-do with the their excellent website www.horobin.com.au, which includes numerous video clips showing the behind-the-scenes work about highlighting the anatomical science behind good saddle design



***You will not find a Peter Horobin saddle on the shelf in a suburban or country saddle shop. The style and superb fit of their saddles results from face-to-face consultation and precise measurement. No two saddles are exactly alike. Most horse torsos are asymmetrical, so off-the-shelf, mass produced saddles can often inflict pain on the animal, which may significantly affect behaviour and performance.***

Peter's detailed knowledge of horse anatomy means that his saddles are designed for an animal's internal as well as external specifications. Slight irregularities in bone structure need to be accommodated, to avoid sores, discomfort or permanent damage. An innovative new design for racing saddles is well advanced, as well as an exciting joint venture with Australia's leading dressage champion Brett Parbery.

So, how does the family work harmoniously together? Peter and Rhys work in the workshop, while Julie and Marlee are located in the office and showroom. They also hold to a rule that business is not to be discussed at home.

A century ago, saddlers were the equivalent of today's motor mechanics. There was one in every town and on almost every street corner in major cities. People would pop in for adjustments and running repairs.

The preservation of a tradition and a valued craft is very much part of the Horobin's attitude to their business.

" Rhys is probably the youngest saddler in Australia. Hardly anyone teaches the craft anymore, so apprenticeships are almost impossible to secure.

" These days we're something of a dying breed, so I guess we'll be pretty busy for many years to come", says the Master Saddler. www.horobin.com.au

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**SEAHAZE B&B** is at the top of Arthurs Seat 300 metres above sea level & has spectacular northerly views across the bay.

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The views are spectacular from each suite. Pamper yourselves in the double spa with your favourite drink, while watching the coastline of Port Philip bay light up and sparkle before your very eyes, as twilight sets in. This property has a 4.5 star AAAT rating with a special comment about the luxurious features & attention to detail.

There are many local activities, from the magnificent coastal drives & superb sunsets, to an abundance of wineries and restaurants that could keep your taste buds entertained forever. If you are looking for the perfect retreat then Seahaze is the place for you. Visit www.seahaze.net.au or call Heather or Roy on 5987 2568

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# Hinterland

***Celebrated for its fine restaurants, flourishing vineyards, gourmet and farm produce and its vibrant arts community the Hinterland is also home to some great shops - hidden gems, local treasures. The special atmosphere of the Mornington Peninsula has always attracted countless writers, artists, crafts people and musicians. The output of their inspiration can often be found and purchased at the Peninsula's exceptional outdoor markets-bustling arrays of colour and activity.***

Starting from the amazing view at ***ARTHURS SEAT*** and stretching back along the ridge through undulating hills and winding roads, the Peninsula Hinterland is a landscape far removed from the beaches and rocky coastline so popular with both visitors and locals. This is a hidden place, where each turn in the road offers glimpses of quiet farmhouses, luxurious retreats and small patches of blue ocean in a framework of hills and sky. There are those who compare this landscape, with its vineyards stretching away across green fields, to that of Europe but really, there is no need to compare it to anywhere else. Simply celebrate the hinterland for what it is – a unique oasis of calm situated just over an hour from Melbourne.





The town of ***RED HILL*** is the largest community in the area and is famous for its art market held on the first Saturday of each month from September to May. Full of crafts by local artists and artisans, it was the first one of its kind in the area and is still a huge drawcard for locals and visitors alike.

The Red Hill Show is also great fun – held every March, it's an exciting day out for all ages with rides, demonstrations, local suppliers and competitions all part of the action.

Travelling beyond Red Hill to Arthurs Seat and Main Ridge will lead you through some serious food and wine country, where you can sample local wines and produce at the many excellent restaurants and wineries in the area, or pick your own at places such as the Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm. Finally, activities such as the Enchanted Maze, Seawinds Garden and Arthurs Seat Lookout let you stretch your legs and challenge your mind. The hinterland is a special place, so take a trip, unwind and experience a different side of the Peninsula.

## THINGS TO DO...

- **Charlies Auto Museum, 0419 887 801** Boasting 90 years of motoring history and memorabilia housed in a 1940s style garage and showroom.
- **The Enchanted Maze Garden 5981 8449** with free school holiday activities & the fabulous Maize Maze
- **Sunny Ridge Strawberry Farm, ph. 5989 4500** The pick-your-own season for strawberries extends from Nov to April & other year round delights
- **Arthurs Seat Trail Rides 5989 2766**
- **Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens, 5989 8387** The oldest & largest maze in the southern hemisphere. The licensed cafe serves light lunches & refreshments Don't miss: The Great Gnome Hunt.
- **Horseback Winery Tours at Spring Creek 5989 6119**

• *Galleries*

- Gordon Studio Glass Blowers, 5989 7073 (*pictured*)
- Michael Leeworthy, Red Hill Art Studio, 5989 2776

• *Scenic Walks*

Arthurs Seat summit lookout, Seawinds Gardens, Purves Rd, Kings Falls Circuit Walk, Two Bays Walking Track, Eatons Cutting Walking Trail, Red Hill-Merricks Station Cycling & Walking Trail

• *Great Dining*

including La Petanque, The Pig & Whistle, Red Hill Cellars, The Long Table & the many winery restaurants & cellar doors dotted through these hills make for a gourmet delight.

For a stress free night out, try Red Hill Shuttle for details see our dining guide page 54-55 & and see our wine country pages 8-53



## MAJOR EVENTS...

- Red Hill Community Market - 1st Sat in month, September-May
- Art at Red Hill - May
- Queens Birthday Winter Wine Weekend - June
- Scarecrow Festival - October





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*Tyabb Packing House*
*Photographer David Mitchener*

## THINGS TO DO IN WESTERNPORT

The Wineries of Western Port spill down the foothills of Red Hill to the beach. See Wine Country pages.

- **IN TYABB** a collectors delight The Tyabb Packing House, (pictured above) Tyabb Village and Grain Store Antiques, the Guild Gallery and the Tyabb Antique Centre.
- **IN FLINDERS & CAPE SCHANCK** Explore hidden inlets and rock pools, secluded beaches or browse local shops, you'll find fabulous fashion and beautiful gifts, even handcrafted furniture in stylish stores like La Petanque Living and Deuxieme Souffle - prime examples of great Peninsula shopping. Visit The Blowhole, Flinders Pier or enjoy a round at Flinders Golf Course. Explore Flinders Fine Art Gallery, the Hugh Gallery and the Studio at Flinders or take a stroll along the boardwalk & Lighthouse at Cape Schanck.
- **IN SHOREHAM** - Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens, Australia's largest hedge and rose maze.
- **IN SOMERS -** Coolart Historic House and Wetlands. Somers General Store - re-opened and a destination for locals and visitors who want to experience a little piece of Peninsula history with a real beach holiday flavour.

# Western Port

***Driving through winding sunlit roads lined with tall gums or ancient cypress, you could be almost anywhere. Small farmhouses lie tucked in folds of rolling hills, while vines stretch across the landscape in ordered rows – the occasional glimpse of a rider in oilskins and hat adds to the sense that time, somehow, has stood still here.***

The small towns and fine beaches which line the eastern side of the Peninsula offer visitors a different experience than the more populous western side – the pace is a little slower and the hilly nature of the coastline means that the towns and villages are more rurally placed.

Views stretch across Westernport bay to Philip Island and French Island, both havens for local wildlife including the famous penguins at the Philip Island Penguin Reserve, while the many beaches offer great surfing and boating opportunities as well as giving rise to one of the area's other name – the Coast of Coves. Like much of the rest of the Peninsula, the area is home to some excellent wineries, while the village of Balnarring is a great place to pick up local produce and soak up the atmosphere.

The main street of Flinders, with its many old buildings, is a picturesque place to stop for a snack or to browse some of the excellent boutiques and galleries, while the famous General Store at Merricks is justifiably well known both for the quality of its food and wine and the lovely views. Heading to Shoreham you will find Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens, which is home to the oldest and largest hedge maze in the southern hemisphere, as well as 25 acres of gardens and woodlands to delight the mind.

***There is much to see here on the tranquil eastern side – just don't tell anyone, OK.***

## ROCK HOPPING & BEACH SCRAMBLING

At Cape Schanck you see the 'wild side' of Western Port. The spectacular wooden staircase down to the usually thundering beach is like something out of 'Raiders of the Lost Ark'. Whether the sun is shining or the wind is squalling off the water, this is an ocean experience par excellence.

The amount of rock hopping and beach scrambling you choose to do should be determined by the tide and common sense - don't dismiss the warning signs. While the boardwalk is well constructed and safe, the return journey can be a bit taxing for the less fit. A Visit to the Cape is not complete without a visit to the Light Tower and Station.

Guided tours of the tower, outbuildings and small museum depart regularly throughout the day. Just to stand among the brass and crystal of the lantern housing is worth the cost and climb up the tower, quite apart from the view you get on a clear day from Phillip Island to Lorne.







## LA PETANQUE LIVING IN FLINDERS

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# WESTERN PORT IS FULL OF SURPRISES

Its romantic, secluded beaches are suddenly broken by the wide expanse of ***Point Leo beach*** – the closest surfing destination to Melbourne.

In between its quiet farmlands you'll find the Royal Australian Navy's largest training base at HMAS Cerberus.

No matter where you are on this side of the Peninsula, the vista is dominated by the waters of ***Western Port Bay*** to ***Phillip Island*** and its little known cousin, ***French Island,*** originally a penal colony.

Small commuter ferries take visitors from ***Stony Point pier*** to French Island & its community of more than 5,000 koalas, or travel on to Phillip Island.

***Flinders*** is a coastal fishing village in the true sense of the word, boasting one of the most spectacularly scenic public golf courses in Australia.

This natural, quiet region abounds with water birds and not so wildlife at farms and horse studs.



***The pelicans always enjoy a good feed near the Pelican Pantry, while water birds abound in all seasons in the wetlands.***

***Gourmets will find plenty to like about the Western Port region with a selection of restaurant wineries that perfectly match their drop with local produce.***

Western Port is also justly famous for ***Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens*** in Shoreham. It's Australia's largest hedge and rose maze set amidst a botanic masterpiece of gardens, picturesque waterways & a forest of European trees.

The wineries of the Red Hill area spill down the foothills to Western Port, where the rural scenery is often compared with the English dales. The crowning glory of this area is the 1890's mansion, garden and surrounding wetland of ***Coolart in Somers***, the home of a vast array of waterbirds in Spring.



***Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens***

For history of a more collectable nature, the township of ***Tyabb*** is almost entirely devoted to antiques and antique collectables, including the country's largest commercial collection under the one roof at ***Tyabb Packing House.***

***Balnarring's Market 'under the gum trees' is a perennial favourite with both locals and visitors.***

The region is famous for its water sports, yachting, fishing, surfing, or just soaking up the sun on the many quiet beaches.

Known as the 'coast of coves', the string of quiet, picturesque beaches between ***Somers*** and ***Shoreham*** await your discovery.

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# *Stay & Enjoy* FLINDERS & CAPE SCHANCK

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# Beachside

***The sweep of sand between Safety Beach and Blairgowrie is still one of Victoria's best loved summer playgrounds. The foreshores of Dromana, McCrae, Rosebud and Rye are dotted with countless piers and jetties.***

**DROMANA, SAFETY BEACH AND MCCRAE** are centrally located on the Peninsula for holiday-makers to enjoy the safe Bay beaches and surrounding attractions – especially the Arthurs Seat Tourist Precinct and Peninsula Wine Country.

**DROMANA** nestles between the twin peaks of Arthurs Seat and Mt Martha. Well kept foreshore lawns provide picnic shelters and playgrounds while the long sweep of beach between Anthony's Nose and Safety Beach is always a magnet for day trippers, all year round.



The long main street runs parallel to the beach and comes to life in summer. A stop at the bright yellow visitor information centre will give you your bearings and volunteers will be happy to send you in the direction of Dromana's green thumb feature:

***Heronswood Gardens (bottom left) -*** These gardens are open everyday except Christmas and if they take your breath away (there are no less than three separate vegetable gardens on site) you're welcome to try to replicate the wonder in your own garden by purchasing Diggers seeds and plants from the National Trust classified garden shop or sharpen your skills at Diggers monthly workshop. Whether you are a complete beginner or a more experienced gardener, you will benefit from their new program of 'learn to garden' monthly events. And yes, at this historic site even the garden shop is classified.



Head up the hairpin bends to the ear-popping peak of ***Arthurs Seat*** (a popular challenge for motorbike riders but God help the peddle-pushers) and you'll find ***Seawinds Garden*** as well as places to eat and drink while you lap up the wonderful views of the Peninsula, Melbourne and the You Yangs.

The chairlift is out of action, but there are plenty of other things to do in the area. Cruise down Purves Road past the Maze (one of three on the Peninsula), visit Charlies Auto Museum and suddenly you're back in the rural Peninsula zone; home of trail rides, unsealed roads and paddocks.



**McCRAE** is a charming small township with some exceptional features - A lovely beach, fascinating lighthouse, superb scenery & interesting history including the McCrae Homestead.

***McCrae Homestead*** (*above*) was built in 1844 and is open on weekends during winter, but it sits close to the road so if you don't get in you can still have a squiz from the roadside. It's amazing that such an historic building is now just one amongst the many modern houses surrounding it on the street.

***The lighthouse***, hard to miss on McCrae's main road, was only decommissioned in 1994, and is on Victoria's Historical Buildings Register. At 33.5 metres tall, it's the tallest lighthouse in the Port Phillip Bay area.

Between McCrae's main attractions are cafes & galleries, so pop in for a caffeine or art fix between history lessons.

## THINGS TO DO IN DROMANA, McCRAE & SAFETY BEACH

- Arthurs Seat Precinct
- Visit Martha Cove
- Heronswood, 105 LaTrobe Pde. 5984 7318
  - Annual Spring Festival - Cup Weekend
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- See our Wine Country pages for further details



- Foreshore and pier
- Dromana & District Historic Society
  - McCrae Homestead, Beverley Rd 5986 5688
  - McCrae Lighthouse and Beach
- Two Bays & Bunarong Walking Tracks

# Rosebud & Rye

***Situated along peaceful bay beaches, the townships of Rye and Rosebud have long been favourite holiday destinations for families of all ages.***

The tranquil tree lined foreshores have been hosting campers for the past fifty years with many coming back to the same spot year upon year – it's not hard to see why, really, when you can wake up and walk onto the sunny beach, coffee in hand.

Both towns are well serviced with a host of amenities from supermarkets and pubs to specialty stores and fish and chip shops (essential holiday fare), while a selection of motels, B&B s and holiday rentals offer options for those who prefer to sleep within four walls. Don't forget to check out the local history while visiting – the Rye Historical Society is a great place to learn about Rye's origins in 1838, while the Dromana and District Historical Society covers much of the Peninsula and can point you to sites of interest.

Rosebud and Rye are also both well located to visit other places on the Peninsula, with the ocean beaches and wine country only a short drive away. So come and visit, stay a while and enjoy a family holiday to remember.



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# Rye

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*1930's looking down Point Nepean Rd towards Whitecliffs .*

Rye is a relaxed town with a great emphasis on all things related to the beach. Surfing, swimming, diving, fishing, sailing and just simply enjoying the easy to access beaches, sand bars and shallow waters of the bay or the wide sandy beaches and dunes of Rye back beach or St Andrew's. The surf at Gunnamatta lives up to its huge reputation where this beach bases a Surf club.

There are many back beach walks that meander through the National Park onto wide dunes and sandy beaches.

***Fishing*** is a huge activity with Rye boasting a massive launching ramp & large car and trailer park.

***Diving*** is renowned around the bay area at Rye with lots a reef activity and the odd wreck or two. There are many learn to dive schools operating.

***The Rye Pier*** has always been a focal point of the town. Originally built and used to transport lime to Melbourne via steam ships it is now used for fishing, promenading and looking at the view. Often a seal will be seen and certainly the bay dolphins seem to enjoy swimming towards the pier along the south channel edge.

***Golf*** is enjoyed by many and the golf courses of Moonah, The Dunes, St Andrews -to name, a few entice people from all round the world.

***Rye is steeped in pioneering history of fishing, farming and lime burning and celebrates its 150th year in 2011. There is an active Historical Society and their home is the Old School House at Rye Primary school. On Sundays they are open and inside is a fascinating look at the past.***

A visit to the Peninsula Hot Springs is a must where underground waters have been transformed into Japanese styled baths and treatment rooms.

***A perfect holiday resort*** for young families with safe beaches and sand banks at low tide, Rye also has fabulous ocean beaches and a wealth of accommodation options from comfortable motels, b&bs and cottages to five star resorts including **Weeroona** the chic **One Four Nelson** with resort style comfort, luxury private cottages at **Hilltonia Homestead**, and spacious apartments at the boutique **Moonlight Bay Resort**.

Visitors & locals all enjoy the warmth, hospitality and charm of the **Rye Hotel** which provides excellent facilities. A centrepiece of entertainment in Rye the hotel has live entertainment. Perfect for your wedding, The Rye Hotel offers a reception tailored to your specific requirements, whether it be an intimate cocktail party, informal gathering or a grand banquet. They offer two function rooms, comprehensive menus and packages to suit, experienced wedding co-ordinator and all complemented by the luxury accommodation of One Four Nelson.




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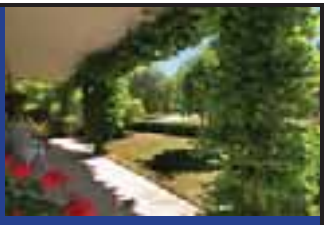
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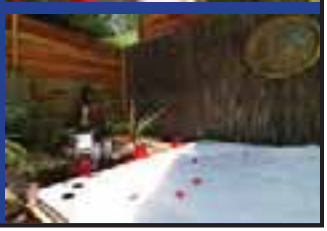
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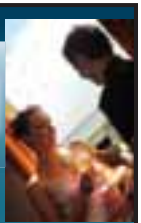
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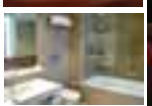
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## THINGS TO DO IN RYE

- The Pier is a major feature & a magnet for visitors, set against a beautiful foreshore with bbq facilities, large rotunda and playground.
- Spend an afternoon exploring hidden inlets and rock pools, take a stroll along secluded beaches or simply browse local shops.
- The Octopuses Garden at the Rye pier is the first underwater marine trail in Victoria



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If something more relaxing is required then you can bathe at the Peninsula Hot Springs which is directly opposite. Guests have the choice of 2 pool side b & b suites set in & around the main Homestead or 5 luxuriously appointed, & individually themed cottages. All cottages have their own balcony, BBQ, TV, Video & CD, log fire, double spa, en suite bathroom & fully equipped kitchen. Each cottage offers either views of the Bay or views of the countryside & beautiful sunsets. By day at Hilltonia, you can soak up some sun by the tropical pool while the more energetic can enjoy a game of tennis or play a round of golf at any one of the many top quality courses - all within 5 minutes drive of Hilltonia. As the sun sets you can enjoy a relaxing drink in Hilltonia's lounge bar - the ideal way to work up an appetite for dinner at one of the many local fine restaurants. Hosts: Jo-Anne & Anthony Colles. 5985 2654

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# Sorrento / Portsea

***Sorrento has all the ingredients for a wonderful holiday destination a classic mix of natural attractions, seaside charm, casual sophistication & historic flavour.***

The towns of Sorrento and Portsea have long been known as a destination for well heeled holiday makers and a drive along the cliff road through to the back beaches reveals some spectacular holiday houses (as well as some lovely views).

However, there is also a wealth of history in the area, including the Quarantine Station and military installations at Point Nepean, the first European settlement in Victoria (at Sullivan Bay in Sorrento) and a large number of registered Aboriginal archaeological sites.

When it comes to modern-day people watching, Main Street in Sorrento is well known by both locals and visitors as the place to be, with its mix of high end boutiques, galleries and cafes lining both sides of the picturesque street, anchored at one end by the familiar bulk of the Continental Hotel, host to happy holiday makers for over a century and Buckleys Chance at the other with a family friendly tradition spanning more than 25 years in Sorrento - still a great place for a bite to eat.



*Stringers Store, Sorrento*
*Photographer - Mark Chew*

Both towns have bay and ocean beaches, making them a haven for surfers, sailors and scuba divers, plus they are both well located to visit other parts of the Peninsula. But with all that is good to do locally, there's really no reason to leave.

## THINGS TO DO IN PORTSEA & SORRENTO



- Sorrento - Queenscliff Car and Passenger Ferry On the Hour, Every Hour 7am-6pm Ph. 03 5258 3244
- Scenic Walks and Lookouts - Point Nepean, Mornington Peninsula National Park.
- Fishing with Rip Charters Phone. 5985 6968
- Sensational Village Shopping, Galleries & Antiques - Sorrento Flinders Art 5984 3880 - Marlene Miller Antiques 5984 1762
- Enjoy the latest movies in comfort at the Sorrento Cinema 5984 2903
- Nepean Historical Society and Watts Cottage While in Sorrento visit the fascinating Nepean Historical Society at the Mechanic's Institute, 827 Melbourne Rd. Touch screen tutorials, early photographs, beautifully displayed costumes, excellent scale models and intriguing artifacts from Aboriginal times to shipwrecks are on offer.



The volunteers are friendly & knowledgeable. Watts Cottage ("Ilfracombe"), built in 1869 as home to John and Jenny Watts, overlooks the lovely Pioneer Memorial Garden. It's a wattle and daub cottage fitted out as it would have been in the day. Tours are available. The NHS has done an outstanding job of illuminating the early history of the Nepean Peninsula in a fun and engaging way.

- Dining Recommendations
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# MALACHITE - THE NEW HOME FOR MARLENE MILLER ANTIQUES



*Some retailers are so associated with their community that they become part of the fabric of the place. After 25 years in business Sorrento's Marlene Miller has entered that category. In an era of quick build chain stores, absentee owners and transient staff it's a rare pleasure to enter the world of Marlene Miller Antiques Its even more of a pleasure to casually chat to Marlene and be reminded of what shopping used to be like. Marlene Miller Antiques epitomises what Sorrento is all about : history, beauty, creativity and friendliness*

*- Tim Bracher*

After 25 years in the main street of Sorrento Marlene Miller is moving her iconic Antique Shop from the beautiful old guest house Gannawarra into the adjacent fabulous new building 'Malachite' which looks as it should, complimenting the amazing streetscape of Sorrento & blending beautifully with the stone and timber buildings created more than 100 years ago.

A big feature of this new building is a new home for the ever popular book room which is now housed on an amazing mezzanine looking through the wonderful cathedral ceilings and over the large and beautiful array of antique furniture with all of the colours of the glassware and china in this space.

The fabulous jewellery, antique and new (some made by Melbourne's top jewellers, including Simon Kushnir) for which this shop is now so well known is still the most important part of this experience. Now attracting its 3rd generation of patrons, Marlene will tell you many girls have grown up knowing that here is where they will find that very special romantic ring.

Marlene looks forward to welcoming you to her new venue & hopes you will enjoy the experience.

Depending on where you're coming from, Sorrento is either the gateway to the Bellarine Peninsula or the Mornington Peninsula. Take time out to walk along the pier and foreshore and watch the ferries glide though the stunning bay.

***SORRENTO*** is renowned for its boutique shopping experience. Take a stroll down the main street and explore the temptations of fabulous fashion and accessories; modern home wares; special gifts; delicious local produce and wine; and galleries that display and sell art works, sculptures, jewelry and glassware created by local artists.



*Sorrento*
*Photographer - Mark Chew*

Walk the grounds of the Sorrento Historic Park, with its million dollar views. Try to identify the indigenous plants of Nepean Peninsula. Play with the children on the large wooden playground or revert to childhood and enjoy a time memory swing. Extend your fold-up chair and sit in the rotunda looking across to the Sorrento Pier. Maybe a BBQ under the trees.


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Past ***PORTSEA***, where you'll catch wetsuit-clad scuba divers waddling across the zebra crossing, there's the London Bridge landmark. The one-hour Farnsworth Walking Track will help you burn off a little of that Peninsula indulgence, or, if you haven't indulged there's the accessible two-minute walk from the London Bridge car park to view the bridge from the lookout.

When you head back to Sorrento, check out the gorgeous gully of the Sorrento Historical Parkland let the kids loose on the playground.



*Portsea*
*Photographer Derek Ross*

# PORTSEA & POINT NEPEAN

The **Portsea Village** has long been associated with the Melbourne 'establishment', with its imposing mansions, landscaped gardens and cliff-top walks.

The 'end-of-the-road' atmosphere sets the scene for Portsea's million dollar holiday mansions which were built by Melbourne's rich and famous from the 1860's but especially from the 1920's.

Of course Portsea also welcomes the daytripper, with fine hotels, stunning views and the nearby **Mornington Peninsula National Park** with its spectacular caves, flora & fauna. **Point Nepean**'s beaches and network of tunnels, turrets, lookouts and defence buildings from two world wars can now be explored by curious visitors. Interpretative displays and audio sound scapes bring to life the era when the Point was the most heavily defended outpost in the Southern Hemisphere.



*Photographer - David Mitchener*

Portsea is blessed with one of the best bayside beaches, as well as one of the best surf beaches on the Peninsula. The front beach is overlooked by the landmark 1927 **Portsea Hotel**, (*pictured left*) while its ocean beach provides the rugged setting for surfing and iron man competitions. Diving tours and lessons are popular from the Portsea pier.

## THE MILLIONAIRES WALK

Many of Portsea's attractions are free – the beach, the pier, the parks and so many wonderful walks. One walk many find irresistible is variously called the "millionaire's walk", the "green gate walk" or the newly sign posted Sorrento - Portsea Artists' Trail. Begin at the end of Point King Road (Mel 157 A4).

Go to the end of the road and turn right going through the green gate, one of many gates along the way. Please keep in mind, though the cliff top is public land, the walk runs right along the front of many beautiful private properties.

Continue along the walk stopping to have a look at the cairn and artists' trail sign at Point King. Along the path you'll take in incredible sea views on your left and magnificent homes on your right. There are two artist trail signs at the point that juts out farthest from the cliff past the two white metal gates beyond "Cliff Crest".

My favourite house, a few properties past this point, is "Netley" built in an unusual adaptation of the Californian bungalow style. Further along the cliff top you reach a high charcoal grey fence which is Lentell Avenue, go left through the gate to the little point across the way, there is another artist trail sign and that is the end of the walk. Retrace your steps from there.

*- Andrea Thomas*


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The Mornington Peninsula has long been a favourite getaway destination for people who enjoy spectacular coastal views, bay and ocean beaches, national parks, great food and fine wine. Where else but the famous Portsea Hotel can you get all of these features in the same place.

The Hotel offers country hotel style accommodation with both ensuited and shared facility rooms to choose from. There is always a range of fantastic seasonal accommodation packages which allow the traveller to enjoy the delights of the Mornington Peninsula as well as the terrific food and friendly service at the Portsea Hotel.

## Summer at The Portsea Hotel...

With the weather warming up it is a great time to take a seat on the Portsea Terrace and enjoy the stunning views of the Bay. The kids can expend some energy on the lawn above the beach while you try the latest offerings on the new menu. The Hotel has large screen televisions scattered throughout and is the perfect place to meet friends. The sports bar is equipped with TAB facilities, pool tables & TV's

**Entertainment** Come down and enjoy the entertainment on offer at The Portsea Hotel. Live DJ every Friday night, Live Band every Saturday night and Live Acoustic entertainment every Sunday in the Portsea Beer Garden from 3 - 6pm.

**NEW Bistro Menu** has a wide selection of tasty dishes and every day our list of specials has both modern and traditional favourites on offer.

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner daily the Hotel's Bistro offers a wide variety of meals combining traditional 'pub' fare with innovative Mediterranean influences and of course the famous Portsea Hotel seafood platter.

Great coffee, desserts and snacks are also available all day.

**Portsea Deck** will be open for Al Fresco dining from Boxing Day to Australia Day. Bookings are essential, so you will need to contact Hotel Reception on 5984 2213

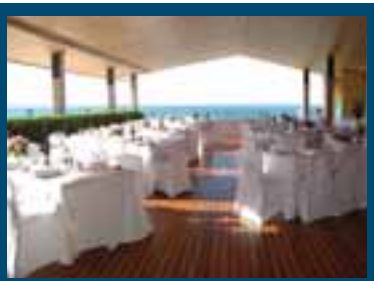
**Weddings** We remain the venue of choice for many couples looking to be married in a beautiful setting for an affordable price.

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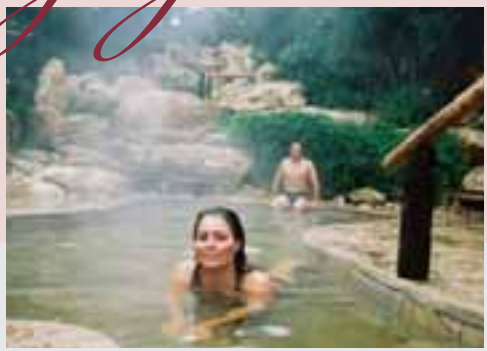
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# Relax, Unwind, Enjoy!

***If you're feeling in need of a little pick-me-up, look no further than one of the several luxury spas on the Mornington Peninsula. Red Hill Spa and the Woodman Estate Spa both offer luxurious treatments in beautiful surrounds, including packages for an afternoon or even a whole day of indulgence. Experience japanese style bathing in natural hot spring pools at the Peninsula Hot Springs, where their Dine & Bathe packages include dinner, glass of wine and bathing under the stars, for a truly beautiful experience.***

***Their Arabian Marquee caters for groups and is designed to accommodate up to eight people at a time for treatment, perfect for a hen's day, birthday or even just a get together with friends.***



## WELCOME

... The Mornington Peninsula is quickly becoming the spa capital of Victoria. As recently appointed President of the Mornington Peninsula Spa Association I am both honoured and excited to be a key member involved in this rapid & expanding spa growth.

The diversity and range of wonderful day spas one can experience here on the Peninsula is outstanding. From mineral baths to botox, Indian Ayurvedic treatments and the only operating natural thermal hot springs in Victoria right here in Rye, one can encounter deluxe and tranquil treatments from Mornington to Portsea, beachside or in the surrounds of vineyards.
The Mornington Peninsula has Spas all waiting with their hearts and hands for you to enjoy!

*- Alana Dyer, Peninsula Life Medi Spa*

## LUXURIOUS OASIS



Now in its third year of operation, Peninsula Life Medispa is a combined Li'Tya Day Spa and Medispa offering total indulgence and service excellence not seen elsewhere on the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria. Awarded "Li'Tya Spa of the Year" and nominated for a "Leader Business Achiever of the Year" in its first year, Peninsula Life Medispa still continues to win praise and awards. Most recently one of their therapists, Amanda Lynch, was awarded Li'Tya Spa therapist of the year for Australia.

**Located in an elegantly refurbished period building in Tanti Avenue, Mornington, the freestanding property provides a luxurious, private and relaxing environment.**

Group owned by 4 highly dedicated and professional women, including 2 medical practitioners, Dr Maree Sexton & Dr Vanessa Haller as well as an extremely experienced spa manager, Alana Dyer (who is also President of Mornington Peninsula Spa Association) the spa has to be experienced to be believed! Expertly trained spa therapists offer a menu of treatments including both therapeutic and aromatherapy relaxation massage, salt exfoliation, mud wraps and scalp treatments. A variety of uniquely designed indulgence packages for individuals or groups are available. Light refreshments are provided.

Highly trained beauty and laser therapists and onsite medical practitioners provide skin assessments and individualized plans and treatment for a range of skin conditions. Peninsula Life Medispa is the first and only full-service Medispa on the Mornington Peninsula.

Peninsula Life Medispa is very popular with both men and women. Our luxuriously appointed treatment rooms include a stylish couples room with its own shower & private courtyard & a gracefully furnished group room perfect for a girls getaway, bridal shower or a corporate group.

A pre & post relaxation room with deluxe Le Corbusier chaises overlooking a tranquil courtyard with fountains only enhances your time at the spa. Apart from the extensive range of indulgent spa & medical aesthetic treatments available, they also provide some fabulous packages. Seasonal specials are advertised on the website, www.peninsulalife.com.au. The website also provides detailed information on all their services, so please take some time to view it.

Peninsula Life Medispa is only minutes from the CBD of Mornington. Visit them at this unique and luxurious oasis they promise you won't be disappointed and you will be welcomed with a warn smile! Book now!

## A WORLD OF NEW POOLS FOR EVERYONE

**.. lakeside bubble spa couches, cave pool, Turkish steam bath, moon viewing pools, underground sauna, foot and hand baths, a reflexology walk, children's bathing zone, hydrotherapy pools, and a hill top pool with spectacular 360 degree views ... these were just some of the 35 new bathing experiences unveiled at Peninsula Hot Springs this year.**

This expansion provided a dedicated bathing facility created from bathing knowledge gathered during hot spring research trips to 17 countries and from Australian imagination, creativity and ingenuity.
The existing facility has been extensively upgraded to become a tranquil spa sanctuary with thermal mineral water pools, therapeutic treatments and rejuvenating pampering experiences that revitalise the body, mind and spirit.

***The facility has been designed for a very specific target market - 'everyone'.***

The Spa Dreaming Centre provides a separate, tranquil private escape with many hot mineral pools and baths, a steam infusion room, massage and spa treatment rooms and many quiet relaxation spaces. Services include a full range of treatments, from Kodo full body massages to facials, mud treatments, foot and hand treatments and ancient healing stone therapy. This centre has its own kitchen, separate to the new Bath House Café, with spa cuisine designed by Australian chef Andrew Blake.

***Springs Lane, Rye Mel. 169 A11 Ph. 5950 8777***
***www.peninsulahotsprings.com***

# BEAUTY ANGELS LOOKING AFTER YOU

***We all know that a holiday can do wonders for our looks, especially when we relax unwind and enjoy the many delights the Peninsula offers all year round, but with the ever increasing demands of everyday life how many of us dream of escaping the rat race and coming home feeling refreshed & looking great.***

***- Well here's your chance***

A fabulous Beauty Salon in Mornington - Body Essence - now in the caring and capable hands of Marianne Daniels offers you just that - the opportunity to take the benefits of your break home with you. And the benefits could be many.



Marianne has taken her years of experience as a client in spas and beauty salons around the world and ensured that the newly redeveloped salon meets her exacting expectations of service and expertise in a relaxing boutique styled environment - and with the optimum privacy and comfort assured.

At Body Essence you'll find a high degree of caring and genuine interest amongst her friendly staff. The all new team, Marianne's 'Beauty Angels' have been handpicked for their attitude and their expertise & their focus is on you - giving complimentary skin analysis with every facial & offering individualised and professional service & advice

Body Essence offers a multitude of luxury treatment packages and facials and is the only salon in Melbourne's south east to offer Elemis - the leading luxury British range famous for its revolutionary anti-ageing products and professional spa therapies. Many will recognise the Elemis name from Voyages Resorts aboard luxury cruise lines and 5 star resorts around the world. Their advanced anti-ageing facials offer an unparalleled experience and unique massage sequences combined with the most potent actives available ensure that dramatic visible results are achieved. Winner of the Best Anti - Ageing Facial (Grazia) their Pro-Collagen Quartz Lift facial is clinically proven to reduce the number of wrinkles and improve skin firmness after just one treatment (independent clinical trials 2007). Deluxe Spa Mani and Pedicure treatments with Elemis are also available and the Body Essence Hot Stone massage is 'to die for.'

For that oh so desirable holiday colour without the risk of skin damage & with no embarrassing exposures the Versa Spa Automatic Spray Tan Booth neutralises the PH of your skin, tans, moisturises & dries in total privacy. Totally naked, totally private & totally tanned.

They also have a Far-Infrared Dry Heat Sauna which is said to be the ultimate fat burner & has a list of health benefits.

Endermolift (*pictured*) is for the facial lifting. Endermologie for the cellulite on the body. Regen is for skin tightening on the face & body.

The Ultimate Slimming solution is said to be the techniques of lipomassage (a relaxing personalised & non invasive treatment to fight the appearance of cellulite) by Endermologie & Regen & the secret is the combination of these 2 treatments which leads to a more efficient result.

Regen Treatments offer the most advanced radio frequency technology for body contouring and facial lifting and skin tightening They are painless while smoothing and tightening immediately Clinical results are visible from the first treatment making it a perfect non invasive anti-ageing solution. Similar to any results driven treatment multiple treatments are required for optimum results and a typical course could consist of 6 -8 treatments so if you live a little further away imagine scheduling a shopping expedition, lunch, wine tour or a game of golf on the Peninsula and returning home sleeker each time!

Call Marianne and her Beauty Angels for more information - they really do understand the importance of looking after you.





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# Peninsula Weddings

*The Mornington Peninsula is a beautiful and increasingly popular place to get married, especially with the current trend towards weekend weddings, where a smaller group of guests are invited to celebrate over several days. With our great restaurants, fine wines and produce and of course magnificent scenery, the Peninsula is tailor made for weddings, giving you plenty of options to create a wonderful day to remember. When it comes to venues you are really spoilt for choice, from glorious vineyards and waterfront restaurants to the splendour of grand country properties such as Summerfields or Morningstar. Guest accommodation is easy to arrange with a huge variety of places to stay available to book, and with the many local businesses who service the wedding industry, you really do have all you need here to plan your perfect wedding day.*



*Pictured: Salix at Willow Creek cater for large elegant weddings to beautiful birthdays or anniversaries and they have a package to suit all budgets and tastes.*

## EXTRA SPECIAL AT RAFFLES

At the Mornington on Tanti they pride themselves on delivering not only a top notch venue but also service and expertise to ensure weddings and functions run smoothly and the highest standards are met. They can offer cocktail style in Raffles, sit down style in one of their private function rooms or a mixture of both, so you have some great options and their packages and rates have been designed so all clientele are able to afford that extra special day without breaking the bank. With great priced packages and the convenience of luxurious classic contemporary boutique style accommodation including a fabulous bridal suite you can finish your perfect day off the next morning with a breakfast for the family and close friends.



Call Carina Benedetti for an appointment on 5975 2015 or email functions_thetanti@bigpond.com

**917 Nepean Highway, Mornington, www.morningtonontanti.com.au**

## HAPPY PLANNING EVERYONE!

Raise a glass to TOAST, your local one-stop Mornington Peninsula wedding & celebration guide!

Here's cheers to our 4th annual edition of TOAST Mornington Peninsula magazine and website.

This year we're celebrating the diverse locations and seasonal delights our peninsula has to offer, with special features on day spas, photography and wedding expos, plus as always we have lots of great ideas and insider tips on how to stage that perfect wedding. We also hope you enjoy the photography featured throughout, all by local photographers of real weddings just like yours.

We are proud to feature only Peninsula based businesses and are confident that you will benefit from both their expertise and experience when planning your big day. So relax – everything you need to create your perfect Peninsula wedding is here. - Happy planning everyone!

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## ROMANTIC CELEBRATIONS



**Create your own unique function with the versatility of Summerfields for a country weekend wedding.**

Designed by the owners to reflect the grand tradition of summer homes in the north eastern US, each house has been beautifully furnished and decorated in a vintage chic style.

Both properties offer wonderful spaces for your wedding – in the first house a grand salon with double storey windows is a glorious indoor space for your ceremony should the weather be inclement or you just prefer to be indoors. Upstairs on the second level are five comfortable guest rooms, all with ensuite and very well appointed. Follow the spiral staircase to the third floor to discover a lovers retreat, a private bridal suite complete with bath in the bedroom and all other mod cons. Very romantic indeed! Should you choose to stay at the estate, a four course breakfast can be arranged for you and your guests the morning after your wedding, complete with a champagne toast to the new Mr & Mrs.

The second property houses the function room with views over the olive gardens – the french doors and ornate iron furniture create an airy, romantic feel and the tables can be configured several ways to suit your needs, with both square and round settings available. Snowy white linens are available for use and complement any colour scheme – all you need to do is add your own personal touch. The team of chefs have been with Summerfields since it opened seven years ago and pride themselves on preparing every aspect of your wedding food on site with the freshest of ingredients.
The estate can cater for small or large weddings – simply ask them about the array of food and beverage packages available, including some containing excellent local wines.

Outside the extensive grounds offer several different aspects for photography. The long grasses, haybales and gum trees are uniquely Australian, as is the selection of wildlife, with geese, galahs, lorikeets and woodducks all making an appearance on the rolling green lawns.
The terraced rose garden leading down to the lake is a lovely location for an outdoor ceremony, while the many verandahs, balconies and formal garden spaces are all picture perfect. Another advantage of the property is that it is green all year round, thanks to bore water and the evergreen eucalypts, so autumn and winter brides still have plenty of scope for beautiful photographs. You can also take advantage of lower rates over winter than in the spring and summer season – depending on your requirements of course.

**So whether you want a weekend long celebration, or simply a glorious day in the countryside, Summerfields Estate offers you everything you need under one roof. For more information, please visit www.summerfields.com.au or call 03) 5983 6700.**

## BEST OF BOTH WORLDS AT WOODMANS



Lakeside ceremonies, elegant receptions, unrivalled accommodation, indulgent spa and relaxation treatments and perhaps even your honeymoon!
…..Simply the very best of both worlds!

Best of all you can organise your whole day at this resort style destination. Arrive the day before and enjoy spa treatments with your family or friends.

A celebratory dinner and overnight accommodation leave you calm and relaxed. Awake to a gourmet breakfast, followed by hair and make up services for the ladies. Following your reception, simply walk to your suite to reflect & enjoy your special day.

At Woodman Estate they look forward to making your wedding day a very special occasion to be.



## UNIQUE & SPECIAL

Stillwater is the ideal venue for one of the most important days of your lives. A ceremony beside the lake and vines is a unique and special way to exchange your vows. Whether it be a grand sit down affair, an elegant cocktail style or even a gourmet BBQ, Stillwater can cater to your individual needs with experienced advice ensuring your event is memorable & a complete success.

## YOUR WEDDING NEEDS COVERED AT RYE

The Rye Hotel has created a tradition for offering a reception tailored to your specific requirements, whether it be an intimate cocktail party, informal gathering or a grand banquet.

They offer two beautiful function rooms with water views, comprehensive menus from formal sit down menus to creative cocktail menus and packages to suit, experienced wedding co-ordinators who will help you with every detail and all complemented by luxury accommodation. Let them take away the stress for you. Experience this very special day with the picturesque Rye Foreshore and pier as the backdrop for your wedding ceremony and photographs. Your wedding will be one to remember especially.

Located directly behind the Rye Hotel is Best Western One Four Nelson luxury accommodation offering 30 stylish suites. The perfect place to spend your Wedding night or accommodate your guests.
They also offer special rates for your wedding guest's dependant upon the number of rooms booked. At the Rye Hotel they have your Wedding needs covered all in the one venue.

## OLD WORLD CHARM AT BROOKLANDS

If you are planning a wedding, you should take a look at Brooklands of Mornington.

The old world charm of this reception centre built in 1878 and recently refurbished makes for truly unique and special venue.

Catering to small or large groups Brooklands of Mornington also offers 4 star accommodation. **Brooklands 97 Tanti Ave, Mornington. Ph. 5973 9200**



# Accommodation at a Glance

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| **FRANKSTON & OLIVERS HILL** | | | | | | |
| Abbey | Apartments Serviced | 337 Nepean Highway | Frankston | 1800 352 130 | ★★★☆ | 92 |
| Beach Motor Inn | Motel | 9 Beach St | Frankston | 9783 6222 | ★★★ | 92 |
| **NORTHERN PENINSULA** | | | | | | |
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| Mornington on Tanti | Boutique Motel | 917 Nepean Highway | Mornington | 5975 2015 | ★★★★ | 7 |
| Mornington Gardens | Sites & Cabins | 98 Bungower Rd | Mornington | 5975 7373 | ★★★★☆Cab | 101 |
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# Diary Dates... CALENDAR OF EVENTS

***Create your very own "Peninsula" escape! Relax, unwind & let the magic of the Mornington Peninsula 'wash' over you. Why not use this list of events and festivals to help plan your next short break? You'll discover a world rich in contrasts & spectacular scenery, acclaimed for its fabulous golf courses, its enviable food & wine heritage, teaming with wildlife, dotted with quaint seaside villages and alive with galleries, markets and antique shops.***

***The Mornington Railway*** runs tourist trains every 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday each month. See page 81

***Peninsula Markets***

- Red Hill Market – 1st Saturday each month September - May
- Mornington Racecourse Market – 2nd Sunday every month
- Rotary Balnarring Racecourse Market 3rd Saturday each month Nov-April.
- Boneo Markt 3rd Saturday evry month, 8am-12.30pm
- Main Street Market every Wednesday 9.30-3pm

## NOVEMBER 2010

***Melbourne Cup Weekend***
***Cool Whites & Fine Food***
Wineries across the Peninsula invite you to discover some very special wines this weekend as our winemakers dig deep into their cellars for a favourite vintage, to preview a new release or maybe conduct a comparative tasting.

***Heronswood Spring Festival***
***October 30th to November 2nd, 2010***
Se page 81. Contact 59847318

***T'Gallant Peninsula Cup***
The Spring Racing Carnival hits the Peninsula with the T'Gallant Peninsula Cup on Sunday 31 October. Fashions on the Field, free kids activities and a DJ in the marquee enclosure. It's Spring Racing Peninsula style! Mornington Racing Club enq 59753310

***21 November 10am-4pm***
***Cruden Farm Spring Family Fun Day***
Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE, will open the gates to her magnificent property from 11am to 4pm to host the special event. Contact 94270407

***21 November – 17 July 2011***
***Mc Clelland Sculpture Survey and Award***
Mc Clelland Gallery + Sculpture Park Contact 97891671

***27 November***
***Frankston City Christmas Festival of Lights*** Main stage entertainment includes carols-by-candlelight and popular children's entertainment. Spectacular fireworks follow the lighting of the Christmas tree. Contact 1300322842

***27th November***
***Taste of Italy Dinner at Max's at Red Hill Estate.*** See page 53.

## DECEMBER 2010

***4-5 December***
***Sunny Ridge Family Weekend*** Mini Pets from Animals on the Move 11am-3pm Face Painting Balloons Upick Strawberries Farm Made Ice Cream. Contact 5989 4500

***26 December – 26 April***
***Sand Sculpting Australia -*** 'Creepy Crawlies' at the Frankston Foreshore. Proudly supported by Visitor Publications. Contact 59866684

***26 December***
***Melbourne to Devonport & Melbourne to Hobart Yacht Races.*** Watch the start from the Portsea Pier and foreshore.

## JANUARY 2011

***4 – 11 January***
***Peninsula Summer Music Festival,*** See page 78.

***8 January - Dromana Strawberry Festival*** All the fun of the fair featuring local strawberries in pancakes, jam, Devonshire teas, strawberry milkshakes and more. Dromana Recreation Reserve, Pier St.

***8-9 January***
***Coolart Jazz Festival.*** World class performers & musicians entertain in several locations: on the cool green lawns, in the magnificent Homestead and in the wetlands Observatory. Enq 03 5989 7517

***The RACV Great Australian Rally***

***8 January - Rye Gift and Southern Peninsula Wood Chop*** Professional foot race and woodchopping competitions. 10a.m. - 3p.m. RJ Rowley Reserve Rye Contact 0414564531

***8-15 January - Sorrento Rotary Art Show*** 10am- 4pm daily. Sorrento Community Centre. Contact: Bob Levens 5984 2217

***9 January - Red Hill Country Music Festival*** is a leading event in the Australian country music calendar. Also features a Hot Rod/Custom & Classic Car show. 5987 3078

***11 January - Twilight Jazz*** at Montalto Vineyard & Olive Grove. 59898412

***15-16 January***
***The Frankston Waterfront Festival*** has something for everyone, with a wide range of activities across the weekend. The Festival runs from 10:00am on Saturday – culminating in a spectacular fireworks display. Sunday from 10am. 1300322842

***28-29 January***
***Mornington Peninsula International Pinot Noir Celebration*** See page 52.

***Portsea Classic Swim***

***Mornington Rotary Art***

## FEBRUARY 2011

***16th February***
***Mornington Cup***

***13 February***
***Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet*** performed al fresco at Montalto. Contact 59898412

***20 February***
***The Montalto Sculpture Prize -*** Exhibition of Finalists is held from mid February to the end of April each year.

## MARCH 2011

***7 March***
***Peninsula Piers & Pinots*** See page 52

***7 March - Colour the Sky Kite Festival,*** Rosebud Foreshore. Make & fly a kite, watch professionals fly kites. 0403889559.

***19 March - Ventana Latina Fiesta*** embracing the authenticity and creativity of Latin American, Portuguese and Spanish cultures, people and stories. 1300322842

***Annual Teapot Show at Studio at Flinders***

***26 March - Red Hill Show*** celebrating 83 years. A wonderful mix of animals, arena events & entertainments inc. Cool Climate Wine at the Showgrounds 5989 2357

***26th & 7th March***
***Heronswood Harvest Festival*** Page 81

## APRIL 2011

***Easter*** - Most vineyards open everyday over Easter (except Good Friday) & many have special activities for children, fine food and other entertainment.

***Easter Cup***

***Country Life Food & Wine Festival*** Mornington Racing Club

***25th April - Anzac Day***
RSL venues across the Peninsula.

## JUNE 2011

***Queens Birthday Weekend***
***Winter Wine Weekend*** See page 52

***43nd Annual Flinders Art Show***
***Queens Birthday Weekend***, Flinders Community Hall Enq 5989 0030

## JULY 2011

***Abundance at Montalto -*** See page 52.

## OCTOBER 2011

***Pinot Week -*** See page 52

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