

# CHAMBERS

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Well, we've tried everything.... we have left the washing hanging on the line, Laurie rides his bike to work almost every day and we've even washed the car. All to no avail – still no rain!

The car park has been a dust bowl since August and I'm pretty sure that cactus is about to pop up between the cracks in the concrete.

Once our 'How to host a Rain Dance' video comes in we'll give that a go as well but in the meantime we've decided to celebrate summer and be grateful for what we do have.

How can any Aussie be less than happy when we have glorious blue skies, bucket loads of clean, fresh air and all those long, lazy days to enjoy with friends and family?

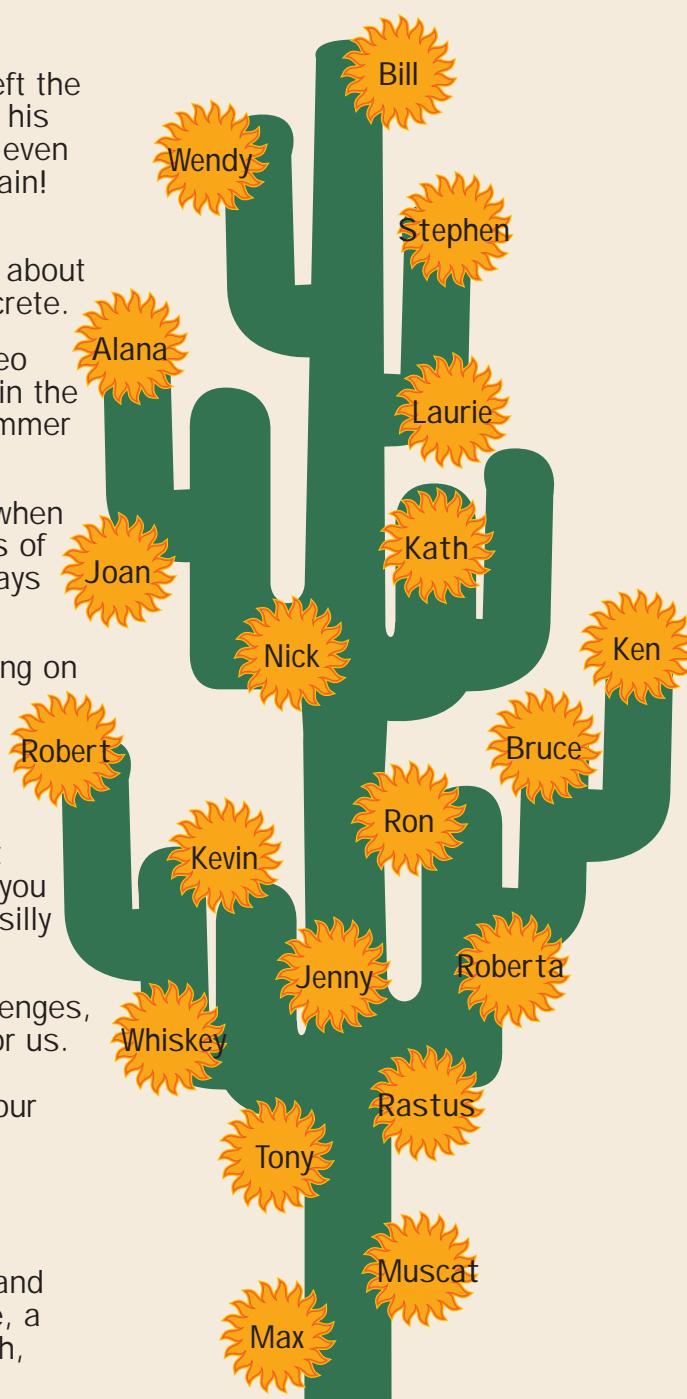
As long as we remember to keep slathering on the block-out, wear a good hat and just accept that it is impossible to find an insect repellent that doesn't clash with our aftershave or perfume, we'll be fine.

On page 4 you'll find our special Chill out Checklist which we hope will be useful if you want to not only survive but thrive in the silly season.

Seriously 'though, in spite of all the challenges, 2007 has again been a wonderful year for us. We are very fortunate to live in this great region and to be able to share a part of our world with so many others.

Our sincere thanks for your continued patronage and interest in our products.

Please know that we value your support and wish you and yours, wherever you may be, a wonderful Christmas with abundant health, happiness and prosperity in 2008.



"Aren't we forgetting the true meaning of Christmas? You know... the birth of Santa." Bart Simpson

*On the first day God created the dog. God said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. I will give you a life span of twenty years."*

*The dog said, "That's too long to be barking. Give me ten years and I'll give you back the other ten." So God agreed.*

*On the second day God created the monkey. God said, "Entertain people, do monkey tricks, make them laugh. I'll give you a twenty-year life span."*

*The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? I don't think so. Dog gave you back ten, so that's what I'll do too, okay?" And God agreed.*

*On the third day God created the cow. "You must go to the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer. I will give you a life span of sixty years."*

*The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. Let me have twenty and I'll give back the other forty." And again God agreed.*

*On the fourth day God created man. God said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. I'll give you twenty years."*

*Man said, "What? Only twenty years! Tell you what, I'll take my twenty, and the forty the cow gave back and the ten the monkey gave back and the ten the dog gave back, that makes eighty, okay?"*

*"You've got a deal," said God.*

*So that is why the first twenty years we eat, sleep, play, and enjoy ourselves; for the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family; for the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren; and for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.*

### SEASONAL POSITION AVAILABLE

If you look good in green, are accustomed to working with children and can handle ruminants, this could be the job for you!

Applicants must be under 1500 cm (4'9") and be prepared to travel. Assembly or toy making work experience preferred. Excellent working environment and fringe benefits. Uniform supplied.

Applications to [info@northpolenet.com](mailto:info@northpolenet.com) enclosing a current CV, recent photograph and a brief note explaining why you would like to be considered for this opportunity.



*Muff may not be a race winner but she certainly knows the right place to be on a hot day.*

### EVEN MORE GOOD PRESS FOR RED WINE

The seemingly endless list of health benefits of Resveratrol, a type of compound found in grape skins, has again been extended following some research in the United States.

Because valuable levels of Resveratrol are extracted during the maceration process used in the production of red wines, they have elevated amounts of this chemical.

Previously it has been noted that in spite of their rich diets, the French of southern France have a low incidence of coronary heart disease. It now seems that red wine is useful for treating a range of nasty bugs such as e.coli and salmonella.

### YOU'VE GOT EMAIL ?

Please note that electronic delivery is our preferred distribution method for your Chambers newsletter.

If you have this facility, please consider changing over so we can limit preparation and postage costs and continue providing a subscription-free service to you.

If you previously received your newsletter via email but now receive it through the Post it could be that we were unable to get through to you because you have changed ISP (Internet Service Providers).

Please drop Roberta an email if this has happened to you at [chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au](mailto:chambers@chambersrosewood.com.au)

Include your street and delivery address plus telephone contact numbers and she will happily amend your details on our database.

You will need Acrobat Reader, which is available for free download at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) to open our files as they are transmitted as a PDF file.

You may be surprised to know that you can find us on the web! We don't have a purchasing facility available as yet but you can download the latest edition of our newsletters and details of any events at [www.chambersrosewood.com.au](http://www.chambersrosewood.com.au)

## COMING EVENTS

## TASTES OF RUTHERGLEN FESTIVAL

8 -9 March 2008

15- 16 March 2008

"Qu'ils mangent  
de la brioche."  
Marie Antoinette

Make sure you note the dates for our Tastes of Rutherglen festival in your forward planner because it's not far away.

By then you will have recovered from all the Christmas and family activities and be ready to get away for a few days.

This is a very special time of the year to visit us! It is right in the middle of vintage and we match up with our very talented local chefs to show off the very best the region has to offer.

This is of course a great opportunity to explore new taste sensations without having to purchase an entire bottle of wine or splash out on an expensive restaurant meal.

Once you have purchased your special festival glass for just \$5 you can join in the fun at all 19 wineries and purchase delicious entrée sized savoury dishes matched perfectly with a glass of wine.

I don't want to give too much away but I can tell you that we are featuring our fabulous 1998 Shiraz, with the most sinfully delicious chocolate cake.

You may well find it totally impossible to choose between the two dishes we will be offering...so maybe plan to come to Chambers on both days!

Stephen has suggested a very special, Heaven-on-a-stick treat from the archives to accompany the other equally delicious dessert; 1996 Botrytis Tokay.

As usual we will have some music for you to enjoy between noon and 5pm each day as you sit and relax or alternatively dance away those extra calories.

Entries in our Junior Art Competition will be on display and we encourage you to vote for your favourite piece on the popular choice form for each age group.

Please pass on the details of this competition (see page 4) to your family and friends as we would love as many young artists as possible to participate in this our 6th annual competition.

## • FLORAL SPECTACULAR

29 February - 2 March 2008

Be delighted by the amazing floral representation of 'Jewels of the Bible' created by the very clever team at St Stephen's Anglican Church in High Street, Rutherglen.

## • AN EVENING OF WINE, FOOD &amp; MUSIC

12 July 2008

We are pleased to advise that our rustic cellar door will again be the venue for a musical evening featuring the Wangaratta Choristers.

A recent invitation to tour the Vatican and present a Latin Mass is clear evidence of the prestige of this talented group and we are particularly glad to host this evening.

More details on the program in the new year but in the meantime, put this date aside if you can.

"Is not a  
slice of life,  
but a piece  
of cake?"

With apologies to  
Alfred Hitchcock

## SPECIALS

Please note:

As we have to rely on our carrier, please aim to get your order to us by **Monday 10 December.**

## • THE ELECTION COLLECTION

4 bottles x '04 Cabernet Merlot

4 bottles x '04 Riesling

4 bottles x '03 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)

\$120 plus freight

## • RUDOLPH'S REDS

3 bottles x '96 Blue Imperial

3 bottles x '97 Shiraz

3 bottles x '97 Cabernet Sauvignon

3 bottles x '98 Blue Imperial

\$150 plus freight

## • AWESOME POURSOME

2 bottles x '05 Rosewood Riesling

4 bottles x '06 Light Muscat

4 bottles x '02 Cabernet Sauvignon

2 bottles x '04 Walnut Red

2 bottles x '05 Walnut Muscat

\$135 plus freight

## • TURKEY, THYME &amp; WINE

2 bottles x '02 Gouais

2 bottles x '02 Autumn White

2 bottles x '04 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse)

2 bottles x '04 Thunderball Red (Shiraz Blend)

1 bottle x '04 Riesling

1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscat

1 bottle x Rutherglen Muscadelle (Tokay)

1 bottle x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)

\$135 plus freight

## • OLE! OLE!

6 bottles x '04 Cabernet Merlot

6 bottles x '06 Light Muscat

\$125 plus freight

## • CRACKER CRATE

6 bottles x Rosewood White (Cleanskins)

6 bottles x Rosewood Red (Cleanskins)

\$55 plus freight

## N.B. Limited Stock:

2003 Riesling

2003 Merlot

2000 Sparkling Shiraz

2007 Bill's Ambrosia

2002 Old Cellar (Vintage Port)

ADULTS ONLY  
FABULOUS  
FROZEN &  
FORTIFIED

## HEY KIDS !!!

All school aged students are welcomed to submit entries in our 6th Junior Art Competition.

You've got until March next year to come up with some really good ideas on the theme 'What the world needs now is' so go for it!

But wait, there's more!! Apart from having your work on display during a major event, you could win some dollars and share your ideas!

## Wine Profile: Merlot

There are a number of misconceptions about this variety. It may seem that it has been with us for a very long time and that its name is pronounced Mer-LOT when Mer-low more accurately reflects its French origins.

A relative newcomer to new world wine regions, Merlot has played second fiddle over the centuries to other varieties, most notably Cabernet Sauvignon, in famous French blends.

It is not difficult to understand the popularity of this style when you understand that each year more than 70 million cases come out of Pomerol alone (part of the greater Bordeaux wine region of France).

In addition to the straight Merlot and the Cabernet Merlot blend here at Chambers we even have a Merlot Chocolate!

Happily this special treat contains a natural antioxidant called Vinlife so now you can maximise your positive health benefits while enjoying a little of each.



*Indi and Max supervising Ken Renshaw and Bruce Harris as they plant some new Muscadelle (Tokay) vines.  
Can you spot our senior canine supervisor, Indi?*

## SUMMER TIME

OLE! Launch yourself into summer with these great treats our sunny friends from around the world have shared with us.

### • PUERTORICAN PUNCH

1 bottle Riesling                      1 bottle ginger ale  
1 cup apple juice                    2 tspn lemon juice  
1 cup pineapple pieces & juice

Mix all the ingredients and refrigerate overnight. Serve the next day from a large jug filled with ice.

### • SPARKLING SUMMER

2 bottles red wine                    1 bottle Lemonade  
Sliced strawberries                Finely grated lemon rind  
Sliced pineapple & syrup  
1 bottle of Sparkling Red wine

Combine all ingredients and serve icy cold in tall glasses.

### • BAY OF ISLANDS SANGRIA

1 bottle of chilled red wine       1/4 cup lime juice  
2 cups chilled ginger ale        1/4 cup caster sugar  
4 Kiwi fruit peeled and thinly sliced

Pour the lime juice and sugar into the bottom of a large jug. Once completely dissolved add the wine and kiwi fruit. Just before serving add the ginger ale.

Make your favourite salad sing with this zingy lime dressing:-

3 tspn olive oil  
2 tspn fresh lime juice  
1 minced chilli  
Salt & Pepper to taste

Ready to pour as soon as you've whisked the olive oil, lime juice and chilli in a small bowl and seasoned with salt and pepper!

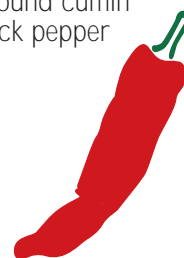
### • MANGO SALSA

2 cups chopped mango flesh  
1 cup chopped capsicum  
2/3 cup chopped spring onions  
1/4 cup chopped fresh corriander  
2 tspn fresh lime juice  
4 tspn olive oil

Mix all ingredients in a small bowl, season with salt and pepper then cover and chill.

• Spread this very versatile paste on beef, lamb, pork or chicken portions then either bake, grill or barbeque.

2 1/2 tspn olive oil                    2 tspn sweet paprika  
1 tspn minced garlic                1 1/2 tspn ground cumin  
1 1/2 tspn salt                         1/4 tspn black pepper  
1 1/2 tspn dried oregano, crumbled  
1 1/2 tspn finely grated lime zest  
1 tspn cayenne pepper





People can't concentrate properly on blowing other people to pieces if their minds are poisoned by thoughts suitable to the twenty-fifth of December. - **Ogden Nash**

**WHAT IS OLD IS NEW AGAIN**

By using a canal that was opened in 1894 the British grocery chain Tesco's have found a way to reduce their carbon footprint.

When New World wine arrives at the port of Liverpool it is now loaded onto canal barges for delivery to their bottling facility in Manchester. This change will eliminate 50 road transporters per week and result in an estimated saving of up to 80% on their current carbon emissions.

**CHAMPION!**



*Congratulations to our Winemaker Stephen Chambers who wrestled back the winner's cup at the Waiters Race during the picnic day at the 2007 Youngbloods and Bloody Legends festival last month. Television presenter Geoff Cox of 'Coxy's Big Break' presented the trophy after coming third in the finals.*

**CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS**

While a nice bottle of wine is more than acceptable to most people, we also have a nice selection of other bits and pieces you may like to consider when filling those stockings.

Our "haberdashery department" as Bill calls it, has expanded again. In addition to our famous Chambers philosophy t-shirts, (available in small through to xxx large sizes) and beanies in two styles, we now have some very smart caps.

**READING MATERIAL**

The beautiful old hand carved wine barrel on display at our cellar door features on the front cover of a new hardcover book on the history of Rutherglen. If you are looking for a nice Christmas gift, this may be an idea. They will probably move quickly as we are offering them for just \$35 (RRP \$50).

The new edition of 'Wine Dogs Australia' with photography by Craig McGill and text by Susan Elliott featuring two members of our security team and 'How to Taste Wine' by the late Len Evans are also available for \$25 and \$19.95 respectively.

From a commercial point of view, if Christmas did not exist it would be necessary to invent it.  
**Katharine Whitehorn**

Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas.  
**Calvin Coolidge**



## Merry Christmas

**Apache** - Gozhqq Keshmish

**gali** - Shuvo Baro Din - Shuvo Nabo Barsho

**Brazilian** - Boas Festas e Feliz Ano Novo

**Cantonese** - Seng Dan Fai Lok, Sang Nian Fai Lok

**Cornish** - Nadelik looan na looan blethen noweth

**Danish** - Glædelig Jul og godt nytår

**Dutch** - Vrolijk Kerstfeest en een Gelukkig Nieuwjaar

**Estonian** - Rõõmsaid Jõulupühi ja Head uut aastat

**Finnish** - Hyvää Joulua or Hauskaa Joulua - Onnellista uutta vuotta

**German** - Froehliche Weihnachten und ein glückliches Neues Jahr

**Greek** - Kala Christougenna Ki'eftihismenos O Kenourios Chronos

**Hungarian** - Kellemes karácsonyi ünnepeket és Boldog újévet

**Icelandic** - Gle\_ileg Jól og Farsaelt Komandi ár

**Indonesian** - Selamat Hari Natal & Selamat Tahun Baru

**Iraqi** - Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah

**Irish** - Nollaig Shona Dhuit

**Italian** - Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo

**Japanese** - Shinnen omedeto. Kurisumasu Omedeto

**Latin** - Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis

**Latvian** - Prieci'gus Ziemsve'tkus un Laimi'gu Jauno Gadu

**Lebanese** - Milad Saeed wa Sanaa Mubarakah

**Maltese** - Nixtiegħek Milied Tajjeb u Sena Tajba

**Mandarin** - Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan

**Polish** - Wesolych Swiat i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku

**Portuguese** - Boas Festas e um feliz Ano Novo

**Spanish** - Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo

**Swedish** - God Jul och Gott Nytt År

**Tahitian** - Ia ora i te Noere e ia ora na i te matahiti 'api

**Thai** - Suksan Wan Christmas lae Sawadee Pee Mai

**Yiddish** - Gute Vaynakhtn un a Gut Nay Yor

**Yugoslavian** - Cestitamo Bozic Papua

**Zulu** - Sinifesela Ukhisimusi Omuhle Nonyaka Omusha Onempumelelo



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• **New Wine/Vintage/Price**

**Cellar Door Price List - Christmas 2007**

\* **Low Stock**

	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
<b>WHITE TABLE WINES</b>				
	\$	\$		\$
NV Rosewood White .....	5.00	50.00	_____	_____
2002 Muscadelle & Chasselas.....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2003 Riesling .....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2002 Gouais .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
2000 Chardonnay.....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2005 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet) .....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2001 Late Harvest .....	8.00	80.00	_____	_____
2006 Light Muscat.....	13.00	156.00	_____	_____
2002 Autumn White .....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
<b>RED TABLE WINES</b>				
	Bottle	Dozen		
NV Rosewood Red (Cleanskin).....	6.00	60.00	_____	_____
2007 Bill's Ambrosia .....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2002 Shiraz & Blue Imperial .....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2002 Blue Imperial.....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
2004 Thunderball Red (Shiraz blend) .....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
2002 Cabernet Sauvignon (French Oak).....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
2003 Merlot .....	9.00	90.00	_____	_____
2004 Cabernet Merlot .....	10.00	100.00	_____	_____
2004 Anton Ruche (Shiraz Mondeuse).....	16.00	192.00	_____	_____
2000 Sparkling Shiraz .....	16.00	192.00	_____	_____
<b>FORTIFIED TABLE WINES</b>				
	Bottle	Flagon		
Fine Dry Flor (Fino Sherry) .....	10.00		_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry) .....	9.00	18.00	_____	_____
Oloroso (Sherry) .....	13.00		_____	_____
Cream (Sherry) .....	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	9.50	19.00	_____	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
Rosewood Old Tawny (Port).....	20.00		_____	_____
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port) .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
1998 Vintage Ruby (Port) .....	10.00		_____	_____
2002 Old Cellar (Vintage Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
2005 Walnut Muscat.....	16.00		_____	_____
2004 Walnut Red .....	15.00		_____	_____
Muscat (Rutherglen).....	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
Tokay/Muscadelle (Rutherglen) .....	15.00	31.00	_____	_____
<b>LIMITED RELEASES — subject to availability</b>				
	Bottle	Dozen		
NV Amontillado (375ml).....	15.00		_____	_____
NV Old Vine Muscadelle (375ml).....	40.00		_____	_____
NV Grand (Special) Muscat (375ml).....	50.00		_____	_____
<b>SUMMER DEALS</b>				
		\$		\$
The Election Collection.....		120.00	_____	_____
Rudolph's Reds .....		150.00	_____	_____
Awesome Poursome .....		135.00	_____	_____
Turkey, Thyme & Wine .....		135.00	_____	_____
Olé Olé .....		125.00	_____	_____
Cracker Crate .....		55.00	_____	_____

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<b>BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES</b>				
	Per Ltr	26 Ltr		
Dry Red .....	4.00	104.00	_____	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry) .....	7.50	195.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	8.50	221.00	_____	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	6.50	169.00	_____	_____
Muscat .....	14.00	364.00	_____	_____
Tokay/Muscadelle .....	14.00	364.00	_____	_____
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port) .....	12.00	312.00	_____	_____

**N.B. \$10 security deposit on containers**

### NEW FREIGHT RATES NOW APPLY

SUB TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
PLUS FREIGHT \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$
Adelaide	12.40	24.00	35.70	47.30
Brisbane	15.80	30.80	45.90	60.90
Canberra	13.30	25.80	38.40	50.90
Melbourne	11.50	21.50	31.90	42.30
Vic-Country	13.10	25.50	37.90	50.30
Sydney	13.40	26.00	38.70	51.30
NSW-Rural	15.30	29.80	44.40	58.90
Perth	25.10	49.40	73.80	98.10
Gold Coast	16.10	31.50	46.90	62.30
Tasmania	22.90	45.10	67.30	89.50

Freight rates approximate only -  
Specific prices on application

\*Minimum Mail Order: 12 bottles - can be mixed wines.

\*Flagons: Must be either 4 or 6 to a carton.

\*Payment must be forwarded with the order.

\*Prices may vary without notice. \*Title for the goods sold by us passes only on receipt of payment in full.

### PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Would you like to have your name added to our mailing list?

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Delivery Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cheque/Money Order  Bankcard  Mastercard  Visa Card

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**N.B. I certify that I am 18 years or older Signature:**