

# CHAMBERS

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## Editorial

An orange-red moon rides the ashen sky casting an eerie light as the ridge of hills to the east of Rutherglen is silhouetted against the flames.

A collective 'Ahh' is heard amongst the locals assembled near the water tower as the wind gusts to provide an even more spectacular vista. Great billows of smoke hang overhead and we are enveloped in an unexpectedly cool and quiet shroud.

Radio and television reports keep us abreast of the latest news on the situation and everyone mentally lists precious belongings to be packed "just in case." It is almost a surreal atmosphere as we hear of nearby towns being evacuated then calmly get on with our day to day activities.

Being on the border we see many differences in operations between the Victoria and New South Wales fire services. One of the most obvious being that Victorians are able to stay and defend their properties whereas on the other side of the river you can be forced to leave.

Wonderful stories of kind and courageous acts abound as local communities pull together and we welcome fire crews from as far a field as New Zealand and America.

I was amused to learn that a certain famous water-bombing helicopter has emblazoned on its fuselage "Elvis has wet the building."

We also welcome Isabella to the fire front.

More anxious times lay ahead but the spirit of mateship, the willingness to lend a hand and look out for each other will bind us together. We still live in the lucky country and need to remember what Abigail van Buren once said - "If you want a place in the sun you have got to put up with a few blisters."

## Gossip & Goodies

Expatriate Ian Jasper, who now resides in Bali, reported in while he was here on holiday. The chilli bug spray (Vol. 15) has been very effective over there and he has circulated the recipe and jokes far and wide.

**Be sure to see page 3 for news of another innovative bug-warfare strategy.**

Our What's in a Word competition elicited lots of responses, particularly about a similar game featured by the Sydney Morning Herald.

Using the same idea but this time taking a well-known foreign phrase, changing one letter then finding a new meaning for it produced more than a few amusing suggestions.

**Deja pu:** In strife again

**Dipso fact:** I am really drunk

**Gluten morgen:** a Boring breakfast cereal

**Adent provocateu:** Road rage

**Magnum optus:** Another huge phone bill

**Harpe die:** To nag all day

**Sayonada:** We've run out of crackers

**Ad pauseam:** The remote is stuck

**Modum operandi:** I am on line

**Haste cuisine:** Takeaway food

**Quod prat demonstrandum:** The dope's been shown how to do it often enough

**Quip pro quo:** Fast retort

**Harley-vouz Francais:** Can you drive a French motorcycle?

**Repondez s'il vous plaid:** Honk if you're Scottish

**We are happy to include your offerings in future Newsletters if you'd care to put your mind into action and come up with a few of your own.**

*"What contemptible scoundrel stole the cork from my lunch?" W C Fields*

The charming Inuit Toast from our last Newsletter triggered the desire for us to compile a list of Toasts from other countries. Greetings of good cheer from other cultures such as Prost, Kumpi and Salut  would also be appreciated.

Rosewood's 2003 Vintage officially commenced at 6am on 30 January when our trusty team of pickers started on the fruit for our ever-popular Light Muscat.

- New release 2001 Late Harvest \$9/bottle

*"oesn'tda hista akema ouya eelfa ostalgicna orfa hoseta aysda foa implea unfa? hatta imeta eforeba ideova amesga, venea eforeba ele- visionta, henwa ouya njoyedea lyingfa iteska roa layingpa ricketca ithwa heta idska romfa pua heta treetsta?"*

*orsema odeca asha oinedja atinla ndaa allenfa ntoia isuseda ndaa t'sia imet ota allyfa nterestia nia notheraa foa ife'sla implea lea- surespa ndaa nsureea tia oesd otna uietlyqa lipsa wayaa."*



**Congratulations Ann!**

Another favourite subscriber, Ray Palmer of Canberra, carried a bottle of the Rare Muscat when he visited Texas, USA. This wine was to be a special gift for his son's neighbour on the occasion of her 50th birthday.

It turned out the neighbour was Ann Reekman who grew up just down the road from Rosewood!

## Up Coming Events

- **Valentines Day**

February 14, 2003

Why not treat someone special to a romantic weekend in the North East? You'll find excellent restaurants, accommodation to suit all tastes and we've heard the wine is great.

- **Tastes of Rutherglen Festival**

8 - 17 March 2003

Enjoy two weekends full of fine wine, food, fun and live music as participating wineries present a glass of their best matched with entr e sized meals.

'Why I love my Town' is the theme for our annual Rosewood Art Exhibition & Competition featuring Children's Art. **Entries invited**.

Phone 02/6032 8641 for entry forms and further details.

- **Music enthusiasts**

15 March 2003

Don't miss James Morrison's Jazz extravaganza in the vines!

Bookings 1800 021 621

- **Pro Rodeo, Chiltern**

9 March 2003

Chiltern Information Centre 03 5762 1611

- **Easter**

18-21 April 2003

We close Good Friday re-opening Easter Saturday & Monday 9am to 5pm and Sunday 11am to 5pm

- **Winery Walkabout**

6-9 June 2003

This popular festival has been operating for 30 years this year! Come and help us celebrate with a fun-filled weekend.

Be sure to book early!

**A special reminder to the children!  
Get your entries for the Chambers  
Rosewood Art Exhibition and  
Competition in before 5pm on  
24 February, 2003.**

**Wine Profile: Traminer**

Another old world variety that is valued for its aromatic characters. It is probably best known for its clone, Gerwurztraminer, which has produced some famous Alsatian wines.

Rosewood's Traminer vines are about 25 years old. The limited numbers producing adequate amounts of juice for its very minor role in our Rieslings and the Lakeside Late Harvest wines.

The warmer climate of our district does not encourage the vigorous growth they enjoy in cooler climates and the fruit grows in small, tight bunches on very short, woody stalks making them tough to pick.

**Bundaberg Batter**

Mr & Mrs Robert Stenhouse of Elliott Heads, Queensland have kindly shared this recipe. The mixture is enough for two people but you may want to double the quantity. It is very easy to see why they can't keep up with their guest's appetites. Suitable for fish, prawns, scallops and calamari or try with zucchini, eggplant and banana.

**Ingredients:**

- 1/2 cup Self Raising Flour
- 1/2 stubby of Beer
- Handful of coconut

**Method:**

Mix well to a pancake consistency, cover and leave in fridge for 1/2 hour.

Lightly dust the fish with flour, dip in the batter mix and remove excess.

Batter should be hot enough to brown within a few seconds. Do not over cook.

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Every effort is made to address Newsletters correctly. Sometimes, however, as you can imagine, after a day of sampling, the handwriting on our registration sheets is not clear. Consequently mail is quite often returned 'No such address' or 'User Unknown' if going electronically.

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**SUBSCRIBERS ONLY OFFERS**

Expires 31/05 /03

Unless sold out beforehand

**• Heart's Glory**

- 4x '98 Chardonnay
- 3 x '00 Botrytis Tokay
- 4 x '98 Blue Imperial
- 1 x Grand Muscat

**\$195 plus freight**

**• Valentino's Revenge**

- 3 x '01 Gouais
- 3 x '97 Autumn White
- 3 x '99 Shiraz & Blue Imperial
- 1 x Rutherglen Muscat
- 1 x Rutherglen Tokay
- 1 x Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port)

**\$115 plus freight**

**• All Things Right & Riesling**

- 3 x '93 Riesling
- 3 x '97 Riesling
- 3 x '98 Riesling
- 3 x '00 Riesling

**\$125 plus freight**

**• Oh Me Darl'n**

- 3 x '96 Botrytis Tokay (375ml)
- 3 x '00 Botrytis Tokay (375ml)
- 3 x Rutherglen Red (375ml)
- 1 x Amontillado (375ml)
- 1 x Old Vine Muscadelle (375ml)
- 1 x Grand Muscat (375ml)

**\$155 plus freight**

**• Roses Are Red**

- 4 x '96 Blue Imperial
- 4 x '98 Blue Imperial
- 2 x '91 LVB (Late Bottled Vintage Port)
- 2 x '93 LVB (Late Bottled Vintage Port)

**\$185 plus freight**

## People Profile: Laurie Richards



This is the face that goes with the voice that usually responds to your telephone calls when you ring us at Chambers.

Laurie Richards travels under many identities often being referred to as everything from the Winemaker, Owner and Bill's son to Roberta's husband and the bloke who sweeps the floor.

Cellar manager more accurately describes his role with his cheerful can-do attitude and efficient service are key factors in our ability to so often exceed customer expectations.

After many years as a Bank Manager with a strong interest in wine, Laurie finally saw the light some five and a half years ago came over to this side of the counter. We now have the advantage of his considerable people and fiscal skills. Mind you - no one is safe from his of sense of humour. Although quite often self-effacing he is just as likely to call you "hairy legs" or tell you that should have a bag over your head! Being a Richmond supporter though he's well used to copping it back twofold.



The face of drought - one of Rosewood's dams.

## Tastes of Rutherglen Festival

Nineteen local wineries will participate in this year's festival which runs over two weekends beginning on March 8th and welcomes 3 new outlets for your enjoyment.

A host of fine wines and foods are complimented by an array of special functions and events throughout the district.

It's a fun time with a relaxed, less lively atmosphere, probably attracting more discerning Patrons than the Winery Walkabout festival held over the Queen's Birthday weekend each June.

Music enthusiasts can enjoy James Morrison's Jazz extravaganza in the vines at St Leonard's vineyards, Wahgunyah on March 15. Entry is via pre-paid ticket only and includes a local gourmet hamper, so call early to make your reservations please phone 1800 021 621.

**Serendipity led scientists undertaking field studies on an introduced species of frog in Hawaii, to a novel way to manage snail and slug problems.**

**Plain old instant coffee, or more specifically, the caffeine in it, is all that is needed to literally stop these nasty critters in their tracks. Sprayed on at .01% dilution (a cup contains about .05%) it will effectively control these destructive pests without resorting to harsh chemicals. Coffee grounds spread around new seedlings will also ward off cats.**

## BUBBA'S NEW TRUCK

One day, Jimmy Joe was walking down Main Street when he saw his buddy Bubba driving a brand new pickup. Bubba pulled up to him with a wide grin. "Bubba, where'd you get that truck?"

"Bobby Sue gave it to me," Bubba replied. "She gave it to you? I knew she was kinda sweet on you, but a new truck?" asked Jimmy Joe. "Well," said Bubba, "let me tell you what happened. We were driving out on a road in the middle of nowhere. Bobby Sue pulled off the road, put the truck in four-wheel drive and headed into the woods.

She parked the truck, got out, threw off all her clothes and said 'Bubba, take whatever you want.' So I took the truck!"

Jimmy Joe smiled and said, "You's a smart man Bubba - them clothes ain't never gonna fit you!"

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## • New Wine/Vintage /Price Cellar Door Price List - Autumn 2003

WHITE TABLE WINES	Bottle \$	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
2001 Gouais .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1998 Chardonnay .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
•1998 Riesling .....	9.00	108.00	_____	_____
2000 Chandlers Riesling .....	7.00	70.00	_____	_____
NV Rutherglen White (Cleanskin) .....	6.00	60.00	_____	_____
•2001 Rosewood Riesling (Semi Sweet) .....	9.00	108.00	_____	_____
•2001 Late Harvest .....	9.00	108.00	_____	_____
•1997 Autumn White .....	10.00	120.00	_____	_____
1996 Botrytis Tokay (375ml).....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
2000 Botrytis Tokay (375ml).....	13.00	156.00	_____	_____
•2000 Botrytis Tokay .....	25.00	300.00	_____	_____

RED TABLE WINES	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
2001 Vidals Rosé.....	7.00	84.00	_____	_____
1999 Rosewood Red (Cleanskin) .....	7.00	70.00	_____	_____
1999 Cabernet Sauvignon .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1998 Blue Imperial.....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____
1999 Shiraz & Blue Imperial.....	10.00	120.00	_____	_____
2000 Shiraz .....	10.00	120.00	_____	_____
NV Rutherglen Red .....	8.50	102.00	_____	_____

FORTIFIED TABLE WINES	Bottle	Flagon	Qty	Total
•Rutherglen Dry Flor .....	9.00	18.00	_____	_____
Oloroso .....	13.00		_____	_____
•Cream Sherry .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
Ol-Vol Muscadelle (375ml).....	20.00		_____	_____
Vol (Maderia).....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
•Rutherglen Tokay .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
•Rutherglen Muscat.....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
2001 Walnut Muscat.....	15.00		_____	_____
Rutherglen Tawny (Port).....	8.00	16.00	_____	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	9.50	19.00	_____	_____
Mt Carmel (Liqueur Port) .....	13.00	27.00	_____	_____
1998 Vintage Ruby (Port) .....	10.00		_____	_____
1993 LBV (Late bottled Vintage Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
1993 Old Cellar Vintage Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
1994 Walnut Red (Port).....	15.00		_____	_____
Rutherglen Old Tawny (Port) .....	15.00		_____	_____
Old Vine Muscadelle .....	20.00		_____	_____

LIMITED RELEASES — subject to availability	Bottle	Dozen	Qty	Total
NV Amontillado (375ml) .....	11.00		_____	_____
Grand (Special) Muscat (375ml) .....	40.00		_____	_____
1998 Cabernet Sauvignon .....	15.00	180.00	_____	_____
1998 Shiraz .....	15.00	180.00	_____	_____
1997 Riesling .....	10.00	120.00	_____	_____
2000 Lakeside Late Harvest .....	12.00	144.00	_____	_____

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CLUB MEMBERS ONLY SPECIALS	Dozen \$	Qty	Total \$
Heart's Glory .....	195.00	_____	_____
Valentino's Revenge.....	115.00	_____	_____
All Things Right & Riesling.....	125.00	_____	_____
Oh Me Dar'n.....	155.00	_____	_____
Roses Are Red.....	185.00	_____	_____
BULK WINE PRICES - OVER 20 LITRES	Per Ltr	26 Ltr	
•Dry Red .....	5.00	130.00	_____
Dry White.....	3.50	91.00	_____
Tokay.....	12.00	312.00	_____
Muscat .....	12.00	312.00	_____
Tawny (Port) .....	6.50	169.00	_____
Ruby (Port) .....	8.50	221.00	_____
Mt. Carmel (Liqueur Port).....	12.00	312.00	_____
Dry Flor (Sherry) .....	6.50	169.00	_____

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

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

### FREIGHT COSTS

	1Ctn \$	2Ctn \$	3Ctn \$	4Ctn \$	6Plus Each
<b>Adelaide</b>	11.85	19.80	26.60	33.40	42.35
<b>Brisbane</b>	15.70	26.60	36.80	48.10	59.45
<b>Canberra</b>	10.70	16.40	22.05	27.70	32.25
<b>Melbourne</b>	13.20	17.60	22.00	27.50	31.90
<b>Vic-Country</b>	11.85	19.80	26.60	33.40	42.35
<b>Sydney</b>	10.70	17.50	23.20	30.00	35.65
<b>NSW-Rural</b>	13.00	20.90	27.70	34.50	42.45
<b>Perth</b>	28.85	45.85	62.85	79.85	95.70
<b>Gold Coast</b>	17.50	28.85	40.20	50.40	61.70
<b>Tasmania</b>	35.50				

**Freight rates approximately 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.

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

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

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

Delivery Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cheque/Money Order     Bankcard     Mastercard     Visa Card    Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card No.

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