

WINE AND FOOD SOCIETY OF PALMERSTON NORTH INC.



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NEWSLETTER March 2006

Members of the committee have catered the last two Wine & Food Society functions so it is with some feelings of relief that we post the next two social events!

Friday 17th March – 6.30pm

RESTAURANT MEAL

“India Today”

George Street

\$20 per person

byo wine

Wear something green!

Thursday 27th April 7.30pm

AGM

Boardroom

Stewarts Electrical

60-64 Lombard Street

Formal Dinner

June

Weekender

May/August

Sojourn to Fiji

July

Information on a group getaway has been forwarded to you.

Let us know if you would like to come before 20th March.

Deposits of \$500 due May

RSVP – BEFORE 10TH March.

To The Secretary, P O Box 401, Palm North

Yes I/we will be attending the Restaurant Meal at “India Today”

Name/s.....

Cheque attached \$20/\$40

I would like to come to Fiji.....

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Notes from the Committee:

The 2007 Federation Convention will be here next year. (*It is our turn!*)

A separate committee will work on this event. Suggested planning date is for March/April 2007.

From the eye of the grape.....

'MARINARA MEDITERREANA'

What a wonderful day to be dining out in the country. The hot sticky atmosphere of Palmy behind us, we meandered up Moonshine Valley Road looking for Whiskey Way, enjoying the countryside and dreaming of rye and coke (or rye and soda or rye and rye). Then up the gently curving drive to the Schroder home.

It was perfect weather for a leisurely garden stroll before dinner. Who could not have been aware of the tremendous amount of hard work that was required to develop a hill section into such a landscape? Ingrid and Arron have done a truly magnificent job, and there's more to come! There were lots of little rooms to explore within the garden. Fruit trees were carefully guarded to keep the birds and o'possums out. Even without watering, everything from flowers to shrubs and trees took delight in its surroundings.

A wonderfully warm welcome, along with a glass of cold wine or punch, and an invitation to the patio overlooking Palmerston North. We caught up with friends and the latest chat and took in the view down into the valley as the sun faded. Kereru ducked and dived, and the city in the distance, put on night attire.

Who could resist the rounds of hors d'oeuvres that were prepared and passed round by our very talented committee, each of who took great delight in presenting their specialty? Every one of these delectable dishes was tried, sometimes more than once! I had my favourite and I'm sure that you did also. The sauvignon blanc and chardonnay were both an excellent complement.

Of course the fish theme continued through the main course – the evening was not frivolously named '**MARINARA MEDITERREANA**'. We heeded the call to retire to the sheltered outdoor dining area where valiant spouses of committee members slaved over hot barbeques producing crumbed fillets and whole snapper. Delicious salads and vegetables accompanied the fish. Surprisingly, most of us found room for a rich dessert with a very pleasant Riesling alongside. The backdrop of a generous fire and fireplace added to the atmosphere of a perfect evening amongst friends.

A very special vote of thanks – first of all to Ingrid and Arron for lending their beautiful home and being the perfect hosts, secondly to the committee (and spouses!) for the thought and effort that gave us such wonderful food, thirdly to the company of good friends, and lastly to mother nature for turning on such a perfect summer evening.

cheers

