



WINE GUILD VICTORIA INCORPORATED

62nd PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2020 – 2021.

It is with great pleasure that I present this report of the Guild's activities for the 2020-2021 year.

Firstly, may I congratulate all of our Guild members for supporting the Guild Committee and our functions during the most difficult times during COVID - 19 restrictions.

The use of the Zoom program by Graeme Lofts, assisted by Tom Bendistinto proved to be a great success with many members joining in. I am sure this application will be very useful if the restrictions are to continue.

Earlier this year we received the sad news of the passing of Guild member Gayle Di Pietro, fond niece of Grace Rago, who only a few days earlier had joined us on the Surf Coast wine tour in March.

The Committee is happy to welcome 19 new members to the Guild during the past financial year. They are:

Dale King, Judith Sitch, Tony Pastore, Paul Byron, Andrew Breedon-Walton, Ian Cook, Jenny Jordan, Greg Jordan, Ann Menoudakis, Graeme Turner, Frank Di Stefano, Gabby Callaghan, Julie Feehan, Margot Hogarth-Scott, Peg Gill, Jim Seeto, Liz Kirtlan, Sue Lane and Jenny Wilkins.

With pleasure I list the Guild functions for the year.

21 st July, 2020	Zoom Taste & Talk Barossa Valley V Yarra Valley with Sarah Crowe.
19 th August, 2020	Zoom Taste & Talk Wines of Tuscany.
17 th September, 2020	Zoom AGM meeting followed by Fortified Wine of Rutherglen.
1 st – 7 th November	Tour of Tasmania:- deferred to October 2021 because of the lockdown.
4 th November, 2020	Zoom Wines of Tasmania.
13 th December, 2021	Christmas breakup at the Central Gardens in Hawthorn.
7 th February, 2021	Breakfast on the Yarra. Catered by Your Private Chef.
21 st March, 2021	Surf Coast Tour.
22 nd April, 2021	Developing the palate senses with Emad Akhnoukh from Holmesglen TAFE.
19 th May, 2021	Wines of Provenance with Ashley Miller
16 th June, 2021	Le Gallois French Restaurant with Dominique Portet. Cancelled by venue due to the lockdown

May I take this opportunity to thank your Committee for a fantastic job keeping the Guild functional during Covid 19, especially Graeme Lofts, with his Zoom programs and E-news and Di Lofts our Secretary, both who have contributed hundreds of hours putting the functions together.

Long standing Committee member Brian Fogarty stepped down from the Committee early this year to take a well-deserved rest. Brian has been a valued Committee Member for over 20 years and Cellar Master for most of them. Thank you Brian for your dedication and contribution to the Committee and the Guild.

I am also very pleased to see all of the current Committee seeking to re-stand for 2021- 2022.

Bob Bailey
President. 13th September 2021.