



PHOENIX C.C. WINE APPRECIATION CLUB

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year:

Hard to believe we are almost half way through the first month of 2026. It is also hard to believe that our fledgling Phoenix has thrived through the first six months of its life. But both are realities and we look forward to taking our baby into the new year with a renewed vigour and some great wine tasting events.



Our Picnic:

We certainly started in the right vein. Our picnic was scheduled for Saturday, January 10, but when the forecast of 40 degrees plus was imminent, we shifted it to the following day. Great decision. It was cold, overcast and sometimes wet but didn't dissuade our attendees one bit from an enjoyable evening.



Karin & Chris

Thank you to our hosts, Karin and Chris, who offered their delightful patio and back garden area as our venue. We all fitted snugly under their patio shelter as various bottles of wine were opened and sampled, the conversation flowed and we watched the gentle rain fall on the garden. And what a pretty garden it was.



Ron & Judy with Karin's guest Diane

While I did remember to take some piccies this event, I didn't take one of the dogs, but luckily, Karin was able to provide one.



Tala & Duke

Tala is an enormous, thirteen month old Wolfhound and Duke a much more mature, almost elderly, Heinz. They won everyone's hearts - even Noel's.

Tala managed to negotiate the circle, amongst all those wine glasses and bottles, tail swinging, without a single mishap. She in particular, made many new friends that night.



So, after the wine bottles were emptied, the meat BBQed and the salads consumed, we made our way home, through the pouring rain, at a reasonably respectable hour.

A huge thank you to our hosts - who have now become our newest members!

Membership Fee Reduction:

Just a reminder that our Membership Fee has been reduce by 50% for the remainder of the current financial year, bringing it to \$12.50 pp. If you have friends who may have been undecided about joining us, the fee reduction could entice them to bite the bullet. All the details are on our website.

www.phoenixccwac.org

Our February Event:

Our next even will be held at Phillip House, at Kariong, on Thursday, February 12, at 7.30. Please RSVP, and pay, by February 6. Cost \$15.00 pp for members, \$20.00 for visitors.

Some of the world's most famous wines are made from single grape varieties (eg red and white Burgundies) others are blends of multiple grape varieties (e.g. most red and white Bordeaux wines). In February, we are going to taste six Australian blended wines: two based on the blending employed in Bordeaux and four that are distinctly Australian, so do join us for what promises to be a tasting with a difference.

Looking forward to catching up in February with our members who were unable to make it to our picnic. And If you haven't tried out our Phoenix yet, here is your opportunity.

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