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**The Guild encourages the responsible consumption of alcohol**

The Guild meets on the last Friday of each month (except December)  
at the Eltham Living & Learning Centre at 7.45 pm  
Next meeting: 26 July 2013

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## Next Meeting – 26 July

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Our next meeting for 2013 will be held in the Pavilion at the Eltham Living and Learning Centre, commencing at 7.45 pm on Friday 26 July 2013.

Guests checking out joining the Guild are welcome to our regular meetings, as always.

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## President's Press

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*Bill Loughlin*

### **AGM FRIDAY 26 JULY**

This is an important meeting for the Guild and its ongoing activities. Most positions have nominations but any financial member is invited to submit a nomination for any position. Please see the June Newsletter for the nomination forms and other AGM papers attached to the Newsletter.

### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

There are still a few outstanding, so please renew by the AGM, the cost is only \$30 for 2013/4.

### **INTERNATIONAL NIGHT FRIDAY 28 JUNE**

This was held at the Hungarian Club on Friday 28 June and was regarded, by those who have attended past International nights, as the best yet. The food was excellent as were the wines which were provided by the Guild and the Hungarian Embassy who were represented on the night.

We were entertained with a Gypsy trio who provided bright music and singing from 7.00 to 10.00pm.

My thanks to Darko Postruzin who did all the organisation of this successful event. The Guild was pleased with the support from members and friends as we needed a minimum of 50 people at the restaurant. We had 53 on the night.

### **RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The Executive has decided on a new 3 tier system of awards to recognise special contributions made by members throughout the year.

Life membership will only be awarded to a member who has made a long and sustained contribution to the Guild over at least 20 years. There will be one offered this year.

A second level is a Golden Gong, for sustained and continuing contribution over more than 10 years. Only one will be offered this year.

A third level is a Commendation Award for members who provide outstanding service to the Guild over a shorter time period. Eight members have been identified.

Names of award winners will be announced in my Annual Report which will be sent out to members prior to the AGM.

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## Forward Program for Future Guild Meetings

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DATE	THEME	PRESENTER
<b>Guild Meeting</b> Friday 26 July	AGM & WOTY Member Wine Tasting	
<b>Wine Show</b> Sunday 25 August	Frankston Wine Show (Entries close 27 July)	
<b>Guild Meeting</b> Friday 30 August	Barrel care/maintenance & white wine blending	Karen Coulston
<b>Wine Show</b> Sunday 23 September	ANAWBS (Adelaide) Wine Show (Entries need to reach Winequip Reservoir by 30 August)	
<b>Guild Meeting</b> Friday 27 September	Preparation of wines for Wine Shows	Helmut Doerner Harry Gilham
<b>Guild Meeting</b> Friday 25 October	Wine Show preparation Associate Judge / Steward Briefing Member Wine Tasting	
<b>Wine Show</b> 15/16/17 November	EDWG - Wine Show	
<b>Meeting &amp; Social</b> December	Wine show debrief & end of year social get together - date to be set	
<b>Social Event</b> Friday 31 January	Start of Year BBQ	

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## EDWG Annual General Meeting

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### Message from Secretary:

The July EDWG meeting will include the Annual General meeting. Attached below for your information are the Minutes of the 27 July 2012 AGM.

Meeting was attended by 18 members.

Apologies: Gary Campanella, Richard Bortko, Geoff Neagle, Bill Bussau

### Previous Minutes

In the absence of the Secretary, the minutes of the previous 2011 AGM were read by Bill Loughlin.

Motion: That the minutes be accepted.

Proposed: Danny Cappellani    Seconded: Zenon Kolacz    Motion passed.

### President's Report

The focus this year has been on building the winemaking skills of members. A WOTY sheet has been developed which acts as a prompt to winemakers in regard to the records which they need to keep during the winemaking process. The sheet should be referred to by the winemaker at Guild meetings when the wine is being tasted (WOTY). This will enable members to learn from the experience of other members and associate wine characteristics with winemaking methods.

Thanks to Gary Campanella for his strong contribution as secretary over recent years.

Thanks to Richard Bortko for preparing the newsletter every month. The newsletter could contain a lot more material and members are encouraged to send articles to Richard for publication.

Thanks to David Pryor for his strong contribution as treasurer over a prolonged period.

Thanks to Greg Martin for running a successful wine show, especially considering it was his first time as wine show director. The wine show made a small profit which was a great outcome considering the difficult circumstances.

Thanks to Zenon Kolacz who is stepping down from the committee. Zenon was congratulated for being promoted into the role of judge at the last wine show.

The International Night was a great success with 34 members turning up. The live entertainment was one of the highlights of the evening. Members are encouraged to support this event in future. Guild membership is of concern at the moment with only 34 members having renewed their subscription. Members are reminded that subscriptions were now overdue and should be paid before the end of August if people wanted to retain their membership.

Motion: That the President's report be accepted.

Proposed: Zenon Kolacz      Seconded: Bill Bussau      Motion passed

### Treasurer's Report

As a result of David Pryor stepping down as treasurer recently, Mario Anders has been undertaking the role on a temporary basis until this AGM. Mario reported that the guild has approximately \$18.5k in the bank and is in a healthy financial position. He has checked the books handed over by David Pryor and is satisfied that they are in order. Expenses were down this year as a result of not having a field trip. This event has run at a significant loss over recent years due to poor member participation.

### Election of Office Bearers

Bill Loughlin then formally stood down as President and handed control of the meeting to Harry Gilham for the election of new office bearers.

#### Election of President

Only one nomination received - Bill Loughlin - Bill elected unopposed

Harry handed control of the meeting to the new President for the election of remaining office bearers.

Immediate Past President - Spencer Field automatically fills this role as a result of Bill being President for a second year.

#### Election of Secretary

No nominations received - Position remains unfilled

#### Election of Treasurer

Only one nomination received - Mario Anders

Proposed: Bill Loughlin,      Seconded: Darko Postruzin      Mario elected unopposed

#### Election of Public Officer

Only one nomination received - Mario Anders

Proposed: Bill Loughlin,      Seconded: Trevor Sleep      Mario elected unopposed

#### Election of Committee Member

Nomination received - Darko Prostruzin

Proposed: Bill Loughlin, Seconded: N Johannesen Darko elected unopposed

Election of Committee Member

Nomination received - Trevor Sleep

Proposed: Bill Loughlin Seconded: Mario Anders Trevor elected unopposed

Election of Committee Member

Nomination received - Danny Cappellani

Proposed: Bill Loughlin Seconded: Zenon Kolacz Danny elected unopposed

Election of Newsletter Editor

Nomination received - Richard Bortko (Richard not present but had indicated that he was prepared to accept the nomination)

Proposed: Bill Loughlin Seconded: Trevor Sleep Richard elected unopposed

Wine Show Director - Greg Martin continues in this role

Website Manager - Marcel Theunissen continues in this role

Asset Manager - Geoff Neagle continues in this role

### General Business

Harry Gilham noted the president's earlier request for members to contribute more newsletter articles. He said this would be easier and more likely to happen if the newsletter contained a mail and email address that articles could be forwarded to. Bill Loughlin said that this was a good idea and would discuss with Richard Bortko. There should be no problem including the addresses in the next newsletter.

Harry Gilham suggested that consideration be given to making David Pryor a Life Member in recognition of his long and valuable contribution to the guild as treasurer. Bill responded that this suggestion will be considered by the committee.

Minutes prepared by Mario Fantin as the Secretary (Gary Campanella) was not in attendance at the meeting.

# ELTHAM WINE SHOW | 2013

*Sunday 17 November 2013*

*11 am - 3 pm Eltham Community Centre  
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*This is the 44<sup>th</sup> Wine Show sponsored by the Eltham Wine Guild which promotes fellowship through winemaking:  
**Share, Learn, Enjoy!***



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## Wine Quotes and News

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### Articles wanted

Articles of interest, whether they are quotes or newsworthy, are requested from members. If you have a draft version or need some assistance, I'm happy to assist for its inclusion.

(Ed.)

### Wine Quotes



“It’s got a sort of mousey taste”

### The Vintner’s Letters - Pete McAra Mira Books 2007

(Based on the true story and the love letters of Marcia Fuller and Maurice O’Shea.)

“Obsessed, that’s what he was.”

I wait.

“You’re just like him.”

“You and all your wine making friends - you’re all obsessed. You are all just as bad. It’s depressing.”

Now I cop it.

This is Shirley's response to reading "The Vintner's Letters" by Peter McAra, the touching story of how Maurice O'Shea wooed and married Marcia Fuller, the love of his life.

I let her rant.

After all it isn't every day you get compared to the great Maurice O'Shea, he of the amazing taste buds, who set up Mt. Pleasant winery and made the Hunter an icon of Australian wine.

And I guess I can get used to you, who are brothers and sisters in the Craft, being included. Because we are to a degree, slightly obsessed. However we are nothing to Maurice. Making wine, making the best wine and getting others to taste and like it was all he worked for, and nothing stood in its way.

Maurice O'Shea almost single-handedly created the wine industry as an organized force in Australian agriculture. He wasn't the first but when he bought the King's vineyard he turned both it and the winemaking world around. He had trained in France, even lectured there too before returning to Sydney to find a suitable vineyard site. And he found it at Pokolbin under the Brokenback Range. He bought the vineyard, he extended it and he made and blended the best wines in the region. Good on him, I say. Go for it. Every time you drink a Mt Pleasant wine, you are touching history.

But in the background to all this work is his love for the vivacious and highly skilled young pianist Marcia Fuller. A friend of his sister Nini, Marcia played one afternoon while visiting his mother's house in Sydney, and he was lovestruck from then on. She was sixteen.

He wooed her and won her but the path of true love is never easy as the letters he wrote and received show. Stuck up in the Hunter Valley Maurice poured his heart out in his letters. The correspondence is the Aussie equivalent of Abelard and Eloise and just as touching. "My letter can only carry paper kisses, but they are the softest and most affectionate I can offer my dearest sweetheart." When did you write anything like that on the back of a postcard?

He loved her but his all-consuming passion was the shadow that fell across their lives. He couldn't taste one of his wines without thinking, "I should have added a bit more of " or "thinking about the what ifs and if onlys.."

Yes he married her but they lived separate lives. His work saw to that.

This is a lovely and tender book. It shows how hard, physically, it was in those days to grub out the land, plant grapes and wait, wait for the weather to be kind. It shows what can be achieved by a driven man, and the price he - and Marcia - had to pay for that.

So we can be like him - obsessed with our wines - but let's keep it in perspective. Hmm, but if only I'd corrected the tannin in the 08 Shiraz .....

Graham Scott



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## Trading Barrel

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