



IWFS SYDNEY FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 18 TO 22, 2023

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

INTERNATIONAL WINE & FOOD SOCIETY - NSW BRANCH
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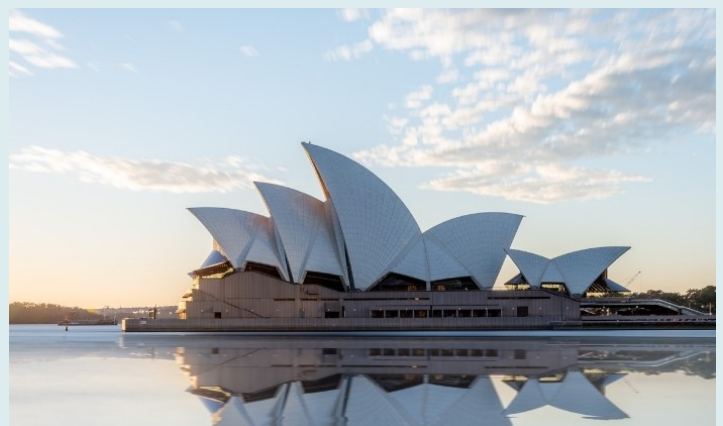
As the world reopens fully post Covid-19, the Area Committee of the APZ invites you to visit Sydney, Australia for an extravaganza where you will enjoy a wide variety of Australian wines from various regions in one of the greatest cities in the world. Sydney has risen like a phoenix after the lockdowns and many of its exceptional venues have now fully re-opened. Spring is also a lovely time to visit. We will showcase our magnificent harbour, The Sydney Opera House celebrating 50 years since opening and the Sydney Harbour Bridge celebrating its 90th birthday. You will also dine with us as the Society itself turns 90, having been founded in October 1933.

The Festival offers three lunches and four dinners in venues ranging from private clubs to exquisite harbourside restaurants. It includes wine tastings in heritage landmarks and on the harbour together with a tour of Sydney's famed Art Gallery of New South Wales with its recently opened modern extension. Dress will be smart casual throughout, with the exception of two black tie dinners. Early registration and payment is recommended as the Festival will be limited to 60 attendees. You will be taken through the best of Australian wines from Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and New South Wales in the company of guest wine makers led by Australian Master of Wine, Annette Lacey MW.

Special arrangements have been made with the Intercontinental Hotel on Macquarie Street in Sydney for your accommodation starting at A\$454.00 per room inclusive of breakfast. All participants are asked to stay there as this is where each event will commence and conclude and from where your transportation will be arranged. The hotel provides 5 Star service and luxury in the beautifully restored Treasury Building built in 1851 and is ideally located in the heart of Circular Quay where you will find the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Bookings for the hotel must be made directly with the hotel at www.sydneyintercontinental.com via [this link](#)

The Festival cost is A\$3,900 per person and includes all events and transportation. After the Festival concludes with the Gala Dinner on Saturday October 21st, the Annual General Meeting of the APZ will take place on the morning of Sunday October 22nd, followed by an optional lunch at an additional cost. Travel to and from Sydney for the Festival is not included in any of these prices.

There will also be a post tour to Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsular arranged by the Victorian Branch. Please click [HERE](#) for information or to make a booking.



PROGRAMME

Day One, Wednesday October 18th 2023

Registration at The InterContinental Hotel, will take place from 2pm to 5pm.

Following registration, guests will be welcomed at the Opening Reception and Black Tie Dinner at The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli. Your coach will leave from outside the hotel at 6:30pm and return you to the hotel after dinner. Dinner will be accompanied by a selection of wines from Western Australia as chosen by Michael Tamburri, the immediate Past Chair of the IWFS and a well known wine merchant in Perth.



Day Two, Thursday October 19th 2023

We depart by private coach around 11:15am for Bistro L'Heritage in the beautiful location of Chowder Bay, Mosman for a light lunch where the featured wines will come from regional New South Wales as selected by Jonathon Mattick, the winemaker at Canobolas Wines in Orange, NSW.



In the evening at 6:30 pm we will travel by coach for dinner to a spectacular location on the harbour at Sails in Lavender Bay, McMahons Point where we will enjoy a dinner specially prepared by Chef Saro Derderyan designed to match wines from New South Wales chosen and presented by the legendary Bruce Tyrrell of Tyrell's Wines. Bruce is a dear friend of our much-lamented Past Chair and Past President John Avery MS, who was one of the first wine merchants to bring Australian wines to the UK market with the world famous Penfolds Grange in 1966.

Day Three, Friday October 20th 2023

Mid-morning, you will take a short walk from your hotel across Sydney's famous Botanical Gardens to the Art Gallery of New South Wales where after a tour of the gallery you will enjoy a light lunch crafted by Matt Moran, one of Sydney's most esteemed chefs. Lunch will be accompanied by wines from the Canberra region in the Australian Capital Territory as selected by Festival Master of Wine, Annette Lacey.

In the evening you will be transported by water taxi at 6:00pm to Jones Bay Wharf, Pyrmont where you will dine at Sala, which specialises in fresh Australian Seafood with an Italian twist. Sala is a creation of Con Dedes, the former owner of the well-known restaurant, Flying Fish, and Chef Danny Russo. It is a celebrated location, and your dinner will be accompanied with wines from South Australia chosen and presented by Annette Lacey MW. This dinner marks the 90th Anniversary of the foundation of the Society by Andre Simon and AJA Symonds on 20 October 1933.

Day Four, Saturday October 21st 2023

As no visit to Sydney would be complete without a trip on the harbour our final day sees us on the harbour with Captain Cook Cruises at 11:30am where in addition to your cruise you will be taken through the wines of Tasmania by Greg Melick the owner of Pressing Matters in the Coal River Valley in a specially arranged tasting of the best of Tasmanian wines. With our seafood lunch we will enjoy Riesling and Pinot Noir wines from Pressing Matters itself.

In the evening the Festival will conclude with a Reception and Black Tie Gala Dinner at 7pm at The Australian Club, which is a short walk from your hotel. This is Australia's oldest private members club founded in 1838 and you will dine in the Members Dining Room where the chef will prepare a meal designed to accompany wines from Victoria where the Post Tour takes place as chosen and presented by Annette Lacey MW.



Day Five, Sunday October 22nd 2023

2023 Annual General Meeting of the Asia Pacific Zone (APZ)

In the morning at 10:30 am, we gather for the 2023 AGM of the APZ in the Intercontinental Hotel. This will be followed by an optional lunch at 12:30 at a nearby venue for those of you who wish to join at an additional cost. The cost and venue for the optional lunch will be advised to those attendees who express an interest to attend.

COST

A\$3,900 person. Hotel accommodation costs to be paid separately directly to the InterContinental. Hotel bookings can be made via [this link](#)

REGISTER

Please book via the IWFS.org website by following this [link](#).

If you are having difficulties using the IWFS website booking page or the hotel booking system please email the APZ Administration Manager at apz@iwfs.org and copying the Sydney Branch at iwfs.branchinfo@gmail.com providing your name, email address and Branch.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sydney.