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# Newsletter

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Pizza Day Sunday 14 September
Vintage Release Thursday 18 September 5pm –8pm
Literary lunch Friday 19 September 12pm
Italian Banquets Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 October 12pm
Children's Medical Research Institute Market Day Wednesday 15 October 10am–6pm
Vegetarian Feast Thursday 30 October 6pm
Wine Roses Jazz Festival Friday 31 October Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 November
Melbourne Cup Day Tuesday 47 November 130pm

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## Dear Friends,

We have a huge calendar this Spring, with lots happening at the Estate as the weather warms. Special lunches, dinners and events galore! It really is a great time of the year.

The vineyard still lies dormant, although our neighbours' stone fruit trees are already in blossom – clouds of pink and white. We did have a drift of daffodils on the banks of our dam which were vibrant until the sulfur-crested cockatoos snipped them off and, unfortunately, dug up some of the bulbs as well. The olive trees, although touched a little by the frosts, always look a generous green-grey.

Our wines from previous and current vintages have performed well in the recent spate of Wine Shows and we look forward to showing you some of our new releases on Thursday 18 September. We have some great specials as well. Do come along as our guests for some canapés and a drink after work.

We do hope we will see you here very soon, and don't forget to book any Christmas functions NOW as we are heavily booked already.

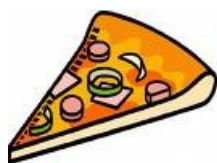
With best wishes

*Sally, John, Jessica and the team at Pialligo Estate*

## PIZZA DAY

The majority of our staff are having a well earned day off this Sunday, before the busy season is really upon us. So, we thought we would have a very casual 'Pizza Day' on this Sunday 14 September. Pizzas, mezze plates, salads, desserts and, of course, wine! Pizzas around \$15.00. Then it will be back to our regular menu and full on into the Christmas season.

**Bookings for pizzas: 6262 6692.**



## VINTAGE RELEASE—5PM –8PM THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Be our guests for drinks and canapés, after work. Sample our latest wine releases – 2008 Pinot Grigio, 2008 Riesling, 2008 Rosé, and try the whole range again. Taste our new 2008 olive oil and olive products, and just relax and enjoy an evening at Pialligo Estate as the sun sets over Parliament House. Please bring your friends as well.

**Bookings: 6262 6692.**

## AUTHOR, HOLLY KERR FORSYTH, FRIDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 12PM

Australia's Open Garden Scheme is hosting a lunch with garden writer and photographer Holly Kerr Forsyth at Pialligo Estate on Friday 19 September. Holly will discuss the lessons and memories that have influenced her life as a gardener (you may know her garden Kennerton Green in the Southern Highlands) and a writer (her books include *The Constant Gardener* and *Remembered Gardens: Eight Women and their Visions of an Australian Landscape*). \$60 includes talk, questions and 2 course lunch. **Book online at [www.opengarden.org.au](http://www.opengarden.org.au) or telephone: 6230 3143.**

**FLOWER  
FESTIVAL  
OCTOBER LONG  
WEEKEND**

To celebrate Floriade in Canberra, we will be decorating the cellar door and café with fresh blooms, which you can buy at much reduced prices. We will be florists for a weekend!

Saturday 4, Sunday 5 & Monday 6 October



**ITALIAN BANQUETS**

**SATURDAY 11 & SUNDAY 12  
OCTOBER 12PM**

To celebrate our two Italian varietal wines, we are hosting an Italian banquet on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 October at 12 noon. \$70 includes all you can eat (6/7 courses) matched with our Pinot Grigio or Sangiovese as well as live music reminiscent of Italy, pasta making demonstrations, and lots of fun. Those who attended last year had a wonderful time and made many new friends.

**Bookings: 6262 6692.**

**RECENT WINE SHOW  
RESULTS**

Our wines have recently been awarded:

- 1 silver and 2 bronze medals in the Winewise Magazine Small Vignerons Awards;
- 4 bronze medals in the NSW Small Winemakers Show;
- James Halliday in his 2009 *Australian Wine Companion* rated our Pinot Grigio 90.

**VEGETARIAN  
FEAST  
THURSDAY 30  
OCTOBER 6PM**

Well-known vegetarian cook and columnist with the *Canberra Times*, Diana Lampe, will join our chef to prepare an 8 course vegetarian menu, matched with Pialligo Estate wines. The food will have a Mediterranean/Middle Eastern flavour and will showcase the variety and possibilities of cooking without meat. This food will tempt even the most committed carnivore (just for one night!). **\$75.00 per head includes food and wine. Bookings essential: 6262 6692**

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**CHILDREN'S MEDICAL  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE—  
MARKET DAY 10AM –6PM**

**WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER**

Pialligo Estate is hosting the Children's Medical Research Institute's exhibition and 'market day' on Wednesday 15 October. Come and support a worthy charity while buying a range of gifts suitable for Christmas, or just for indulgence. Included are stalls selling:

**CMRI** Christmas cards and a variety of small gifts; **Hyles & Cameron** textiles and clothes from the Sub-Continent; **Judy McDonald** terracotta pottery; **Jane Brown** oriental pearls; **White Birch** linen and clothing; **Rusty Roof** corrugated iron garden sculpture; **Billabridgee** merino knitwear; **Libby Pongrass** Jewellery and cosmetic and carry bags; **Make -** French country and shaker style homewares; **Robyn Rowe** chocolates; **Heartfelt Australia** felt items from Nepal; **Warp and Weft** South American handmade items; **Hilary Wardhaugh** photography; **Suzy Hope's** ultimate ironing board covers; **Cuttingedgekids** consultancy and toys; **Silken Soles** clothing range from Vietnam; **Provençal Patch** homewares; **Riverina** freshwater pearls and sterling silver jewels; **Cinnamon Bear** children's wear; **Saucy Spice Company**; **Wagtail Designs** porcelain.

Come along for this opportunity to support the Children's Medical Research Institute Canberra Committee. **Entry by purchase of \$5.00 raffle ticket.**

We will also be offering light lunches, morning and afternoon teas, with **ESPRESSO** coffee (yes, you read this correctly!)

## MELBOURNE CUP DAY

**4 NOVEMBER**

We will have the 'big screen', sweeps, our own fashions on the field' and other entertainments at our Melbourne Cup lunch. Escape for the afternoon and enjoy a 3-course meal for \$55.00 including a glass of sparkling wine.

**Bookings essential:  
6262 6692.**



## WINE ROSES JAZZ FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 31, SATURDAY 1  
& SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

We are again joining with other wineries in the District to celebrate glorious Spring weather.

At Pialligo Estate you can kick start the weekend with tapas and drinks on Friday 31 October.

On the weekend we will be serving a range of Estate platters (book a table) or hampers (\$20pp) on Saturday until 7.00pm, Sunday 'til 5.00pm. 'Alopi and the Palermo Express Trio' will play soulful jazz from 1.00pm - 4.00pm each day. And of course, we will have free tastings of wine and Estate grown olive products and you can enjoy the rose garden in full bloom, as well as vineyard and olive grove walks or a wine and food matching experience at 4.00pm each day.

**Bookings are essential for the wine matching and to reserve a table for lunch. 6262 6692. Remember: 8.00pm close Friday; 10.00am-7.00pm Saturday; 10.00am-5.00pm Sunday.**