

With the 18th Symposium of Australian Gastronomy fast approaching, we have some important reminders:

WHAT TO BRING

Most important: **warm clothes** (especially for Sunday evening); and your specialty for the first **morning tea** – which might be themed to suit the *Good Constitution* session before, or the *Revolutionaries* session after.

FRIDAY EVENING

If you have not yet booked for the optional *Making the Revolution: La Petroleuse* degustation dinner in the Ginger Room, please don't miss this experience – bookings on 6273 4366 or online at www.gingercatering.com.au and cost is \$60, drinks additional.

Arrival

On Friday evening enter Old Parliament House by the 'Whitlam Steps' – the main front entrance staircase made legendary in 1975. –The front entrance is on King George Terrace facing the Tent Embassy, and the Australian War Memorial across Lake Burley Griffin. The guard on duty will direct you to the registration point, where we will welcome you from **5.30pm**.

Proceedings commence in **Kings Hall at 6pm** with the resonance of French culinary and civic influences in a royally-styled reception where Robyn Archer, Creative Director for the 2013 celebrations of the Centenary of Canberra, will deliver the opening address. The ABC's Alan Saunders then takes over in the House of Representatives chamber to moderate a fast and furious debate on 'Liberty, Equality and Food' before dinner guests move to the Ginger Room at 8.15 to experience *Making the Revolution: La Petroleuse*.

SATURDAY

Enter Old Parliament House at the main front entrance (via the Whitlam Steps again) and turn left before entering the building as access to Gastronomers' Hall is from the side balcony. There will be a trolley for your morning tea items (please label with the name of the delicacy and if you wish, your own name too and maybe your recipe).

Those needing to register should arrive at the registration point inside Gastronomers Hall at **8.30am**. The first session *A Good Constitution* starts promptly at **9am**. After morning tea **the session is Revolutionaries** and after lunch, the *Heritage of Absence*.

All Saturday functions are in Old Parliament House: the conference in Gastronomers' Hall; the Chestnut Lunch in the House of Representatives courtyard, pre-dinner drinks in Kings Hall at 7pm and dinner in the Members Dining Room.

There will be a break from 4pm for those who wish to prepare themselves in any way for the *Deipnosophistae: Philosophers Dinner*. Your grand arrival at 7pm will be the same as in the morning - through the front entrance into Kings Hall. If you wish to bring a guest to dinner we have arranged a few additional places but these are limited – phone 6273 4366 or online at www.gingercatering.com.au to book and pay.

SUNDAY

We resume promptly at **9.30am on Sunday** – morning sessions are also at Old Parliament House.

NB: Sunday morning symposium sessions are in the **Members Dining Room**, enhanced by the transpirations of the previous evening. **Enter at the rear of the building** (facing new Parliament House) and walk directly into the room across the white Ginger Bridges over Ginger Lane.

There is ample **parking** in the National Archives carpark on the other side of Queen Victoria Terrace on Sundays.

The *Federation* session is followed by a Federation morning tea, with delights including Princess of Wales cakes to gesture across the first century of our nation, from the Edwardian era to the new Princess William of Wales

Following the *Place and Taste* session is the Senators' Picnic Lunch, held in the adjacent Senate Rose Gardens on the western side of the House.

The afternoon sessions are a journey - we'll be boarding buses after lunch and returning to Canberra around 10pm. Please bring your walking shoes for the **Botanic Gardens Bush Food Trail** – if you have any **mobility** problem let us know when you register, as there are interesting alternative routes.

We'll then travel to **Mulloon Creek Natural Farms** for a rare glimpse at the future-oriented farming methods there. Tony Coote and his team will show us some highlights before we settle down to a starry symposium dinner saluting our southern heavens.

This is when you will need your warm clothes, especially if we are granted a clear view of the stars.

MONDAY

The farewell breakfast will be at Old Parliament House – enter at the **Café in the House in Ginger Lane**. Coffee, pastries and fruit will be available from **8.30am** with the *Congee, Kedgerie and Dundee* breakfast served from 8.45am in Old Parliament House's rarely-seen original kitchens.

UNTIL WE SEE YOU ...

Please check regularly for late information on www.gastronomers.org.