

SPRING 2021

Dear Pfriends of Pfeiffers,

When I was a girl in High School, History was my favourite subject. I loved learning about the struggles the pioneers endured, the adventures the explorers experienced, the hard won achievements of so many and the folklore that grew up around local characters

When we first came here in 1984, I went out and met as many 'old timers' I could, while they were able to tell me their stories, the history and the folklore. I feel so privileged to have met them, before it became too late. Sometimes Chris says I have embellished the stories I have been told, but I believe I am only repeating what I was told. However, this story of the builder of our cellar door is one I did not hear well, or one I did not hear accurately. The bits I heard happened, they just happened to different people. I hope you will read the historical page within the newsletter which was researched and written by Nyree Wiggins, and feel the sense of history that belongs to Pfeiffer Wines.

The story of bricklayer, Valentine Walliker lives in every hand-made brick we love to see each day as we go into our winery cellar door. Apart from the doors and windows that were bricked in by Seppelts after World War II, the rest of the bricks are hand-made. I think I could even show you the patch of earth where the soil was taken to make those bricks. And then to think how beautifully laid they are, using the English Garden Wall Bond pattern of bricklaying to give great strength to those big, big walls. For this, our piece of history, we have to pay homage to the skills of Valentine Walliker.

Have you noticed there is 'Wall' within his name? I wonder if that goes back to names like Smith being a Blacksmith and maybe Walliker being a builder of strong walls. Valentine certainly did a good job, as those walls have stood the test of time. And now let's think of his first name too...Valentine. These days we hear the word Valentine and think of love and romance. Maybe that is why Margaret married Valentine with no knowledge of the future and the tragedy that was to beset them. I hope you find it an interesting read.

Now that Spring is here, and when you are able to, we would love you to come and visit us, in our quiet and peaceful little piece of Australia. We have lots of open spaces, tracks you can walk through the vineyard to the Murray River, places where you can enjoy the fresh air and gaze up at the tall skies and listen to the quiet.

And if you are wanting to dine outdoors in this, our little piece of paradise, we have beautiful picnics for you to enjoy. Kate, from Savoy Truffle Co is providing her fresh and new Spring Regional Fusion Box. Pickled Sisters, having moved into their new premises in Rutherglen Township, are still happy to provide their traditional 'yumminess' we have enjoyed for many years.

And now you have another reason to come and enjoy our wonderful outdoors. Savoy Truffle Co has introduced a BBQ pack for you to cook as you overlook our picturesque Sunday Creek. There are some extra delicious treats you can choose to add at the time of ordering. Of course, all the 'pfine pfood' you enjoy at Pfeiffer Wines, comes with a 'pfabulous' glass of Pfeiffer wine of your choice. Find the details within our newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you as soon as you are able to come.

None of us are able to do much at this time but, we all live in hope, ready to change our plans at a moments notice and find we live quite fluid (no wine pun intended) lives. In a way we are a bit like the explorers in days gone by. We forge ahead but are not sure what we will find over the next mountain range, on the other side of that fast moving river or in a spot we find ourselves living.



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I know we have Pfeiffer 'Pfriends' all over Australia. And I know some of you are finding your current restrictions really difficult to deal with as you are separated from your nearest and dearest, your friends and your family. Please hang in there, stay strong, do the right thing, get vaccinated, if you can, and hopefully we will all be together again soon.

Chris, Jen and I, and all of our Team at Pfeiffer Wines, wish you all the very best.

Kindest regards,

Robyn

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