



MEDIA RELEASE

Celebrating Women – Invitation to International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day is celebrated across the world, providing an opportunity to recognise the achievements of women and their contribution to society. On this day, women can celebrate the progress that has been made and also contemplate those areas of women’s lives where more can be done.

Mornington Peninsula Shire’s Women in the Workplace, in partnership with the Frankston Business Chamber’s WomenConnect Frankston, are holding a special International Women’s Day celebration on Thursday, 4 March 2010 at Mornington Racing Club, Mornington.

Two talented businesswomen, key speakers Sheree Marris and Kathleen Quealy (*see biographies below*), will share their experiences of success.

The International Women’s Day luncheon is an amalgamation of women in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula local business communities. The event recognise the importance of women working cohesively across the two regions.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY LUNCHEON

Date: Thursday, 4th March, noon-2:30pm

Venue: Mornington Racing Club
Racecourse Road
Mornington

Cost: \$48 per person and bookings are essential.

For bookings please call Peninsula Visitor Information Centre Booking Service on 5987 3078 or toll free on 1800 804 009 or e-mail info@tourism.mornpen.vic.gov.au RSVP by 25 February 2010

The International Women’s Day Luncheon is supported by Frankston City Council, Peninsula Access Support & Training Inc, Telstra Country Wide, Ivory Design, Peninsula Cinemas, Endota Spa, Good Life Peninsula Style, Hamper Yourself and Simply Brazilian.

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Sheree Marris is an Aquatic Scientist/ Environmental Communicator. Sheree is the rumoured love child of David Attenborough and Aerial the Little Mermaid. While paternity hasn’t been scientifically proven, Sheree is blessed with many of their qualities. Like the gallant David Attenborough she shares an extensive knowledge and passion for the environment and a desire to engage and educate audiences around the world. Her mischievous streak, determination, breath holding ability, love of the sea and soft spot for tall handsome men with English accents bears an uncanny resemblance to the characteristics of The Little Mermaid. Sheree is one of Australia’s youngest environmental ambassadors and is a born communicator well at



ease with the media. She is a public speaker, a radio co-host with the ABC, has numerous television appearances under her belt. She also writes, presents and produces documentaries and commercials.

Sheree is a gifted writer, contributing articles for national and international magazines and papers. Her unique style ensures that she makes the environment fun, engaging and entertaining. She is an award-winning author and her book KamaSEAta – Secrets of Sex in the Sea, is a testament to her unique and quirky style.

Kathleen Quealy

Born in Sydney, Kathleen graduated from Charles Sturt University with a degree in winemaking. She spent time in both the Granite Belt and the Yarra Valley, before moving to the Mornington Peninsula. In 1989 Kathleen and husband Kevin established T'Gallant, (now renowned for its Pinot Grigio and Pinot Noir).

Understanding from a very early age the importance of viticulture, including site choice, variety selection and vineyard management, they purchased Balnarring Vineyard in 2004. In 2006 Kathleen established Quealy Wines at Balnarring Vineyard, commissioned a winery and inspired by the vigneronns of the Friuli region in Italy, where anything goes in their pursuit of wonderful wine blends, started making the infamous Pobblebonk. A visionary and peninsula personality, Kathleen is also the mother of five children and manages Merricks General Wine Store.