

## Friends of Soldiers Walk Inc: Newsletter

Issue 22 October 2005

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## President's Report

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I'm honoured to have been elected as the new President of FOSW at the recent AGM held on 21 September 2005. I have some very big shoes to fill in following the outstanding work of Adrian Howard, over the past few years. It is plain for all to see that Adrian has been the driving force behind our group and we would not be where we are today without his untiring efforts.

I was very pleased to see the turnout at the AGM and thanks to Chris Oakes, our RSL rep, for organising the room at the Lindisfarne RSL. The new committee is bigger and brighter than before with some old and new faces.

The positions are as follows:

Vice- Presidents	Mike Wilkie and John Trethewey
Secretary	Kirsty Black
Treasurer	Glenn Hardwick
General Committee	Victoria Wood, John Panton, Owen Hutchinson, Helen Hartley
RSL Rep	Chris Oakes
HCC Rep	Dr Peter Sexton

The next year should be an exciting one for FOSW, as we have been successful with our grant application to the Tasmanian Community Fund. The grant comprises some \$88,500, which is to be used for further plaques on the Soldiers Memorial Avenue, and also to fund 'The Avenues Project', which is to provide support and research for other memorial avenues around Tasmania.

Thankfully we still have Adrian involved through his new role as Project Officer for the Avenues Project. Adrian has been contracted to undertake significant research, liaison and organisation with local communities for their avenues as well as continuing plaque dedications for the SMA. A detailed work program is being developed and we will keep all members up-to-date on progress.

We have a number of key tasks this year:

- Increase the level of awareness of the SMA in the general community, and in particular to seek out more descendants
- Secure greater support and donations, particularly from local businesses and organisations
- Ensure that the ongoing management of the SMA continues through inappropriate vegetation removal, regular maintenance and new interpretation signage

I encourage all our members to spread the word, get involved with our working bees and formal ceremonies and continue to acknowledge the sacrifice of the brave men commemorated on the Domain. I look forward to seeing you at the Armistice Day dedications.

John Wadsley

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## Poppy Day November 6<sup>th</sup>

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Our next event on the Avenue will be the placing of poppies on all trees. The poppies are being made by Dorothy Brooks of Cygnet. Meet in the car park at the northern end of the TCA at 11am on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup>. A barbeque will follow as usual. Gold coin donation.

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## Cocktail reception Fundraiser November 11th

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A fundraising cocktail reception will be held at parliament House at 5:30pm on November 11th in the Long Room, House of Assembly. We would like to thank parliament House for providing the venue especially Peter Bennison and his staff. Tickets are \$35. Please RSVP to Victoria Wood on 62342332 by November 7<sup>th</sup> and post cheques payable to FOSW to 11 Franklin St, West Hobart TAS 7000. You can also RSVP to [bullwood@bigpond.com](mailto:bullwood@bigpond.com) or to [info@soldierswalk.org.au](mailto:info@soldierswalk.org.au)

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## Lawyers on the Avenue

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Among the many professionals represented on the Avenue are a number of lawyers. The Law Society of Tasmania has funded the production and installation of plaques for the members of their profession commemorated on the Avenue and their plaques will be dedicated on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Details of the men commemorated are given below. Many members of the profession from around the State enlisted in the 1<sup>st</sup> AIF with these men among them. It is not known at this stage how many in all died on service.

**2nd Lt Edward Lionel Austin Butler** (12th Bn) Tree # 132

Died of wounds on 23rd August 1916.

Buried in Puchevillers British Cemetery, France

Age: 33yrs 4 mths      Church of England

Solicitor                      Sandy Bay

First enlisted on 2/8/1915 and embarked on 29/3/1916 with the 16th Reinforcement, joining the battalion on 26/7/1916. Son of Edward

Henry and Fanny Amy Butler. Educated at Hutchins School and University of Tasmania. Died of wounds received at Mouquet Farm. 2nd Cousin of C Chalmers (KIA), 2nd Lt Bruce Nairn Butler (tree #139) and Lt Col H N Butler DSO.

**2nd Lt Raymond Adams** (12th Bn) Tree # 250

Killed in action Bullecourt on 6th May 1917.

No known grave, name appears on Villers-Bretonneux Memorial, France.

Age: 33                      Church of England

Solicitor                      116 Collins St, Hobart

First enlisted on 10/1/1916 as a Private and embarked on 20/10/1916 with the 21st Reinforcement. Son of the late Justice Robert Patten and Kate Adams, brother of Miss M B Adams. Educated at Hutchins School and University of Tasmania. Worked at Clerk, Walker & Hore. Killed on his first tour of duty in the line.

**Lt Norman Richard Thomas Meagher** (40th Bn) Tree # 300

Killed in action Hamburg Redoubt on 4th October 1917.

Buried in Tyne Cot Cemetery, Passchendaele, Belgium.

Age: 20                      Roman Catholic

Law Clerk                      Russell Crescent, Sandy Bay

First enlisted on 21/10/1915 as #541 CSM and embarked on 1/7/1916 with A Company. Son of Richard James and Adeline Meagher. Father was a former Lord Mayor and later became Public Service Commissioner. Member of ANA Rifle Club and 1913 champion cadet team, missing national rifle trophy by one point. Educated St Mary's Convent School, Officer College, Queens College and University of Tasmania, articles under Hon N K Ewing (later Justice) of Ewing, Hodgman and Seager. Parents published his letters, articles and obituaries as "With the Fortieth" in 1918.

**#3256 Pte Nigel Christopher Naden** (40th Bn) Tree # 401

Killed in action Buire on 9th May 1918.

Buried in Mericourt L'Abbe Communal Cemetery Extension, France.



The Law  
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OF TASMANIA

Age: 28 Church of England  
Law Clerk 57 King St, Sandy Bay

First enlisted on 1/8/1916 and embarked on 14/6/1917 with the 8th Reinforcement. Son of Christopher Joseph and Rose Caroline Naden. Native of Dunedin NZ. Attended Officer Training School, Duntroon Oct-Dec 1916 and Tidworth School of Instruction Feb-Mar 1918. Highly praised by Lt Col Lord for "his promising style" and "noted for promotion". Member of Masonic Club.

**#5876 L/Cpl Osborne Henry Douglas** (22nd Bn) Tree # 422

Killed in action Albert on 24th April 1918.

Buried in Dernancourt Communal Cemetery Extension, France.

Age: 38 Church of England  
Solicitor Nhill, Victoria

First enlisted on 3/4/1916 and embarked on 2/10/1916 with the 16th Reinforcement. Son of Hon Sir Adye and Lady Ida Douglas of 99 High St, Sandy Bay. Born in Launceston and educated at Hutchins School and University of Tasmania.

The plaque for L/Cpl Douglas will be dedicated on November 11<sup>th</sup> but will not be installed at this stage as the tree site is one of those lost with the construction of the Crossroads tip. It will be installed upon the completion and endorsement of the landscape plan for the Avenue, which will identify replacement sites. The Law Society of Tasmania will retain the plaque until installation.

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## Order of Dedications November 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am

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Below is a list of plaques to be dedicated at the Grasslands Gully ceremony from 9am. Representatives of the Tasmanian Community Fund, the Hobart City Council and the Law Society will be present. Students will also attend the ceremony from Hobart College, Albuera St Primary, New Town Primary, Rosetta Primary and South Hobart Primary.

508	Dvr	Petterd	Harry Augustus	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde AFA	DOW 22/10/1918
500	Gnr	Escott	Albert Reginald	6 <sup>th</sup> Bde AFA	KIA 8/8/1918
457	Trooper	Bashfield	Henry Dundas	3 <sup>rd</sup> Light Horse	DOW 24/4/1917
426	Cpl	Bowen	Percy James	21 <sup>st</sup> Bde AFA	KIA 14/11/1916
422	Pte	Douglas	Osborne Henry	22 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	KIA 24/4/1918
419	Pte	Turner	James Ernest	12 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 3/11/1917
418	Pte	Eddington	Osmond Field KIA	12 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 15/4/1917
415	Pte	Hills	Leslie Frank	40 <sup>th</sup> Bn	DOW 12/10/1917
414	2/Lt	Chubb	Theodore	2/10 <sup>th</sup> London Rifles	KIA 17/2/1917
413	Sgt	Woodward	Charles Calvert Glenn	52 <sup>nd</sup> Bn	KIA 4/9/1916
412	Pte	Gray	Victor John	12 <sup>th</sup> Bn	DOW 10/4/1917
411	Cpl	Vaughan	Oswald de Witt	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn Wellington Regt NZEF	KIA /10/1917
410	L/Cpl	Dineen	Arthur Ernest	12 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 28/5/1918
409	L/Cpl	Summers	Arthur Alfred	3 <sup>rd</sup> Fd Co Aust Engineers	KIA 16/1/1918
408	Pte	Cook	Percy	57 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 13/5/1917
407	Pte	Pegler	William	40 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 4/10/1917
406	Pte	Lopez	Felix Edward	12 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 8/5/1918
405	AM	Wells	Arthur	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sqd AFC	Died 16/4/1917
404	Capt	Dewson MC,	DCM Richard William	3 <sup>rd</sup> DAC	KIA 27/5/1918
403	Sgt	Jones	Leslie Roy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde AFA	KIA 26/9/1917
401	Pte	Naden	Nigel Christopher	40 <sup>th</sup> Bn	KIA 9/5/1918
400	Sapper	Evans	Nurriel Ivor	6 <sup>th</sup> Fd Co Aust Engineers	DOW 15/5/1918
397	Pte	Spinks	Alexander John	5 <sup>th</sup> Bn	DOW 27/4/1918
396	Dvr	Collings	Lionel Chapman	26 <sup>th</sup> Bn	DOW 1/5/1918

This main ceremony will be complete by 9:30 am. Dedications of the following individual plaques will then take place as we proceed down the Avenue. If you intend to go directly to one of these trees for a dedication, note the indicative times given below. Members of the Committee will be present at each individual dedication. It is expected that the main group will split up for the individual dedications. School children will join up with dedication groups. Where the same time is given for a number of plaque dedications there will be simultaneous but separate ceremonies at the individual tree sites.

**9:35am**

354 Pte Burt Walter 40<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 15/6/1917

**9:40am**

300 Lt Meagher Norman Richard 40<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 4/10/1917

279 Cpl Hodgman Alan Gunn 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn KIA 7/6/1917

275 Pte Hodgman Harry 5<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 25/4/1915

**9:45am**

252 Pte Hammond William Albert 12<sup>th</sup> Bn DOW 6/5/1917

250 2/Lt Adams Raymond 12<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 6/5/1917

240 Pte Reynolds William Aloysius 5<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 20/9/1917

**9:50am**

211 Sgt Monks Walter Thomas 51<sup>st</sup> Bn KIA 1/4/1917

**9:55am**

199 Pte Commane Michael Harold 26<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 5/11/1916

**10:00am**

151 Gnr Mackey James Thomas 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde AFA DOW 18/9/1918

149 Pte Seabrook Eric Charles 52<sup>nd</sup> Bn KIA 4/9/1916

**10:05am**

132 2/Lt Butler Edward Lionel Austin 12<sup>th</sup> Bn DOW 23/8/1918

**10:10am**

102 Sgt Tolman Alfred Gibbs 3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse KIA 4/8/1916

84 Pte Copcutt MM William 12<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 26/7/1916

62 Pte Woolley Ernest Charles 12<sup>th</sup> Bn DOW 28/5/1915

61 Pte Davis George Owen 12<sup>th</sup> Bn KIA 23/8/1918

All those attending the ceremonies at the Cenotaph should be in place by 10:30am.




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### Australian Postal Linemen's Union

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This Roll of Honour featured in the Tasmanian Mail in early 1919. Like many of the Honour Rolls made in the period, its whereabouts are unknown. Interestingly this is a union roll and the continuing divisions in the union movement about the war and how it should be remembered are obvious when one compares this roll and the statements by the Trades Hall Council about a planned memorial for Hobart (see p6). Like the rest of society the union movement was split over the war by 1918 and like most social institutions were deeply affected by the departure of members for the front, the death of many prominent unionists and the differences of opinion between returning ex-soldier members and opponents of the war.

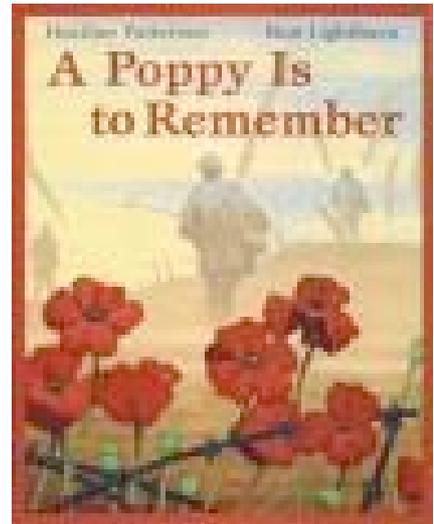
The roll carries the names of a number of men commemorated on the Avenue including William Copcutt, R Edwards (probably A R Edwards), W Glennon, W O Jeffrey and H Shearing.

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### Why Wear a Poppy?

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The following poem was provided by Graham and Barbara Hughes, [connected to the Hall brothers trees #120 and #334]. The source is Barret P and Collison K *The Happy Warrior: An Anthology of Australian and New Zealand Military Poetry* Sid Harta Publishers Vic 2001. p509. The author is 'anon.' The main photograph dates from Armistice Day 2002 when a field of crosses and poppies was created at the southern end of the Avenue near the South African War Memorial.



*“Please were a poppy,” the lady said  
And held one forth, but I shook my head.  
Then I stopped and watched as she offered them  
there  
And her face was old and lined with care,  
But beneath the scars the years had made  
There remained a smile that refused to fade.*

*A boy came whistling down the street,  
Bouncing along on carefree feet:  
His smile was full of joy and fun  
“Lady,” said he, “May I have one?”  
When she pinned it on he turned to say,  
“Why do we wear a poppy today?”*

*The lady smiled in her wistful way  
And answered, “This is Remembrance Day.  
And the poppy there, is the symbol for  
The gallant men who died in war,  
and because they did, you and I are free  
That’s why we wear a poppy you see.”*

*“I had a boy about your age  
With golden hair and big blue eyes He loved to  
play and jump and shout  
Free as a bird he would race about,  
As the yeas went by he learned and grew  
And became a man – as you will, too.*

*“He was fine and strong with a boyish smile*

*But he seemed with us such a little while*

*When war broke out, and he went away –  
I still remember his face that day.  
When he smiled at me and said goodbye.  
I’ll be back soon, Mum, so please don’t cry!”*

*“But the war went on and he had to stay  
And all I could do was wait and pray.*

*His letters told of the awful fight –  
I can still see it, in my dreams at night,  
With the tanks and the guns and cruel barbed  
wire  
and the mines and the bullets, the bombs and  
fire.*

*“Till at last, at last, the war was won –  
And that’s why we wear a poppy son.”  
the small boy turned as if to go  
Then said, “Thanks lady, I’m glad to know,  
That sure did sound like and awful fight,  
But your son – did he come home all right?”*

*A tear rolled down each faded cheek,  
She shook her head, but she didn’t speak  
I slunk away in a sort of shame  
And if you were me, you’d do the same.  
For our thanks, in giving, is oft delayed  
Though our freedom was bought, and thousands  
paid.*

*So when we see a poppy worn,  
Let us reflect on the burden borne  
By those who give their very all  
When asked to answer their country’s call  
That we at home in peace might live,  
Then wear a poppy. REMEMBER – and give.*



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## Connections between the Cenotaph and the Memorial Avenue

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In 1921 a committee was formed to pursue the idea of a war memorial for Hobart. Quite a few suggestions and designs were received early on, a War Memorial Committee formed and numerous public meetings held.

Among those prominent in the early days were R J Meagher; Mrs L H MacLeod; G H Bailey; Hon J W Evans; A C Seabrook; Mrs Field Marsh; J Burge, P S Shadforth and Mrs Forster. All had connections to men commemorated on the Avenue.

The Executive and Finance Committees were supported by an initial 'General Committee' of about 60, which included representatives of a variety of organisations including the RSSILA, the Mothers and Wives Association, the Fathers and Sons Association and prominent businessmen and public figures.

The Committee rejected city sites, such as Franklin Square and the junction of Liverpool and Park St where the 'Railway' roundabout now exists, and Queens Battery, as this was Commonwealth land and if available was likely to be costly. A key factor in the choice of site was the insistence by many that it be adjacent or connected to the Soldiers Memorial Avenue. The Committee resolved "That the Memorial be erected on the Domain in such a way as to preserve the sentiment attached to the Soldiers Memorial Avenue." (31/5/1921)

The site recommended to a public meeting (9/1921) and adopted was Blundstone's Flat, in the Queens Domain, situated about 100 yards on the right hand side, and about 200 yards up the Cricket Ground Road, overlooking the Soldiers Avenue. "Ideal for the purpose commanding as it would an extensive outlook over the City and the Harbour ... it would resemble 'A Sentinel on guard, watching over its people' and could be seen from almost any point."

Among the correspondence to the Committee was a letter (17/5/1921) from ex-Sapper H F Cleary of 6 Mary St who served along with three of his sons. Two died and were commemorated on the Avenue.

*"I would suggest the names of returned sailors and soldiers be inscribed on an honour board at expense of Hobart citizens; preferably from City Council's treasury; failing that cost of above to be defrayed by direct appeal to Hobart people. In no case should a memorial for local persons be a tax on the State's finances. I would not tolerate anything in the shape of statuary, school bursaries would serve a more useful purpose."*

The Trades Hall (29/7/1921) was not interested in the creation of a war memorial at all: *The Trades Hall Council recognising that all wars are Capitalistic in origin and purpose and that the workers always pay the penalty, decline to take any part on your Committee and point out that any monies available would be better devoted to the relief of the War Victims and their dependants many of whom are destitute. C Tulley Sec*

This view was echoed by the Child Welfare Association (14/7/1921) who unanimously passed the following resolution passed to the Committee:

*"In view of the loss of valuable lives during the war, this meeting is of the opinion that money expended to set up a memorial to Tasmanian soldiers should be used to save the babies who are the future citizens of the country for which our soldiers died."*

The Catholic Archbishop of Hobart Delaney supported the appeal but makes an interesting point about volunteerism as the basis for the 1<sup>st</sup> AIF.

*Our homage takes the form of contribution to a Soldiers memorial, which will proclaim to future generations that in a day of dire anxiety for our country's freedom, our kith and kin of*

*their own free will stepped forward ready to sacrifice their very lives for their country and for us all. Had they been compelled to go, it would still remain true that they had to make the sacrifice. But going as they did of their own free will, they deserve to be commemorated as no others in that great contest.... No glorification of war - glorification of patriotic virtue.*

As it turned out the Queen's Battery site became available in 1924 and in 1925 construction began. In 1926 the Hobart City Council planted two rows of cedars along the city side to connect the Cenotaph to the Avenue in line with the original intent of the War Memorial Committee. The building of the Hobart Bridge, and later the Tasman Bridge and Highway, severed the link between the Cenotaph and the Avenue. Only 2 of the Extension trees remain, the rest having succumbed to pressure for sports grounds. Now the only safe pedestrian connection is through the underpass near the Aquatic Centre, the creation of which led to the removal of approximately 12 trees.

Among the correspondence was this letter to the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs A C Parker: *As it is unlikely that I shall be able to attend the meetings of the War Memorial Committee except on rare occasions I now submit for your consideration a suggestion which I have made to several people. It has met with their general approval but nothing has so far come of it. It is this: - " The white painted guards around the trees forming the Soldiers Memorial Avenue in the Domain give the place the appearance of a cemetery and this is not I am sure intended. My suggestion is that they should be painted with the regimental colours of the men in whose memory the trees have been planted. If the pickets were painted blue and white, blue and red, red and white, brown &c. &c. it would be more interesting and take away the present funereal aspect. At the same time I presume it would cost no more to paint the guards in colour than in white."*

*I submit the suggestion to you for what it is worth. Possibly you may think it desirable to place it before the War Memorial Committee.*

*Yours faithfully N E Lewis*

The suggestion was not taken up. However the Committee dedicated some of the funds raised under the War Memorial Appeal to the Avenue (13/1/1922) and also resolved (7/12/1923) that the Hobart City Council should be responsible for the long term maintenance of the Avenue. Sources: *MCC 16/2/81 War Memorial Committee* [Hobart City Council files now with the Archives Office of Tasmania]. Research conducted with the assistance of the Hobart City Council.

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## Further Plaque Donors

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**(We trust everyone who has donated to a specific plaque has been acknowledged. If not, apologies and you will be in the next issue.**

In memory of:

Pte Claude Jack Tree#40: Elizabeth Jack

Pte William George Copcutt Tree#84: Helen Hartley and Elaine Ransley

Sgt Thomas Contencin Jackson Tree#196: Diane L Milne. RJ and MI Contencin, Mrs & Mrs Geoffrey Jackson, Mrs & Mrs R J Atkin

Pte Walter Thomas Monks Tree#211 Darryl Halliday

Pte William Albert Hammond Tree#252: Fay Thompson

Cpl Alan Gunn Hodgman Tree #279 and Pte Harry Hodgman Tree #275: Fran Atkinson

Gnr Cyril Noel Seabrook Tree#282 and Pte Eric Charles Seabrook Tree#149: Eric Seabrook

Cpl William Henry Andrewartha Tree#331: Bruce Andrewartha

Tpr Roderick Noel White Weaver Tree#351: Helen White

Pte Walter Burt Tree#354: Glenn Hardwick, J Hardwick and A & B Simonetis

Pte Osmond Field Eddington Tree#418: Geoffrey Eddington

Gnr Albert Reginald Escott Tree#500: Jean and John Panton and family

Dvr Harry Augustus Petterd Tree#508: Jim Petterd

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## November Wine Fundraiser: Orders by December 7th

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With this issue you will find an insert about our wine fundraiser, which is being run in conjunction with Prospect Wines of Hobart. The wines are all clean skin i.e. wine purchased in bulk from excess vineyard stocks. This is a standard method by which some of the bigger wineries on the mainland guarantee themselves an income. It results in cheaper prices as the wine is not separately labelled nor do you pay the costs of distributors, warehouse companies, as well as the retailer. Thus all of these wines would sell 'labelled' for up to \$5 more.

### Delivery and Pick-Up

Unless you indicate otherwise, and pay the extra freight cost, all wine will be delivered, in separate labelled boxes or bags, to 11 Franklin St West Hobart for collection. If you do not have transport or cannot arrange it, we can deliver but it is preferable if you can arrange it.

### Size of Orders

Any size order is accepted but note if you want customised labels, the minimum order is 10 bottles.

### Mixed Orders

You can mix and match as much as you like; buying as few or as many bottles as you like. The more bottles the better as we make a set amount per bottle.

### Family Orders

If you want to organise a family order with a number of people each buying 3 bottles; list only one contact person for the order. If a number of people are placing very large orders, it may be best if they use separate order forms so the final delivery does not have to be broken up to be passed on. More order forms are available if you need them, or just arrange for photocopying yourself.

### Customised Labels

If you take the customised label option, it will cost an extra \$2 per bottle. Labels have to be created and attached after all. Please note that the sample labels are just that: the final product will be flashier but we had limited time to get this offer out to members. Suffice to say photos can appear on the labels and where one does not exist a unit colour patch will be used.

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