

## Christmas Party and Terra Madre Celebrations

Meroo Springs

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

There was the largest turnout ever for the SlowFoodBerry2JB Christmas Party which was combined with the celebrations of Terra Madre and the presentation of the 2023 Snail Awards. It was a beautiful but hot Sunday afternoon at Meroo Springs with over 60 members, guests and Snail Awardees gathering for the festivities. As ever the food served was magnificent and produced by Marilyn O`Dowd and her team of chefs ..... starting with a grazing table of a variety of cheeses and dips with crackers and followed by a variety of hors-d`oeuvres including chorizo tortilla, stuffed mushrooms, pea tarts, pissaladiere, sausage rolls and mussels served in their shells. For dessert there was Christmas cake, gingerbread cookies, mince tarts and chocolates ..... all gratefully received and enjoyed by everyone present, along with the BYO drinks.

Proceedings were introduced by Kim White, Nick Otter did the Acknowledgement to Country, and Marilyn introduced the Snail Awards and made presentations to 8 of the 21 awarded for 2023 who were present on the day. JB Mussels were one of the recipients and they provided the mussels that were so well prepared by Marilyn and Kim ..... gratefully received. Others accepting awards on the night were Flavours Berry, Garnish Creative Catering, Lyrebird Ridge Organic Winery, Pickled Ink Kitchen, The Patchy Growers, Terrewah Farm and The Garden Berry.

It was a delightful afternoon and much enjoyed by all there. Thanks go to Gary and Diana for allowing us to use their excellent facilities at Meroo Springs. Truly a day to remember.

The next Slow Food event is a BYO food and drinks picnic at Greenfield Beach Picnic Grounds at Vincentia on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023. This should be another gathering not be missed.

