

Luncheon

in honour of



*The Honourable George W Bush
President of the United States of America
and Mrs Laura Bush*

given by

*The Honourable John Howard MP
Prime Minister of Australia
and Mrs Janette Howard*

The Lodge, Canberra

Thursday, 23 October 2003

Wines

Cullen Margaret River Sauvignon Blanc Semillon – 2002 (WA)

Penley Estate Reserve Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon – 1999 (SA)

Menu

Barbequed Queensland Prawns and Scallops
set with a crisp Asian salad and a mild chilli and coriander dressing

Char-grilled Beef Fillet and Lamb Cutlet
served on a warm potato salad, with asparagus, baby rocket
and a tomato jus

Macadamia Pavlova Roulade
with passionfruit ice cream
and new season mangoes

Coffee, Tea

Menu cover design

The Golden Wattle (*Acacia pycnantha*) was formally proclaimed Australia's national floral emblem in the bicentenary year 1988. Long before that, however, it evoked thoughts of home for Australians everywhere, as illustrated in the poem by Bombardier A.H. Scott written in the trenches of Gallipoli and subsequently printed in "The ANZAC Book".

A Little Sprig of Wattle

By Bombardier A.H. Scott 4th Battery A.F.A.

My mother's letter came today,
And now my thoughts are far away,
For in between its pages lay
A little sprig of wattle.

"The old home now looks at its best,"
The message ran; "the country's dressed
In Spring's gay cloak, and I have pressed
A little sprig of Wattle."

I almost see that glimpse of spring:
The very air here seems to ring
With joyful notes of birds that sing
Among the sprigs of wattle.

The old home snug amidst the pines,
The trickling creek that twists and twines
Round tall gum roots and undermines,
Is all ablaze with wattle.

This, with above a clear blue sky,
Is pictured now in my mind's eye:
A scene of peace on earth brought by
A little sprig of wattle.