

# News Release

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## **ROBERT GRAY HOSTS POETRY ON A PLATE**

Acclaimed Australian Poet Robert Gray, is to host the next in the successful series of **Bluemetal Vineyard's** Poetry on a Plate, on Friday 23rd April 2010. Robert will read from a selection of his works over a relaxing lunch at **Bluemetal Café** starting at 12pm until around 2.30pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to relax and listen to poetry within a beautiful vineyard setting. You will enjoy a delicious local produce Jackaroo's Plate, complete with tea, coffee and dessert treats for \$40.00 per person. The Cellar Door is open for wine tastings and sales before lunch and throughout the afternoon. The atmosphere is casual and friendly and there is the opportunity for discussion afterwards with Robert, along with Mark Treddinick who mediates the luncheon.

### **A little bit about Robert Gray..**

Robert Gray grew up in Coffs Harbour and trained there as a journalist. He then worked in Sydney as an editor, advertising copywriter, reviewer and buyer for bookshops and his first book of poems, *Creekwater Journal*, was published in 1973. Gray was a writer-in-residence at Meiji University in Tokyo and at several universities throughout Australia. He has also won many writing and poetry awards including:

- The Adelaide Arts Festival
- The Victorian Premiers' Awards
- The New South Wales Premiers' Awards
- The Patrick White Award

With Geoffrey Lehmann, he edited two anthologies, *The Younger Australian Poets* and *Australian Poetry in the Twentieth Century*. He edited *Selected Poems* by Shaw Neilson and *Drawn from Life*, the journals of painter **John Olsen**. *After Images* is his latest release and much anticipated memoirs, *The Land I Came Through Last*.

Poetry on a Plate is \$40.00 per person and places are limited. Bookings are essential and RSVP by Thursday 22 April on (02) 4877 1877 or email to [cellar@bluemetalvineyard.com](mailto:cellar@bluemetalvineyard.com) Bluemetal Vineyard is located in the beautiful NSW Southern Highlands region and produces premium single estate, award winning wines including Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Gris, Fumé Blanc, Sangiovese Rosé, Petit Verdot, and The Cabernets. The Cellar Door and Cafe is open Thursdays to Mondays from 10am to 5pm.

**Bluemetal Vineyard and Cafe - 112 Compton Park Rd, Berrima, NSW Ph: (02) 4877 1877**

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