



## FEBRUARY 2022 EDITION

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

May I open my first report of 2022 by wishing all members and staff a very warm, although somewhat belated, happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed some relaxing times with family and friends over the festive season and that we are now all refreshed and ready to deal with whatever challenges COVID may throw at us over the next 12 months.

On that note, in case anyone missed my note a few weeks ago I confirm that as per the latest WA State Government mandate, as of 31 January 2022 all Members and guests must provide proof that they have been double vaccinated before they can enter the Clubhouse. In addition masks must be worn at all times within the Clubhouse except when eating or drinking, which I hope Members won't find too problematic given the quality of the Clubs' food and wine offerings!

Further details of how the Club will manage COVID restrictions and protocols are explained in my message which was circulated on Monday 24 January 2022. Importantly this included a number of options which allow Members to provide one-off advice of their vaccination status to the Club rather than having to show their certificate each time they attend the Clubhouse. I'm pleased to report that over 200 Members have already availed themselves of these options.

It was wonderful to see so many Members and their guests enjoying the January "Summer Retreat" arrangements at the Club, including a relaxed dress code for Members and staff and removal of guest access restrictions to the Bar and Terrace. The January Summer Retreat has now been in place for two years in a row and I believe it will form an important part of the Club calendar from now on.

Anyone visiting the Club in January will have noticed that the Verandah Room has been undergoing a significant makeover. This has been designed to give the room a more contemporary feel and I for one can't wait to see the final product. Perhaps less obvious to a casual Club visitor are the significant works being carried out to the first floor verandah, including new lighting, upgraded furniture and truly stunning Federation floor tiles. I can see this area becoming a popular place for post-lunch or dinner drinks, and possibly even a cigar for those who partake.

As we move into 2022 there are a number of events which I recommend all Members consider attending. The first Long Table Lunch held last year was so enjoyable that many members petitioned for it to become an annual event. As a result, I'm pleased to report the second annual Long Table Lunch will be held on Friday 18 March. Don't delay booking for this one, it is sure to be a sell-out.

The End of Summer Cocktail Party for Members and guests is always a very enjoyable event. This year it will be held on Saturday 26 March and again I encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

Welcome again to 2022 and I look forward to seeing you at the Club as the year unfolds.

*Mike Best*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

As outlined by the President the requirement now by law for all Members and visitors to the Club House to provide proof of double vaccination brings with it challenges for the Club's staff. I am grateful to those Members who have already provided their proof of vaccination in advance and ask for patience over the weeks ahead if requested by staff to provide the required evidence until they become familiar with those Members who have complied. A reminder that on a visit to the club a Member may request a decal to be applied to their membership access card to confirm double vaccination status has been provided

*Hugh Stowell*

## REVISED DINING ARRANGEMENTS FROM 1 FEBRUARY 2022

The beginning of February brings with it the re-opening of the redecorated Verandah Room for mixed company and the restriction of gentlemen guests only in the Members' Dining Room. To afford Members with greater opportunities to enjoy the Verandah Room it is now open for breakfast and lunch service Monday to Friday and dinner service Wednesday to Saturday. Members are reminded that the wearing of ties in the Verandah Room remains optional until up to 11.00 am each morning and after 5.00 pm each evening.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER

### LABOUR DAY ON MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Monday 7 March 2022 in observance of the Labour Day Public Holiday. Normal service will resume with breakfast in the Verandah Room on the morning of Tuesday 8 March from 7.30 am.

## EVENTS

### CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP

#### MOTORING LITERARY LUNCH: GUEST SPEAKER CLIVE BALL MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2022

Our first event for 2022 is the third in our series of Motoring Literary Lunches which is to be held at the Club on Monday 7 February 2022. The speaker on this occasion is Mr Clive Ball, the author of *Seven Years with Samantha*. It is the story of a young man who purchases an elderly Austin 7 in 1965 and sets off round the world. Mr Ball reached Perth in 1967 where he met his future wife, whom he married and who accompanied him on the remainder of the journey, arriving back in Britain in 1972. This event is open to Members and up to three guests. Advance bookings for this two-course lunch inclusive of wine and coffee are now open and can be made by email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by telephoning 9323 7000. If you have not booked your seat, then please do so now.

*Neil Williamson – Convener*

### BILLIARDS & SNOOKER DEMONSTRATION

#### WORLD CHAMPION BILLIARDS PLAYER: MATTHEW BOLTON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022

The first event for the Billiard Room calendar will be on Tuesday 8 February at 3.00 pm at which Matthew Bolton, a former World Champion Billiard player, will host a demonstration of Billiard and Snooker skills.

Following Matthew's demonstration Members will have the opportunity to discuss with him finer points of these games. Members wishing to attend this demonstration should place their name on the attendance sheet in the Billiard Room. Following this event, the first formal competition for 2022 will be the Lightning Snooker competition on Monday 21 February commencing at 12.00 pm.

*Kyle Abbott – Convener*

### WELD CLUB ANNUAL SOCIAL TENNIS DAY

#### FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2022

The Club warmly invites Members, their partners and guests to the Annual Tennis Day hosted at the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club. Play is scheduled to commence at 2.00 pm, following a warmup anytime from 1.30 pm. This is a social afternoon of doubles tennis for Members of all ages with close competition ensured by a system of dynamic handicapping. Matches with randomly drawn partners are timed for 30 minutes each with a refreshment break mid-afternoon.

Non-playing Members and player's partners are very welcome to join the group for drinks and tapas food at the conclusion of play around 5.00 pm during which a presentation will be made of the perpetual tennis trophy.

Members are invited to subscribe online on the calendar icon via the website at [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au) or email the Events Manager at [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

The Club looks forward in particular to welcoming newer Members to join with the tennis regulars for this year's event. Please feel free to contact the convener with any questions on the format of the day.

*Des Thompson – Convener*

## **WINE GROUP DINNER TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2022**

Limited places are available for the first Wine Group Dinner for 2022, hosted by Club Member, John Hopkins OAM which will be held on Tuesday 15 February 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm. At the request of the Convener, Members may each invite one gentleman guest whose name will be placed on a waiting list. If there are less than 24 Members attending as of the Friday prior to the dinner, then guests will be invited to attend in order of their names being placed on the waiting list. Dress is jacket and tie.

Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## **SEAFOOD LUNCH IN THE MEMBERS' DINING ROOM WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2022**

The first Seafood Lunch for 2022 will be held on Wednesday 16 February 2022 in the Dining Room. Tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, fresh market king prawns, and smoked salmon will be served at the tables, after which Members may enjoy a range of hot seafood dishes and baked whole fresh fish from the buffet.

This is an excellent opportunity for Members to host gentlemen guests at the Club. A special charge of \$56.00 per person applies on Seafood Lunch days.

Due to the popularity of this event, bookings in advance are essential and can be made by telephoning reception during normal office hours on 9323 7000 or via an email to [reception@weldclub.org.au](mailto:reception@weldclub.org.au)

## **"COVID - THE REALITY & THE POLITICS" TOPICAL INTEREST LECTURE ADDRESS BY DR CLAY GOLLEDGE MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022**



Club Member, Dr Clay Golledge, has more than 25 years of consultant experience as a Physician in Infection Management and Clinical Microbiology. His highly respected views on the current COVID crisis have been extensively reported in all forms of the media. At this Topical Interest Lecture Members and guests will be afforded an opportunity to learn first hand from Dr Clay Golledge on the likely "road map" for Perth in the months ahead and participate in an interactive Question and Answer session.

Dr Clay Golledge trained initially in medicine at Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital. He subsequently completed his microbiology training at Royal Perth Hospital, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital and Fremantle Hospital. Dr Clay Golledge also undertook advanced training in infectious diseases at the City Hospital and Western General Hospital in Edinburgh and since 1991 has been a consultant at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, St John of God Subiaco Hospital, Hollywood Hospital and Bethesda Hospital. He was also instrumental in setting up the inaugural Infectious Diseases Service at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

Dr Clay Golledge's address on 28 February will commence at 12 noon (sharp) in The Verandah Room, and after the question and answer session, a two-course lunch will follow in the Dining Room.

This event is open to Members and up to three male and female guests. Dress is jacket and tie. Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## MEMBERS' ANNUAL GOLF DAY AT COTTESLOE GOLF CLUB MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022

The convener of the Golf Day, Keith Jones, invites Members, including recently elected Members, to participate in this popular event at Cottesloe Golf Club, 173 Alfred Road, Swanbourne. Members nominating individually will be paired with those of a similar golfing handicap whilst those wishing to be part of a designated group may make such a request on the enclosed form. Competition is individual Stableford. The day commences with a light lunch from 11.00 am. The game is followed by a presentation function in the clubhouse when everyone has finished his round.

Do not miss this opportunity to have your name recorded on the highly acclaimed Schadenfreude Trophy.

**Program:** 11.00 am light lunch will be served in the clubhouse.  
12 noon commencement of play.

**Drinks:** There will not be an open bar, Members to pay for drinks individually on the day.

**Presentation:** At the conclusion of play, light snacks will be provided in the Main Lounge. In addition to the Schadenfreude Trophy awarded to the winner of the day, prizes will be awarded for the best score, the longest drive, nearest to the pins, a hole-in-one, and other feats of golfing merit.

**Dress:** Appropriate on-course attire. A button through shirt (not a golf shirt) will be acceptable for the after match presentation. Change-room and shower facilities are provided.

**Registration:** By return of the enclosed subscription form as soon as possible and before Monday 7 March 2022.

**Vaccination:** All players will need to provide proof of vaccination to participate in this event.

Members who wish to reserve the use of a golf cart for the day should contact the Cottesloe Golf Pro Shop on 9384 5823.

Subscriptions can be made to this event via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the subscription form attached.

*Keith Jones – Convener*

## MEMBERS' LONG TABLE LUNCH ON THE GRAND LAWN MEMBERS' ONLY EVENT FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

Following the enormous success of the Long Table Lunch last year as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations the House Sub-Committee invites Members to subscribe for the 2022 Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn on Friday 18 March 2022. The event will commence with drinks served on the verandahs from 12.30 pm before moving to a covered open marquee on the Grand Lawn for lunch at 1.00 pm. The menu will include four courses matched with Margaret River wines from the cellar. Dress is sports jacket and tie.

This is exclusively a Members' only event with restricted capacity. Subscriptions can be made using the enclosed subscription form or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

## PRIVATE VIEWING OF THE LEO VINCI CAR COLLECTION MONDAY 21 MARCH 2022

Convener Neil Williamson is happy to announce the private viewing of Mr Leo Vinci's personal car collection, on Monday 21 March 2021. Leo's collection features an extensive array of some truly interesting Australian muscle cars, as well as several rare Ferraris. Please note at our host's request a contribution of \$10 per person will be added to your subscription to the event, with the funds going to the Stoneridge Foundation which support several Children's charities including the Starlight Foundation.

The event will run from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm and Members may invite up to two gentlemen guests each to attend. Dress is jacket with tie optional. The address for this occasion in Wangarra will be provided just prior to the event. Subscriptions can be made to this event via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the subscription form attached.

## END OF SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY SATURDAY 26 MARCH 2022

Members and guests are invited to join the President and Committee for Sangria, Prosecco, freshly shucked oysters and tapas food in the garden for the End of Summer Cocktail Party on Saturday 26 March 2022. Dress is tailored jacket with ties optional for the evening. A charge of \$95.00 per person will apply.

Members may invite up to three guests and subscription is essential. Bookings for this event can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or on the Club's website via [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## WA HISTORY INTEREST FORUM A PLACE TO GROW: THE CENTENARY OF ST MARY'S ANGLICAN GIRLS SCHOOL GUEST SPEAKER: RICHARD OFFEN MONDAY 28 MARCH 2022

Members and guests are invited to subscribe to an address by Richard Offen on "*A Place to Grow the Centenary of St Mary's Anglican Girls School 1921-2021*" at a WA History Lunch on Monday 28 March 2022.



Richard Offen is a historian, lecturer, broadcaster and overall champion for Perth. He first visited our city in 2001, saying it was love at first sight so to speak. The weather, open space and greenery within our city are no comparison to gloomy UK and its wet weather, from where Offen originates.

Working with Heritage Perth, he aimed to put the expression "Perth has no history" to bed and Richard continues to educate the people of Perth's Heritage through his books, "Lost Perth" and "Perth Then and Now" and speaking about places and organisations and their

contribution to Perth history and its environs.

Richard also researched and authored the centenary history record of St Mary's Anglican Girls school titled "A Place to Grow." Although Richard is now retired, he says he is busier than ever and will continue to promote Perth and its abundance of history.

St Mary's Anglican Girls' School was founded when two small private girls' schools operating in West Perth, Mrs Blanche Gouly's Girls' Grammar School and Miss Emily Hilferty's Alexandra High School, amalgamated. The school opened on 14 September 1921 with an initial roll of 98 boys and girls. The school relocated to a parish hall at 40 Colin Street, West Perth.

Having outgrown the parish hall and West Perth by 1964, a building appeal was launched to buy and then develop the present campus at Karrinyup. Under the guidance of the then Principal, Anne Symington (1965-1982) and Peter Atkins (Board Chairman) St Mary's operated in both West Perth and Karrinyup until 1970, when the entire school relocated to Karrinyup on 40 acres of land, which when purchased was a remote wilderness block of mostly desolate coastal sandhills.

In recent years numerous additions have been made to the campus, including The Lady Wardle Performing Arts Centre, The Lady Treatt Centre for Music and Dance, The Sir Thomas Wardle Swimming Pool Complex, two gymnasiums, a new library and boarding facilities with a capacity for 200 students.

Since 2005, the St Mary's Anglican Girls' School Foundation purchased 200 acres (80 ha) of land in Metricup, which is located in the Margaret River Wine Region, to develop its flagship outdoor education facility, St Mary's at Metricup. The property contains two dams, two large pastures, an airstrip, a vineyard, an eco-tent camping area permanently set up for up to 100 students, dormitory accommodation for 115 students and staff together with a heritage hand sawn timber clad cottage.

This is a story not to be missed, as it follows the vision and determination of so many contributors over 100 years to simply make this place one of the finest schools in Australia and as a place to grow.

The address will commence at 12 noon (sharp) in The Verandah Room and after question time a two-course lunch will follow in the Members' Dining Room. The event is open to Members and guests, particularly old boys and girls, former parents and friends of the school. Dress is jacket and tie. Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

Rodger Gibson-Convener



## **NEW ART GALLERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA ROOF TOP PRIVATE TOUR WITH THE GALLERY DIRECTOR WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2022**

Members and their partners are invited to subscribe to a private tour of the newly opened rooftop of the Art Gallery of Western Australia hosted by the Gallery's recently appointed Director, Colin Walker. A dinner at the Club House will follow the tour dinner during which the Director will speak about his vision for the Art Gallery in the years ahead.

In November last year the ten million dollar transformation of the rooftop of the Gallery was officially opened and recognises the completion of the original architectural intention for the 1979 design building, which was imagined by architect Charles Sierakowski as a vantage point for looking out. The new rooftop area includes an interior gallery, an outdoor sculpture walk, a bar and a 34 metre contemporary Aboriginal art piece by Christopher Pease.

The Director, Colin Walker, is originally from Liverpool and took over the directorship of AGWA in 2019, initially in an acting capacity and very recently in an official capacity. Prior to this Colin Walker held senior roles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. programs. During his address at dinner he will share his vision to use the Gallery's full range of assets to make it fully sustainable, including having a strong music and performing arts program.

The evening will commence with Members and their partners assembling at the Club House for a short coach transfer to the Gallery at 5.30 pm. After a welcome by the Director of the Gallery a tour of the new rooftop will ensue with drinks service throughout. Following the return journey to the Club House, a two course dinner will be served in the Dining Room during which the Director will give his address

This event is open to Members and their partners and the dress is jacket and tie. It is anticipated a charge of \$130.00 per person will apply, including coach transfers, drinks at the Gallery and a two-course dinner including wine. Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form enclosed, or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## **NEW MEMBERS' EVENING A MEMBER ONLY EVENT FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022**

All Members are encouraged to attend the dinner and enjoy an evening of fellowship with the new Members, their proposers, seconders and referees. The new Members who have received personal invitations are:

Michael BARBLETT, William BURT, Chris CHATAWAY, Mike CHESTER, Nathan COLLINS,  
Piers EGERTON-WARBURTON, David HUDSON, Anthony KAY, John LOVE, Michael QUINLIVAN and  
Ross WARNER.

The dinner will also recognise 2022 Australia Day Honours recipient Paul Carter OAM.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in the Wittenoom Room at 6.30 pm and dinner will follow in the Members' Dining Room at 7.00 pm. This is a members' only event and dress on this occasion is lounge suit.

*Please note, a private reception will be held for the new Members and their proposers only to meet the President and the Committee at 6.00 pm (sharp) in the Wittenoom Room prior to being joined by other Members at 6.30 pm.*

Bookings for this event are essential and can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or on the Club's website via [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## **FULLY SUBSCRIBED EVENTS**

### **SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY CANDLELIGHT DINNER MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2022**

The Saint Valentine's Day Dinner is now fully subscribed. Members who would like to attend may email the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or telephone her on 9323 7006 and ask to be placed on the Waiting List..