



MARCH 2022 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome gentlemen to the March newsletter. 2022 is now officially well underway, with Members enjoying a wide variety of events at The Weld Club last month. On 7 February myself and Vice-President Anthony Wooles had the pleasure of hosting the annual Past Presidents lunch, attended by ten fine gentlemen who between them have given over eighty years' service to the Club. Without exception these Members all still take a keen interest in the well-being of the Club, and their wisdom and experience is a huge asset to us all.

The Valentine's Day dinner on Monday 14 February was a sell-out. My wife Dee and I were one of the lucky ones who got to enjoy the exceptional food, wine, service and candle-lit ambience. If you've never been before I highly recommend getting in early for the 2023 event – your wife will love you even more for it!

For those of us who attended the Topical Interest Lecture on Monday 28 February given by new Member Dr Clay Golledge on "COVID – The Reality and Politics" we were provided with an extremely interesting presentation, particularly taking into account that ironically later on the same day the Premier announced the introduction of level two restrictions to take effect from this Thursday as the Omicron COVID variant makes its way through the community in WA. My thanks to Dr Barney Cresswell RFD for facilitating the very informative question and answer session at the end of the presentation.

As a direct consequence of the level two restrictions, sadly the Committee has taken the decision to withdraw the End of Summer Cocktail Party scheduled for Saturday 26 March 2022 from the Club's event calendar. It is contrary to the purpose of the party to require everyone to be seated at all times for drinks and cocktail food. However, I am pleased to report that logistically the Long Table Lunch on the Lawn for Members Only scheduled for Friday 18 March can still proceed within the restriction guidelines and places remain available.

With regard to COVID restrictions, a big thank you to the 430+ Members who have provided their proof of double vaccination to the Club. With all staff double vaccinated and a strict regime of hygiene standards in place, we can all be comfortable that The Weld Club remains a very attractive option for dining out. And for anyone who hasn't yet experienced the contemporary feel of the newly redecorated Verandah Room, I can highly recommend it.

Last but by no mean least, it is always gratifying when a Member of The Weld Club receives public recognition. On behalf of all Members I would like to congratulate Paul Carter OAM for being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List in recognition of his service to the community.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

One of the most beautiful locations to enjoy a chilled gin and tonic on a warm afternoon is now the refurbished first floor verandah, which overlooks the Supreme Court Gardens. With its new high end finishes, including federation mosaic floor tiles imported from France, wicker chairs and wall mounted coach lights the verandah transports you back in time to a lovely colonial setting. The verandah is now available to Members for private outdoor lunches, dinners and cocktail parties. It is also ideal to retire to after a pleasant dinner in the Club House for a liquor or Cognac, with or without a cigar. I invite Members to view this improved amenity when next visiting the Club House.

I also invite Members to view the adjoining first floor Lounge, which also benefitted from a refurbishment towards the end of last year. An ideal private retreat for Members needing to read documents, check their messages or have a coffee meeting with a friend or colleague. The Lounge is also available for small private receptions or makes an ideal room for drinks prior to a dinner in the Balston Library.

Hugh Stowell

PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDERS EASTER & ANZAC APRIL 2022

Members are reminded the Club-House will be closed from Friday 15 April to Monday 18 April 2022 in observance of the Easter public holidays and on Monday 25 April 2022 in observance of the ANZAC public holiday. Normal services will resume with breakfast from 7.30 am on each day following the public holidays.

THE IMPACT OF NEW COVID LEVEL TWO RESTRICTIONS ON VISITING THE CLUB HOUSE

The Committee wishes to reassure Members who may be apprehensive about visiting hospitality venues under the level two restrictions that take effect on Thursday 3 March that the Club House is an environment where every precaution has been taken to diminish the risk of any infection. The Club's staff are double vaccinated and no entry is permitted to any Member or guest that cannot show proof of double vaccination. The protocol requiring two square metres of space per person in all public rooms means that tables are generously set apart in the dining rooms and function rooms and for this reason dining room bookings in advance are encouraged so that the staff can ensure capacity limits are not breached. Unfortunately, the additional restrictions will require all drink service prior to a meal to be seated only.

Mask wearing is compulsory for staff at all times and for Members and guests, other than when seated at a table with food and/or beverages. Please remember to don masks when moving around the Club House, which includes leaving a dining table for food service at a buffet or to go to the bathroom.

Additionally, a regime of sanitising all surfaces and furniture is carried constantly by the housekeeping staff. Any Member wishing to know more about the Club's COVID-19 protocols is welcome to contact the Secretary, Hugh Stowell, by telephoning 9323 7001 or via an email to secretary@weldclub.org.au

STAYCATIONS AT THE CLUB EXTENDED UNTIL THE END OF MARCH

For Members not venturing out of Perth the Club is extending its offer on three "staycation" packages in the Club's accommodation. Members are reminded a car bay is provided for the duration of a stay in the Club House at no charge.

Stay Two Consecutive Nights

First night in a standard bedroom \$100 (plus GST) and the second night is only \$75.00 (plus GST).

Summer Package

Standard bedroom a half-bottle of Moët & Chandon N.V. champagne on arrival. \$148 (plus GST).

Summer Indulgence Package

A night in suite 10 with a bottle of Pol Roger N.V. Champagne on arrival. \$290 per night (plus GST).



EVENTS

SEAFOOD LUNCH FOR MIXED COMPANY THE VERANDAH WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH 2022

The monthly Seafood Lunches for mixed company in The Verandah continue to be a great success and this month's lunch falls on Wednesday 2 March. The menu features tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, fresh prawns and salmon followed by a choice of lobster or market fish for the main course.

For those Members wishing to plan ahead the following lunch will be held on Wednesday 6 April 2022.

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

WCWG VICTORIA CROSS RECIPIENTS WALK DALKEITH SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2022

Members and their partners are invited to join the WCWG on our first walk for 2022. Now that the weather has settled down, we have scheduled a Sunday morning walk this month on Sunday 13 March 2022.

The walk will commence from the Club at 8.30 am, walking North along the river to Winthrop Hall at the University of Western Australia. For those Members wanting a shorter walk, you are welcome to join us from this short stop, at 9.30 am. From the University we will walk through some of Dalkeith's most beautiful streets and parks and hear the naming history of some of the streets after Victoria Cross recipients.

The complete walk is 14.5kms and is graded easy to moderate and graded 2.

We will finish the walk in Claremont at a secret location, where we will enjoy a relaxed ANZAC themed lunch. We look forward to your attendance and company at our first walk for the year. We will take this opportunity to share the year's program with you, including an exciting announcement about two interstate trips over the next year, both of which have limited availability.

Subscriptions can be made to this event via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to events@weldclub.org.au

Steven Carre – Convener

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

Places may still be reserved for the Annual Golf Day at the 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. The day commences with a light lunch from 11.00 am, before a shotgun start at 12.30 pm. Do not miss this opportunity to have your name recorded on the highly acclaimed Schadenfreude Trophy.

At the conclusion of play, seated drink service and 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.

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 or via the subscription form attached.

Keith Jones – Convener

MIXED DUPLICATE BRIDGE MONDAY 14 MARCH 2022

We are looking at recommencing Mixed Duplicate Bridge evenings on Monday 14 March 2022. This event will be held in the Frederick Barlee Room commencing at 6.00 pm, with a two-course dinner from approximately 7.00 pm.

We require at least 8 couples to subscribe for this event no later than 5.30 pm Monday 7 March 2022. A reminder this is an excellent opportunity for Members and partners to enjoy a friendly game of Bridge and socialise with others during the evening.

Bookings for this event can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or telephone 9323 7000.

Rick Camins – Convener

SEAFOOD LUNCH IN THE MEMBERS' DINING ROOM WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022

The next Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room for Members and gentlemen guests will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2022. 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

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 150th 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. COVID level two restrictions will require drinks on arrival from 12.30 pm to be served at the tables in the open marquee on the Grand Lawn prior to lunch service commencing 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 noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

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

A reminder places remain available for the private viewing of Mr. Leo Vinci's personal car collection, on Monday 21 March 2021.

Leo Vinci's collection features an extensive array of some truly interesting Australian muscle cars, as well as several rare Ferraris. On this occasion a fee of \$10 will be added to the subscription, 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 Wangara will be provided, just prior to the event, to those who subscribe.

Subscriptions can be made to this event via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to events@weldclub.org.au

END OF SUMMER COCKTAIL PARTY WITHDRAWN FROM THE CLUB EVENT CALENDAR

Unfortunately due to the COVID level two restrictions that take effect from Thursday 3 March the Committee has taken the difficult decision to withdraw the End of Summer Cocktail Party scheduled for Saturday 26 March from the Club's event program. Members who had previously subscribed will be contacted by the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to inform them directly of this announcement.

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 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.

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 or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

Rodger Gibson-Convener

NEW MEMBERS' EVENING

A MEMBER ONLY EVENT

FRIDAY 8 APRIL 2022

Limited places remain to attend the dinner and enjoy an evening of fellowship with the new Members, their proposers, seconders and referees. The new Members who were elected in February 2022 have also received personal invitations namely:

David Benson, Benjamin Fowler, James Gardiner, James MacKenzie, Colin Somerville and David Woods.

Subject to the lifting of COVID level two restrictions at the beginning of April, 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 or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au

**HANDEL'S "MESSIAH" CONCERT
CONDUCTED BY CLUB MEMBER, DR JOSEPH NOLAN
PERTH CONCERT HALL
WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2022**

Members and partners are invited to subscribe to one of this year's most important concerts at the Perth Concert Hall, a performance of Handel's Messiah conducted by Club Member, Dr Joseph Nolan. Performing under Dr Noland's direction will be soprano, Sara MacLiver, mezzo-soprano Fiona Campbell, tenor, Paul McMahon and baritone James Clayton together with the St George's Cathedral Consort. Handel's Messiah depicts Christ's birth, passion and resurrection through timeless and inspiring music and is the perfect concert tradition to share in the week prior to Easter.

Subject to the lifting of COVID level two restrictions at the beginning of April, the evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks from 5.45 pm at the Club House, and following a pre-concert two-course meal including wine, Members and partners will then enjoy the short stroll to the Perth Concert Hall for the 7.30 pm curtain. The cost of subscription is \$150.00 per person including dinner and A reserve seats at the concert. Places are restricted and bookings are limited to Members and their partners.

Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

**ANNUAL ANZAC DINNER
DINING PRESIDENT: ROB NASH
WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022**

This year's Dining President, Rob Nash, extends an invitation to all Members and guests to subscribe to the annual ANZAC Dinner on Wednesday 20 April 2022.

Subject to the lifting of COVID level two restrictions at the beginning of April, the evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm (sharp). This annual event provides an opportunity to reflect on the important contribution made by serving men and women, both currently and in the past. Subscriptions for the dinner are open to all Members and gentlemen guests together with women who are currently serving, or have served, in the Australian Defence Force.

Dress is mess dress or black tie with medals. Members and guests may if they wish wear their father's or grandfather's decorations on their right lapel.

Subscriptions can either be made on the enclosed subscription form or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to events@weldclub.org.au

**MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH
SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022**

Mother's Day Lunch is a wonderful opportunity for Members to bring their family together, including mothers, grandmothers and grandchildren to share this day of celebration. No minimum age restriction will apply on this occasion. A three-course lunch with several choices for each course will be served in the Members' Dining Room, together with an optional two-course children's menu as required.

Dress is tailored jackets with ties optional, except for children under 15, where "Sunday Best", may be worn. A charge of \$87.00 per person will apply, except for children 12 who may eat from the children's menu for \$39.50 per child.

Members are invited to complete the enclosed subscription form or subscribe via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

FAMOUS MENUS IN HISTORY DINNER DISHES SERVED IN THE JAMES BOND 007 NOVELS THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

The name is Bond, James Bond. The series of Famous Menus in History returns with a more contemporary theme on this occasion. Chef, Clayton Green, has researched the dishes served throughout Ian Fleming's James Bond novels together with dishes that have appeared in the movie versions of the books. Come and see how Chef has interpreted some of Bond's favourite meals including dressed crab, asparagus & hollandaise, shrimp curry, brizzola from Sardis in New York and La Bombe Surprise, naturally washed down with a martini or two, Americanos, Bollinger champagne and burgundy from St Emilion.



Subscription is open to Members and up to three guests. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm and the dress code is "dressed to kill" (black tie). The anticipated cost per person will be \$190.00 per person including a four-course menu, martinis on arrival together with champagne and burgundy served throughout the dinner.

Subscriptions can either be made on the enclosed subscription form or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to events@weldclub.org.au

FATHERS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

Subscriptions are now open for the 2022 Fathers' and Daughters' Dinner to be held on Friday 27 May 2022. The evening will commence with champagne served in the Wittenoom Room from 7.00 pm followed by a three-course dinner from 7.30 pm, matched with wines from the Club's reserve cellar.

This event is open to Members and their daughters, daughters'-in-law and grand-daughters over the age of 18 years. Dress is black tie for Members and evening wear for ladies.

Subscriptions can be made to this event on the attached subscription form, via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

FULLY SUBSCRIBED EVENT

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

The above event is now fully subscribed. Members who would like to attend may email the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or telephone her on 9323 7006 and ask to be placed on the Waiting List.

MARSHALL CLIFTON'S LEGACY

THREE GENERATIONS OF ARTISTS

The Weld Club art collection includes a single watercolour by my maternal grandfather, Marshall Clifton, and a group of watercolour landscapes by Romola Templeman, Marshall's daughter, currently hanging in the hallway adjacent to Barrack Street.



Marshall Clifton was a Club Member and well-known Perth architect, whose name is commemorated in the annual Architects Institute of Australia award for the best residential project in Western Australia. His own house in Mosman Park, along with a 'sister' house on Victoria Avenue in Dalkeith, are celebrated examples of his romantic adaptation of vernacular Spanish architecture, and part of a broader international movement that is sometimes described as the 'Spanish Mission' style.

Clifton was an adept draftsman and watercolourist who painted throughout most of his life. He was a prolific painter of Western Australian landscapes and cityscapes and recorded various European travels, painting 'insitu.' An exhibition of works painted on his final European trip and held at the UWA Undercroft gallery in 1973, was a sell-out.

His elder daughter Romola developed an initially similar watercolour technique and trained later at the Slade School in London before embarking on a life-long career as a fine artist and teacher.

Romola's daughter, Amelia, trained in fine art at WAIT (now Curtin University) in the early nineteen eighties, and both Amelia and Romola continue to work in the watercolour medium.

Marshall Clifton's art and architecture was the subject of a short monograph and exhibition held at the Fremantle Arts Centre in 1987. The monograph includes essays by local academics Duncan Richards and Barbara Chapman, which trace his architectural and artistic work and careers.



Local painter, Penny Coss, is one of a few local, professional artists working today with watercolour. Her beautiful, minimalist works were recently exhibited at the Artists Collective and present a very different type of artistic endeavour, that also draws on the innate watercolour qualities of transparency and light.



Fred Chaney – Art Committee