



APRIL 2022 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome fellow Members to the April newsletter. March was another busy month at the Weld Club, in spite of the ever-changing landscape as WA learns to live with COVID. The second Annual Long Table Lunch was a huge success, with spectacular food, wine and company enjoyed by everyone present. I was privileged to join a number of Members who “kicked on” afterwards to enjoy an unofficial christening of the newly refurbished first floor verandah, complete with Cuban cigars and even more fine wine. If you haven’t yet had a look at the renovated verandah with its new tiling, lighting and furniture then I can highly recommend it.

On a less bright note, unfortunately the prevailing COVID requirement that drinks could only be consumed while seated meant that both the End of Summer Cocktail Party and the Art Gallery tour had to be cancelled. Thankfully this restriction has now been relaxed so Members are free to go back to enjoying a drink before lunch, dinner or a Club event without having to be immediately seated. It is also very pleasing that the recent lifting of border restrictions has seen an immediate increase in the number of reciprocal members visiting our Club from the Eastern States. Many of these gentlemen are here for extended stays and I encourage all Weld Members to make them welcome whenever the opportunity arises.

As COVID cases continue to take hold in WA, it is an inescapable fact that daily usage of the Club has declined dramatically. In fact as I write this report both myself and the Secretary are in seven-day isolation as a result of being “close contacts” of confirmed COVID cases (in my case for the second time in a month!) As a result of this declining usage the Committee recently made the difficult decision to close The Verandah for lunch service until the Easter weekend in mid-April. Hopefully some form of normality will have returned by then, but only time will tell. In the meantime I would like to thank all Members and guests who continue to support the Club by lunching in the Members Dining Room.

April promises to be another busy month at the Club, with a number of events including the New Members Dinner on Friday 8 April, a pre-concert supper followed by Handel’s Messiah at the Perth Concert Hall on Wednesday 13 April, the annual ANZAC Dinner hosted by Dining President Rob Nash and featuring the Federal Assistant Minister for Defence, The Hon. Andrew Hastie as the Guest of Honour on Wednesday 20 April, and a viewing of an impressive car collection with the Motoring Enthusiasts Group on Wednesday 27 April.

Gentlemen, thank you again for continuing to support the Club through some interesting and difficult times. I look forward to catching up with you when I am allowed out of isolation.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

As reported by the President I am writing my article this month isolating at home in my makeshift “Secretary’s Office”. What I am missing most is the interaction with Members, the comradery amongst the staff and the fellowship of the Club Table. A reminder that even with the reduced dining arrangements at lunch time a Club Table is being maintained each day of the week and it is a marvellous way to meet a cross section of Members and enjoy good conversation.

Subject to final confirmation, it is hoped during April improvements will be made to the roof of the Club House to make it more durable during the ever increasing storm seasons. This will require the erection of scaffolding on three sides of the Club House to ensure the safety of the work crew undertaking the works. The House Sub-Committee is keen for the works to be completed prior to winter and it is anticipated the scaffolding will only need to remain in place for a fortnight.

Hugh Stowell

NEW 2022 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

The 2022 Edition of the Membership Handbook featuring a current List of Members and the Club's By-Laws is now in print. To maintain the confidentiality of the Membership Book, Members are invited to collect their copy in person from the Membership Manager's Office between the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday thru Friday, excluding public holidays. Pursuant to By-Law 18 on Privacy and Confidentiality, introduced last year, Members will be asked by the Membership Manager to sign for their copy of the handbook. Collection of a copy of the handbook from the Membership Manager's Office also provides an opportunity to vote in the Ballot announced in this month's Membership Report.

PAYMENT OF HOUSE ACCOUNTS NOW AVAILABLE VIA ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

For added convenience Members' monthly house accounts may now also be paid by electronic funds transfer (EFT). The details to make an electronic funds transfer directly into the Club's bank account are shown in the left hand column on the front page of house account statements. When making a transfer, all that is required when making an entry under "description" is the relevant membership number. There is no bank charge from the Club for using this option and it is ideal for Members wishing to avoid any credit card fees.

DINING ARRANGEMENTS AT LUNCH TIME

As announced last month, with COVID now in the Perth community in the short term it is not sustainable to maintain two dining rooms at lunch time. In order to minimise the impact on the resources of the Club and to enable the retention of all full-time staff the difficult decision has been taken to close the Verandah Room at lunch time until the Easter long weekend. It is hoped by the second half of April the current wave of COVID will have abated and that Member engagement with the Club will return to a level that will enable lunch service to resume in the Verandah Room.

During this period the Members' Dining Room will revert to the arrangements enjoyed during January. Namely, Members and all guests may lunch in the Dining Room Monday to Friday. Monday to Wednesday a Club Menu will be offered with table service only and on Thursdays and Fridays there will be the option of both a Club Menu and dishes served from the traditional hot buffet.

While these arrangements are in place be assured the normal protocols of the Dining Room will be observed. Namely, there will continue to be a Member Only Club Table, tables made up of Members will be reserved at the western end of the room and tables on which Members have invited guests will be reserved at the eastern end of the room.

The staff will ensure that tables are well spaced and that all COVID safety protocols are maintained at all times.

BREAKFAST IN THE VERANDAH NOW FROM 7.00AM

In response to a number of requests breakfast service in The Verandah now commences at the earlier time of 7.00 am until 10.00 am Monday – Friday. Members are welcome to bring family, colleagues and friends for breakfast and a reminder that the wearing of jackets and ties is optional during breakfast service. To make bookings in advance please call the Club's reception staff on 9323 7000 or send a booking via email to reception@weldclub.org.au

PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDERS EASTER LONG WEEKEND & ANZAC DAY APRIL 2022

Members are reminded the Club-House will be closed on Friday 15 April and Monday 18 April 2022 in observance of the Easter public holidays. Dinner service in the Verandah Room will be available on Easter Saturday, 16 April 2022.

On Monday 25 April 2022 the Club House will be closed in observance of the ANZAC public holiday.

Normal services will resume with breakfast from 7.30 am on each day following the public holidays.

EVENTS

CLUB EVENT SEAFOOD LUNCH FOR MIXED COMPANY THE VERANDAH WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 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 6 April. 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. Please note that this is a Club Event and The Verandah will continue to remain closed for normal lunch service until after Easter.

For those Members wishing to plan ahead the following lunch will be held on Wednesday 4 May 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

MIXED DUPLICATE BRIDGE MONDAY 11 APRIL 2022

The next Mixed Duplicate Bridge evening will be held on Monday 11 April 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.

A reminder we require at least 8 couples to subscribe for this event no later than 5.30 pm Monday 4 April 2022. Also, 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

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

Members 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.

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 now open to Members, their partners and up to four guests.

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

SEAFOOD LUNCH IN THE MEMBERS' DINING ROOM MEMBERS & GENTLEMEN GUESTS WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022

The next Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room for Members and gentlemen guests will be held on Wednesday 20 April 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. 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

ANNUAL ANZAC DINNER GUEST OF HONOUR: FEDERAL ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR DEFENCE THE HON. ANDREW HASTIE MP WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL 2022



This year's Dining President, Rob Nash, is pleased to announce the Guest of Honour for this year's ANZAC Dinner on Wednesday 20 April 2022 will be the Federal Assistant Minister for Defence, The Hon. Andrew Hastie MP. Before entering the Federal Parliament, The Hon Andrew Hastie had a distinguished career as Army officer between 2007 and 2015 after graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

He served in the 2nd Cavalry Regiment and the Special Air Service Regiment, during which time he served in Afghanistan. The Hon. Andrew Hastie was elected to the House of Representatives for Canning in 2015 and was elevated to Assistant Minister for Defence in December 2020. The Minister has kindly agreed to give the after dinner address.

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

PRIVATE VIEWING OF THE LEO VINCI CAR COLLECTION WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2022 (NEW DATE)

I know that many of our Members were disappointed to learn that due to the implementation of COVID restrictions, we were forced to postpone our much anticipated visit to the Leo Vinci Collection. After speaking with Mr. Vinci, he has kindly agreed to reschedule our visit for Wednesday 27 April 2022.

Those Members who had previously indicated that they would like to attend, will be given the first opportunity of subscribing to the rescheduled event. Please note that the event is limited to 50 places and as there was strong interest when first announced I urge anyone who may be interested in attending this wonderful collection.

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

Neil Williamson – Convener

FAMOUS CHEF'S IN HISTORY

ALEXIS SOYER - THE REFORM CLUB

THURSDAY 28 - SATURDAY 30 APRIL

Chef de Cuisine, Steven Newcombe, is pleased to release the menu for our first Famous Chef's in History featuring dishes from the first celebrity chef Alexis Soyer. In 1837 Soyer became chef de cuisine at the Reform Club in London. He designed the kitchens with Charles Barry at the newly built Club. His kitchens were so famous that they were opened for conducted tours. When Queen Victoria was crowned on 28 June 1838, he prepared a breakfast for 2,000 people at the Club. Soyer's eponymous Lamb Cutlets Reform are still on the Club menu. This will be available for dinner from Thursday 28 to Saturday 30 April 2022.

"Pearls of the Field"

field mushroom, brioche, crème fraiche, tarragon

Consomé of Oxtail

roast farro

Spotted Cod & Lobster Quenelles

bisque sauce, trout roe

Salade de Quail

Wagyu quail, quail egg, pickled shallot, radish, chervil, herb emulsion

Lamb Cutlets Reform

brioche herb crusted Albany Lamb Cutlets
braised tongue, baby beets, dauphinoise potato, Reform sauce

Orange Blossom Soufflé

pine-apple marmalade ice cream, cognac anglaise

Petit Fours

Victorian Fingers
Jelly and Fruit Compote Tartlets

Members are invited to book a table in the Verandah Room for parties of two up to eight persons for dinner. Bookings are essential and can be made with reception via reception@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 9323 7000.

MOTHERS' DAY LUNCH

SUNDAY 8 MAY 2022

Limited places remain to book your table for the Mother's Day Lunch. This 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.

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

There are only a few places remaining to subscribe to the third in the series of Famous Menus in History. 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

WCWG PERTH HILLS KITTY GORGE - JARRAHDAL SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

Members and partners are invited to join the WCWG first Perth Hills walking the picturesque Kitty's Gorge trail, through Serpentine on Sunday May 29.

- **Type:** Bush Walk
- **Experience:** Family Friendly
- **Time:** 3 hours, not including driving time
- **Length:** 7 km, one way, 14km planned for this walk
- **Difficulty:** Grade 3
- **Lunch:** Millbrook Estate Winery



The moderately difficult Kitty's Gorge walk trail is located in Serpentine. The trail is 7km each way or 14 km return and can be accessed from either end, which will give walkers the choice of doing the full walk or just half. The walk is graded 3 as there are some steep sections with loose stones, uneven and slippery ground. Please wear walking boots or sturdy shoes. Poles may be helpful to some walkers so feel free to bring them along. As the weather may be cool, it is advisable to bring wet weather gear.

The walk will commence from the Weld Club car park at 8.00am, driving to Serpentine to commence our walk at approximately 9.00am. Members may wish to carpool and appoint a skipper for the return trip.

Our walk will conclude at Millbrook Winery for lunch. Millbrook was awarded the Gourmet Traveller 2022 Restaurant of the Year, so our lunch and accompanying wines promise to be good. The restaurant has arranged a wine tasting to proceed our sit-down lunch, which will be served in a private space for the WCWG, looking out across the vineyard.

'While Millbrook epitomises farm-to-table, lunch is priced so everyone can play. Easy-going staff, snappily priced estate wines and widescreen forest vistas remain hallmarks of one of WA's most vital food experiences.'

Steven Carre – Convenor

YOUNGER MEMBERS ANNUAL DINNER MEMBERS AND GENTLEMEN GUESTS FRIDAY 17 JUNE 2022

The Younger Members Convener, Mitchell Wells, invites Members to subscribe to this year's Annual Younger Members Dinner on Friday 17 June 2022 at which Younger Members. An announcement will be made shortly regarding the Guest of Honour for the dinner.

A three course menu will be paired with wines from the reserve cellar and following the dinner the Billiard Room and Members' Bar will be open together with the refurbished First Floor Verandah for those who wish to bring a cigar to enjoy with fine brandy and ports. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm and dinner will follow at 7.30 pm. Dress is black tie.

Subscription can be made by completing the enclosed subscription form or subscribe with an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

FAMOUS MENUS IN HISTORY DINNER THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON'S WATERLOO BANQUET ON THE 207TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2022

The Waterloo Banquet took place every year starting in 1820 until the Duke of Wellington's death in 1852. The celebration occurred at the Duke's estate, Apsley House, to commemorate the British victory over Napoleon at Waterloo in 1815. The fourth in the series of Famous Menus in History will capture the essence of the banquet that was served in 1820, given the actual menu ran to several pages, and will be presented as a five-course banquet menu paired with wines from the reserve cellar.



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 is Black Tie. The anticipated cost will be \$190.00 per person.

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

MID-WINTER DINNER LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW FRIDAY 24 JUNE 2022

For this year's Mid-Winter Dinner the Dining Room will become an Ice Castle dressed in white and filled with snow, and subject to restrictions at the time, The Weld Club Choir will provide an interlude of music under the direction of Choir Master, Christophe Karas. A three-course themed menu presented by Chef, Clayton Green, will be paired with wines from the cellar.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm. Members are reminded that in addition to their partners they may extend an invitation to the widows of former Members to join their table as guests of the Club.

Dress is black tie. Members are invited to complete the enclosed subscription form or subscribe on an 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

TRUFFLE AND BURGUNDY DINNERS THE VERANDAH THURSDAY 30 JUNE – SATURDAY 2 JULY 2022

Members are invited to reserve a table in The Verandah for a special Truffle and Burgundy menu featuring inspired dishes with Stone Barn Manjimup Truffles matched with Burgundy wines from the Cellar, this will be a 5 course degustation menu which will be available from Thursday 30 June to Saturday 2 July 2022.

Bookings for dinner in advance will be both appreciated and essential and can be made with reception via reception@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 9323 7000.

FULLY SUBSCRIBED EVENT

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

FATHERS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

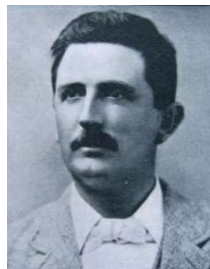
The above events is now fully subscribed. Members who would like to attend may email the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or telephone her on 9323 7006 and ask to be placed on the Waiting List.

ART NEWS

AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN FOR THE WELD CLUB'S PREMISES IN 1891?

The inaugural meeting of the Weld Club had been held at the Perth Town Hall in 1871. After progressively occupying two buildings in St George's Terrace, in 1885 the club purchased Alex Forrest's interest in a five-year lease, with option to purchase, of the site on the north-west corner of Barrack Street and Bazaar Terrace (later The Esplanade). The land was in close proximity to the legal and administrative centre of the Colony, comprising the Supreme Court, Government House, the Central Government Offices, the Town Hall, St George's Cathedral, and was adjacent to Stirling Gardens. When first acquired, the site afforded a view across the newly established Esplanade Recreation Reserve and the Swan River.

At a general meeting held in January 1891, the club committee was authorised to arrange finance for a new club building. At the same meeting, a building committee consisting of Judge Edward Stone, Sir James Lee Steere, George Poole, Alex Forrest, Henry Saunders and Captain Edward Haynes was appointed. Poole, chief architect of the Public Works Department (PWD), civil engineer Saunders and Ernest Salter, also with the PWD, proceeded to organise a survey of the site, and to produce a sketch plan for the building. After another meeting, which considered the layout produced by the building committee members, it was decided to hold a competition amongst local architects.



Architects at Perth in the 1890s: George Poole, James Wright, Henry Trigg, Talbot Hobbs, Andrea Stombuco

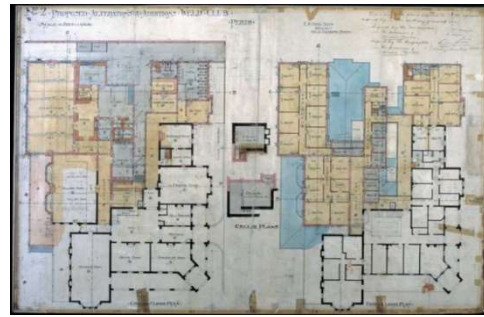
James W. Wright, secretary of the Institute of Architects of Western Australia, was contacted to provide advice to the committee, and an advertisement was inserted in *The West Australian* on 13 July 1891:

The committee of The Weld Club invite ARCHITECTS to submit DESIGNS for a CLUB HOUSE to be erected at the corner of Barrack Street and Bazaar Terrace at a cost not to exceed £5,000, and offer a premium of £50 for the best plan accepted. If not accepted an amount of £10 will be paid for the best design. Particulars obtainable from the secretary. Plans to be sent in before August 10 next.

By order of the committee.

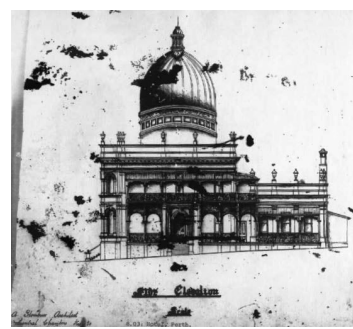
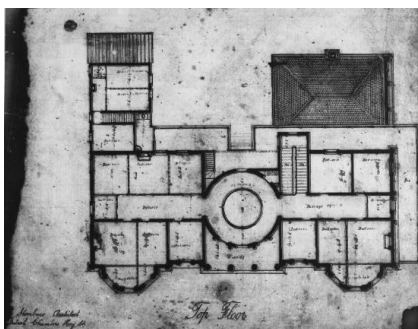
E. S. Barker, Secretary.

Eleven entries were submitted, including those of the first locally born and trained architect Henry S. Trigg, and all were considered at a special meeting. Two designs were favoured, one by Wright, which the local press stated had *'very evident suitability to the requirements of an Australian climate, and met with much approval.'* The other was by J.J. Talbot Hobbs, a young architect who had migrated from England in 1887, and would become a national hero following the First World War. Eventually Hobbs was advised of his success, asked to prepare working plans and specifications, and then to call tenders for construction. Five tenders were received, of which the lowest was submitted by Bunning Bros, who proceeded to build the Hobbs design which now forms the nucleus of the current Club premises. It was opened on 22 December 1892 – which, as the Club winds up activities at Christmas this year, will be 130 years young. The Hobbs-designed clubhouse, enlarged by E.H. Dean Smith in 1904, remains a fine example of the Federation Queen Anne style of architecture, enhanced by its picturesque belvedere, verandahs, complex roof form and the rendered decorative treatments.



The Weld Club as designed by Talbot Hobbs, and Dean Smith's plans illustrating its enlargement in 1904.

It may be interesting to ponder how successive Club members would have regarded alternative designs, had they been built, including those of Harry Trigg, and of the more classically-inclined James Wright. The veteran Italian-born architect Andrea Stombuco, previously responsible for many flamboyant designs in Queensland, had become aware of the competition for the design of a new Weld Club soon after his arrival in Western Australia. In August of 1891, the *Inquirer and Commercial News* at Perth advised the public of Hobbs' success, and that all the competition drawings were on display at the James Wright-designed AMP Society Building on St George's Terrace. Various comments on each of the designs were made, and somewhat less favourably that: *'Signor Stombuco's design is exceedingly grandiose, and is a cross between the Washington Capitol and St. Peter's at Rome, and although no doubt clever, is most unsuitable for a Club house.'* Perhaps over time Club members have preferred our 'picturesque belvedere', rather than a 'grandiose dome'!



Andrea Stombuco's 1891 design for the Weld Club: top floor plan and side elevation (to Barrack Street).

Dr John Taylor – Art Committee