



MAY 2022 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome fellow Members to the May newsletter. The Club continues to steer its way through the challenges thrown up by COVID, ably guided by our Secretary and his executive team. As this newsletter reaches you we are of course all enjoying the most recent changes, including the new found freedom of not wearing masks and seeing the smiles of those around us once more. It is anticipated the ability to dine at the Club without the inhibition of wearing masks will see a resurgence in attendance at lunch time and with immediate effect full buffet service will resume in the Members' Dining Room each day of the week. In addition, the removal of the two-square metre rule on room capacities means the Club can return to hosting Club events up to 110 persons in the Members' Dining Room and Members wishing to host a lunch or dinner in the ever popular Wine Room may now invite up to 12 guests.

While the lifting of these restrictions is welcome news, the Club is not out of the woods yet and your Committee will continue to constantly monitor the financial health of the Club and the well-being of the staff until all remaining restrictions are lifted and greater confidence returns as COVID case numbers fall in the community. As part of this process the House Sub-Committee recently held a workshop to look at how the Club can re-engage and re-energise over the months ahead.

In spite of the constant challenges thrown up by the COVID pandemic, April was still a relatively busy month including several significant events at the Weld Club. On Friday 8 April we welcomed nine new Members at the twice-yearly New Members Dinner. The fellowship at this members-only occasion is always very special and the April event was no exception, in spite of a somewhat reduced attendance due to ongoing COVID isolation requirements in WA. I remind everyone that the New Members Dinner is not restricted to proposers, seconders and referees, rather it is an opportunity for all of us to welcome new Members into our great Club. The next New Members Dinner will be held on Friday 9 September and I encourage everyone to put it in their diary and come along for what is always a very enjoyable night.

The other significant Club event in April was our annual ANZAC Dinner held on Wednesday 20 April. This year we were privileged to enjoy the company of the Federal Assistant Minister for Defence, The Hon. Andrew Hastie MP, as our guest of honour and thought-provoking after dinner speaker. Special thanks must go to Dining President for the evening, Rob Nash, who ran the event with military precision and also to Bill Munro for his thoughtful rendition of the Ode.

In May there is a focus on family at the Weld Club, with places still available for Mothers' Day Lunch on Sunday 8 May. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the whole family to the Club with no age restriction applying on the day. Then on Friday 27 May the popular Fathers & Daughters' Dinner will take place. With the lifting of capacity restrictions additional places for this event have become available and I encourage any Member who thought they had missed out on places for the dinner to make contact with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan.

In the meantime I thank you all again for your continuing support of the Club through these interesting and difficult times. I look forward to catching up with you soon.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

Naturally all of the Club's staff are pleased that the mandate to wear masks indoors has been removed and that they can once again speak with Members and guests in the dining rooms without the inhibition of masks. The dining arrangements going forward are outlined on the following page, which confirm both the Members Dining Room and The Verandah are now open for lunch Monday to Friday. A gentle reminder that pursuant to By-Law 10 only the vehicles of Members dining at the Club at lunch time are permitted to be in the parking garage during the hours of 11.30 am and 2.00 pm. Unfortunately it remains necessary to conduct security patrols to record the vehicle and club badge numbers over the lunch period to ensure compliance with this By-Law.

I reported last month that work was due to commence on improvements to the Club House roof. Unfortunately COVID isolation requirements took its toll on the workforce scheduled to perform the works and it is now hoped the project will commence in the second half of May.

Hugh Stowell

DINING ARRANGEMENTS

Members are reminded that when visiting the Club House the indoor mask mandate for Members, guests and staff has been removed and the requirement to produce proof of vaccination is no longer required.

Capacity and density limits have been removed, which means that those Members wishing to book the Wine Room for example may now have up to 12 guests in the room and that further places will become available for all Club events.

Full buffet service has returned in the Members Dining Room five days a week and dining hours are now:

Breakfast

Monday to Friday from 7.00 am.

Jacket & tie optional.

Lunch

Members' Dining Room - Monday to Friday from 12.30 pm.

The Verandah - Monday to Friday from 12 noon.

Jacket & tie required.

Dinner

Wednesday to Saturday from 6.00 pm.

Jacket required & ties optional.

To make bookings in advance for either The Verandah or the Members' Dining Room please send the details of your requirements via email to reception@weldclub.org.au or telephone the Club during office hours on 9323 7000.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY MONDAY 6 JUNE 2022

Members are reminded the Club-House will be closed on Monday 6 June in observance of the Western Australia Day public holiday. Normal services will resume with breakfast from 7.00 am on Tuesday 7 June following the public holiday.

EVENTS

SEAFOOD LUNCH FOR MIXED COMPANY THE VERANDAH WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 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 4 May. The menu features tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, shelled 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 1 June 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

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

Limited places remain 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

CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP BRITISH CAR DAY - GINGIN SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

Come and join the Motoring Enthusiasts' Group for this splendid day out, which not only features a wealth of British motoring marques, both past and present, but also craft stalls and children's activities. Indeed it is day out for the whole family.

The day will begin at the Club around 9.30 am where we will meet for breakfast before moving off to Gingin at 10.00 am. We should arrive at Gingin at 11.00 am where you will be invited to park with other cars of your marque, if you are driving a British car, if not park where convenient and enjoy the day.



British car day is a fun day out for the whole family and as such many people choose to picnic from the boot of their car. To facilitate this the Club have kindly agreed to make hampers available to those who may wish to pack a picnic.

To confirm numbers attending and to order your hamper from the Club please either email the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, on events@weldclub.org.au or telephone her on 9323 7006.

Neil Williamson – Convenor

SEAFOOD LUNCH IN THE MEMBERS' DINING ROOM MEMBERS & GENTLEMEN GUESTS WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022

The next Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room will be held on Wednesday 18 May 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

FATHERS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER FRIDAY 27 MAY 2022

Limited places 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 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

WCWG PERTH HILLS KITTY GORGE - JARRAHDAL SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

Places remain for Members and partners to join the WCWG in the picturesque Kitty's Gorge trail, through Serpentine on Sunday 29 May 2022.

- **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

WINE GROUP DINNER TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2022

Bookings are now open for the Wine Group Dinner, hosted by Club Member, John Hopkins OAM which will be held on Tuesday 14 June 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 or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

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, which provides Younger Members with an opportunity to show case the Club to their friends. An announcement will be made shortly about an after dinner speaker.

A three course menu will be paired with wines from the reserve cellar. 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 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 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

WA HISTORY INTEREST GROUP FORUM

HISTORY OF THE FIRST PIPE ORGAN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GUEST SPEAKER: BOYD PETERS

MONDAY 27 JUNE 2022

Members and guests are invited to subscribe to an address by Boyd Peters on the History of the First Pipe Organ in Western Australia at a WA History Lunch on Monday 27 June 2022.

Boyd Peters has been fascinated by the pipe organ from a very young age. Awarded the Lamont Pipe Organ Scholarship at Wesley College in 2015, he has been studying the king of instruments ever since. Now organ scholar at Saint Michael's Mount Pleasant, senior organ scholar at Wesley Church Perth, and organist at First Church of Christ Scientist Perth, Boyd has just completed his Honours degree in music at UWA, writing his thesis on the history of the first pipe organ in Western Australia.



His research included conversations with the Very Rev. Dr John Shepherd, Hon. John Cowdell, Rev. Dr John Cardell-Oliver, and Mr Jeremy Buxton. He is quietly confident that some distinguished Club Members from a century ago were also connected to the bishop organ in some way.



In 1875, a pipe organ arrived at the port of Fremantle after four months at sea. Built by the English firm of Bishop & Son, the instrument was bound for Perth's Wesley Methodist Church, thereafter, becoming the first pipe organ in Western Australia. Purchased for £365, it was a big investment for what was then still a fledgling colony on the banks of the Swan River. Although a significant piece in the puzzle of Western Australia's musical history, no research has been undertaken into the life of the organ up to this point, and as such, much of the organ's history has remained undiscovered for many decades. The Bishop organ has touched upon the lives of many and led a colourful and varied life, being enlarged and modernised several times over the past 147 years, giving service to not only Wesley Church Perth, but Queen's Hall, Wesley Church Claremont, and Hale School as well. It remains in service to this day.

Please come along and join Boyd Peters as he pulls back the curtain on the life and times of the 1875 Bishop & Sons instrument – the first pipe organ in Western Australia.

The address will commence at 12 noon (sharp) in The Verandah Room and after question time a two-course lunch will following the Members' Dining Room. Dress is jacket and tie. Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Events Manger, Emma Madigan in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

Rodger Gibson-Convener

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.

ANNUAL WINE DINNER
GUEST OF HONOUR: ERIN LARKIN
WEST AUSTRALIAN EDITOR JAMES HALLIDAY WINE GUIDE
MEMBERS' ONLY EVENT
FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022

The Wine Sub-Committee is pleased to announce the preliminary arrangements for its Annual Wine Dinner on Friday 8 July 2022. The dinner will once again be a marriage of the best of Western Australian produce and the very best of premium West Australian wines. In keeping with this theme, this year's Guest of Honour will be Erin Larkin, The West Australian Editor for the James Halliday Wine Guide.

Executive Chef, Clayton Green is currently in discussion with some of the leading Margaret River wineries about the availability of their chefs to work along side the Club's brigade to share their signature dishes at the dinner and a further announcement will be made in the June newsletter.

In anticipation of the strong interest in this event following the success of last year's dinner this will again be a Members' Only Event. Dress in Black Tie. It is anticipated the charge to each Member's house account for the dinner will be approximately \$250 per person.

Members are invited to book directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan via events@weldclub.org.au or on the attached event booking form. Places will be reserved on a first come, first serve basis.

BASTILLE DAY DINNER
ADVANCE NOTICE
VIVA LA FRANCE & VIVA THE CLUBS IN PARIS
THURSDAY 14 JULY 2022

Members are invited to reserve a table for a degustation menu of French cuisine drawn from the three leading Club's in Paris, namely the Jockey Club, the Traveller's Club and the Cercle de L'Union Interallée to mark Bastille Day in the Members' Dining Room on Thursday 14 July 2022. Chef, Clayton Green will be replicating signature dishes from the three Clubs in a menu spanning five courses, complemented by a list of French wines. The evening will commence with a glass of Pol Roger champagne served on arrival.

Bookings are available for tables of two or up to eight persons and dining times will be staggered between 6.30 pm and 8.00 pm. Please complete the attached subscription form or subscribe in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au. Please note places are limited and that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday 26 May 2022 at 12 noon

The first step towards nominating a candidate for membership is to attend a meeting with the Procedures Sub-Committee, comprising the President and Vice-President. The next meeting will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 26 May 2022.

Members wishing to attend may do so by contacting the Secretary, Hugh Stowell, on 9323 7001 or the Membership Manager, Susan Yagmich on 9323 7002. Members may refer to Rule II on pages 3 and 4 of the "Rules of The Weld Club" booklet for further information on the nomination and election process.