



JULY 2022 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gentlemen, welcome to the July newsletter. Although winter is now well and truly upon us, the social programme at our Club shows no sign of abating. I'm sure all Members will join me in thanking our Secretary Hugh Stowell and his wonderful executive staff for providing such a wide range of events for us to enjoy.

On 17 July I had the pleasure of attending the annual Younger Members Dinner. A number of interesting statistics emerged on the night, including the fact that the average age of a Weld Club member is 67.8 years, almost 10% of our Members are under the age of 50, and in the last two years alone we have elected 11 new members under the age of 40. The future of our Club is indeed in good hands.

A week later I was lucky enough to attend the annual Mid-Winter Dinner, where not only did we enjoy marvellous food, wine and company but we were also treated to a wonderful performance by our very own Weld Club choir. If you haven't yet heard our choir then I recommend you grab the next opportunity that comes along, they really are very good.

In staff news, congratulations must go to our Chef de Partie Chelsea Swain who recently represented the Club as WA State representative at the national La Chaine des Rotisseurs Chefs Competition in Queensland. If you don't know Chelsea, she's the one who is responsible for all those wonderfully decadent desserts we enjoy at every Club function.

Congratulations must also go to houseman Xavier Dumbill who has been awarded a place by the Rotary Club of Dalkeith to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference in July. Chelsea and Xavier are great examples of the fine calibre of young people we have working here at the Club, and we wish them all the best.

On the subject of staff it would be remiss of me not to mention everyone's favourite Communications Coordinator Samantha Circosta, who recently took a few weeks off to tie the knot and return to the Club as Samantha Kerrison. Congratulations Sam!

Lastly, I'm sure all Members will join me in congratulating Club Member and Weld Club Walking Group coordinator Steve Carre OAM for his award in the recent Queens Birthday Honours List for services to the community through a range of roles. Congratulations Steve on your well-deserved recognition.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

Continuing with the President's theme on staffing matters, I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new Assistant Operations Manager, Mr Richard Cranfield, who will among his many duties take responsibility for the day to day operations of the Club in the absence of the Operations Manager, Mr Tim Tucker. Richard comes to us with a wealth of hospitality experience including senior roles at the Perth Convention Centre and Optus Stadium. I invite Members to introduce themselves to Richard when next visiting the Club House.

Speaking of the Club House, it is very much like one's own home – constantly needing repairs and maintenance. The roofing works have stalled because of bad weather in early June and COVID impacting upon the workforce assigned to the project. It is hoped work will resume shortly and be completed by the middle of July. Additionally, the Committee has awarded the contract for the refurbishment of the three passenger lifts, which is pleasingly well below the amount authorised by Members at last year's Annual General Meeting. Given the lead time required for the materials, the project will not commence until early in the new year and I will provide monthly updates on when a particular lift will be out of service.

Hugh Stowell

STAFF NEWS

New Appointment

As mentioned in The Secretary's Report, the Club welcomes new Assistant Operations Manager, Mr Richard Cranfield, who will take responsibility for the day to day operations of the Club in the absence of the Operations Manager, Mr Tim Tucker. Members are invited to introduce themselves to Richard when next visiting the Club House.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Communications Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison (née Circosta), who was married in June and will be overseas on her honeymoon during the first two weeks of August. Congratulations also to The Verandah Supervisor, Alex Perkins who in July will celebrate six years of service at the Club.

Rising Stars

Chef de Partie, Chelsea Swain, represented the Club as the state representative at this year's national La Chaine des Rotisseurs Chef's Competition in Queensland last month and at home delivery driver and houseman, Xavier Dumbill, has been awarded a place at the annual Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference in July.

EVENTS

SEAFOOD LUNCH FOR MIXED COMPANY THE VERANDAH WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022

The next monthly Seafood Lunch for mixed company in The Verandah falls on Wednesday 6 July. 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.

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

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

July's Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room will be held on Wednesday 20 July 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 served by the Chefs 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' & SONS' DINNER FRIDAY 29 JULY 2022

Subscriptions are now open for the Fathers and Sons' Dinner on Friday 29 July 2022. This event is open to fathers, their sons and grandsons. A Member who is the son of a non-member father may of course also bring him as a guest as well.

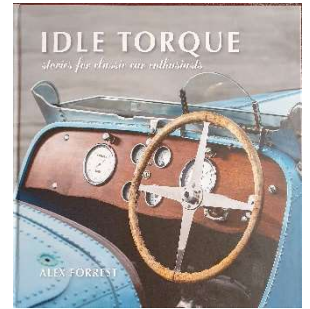
The evening will commence with drinks at 7.00 pm and will be followed by a three-course dinner with wines from the reserve cellar. Dress is black tie.

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 that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

**CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP
MOTORING LITERARY LUNCH
GUEST SPEAKER: ALEX FORREST
NEW DATE - MONDAY 1 AUGUST 2022**

The fourth in our series of Motoring Literary Lunches will now be held on Monday 1 August 2022. The speaker on this occasion is Mr Alex Forrest, speaking about his book, Idle Torque.

Cutting out the printed words from his father's car magazines and sticking them on his bedroom wall because he liked their turns of phrase was an early sign of Alex Forrest's passion for cars and writing. In his final year at university, he undertook work experience at The West Australian. On his final day, he found himself in the right place at the right time and was offered the chance to write a brand-new weekly newspaper column called Idle Torque. The column would run in the paper every week for the next 21 years and kickstart an extraordinary career that would lead Alex to drive a tank, a DeLorean, an amphibious car and an \$11m Jaguar.



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.

Subscription can be made with an email to Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or on the subscription form.

Neil Williamson – Convenor

**MEMBERS' WINE GROUP DINNER
TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022**

Bookings are now open for the Wine Group Dinner on Tuesday 9 August 2022 commencing at 7.00 pm. At the request of the Convenor, 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

**SIR FRANCIS BURT MEMORIAL ORGAN CONCERT
ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL
THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2022**

Members and partners are reminded to subscribe to the Sir Francis Burt Memorial Organ Concert on Thursday 11 August 2022. Thomas Wilson of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, will be visiting Perth to play on the Cathedrals' magnificent West Organ.



The program includes bold, exciting music by renowned composers, including Louis Vierne, Frank Martin, Edward C Bairstow and Henri Mulet.

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 St George's Cathedral for the 7.30 pm curtain. The cost of subscription is \$107.00 per person including a two course pre-concert supper with wines and general admission tickets at the concert. A restricted number of seats have been acquired for the concert and at this time 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 GAME DINNER MEMBERS & GENTLEMEN GUESTS FRIDAY 12 AUGUST 2022

Limited places are available for Members still wishing to subscribe to the annual Game Dinner on Friday 12 August 2022. The evening will commence with the traditional piping in of the haggis dish prior to the reading of "Ode to the Haggis" and the toast with a wee dram of single malt whisky.

The dinner is open to Members and gentlemen guests and is an ideal evening for Members to introduce their sons and grandsons to the customs of a Game Dinner. The evening will commence with mulled wine served at seated places in front of the fires in the Wittenoom Room at 7.00 pm before the bagpipes lead everyone into dinner in the Members' Dining Room at 7.30 pm. Dress is black tie or kilt.

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.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER MEMBER ONLY EVENT FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2022

Subscriptions are open for the President's Dinner on Friday 26 August 2022. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in the Wittenoom Room at 7.00 pm to then move through for a three course dinner in the Members' Dining Room. This is a Member only event and new Members are encouraged to attend with their proposers. Dress is black tie. An announcement concerning the guest speaker will be made shortly to Members.

Subscriptions can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website at www.weldclub.org.au

FATHERS' DAY LUNCH SUNDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members are invited to make up tables for their families on Father's Day for a relaxed lunch in the Members' Dining Room. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring together grandfathers and fathers to celebrate Father's Day. On this occasion the age restriction for children will not apply so that all children and grandchildren and great grandchildren may be included. For gentlemen ties are optional and the dress for children under 16 years of age will simply be "Sunday Best".

Tables are available from 11.30 am and bookings will be accepted up until 1.00 pm. Reservations 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

NEW MEMBERS' EVENING MEMBER ONLY EVENT FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

Bookings are open for the New Members' Evening on Friday 9 September 2022. This is an important opportunity for all Members to extend a warm welcome to the new Members who have joined the Club in the recent past.

Those new Members to whom personal invitations have been extended are:

Andy BAIRD, David BENSON, Nathan COLLINS, Duncan CRAIB, Michael FRANCO, David HUDSON MBE, John LOVE, Angus MILES, Hamish MILES, John PERRY OAM, Colin SOMERVILLE, David TAYLOR and David WOODS.

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.

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

WA HISTORY INTEREST GROUP FORUM

HISTORY OF THE FIRST PIPE ORGAN IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GUEST SPEAKER: BOYD PETERS

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members and guests are invited to resubscribe for the History of the First Pipe Organ in Western Australia at a WA History Lunch, address by Boyd Peters on Monday 12 September 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 Manager, Emma Madigan in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

Rodger Gibson-Convenor

WINEMAKER'S LUNCH – PRELIMINARY NOTICE

GUEST SPEAKER: YURI BURNS

WINEMAKER FOR SITTELLA WINERY

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members, together with gentlemen and lady guests, are invited to attend the Young Winemakers Lunch with guest speaker Yuri Burns, winemaker for Sittella. This event will feature wines hand selected by Yuri from the winery.

Yuri Burns graduated from Curtin University in oenology and viticulture in 2011 and started his career at Sittella as a trainee in winemaking in 2004. He worked vintages at Clos Pegase Wines in California's Napa Valley, Howard Park in Margaret River and during 2013 in Champagne at the House of Geoffroy. Yuri has received many wine industry awards, including the "2010 Champagne Award" in the student division and the "2011 Talijancich-Leeuwin Award" at Curtin University. Yuri has a passion for producing sparkling wines of fruit purity combined with subtle complexity.

More details about the menu and wines selected by Yuri will be announced in the August newsletter. As has become tradition the event will commence with pre-lunch drinks in the Frederick Barlee Room from 12 noon. The cost will be \$105.00 per person inclusive of wine. Each Member may bring up to three guests. Dress is coat and tie.

Members are invited to subscribe via an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, at events@weldclub.org.au noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

COUNTRY MEMBERS INTEREST & ROYAL SHOW WEEK LUNCH PRELIMINARY NOTICE THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members and their guests are invited to subscribe to attend this year's Country Members Royal Show Week Lunch on Thursday 22 September 2022. The lunch will commence with refreshments at 12 noon in the Frederick Barlee Room and a two-course lunch will follow in the Members' Dining Room. Dress is jacket and tie. This event is for Members and their partners together with widows of deceased Members as guests of the Club and other invited guests. A charge of \$87.00 per person, including wine, will apply.

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

MARGARET RIVER FINE ART & FINE WINE TOUR THE GALLERIES OF LEEUWIN ESTATE & VASSE FELIX SATURDAY 29 & SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER 2022

By special arrangement the Art Sub-Committee has created a weekend for Members and their partners that brings together the very best of art and wine in Margaret River. The weekend will commence with brunch at the Club on the Saturday, followed by a leisurely coach journey to Margaret River arriving at the elegant Basildene Manor for a night's accommodation. On the Saturday evening the coach will transfer everyone to a private dinner in the art gallery of Leeuwin Estate amongst one of the most important private collections of Australian art. The dinner will comprise a six course degustation menu prepared by Executive Chef, Dan Gedge, paired with museum wines from Leeuwin Estate's reserve cellar. During the course of the dinner, winery owner Trisha Horgan, will speak about the collection.

On the following day the coach will take the scenic route up to the Vasse Felix Winery for a tour of the Holmes a Court Gallery with the curator and then enjoy a three course tasting menu paired with Vasse Felix wines in the restaurant before setting out back to Perth in the late afternoon.

The cost of the tour is estimated to be \$860 per person inclusive of all coach travel, meals and wines. Members participating in the tour will be permitted to leave a vehicle at the Club House on the Saturday for the duration of the tour at no charge. A limited number of places will be available for Members wishing to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and attend the two events, which is estimated will be a charge will be \$480.00 per person.

Booking inquiries should initially be made with the Interest Group Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au

ACCOMMODATION AT THE CLUB

Members are reminded when hosting a Private Function at the Club accommodation is available to guests attending the event. Members who are wishing to book accommodation for their guests should note if they are direct family members the Member rate will apply. If booking a guest to stay in house and the hosting Member is not also in residence, the Honorary rate will apply.

Please note under the Club's By-Laws unless given prior approval by the Secretary, children under the age of 16 years are not permitted to occupy a bedroom.

WAITLIST AVAILABLE EVENTS

The following events are 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 for the preferred event.

Annual Wine Dinner – The Best of Margaret River
Friday 8 July 2022

Bastille Day Dinner
Thursday 14 July 2022