



AUGUST 2022 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome gentlemen to the August newsletter. July was yet another busy time here at the Weld Club, with Members enjoying a wide range of events throughout the month.

Early in July I attended a welcome dinner with a large group of Adelaide Club members and their wives, who were using our Club as their Perth base before setting out on a tour of the Margaret River wine region. The food and wines were outstanding as usual, and Club Member and Pierro winemaker Dr Mike Peterkin gave a fascinating address on the WA wine landscape. It was a marvellous opportunity to showcase our Club which the Adelaide members enjoyed immensely.

It is worth reminding Members that our own Weld Club Walking Group will be enjoying the hospitality of the Adelaide Club later this month, which just shows the importance of our network of reciprocal clubs across Australia. Now that travel restrictions have eased I strongly recommend all Members consider staying at a reciprocal club rather than a hotel when next travelling interstate.

Later in that week Members were treated to what has become the culinary event of the year at the Weld Club – the Annual Wine Dinner. Chefs from Leeuwin Estate, Vasse Felix and Voyager worked alongside the Weld team to prepare a truly magnificent meal, washed down with some spectacular museum wines. Wine judge and writer Erin Larkin gave a sparkling address, and later in the evening we were even treated to the spectacle of a fire at the Chevron site on the other side of the Esplanade. Congratulations to the Wine Committee for putting on such a memorable event.

During the month the Committee and wives hosted a welcome dinner for new Members and their partners. The message of the evening was that wives, partners and families are all encouraged to become part of the social fabric of the Club, which is something I believe we do very well here at the Weld Club. Sadly Dee and I were not able to stay late but I'm told the refreshments, piano playing and general merriment continued into the early hours of the morning, so it appears the message was received loud and clear.

Later in the month the Committee hosted a reception for the convenors of the various interest groups here at the Weld Club, to thank them for the time they volunteer to provide circles of fellowship and common interest for our Members to enjoy. Our Club plays host to a large variety of interest groups and I strongly recommend all Members to get involved wherever you can.

Lastly, I would like to thank all Members for the very positive responses I received following my recent circular requesting Members to avoid the Club when suffering from cold, flu or Covid symptoms. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the time when the Covid pandemic is consigned to be history, but until then we have an obligation to look after each other. I have no doubt Members of the Weld Club will continue to do the right thing.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

As the calendar clicks over to August, I have been reflecting that a year has passed since the 150th Anniversary Dinner and service at St George's Cathedral were held to commemorate the Club's 150th anniversary. At the time we were all beginning to wonder if we would ever be allowed to travel outside of WA and a year on it is clear Members have embraced the ability to travel again with great vigour. This is reflected in the numerous booking requests and introductions to reciprocal clubs. A reminder that information sheets on each reciprocal club are available from Anita on reception, who is always happy to assist with making booking inquiries on a Members' behalf.

On the subject of travel, I will be dusting off my own luggage and venturing overseas for the first time in two and a half years at the end August to chair the Distinguished Clubs of the World Manager's Association Conference at the Jockey Club in Paris. The association is made up of the twenty-five most distinguished private by invitation only clubs across the globe and provides an unique opportunity to share valuable information on all the challenges facing private clubs as we move towards the middle of the 21st century. It is a great privilege to be the current serving Chairman and I am grateful to the President and Committee for the ongoing support they give to enable me to fulfil my duties in this role.

Hugh Stowell

STAFF NEWS

A number of staff have just reached their first anniversary service milestone, including Assistant Manager, Carmen Fajdiga; At Home Dining Driver, Xavier Dumbill; Pastry Chef (responsible for all the wonderful desserts), Chelsea Swain; Chef, Connor Waight; Service Staff, Nicholas Liebenberg and Maya Johnson together with Weekend Housekeeper, Tashi Lhamo.

The House Sub-Committee is committed to ensuring the staff amenities contribute to a pleasant work environment for all the staff and during August work will commence to refresh the Staff Dining Room and improve the work environment in the Manager's Office located on the ground floor. This will include painting, improved lighting and new furniture.

GENERAL NEWS

APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR

The Club is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr David Woods as the new Choir Director. David has a Bachelor of Music with 1st class honours from the University of Western Australia and was recently appointed as College Music Coordinator and Director of Choral Music at St George's College.

Any Member who may be considering joining the Choir may contact the Convener, Brian Pass, via an email to bypass@inet.net.au

PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ON MONDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2022

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Monday 26 September 2022 in observance of the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Normal service will resume with breakfast in the Verandah Room on the morning of Tuesday 27 September from 7.00 am.

EVENTS

SEAFOOD LUNCH FOR MIXED COMPANY

THE VERANDAH

WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST 2022

The next monthly Seafood Lunch for mixed company in The Verandah falls on Wednesday 3 August. 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

MEMBERS' WINE GROUP DINNER

TUESDAY 9 AUGUST 2022

Limited places remain available for the Wine Group Dinner on Tuesday 9 August 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

SIR FRANCIS BURT MEMORIAL ORGAN CONCERT

ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

NOW OPEN TO GUESTS

THURSDAY 11 AUGUST 2022



Members are invited 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. This event is now open to Members and up to five 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 17 AUGUST 2022

August's Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room will be held on Wednesday 17 August 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

CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP JALOPIES & GIN SHOW & TELL EVENT SATURDAY 20 AUGUST 2022

Our second function for August is a "show and tell" event entitled Jalopies and Gin on Saturday 20th August 2022 at 10.00 am. On this occasion I am asking you to bring your favorite car, classic car, prestige car, quirky car, vintage car, eteran car or even your daily drive. Park, partake of the Club's classic car hospitality, which we have enjoyed at all our events, and share some of your motoring stories with other Members.



Following that I have arranged with a local Gin distillery for all those attending to enjoy a gin tasting of their artisan products. The event is open to all Members, partners and guests and is planned to take place between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Saturday 20th August. The easy accessible location, in suburban Perth, will be provided to those Members who have subscribed to the event in the week prior to the event being held.

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 .

Neil Williamson – Convener

WCWG ADELAIDE TRIP THURSDAY 25 – MONDAY 29 AUGUST 2022

Places have become available to attend the inaugural Weld Club walking group tour to Adelaide, from Thursday evening 25 August to Monday morning 29 August 2022.

Please email the Events Manager, Emma Madigan if you would like to participate in this interstate trip (4 nights, 5 days) which will take in some of the most scenic parts of Adelaide city, an Adelaide hills walk, along with some fascinating and beautiful walks all of which have been curated exclusively for our enjoyment by the Adelaide Club Walking Group convenors. Members and spouses will be accommodated at the historic Adelaide Club situated on North Terrace, where we will partake in the Club's renowned fine cuisine and excellent South Australian wines.

The trip will include 3 interesting full or half-day walks, a welcome dinner with members of the Adelaide Club Walking Group, a casual dinner in the Club's bistro, a surprise dinner, accommodation (with en suite) at the Adelaide Club and breakfast each day in Club's bistro.

The Adelaide Club will pass the costs of our individual stay separately for each Member. The option exists for Members to stay over longer if they choose and stay on at the Club to enjoy some more of Adelaide or visit family and friends.

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

Steve Carre OAM – Convener

PRESIDENT'S DINNER MEMBER ONLY EVENT FRIDAY 26 AUGUST 2022

Members are reminded to subscribe to 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.

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

All Members are encouraged to attend the dinner and enjoy an evening of fellowship with the new Members, their proposers, seconders and referees. The new Members who were elected in July 2022 have received personal invitations namely:

James Rowland CARROLL, Brett CROOK, Garnett George HALL, Arthur John GRIFFITHS and Peter Desmond SINDEN.

Previous invitations have also been extended to the following Members:

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

Places remain 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.

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 follow in 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 - Convener

WINEMAKER'S LUNCH
GUEST SPEAKER: YURI BERNIS
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 Bernis, winemaker for Sittella. Yuri Bernis 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 will be serving a number of limited release wines including the 2016 Grand Vintage Blanc de Blancs, 2016 Grand Vintage Rose, 2022 Avant Garde Swan Valley Chenin Blanc, 2021 Margaret River Reserve Chardonnay, 2019 Swan Valley Coffee Rock Shiraz, 2018 Margaret River Bernis Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon and a Swan Valley Liqueur Verdelho. These wines will be paired with a three course menu prepared by Executive Chef, Clayton Green.

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
THE EMERGING TRUFFLE INDUSTRY IN WA
SPEAKER: MICHAEL LOWE, GENERAL MANAGER "TRUFFLE HILL"
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

The Guest of Honour at this year's lunch is Michael Lowe, who has 33 years in business and the agribusiness sectors. Michael is currently General Manager of "Truffle Hill", which is the oldest truffiere in the Manjimup region and was formerly known as the Truffle and Wine Company. Michael also serves on the board of the Truffle Producers Western Australia Incorporated, which seeks to promote awareness, growth, and development of the truffle industry in Western Australia, including researching best practices and setting standards for premium truffles.

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, their partners and guests as well as the widows of deceased Members as guests of the Club. A charge of \$87.00 per person, including wine, will apply. Subscriptions can be made to this event on the enclosed booking form, via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to events@weldclub.org.au or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

151st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & POST MEETING DINNER
WEDNESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2022

Advance notice is hereby given for Life, Ordinary and Supernumerary Members to subscribe for the 2022 Annual General Meeting and Post Meeting Dinner on Wednesday 12 October 2022. The Annual General Meeting will be convened at 6.00 pm (sharp) and then dinner will follow. The formal notice for the Meeting together with the 151st Annual Report and Statutory Accounts will be sent to private mailing addresses in early September. The dress code is lounge suit or coat and tie. 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

SOUTHWEST GOLF TOUR
TUESDAY 18 - FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2022

Places remain open for the 2022 South West Golf Tour commencing on Tuesday 18 October 2022. Tee off times at Dunsborough Lakes Golf Club will commence from 10:51 am.

There will be a Welcome Cocktails Function at the Bunker Bay Resort "Ocean View Terrace Deck" on the Tuesday evening. On the **Wednesday** we will play Margaret River GC, teeing off around mid-day. **Thursday** will be a rest day from golf, with a guided tour of the Vasse Felix Art Collection, a private premium wine tasting followed by lunch at the very well regarded Vasse Felix Restaurant for those who wish to join in. On **Friday** we will play Busselton GC, teeing off from 10:30am, with the Tour Dinner at Yarri Restaurant in Dunsborough that evening.

We have been able to secure accommodation at Pullman Bunker Bay Resort at preferential rates, we have been allocated 8 bedrooms from Tuesday 18 - Thursday 20 so please notify the Communications Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au of your booking request and if you require any additional nights. The Application Form for the Tour is attached.

Craig Williams AM - Convener

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

MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA & DINNER PRELIMINARY NOTICE MONDAY 31 OCTOBER 2022

Preliminary notice is given for the 2022 Melbourne Cup Dinner and Calcutta on Monday 31 October 2022. This event is open to Members and gentlemen guests. New Members are encouraged to participate in this event and should contact the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, if needing assistance in joining a table.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 6.30 pm on the Grand Lawn and adjoining verandah with the dinner prior to the auction commencing at 7.10 pm.

Subscriptions for this event can be made using the subscription form enclosed with this newsletter or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to events@weldclub.org.au nominating the table captain and table number. Please note a fee will be charged for cancellations notified after Friday 28 October 2022, unless the place is filled from the waiting list, for non-attendance.

WAITLIST EVENTS

The Annual Game Dinner on Friday 12 August 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 for the preferred event.