



NOVEMBER 2022 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome gentlemen to the November newsletter.

October was yet another busy month at the Weld Club, with a number of important events on our annual calendar.

On Wednesday 12 October, 58 Members attended the 151st Annual Weld Club Annual General Meeting and Dinner. It was a pleasure to report another healthy surplus for the 2021 - 2022 financial year, and I thank our Secretary Hugh Stowell and his team for steering our Club through a myriad of Covid-related challenges over the last 12 months. I would also like to thank our Finance and Investment Sub-Committee and Chair Frank Crawley OAM for overseeing the Clubs finances in some very risky and uncertain times. The fact that we achieved a surplus is a credit to everyone involved.

On the subject of our Club finances, several Members have commented to me that the financial details which are circulated as part of the AGM notice do not include the same level of detail as they did a few years ago. As I noted at the AGM, this is the result of a conscious decision by the Committee to limit the amount of information which could end up in the public domain. Any Member who would like more information on the Clubs finances is strongly encouraged to attend the Financial Information Evening, where we provide much more detail and commentary on the split between various Club revenue streams, the performance of our investment portfolio against relevant benchmarks, detailed financial forecasts including the future rental stream from the Tower, and the status of our 10-year rolling capital works programme.

The annual elections at the AGM saw the retirement of Committee Members Chris Humphry, Ron Packer and Mitchell Wells. These gentlemen have all provided fine service to the General Committee and various Sub-Committees over many years and I thank them sincerely for their contribution.

The three new Committee men elected at the AGM were Stuart Beattie, Steve Carre OAM and Anthony McGrath. I congratulate these gentlemen on their election and I look forward to working with them over the next 12 months. I also congratulate long-standing Committee Member Frank Crawley OAM who was elected for another two-year term at the AGM.

In other news, later in the month myself, the Vice-President and our wives had the pleasure of attending the annual Weld staff barbeque. It is really wonderful to see how well our staff get on with each other, and how proud they are to "show off" the Club to their partners, parents and children. We are so lucky to have such a great group of staff who really do enjoy working here and making our time at the Weld Club so special. I hope as many Members as possible will attend the Annual Staff Christmas Fund presentation on Thursday 8 December where we can properly show our appreciation.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

Will I still fit into my suits at Christmas? With the 1st of November comes the realisation that there is an opportunity to attend a Club event nearly every week up until Christmas with wonderful food from the kitchen and fine wines from the Club's cellar offered up on every occasion. A reminder that amongst these events is the Younger Members' Christmas Lunch on the Verandah to be held on Friday 2 December and the Annual Turkey Carving Competition on Wednesday 7 December as well as the two wonderful nights of Carols on Friday 16 and Saturday 17 December. I am clearly lucky that after the Club House closes on 23 December I do not have to try on my suits again until the middle of January.

Members are asked not to be alarmed by the noises coming from the roof space above the rooms on the first floor during November. Work has commenced on installing a safety walkway bridge in the roof space for tradesmen carrying out electrical, plumbing and air conditioning repairs in the future. Once this is completed then ductwork will be installed for the new air conditioning system that services many of the rooms on the first floor.

Hugh Stowell

STAFF NEWS

With the level of activity in the evenings returning to normal the Club has appointed an evening receptionist, Jaimee Cockie, to assist Members and guests needing to access the Club House or check into the bedrooms. Please make Jaimee feel welcome if calling on reception in the evenings.

The Club is committed to training and has awarded a chef apprenticeship to kitchen steward, Samuel Law, who has demonstrated his passion to want to become a chef. As is tradition, the Club will meet Samuel's apprenticeship costs over the next three year.

Sadly, our at home delivery driver, Xavier Dumbill, has announced that he will be leaving the Club at the end of the year to take a "gap year" from his university studies and live in Canada. We wish Xavier well and have told him he will be welcome to resume his role when he returns in 2024.

GENERAL NEWS

MEMBER ACCESS TO THE CLUB HOUSE

The security of the Club House and its contents is vital and Members are reminded that their security access cards will enable access to the building between 6.30 am – and 11.30 pm Monday to Friday, 3.00 pm until 11.30 pm on Saturday and no access on Sundays. Access to the car park remains 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and Members are asked to exit on foot via the car park entrances or the Exchange Tower shuttle lifts during those periods where there is no access to the Club House.

MISHAPS IN THE CAR PARK

Unfortunately, the number of occasions where the door of one Member's vehicle has caused damage to another vehicle or poor parking has damaged the panel of another vehicle appears to be on the increase. Members are asked to use caution when parking or exiting their vehicles and to report any damage immediately to the Secretary or the receptionist on duty. The Club does not accept any liability for damage caused to Members' vehicles and it is important that contact information of the owners of any vehicles involved in an accident in the car park can be exchanged at the earliest opportunity.

CALLING ALL CLAY SHOOTERS NATIONAL RECIPROCAL CLUB'S CLAY SHOOT COMPETITION 2023

The Queensland Club is co-hosting an Australian Reciprocal Club's shoot weekend in Brisbane and regional Queensland from Friday 28 July to Sunday 30 July 2023. Clubs that have already subscribed include the Adelaide Club, Australian Club (Sydney), the Melbourne Club and the Australian Club (Melbourne).

The conveners are keen to make this a truly national competition and the Club is looking to identify four Members, including a captain, who may be willing to make up a team to represent The Weld Club and compete for the ARC Clay Shooting Trophy.

Any Member who is willing to put their name forward or would like further information about the competition before doing so is invited to contact the Club Secretary, Hugh Stowell, via secretary@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning him on 9323 7001.

DEFERRAL OF THE BATCHELOR & SPINSTERS BALL NEW DATE – SATURDAY 25 MARCH 2023

The House Sub-Committee has taken the decision to defer the Batchelor & Spinsters' Ball until Saturday 25 March 2023 to provide Members with more time to make up tables. A grand marquee will be erected on the lawn with oblong dining tables, candle lanterns and festoon lighting.

Subscriptions are open now and Members invite up to seven guests. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 6.45 pm for one hour prior to dinner and dancing. Dress is Black Tie. The anticipated cost will be \$190.00 per person. Subscriptions at this time can be made directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to events@weldclub.org.au

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES DECEMBER 2022 - JANUARY 2023

To assist Members with their own forward planning the following closure dates will apply:

DINING ROOMS

The Members' Dining Room will close after lunch service on Friday 23 December 2022 and will reopen on Monday 30 January 2023.

The Verandah Room will close after dinner service on Friday 23 December 2022 and re-open for lunch service on Monday 16 January 2023.

BEDROOMS

The last evening prior to Christmas that a bedroom may be reserved is for the night of Thursday 22 December 2022. The bedrooms will then remain closed until the evening of Monday 16 January 2023.

EVENTS

OYSTER & LOBSTER SEAFOOD LUNCH THE VERANDAH WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2022

The final monthly Seafood Lunch for mixed company in The Verandah falls on Wednesday 9 November 2022. The menu features tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, shelled king prawns and ocean trout, followed by West Australian lobster either chargrilled in butter and lime or mornay sauce. Fresh grilled market fish is available as an alternative. The meal concludes with a spring berry and vanilla cream toasted marshmallow served with a fennel pollen mascarpone ice cream.

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' DINING ROOM SEAFOOD LUNCH MEMBERS & GENTLEMEN GUESTS WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022

The final Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room for 2022 will be held on Wednesday 16 November 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 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

ANNUAL BILLIARDS DINNER & MEETING THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2022

The finals for the 2022 competition will be played on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November 2022. Following the matches played on Thursday 10 November and prize presentations the Annual Billiard Room Dinner and Meeting will take place. All Members with an interest in the Billiard Room activities are encouraged to attend this event even if they have not participated in the competition.

Please record your name on the notice board in the Billiard Room if you wish to attend or contact the Interest Group Coordinator, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au

Kyle Abbott – Convener

DISTINGUISHED CLUBS OF THE WORLD DINNERS

THE VERANDAH

THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER – SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2022

Following the success of last year's Distinguished Clubs of Europe Menu the Chef has produced a degustation menu featuring the signature dishes of the chefs of the Distinguished Clubs of the World located in Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong for the enjoyment of Members and guests. The menu for the evening will be:

Amuse

Tiger Prawn Tartare

semi dried tomato, confit artichoke, citrus fruits
(Hong Kong Club)

First Entrée

Beetroot Cured Atlantic Salmon

white asparagus, hollandaise, salmon roe
(The Melbourne Club)

Second Entrée

Slow Roasted Wagin Duck

shiraz & marri honey glaze, sunchoke emulsion, roast hazelnut, shiso
(The Weld Club)

Main Course

Wagyu Beef Tenderloin

bone marrow, brioche and herb crust, cavalo nero, celeriac, wild mushroom, shiraz jus
(The Australian Club, Sydney)

Cheese

Baked Cambray Petite Fromage

pate de pore, fresh pear, fruit bread, honey and walnut lavosh
(The Weld Club)

Dessert

Chocolate Delice

raspberry gel, chocolate soil, milk granita
(The Wellington Club, New Zealand)

Advance bookings can be made with reception via reception@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 9323 7000.

WINEMAKER'S LUNCH

GUEST SPEAKER: LUKE JOLLIFFE – STELLA BELLA WINERY

FRIDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2022

Places remain available for the final Winemaker's Lunch for 2022 with guest speaker Luke Jolliffe, chief winemaker for Stella Bella Winery on Friday 11 November 2022. Luke Jolliffe grew up in the Clare Valley wine region and completed his Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Viticulture major) at Adelaide University. After graduating in 1999, Luke joined Hardy's Tintara operation in McLaren Vale as Viticultural Technical Officer, where he stayed until 2003. The wines that will be featured for this lunch are:

On Arrival

2016 Stella Bella Suckfizzle Sauvignon Blanc Semillon and 2022 Stella Bella Otro Vino Rose

Entree

2021 Stella Bella Chardonnay, 2021 Stella Bella Suckfizzle Chardonnay and 2020 Stella Bella Luminosa Chardonnay

Main Course

2018 Stella Bella Cabernet Sauvignon and 2018 Stella Bella Suckfizzle Cabernet Sauvignon

Cheese Course

2019 Stella Bella Luminosa Cabernet Sauvignon

The event will commence with pre-lunch drinks in the Frederick Barlee Room from 12 noon. The cost will be \$110.00 per person inclusive of wine. This event is open to both ladies and gentlemen with no restrictions on the number of 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 or by visiting the Club website at www.weldclub.org.au.

CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRINKS TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022

As we move towards the festive season, this month sees our last function for the year and in keeping with the trend I established last year we will again be enjoying a pre-Christmas drink at a Perth car showroom. This year Audi Perth are our hosts on Tuesday 22 November at 6.30 pm.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to see the current range of models on display as well as their new electric model which should have just arrived in the State. The event is open to all Members, their partners and guests. On this occasion the dress will be jacket with tie optional. 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

Neil Williamson – Convenor

NOMINATION PROCEDURES SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER 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 24 November 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.

FROM COLONIAL SETTLEMENT TO NATIONHOOD WA HISTORY GROUP LUNCH GUEST SPEAKER: DR BILL EDGAR MONDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2022

Subscriptions remain open to attend the final WA History Group Lunch for 2022, with an address by Dr Bill Edgar entitled “From Colonial Settlement to Nationhood” on Monday 28 November 2022. Bill is a social historian with a special interest in the pioneering generations of WA who laid the foundation of the fortunate society in which we live today. Bill will be discussing the Colonial Settlement to Nationhood (from first settlement in 1829 to the promulgation of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901), incorporating:

- Early settlement period and the wide range of problems (1829-1849)
- The convict insertions – a necessary ‘evil’ (1850 – 1868)
- The fractious movement toward self-government (1869-1889)
- The gold rush period – protectionism Vs free trade (1890- 1900)
- Federation (1901)

Many of the machinations of the period are still with us today in Western Australia and at the core of who we have become.

The address will commence at 12 noon (sharp) in The Verandah 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

YOUNGER MEMBERS’ CHRISTMAS LONG TABLE LUNCH FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2022

Younger Members, and the young at heart are welcome to subscribe for the Annual Younger Members’ Christmas “Long Table Lunch on the Verandah” on Friday 2 December 2022. Drinks will be served on the terrace outside the Members’ Bar from 12.30 pm before moving onto the verandah for lunch at 1.00 pm.

Members may invite up to two gentlemen guests. Subscriptions can be made using the enclosed subscription form or via the Club’s website at www.weldclub.org.au or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

WCWG PRE CHRISTMAS WALK & LONG TABLE LUNCH AT THE CLUB

KINGS PARK & BOTANIC GARDEN

SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER 2022

This year's pre-Christmas walk for the WCWG is a visit to our wonderful Kings Park and Botanic Garden. What a great way to get a walk and a talk in with fellow Club Members, before all that Christmas feasting!

Walk Summary:

Date: Sunday 4 December 2022
Time: 8.45 am starting at the Club for a short briefing
Grade: 3, moderately challenging
Duration: 3 ½ hour walk option 1, or 1 ½ hour walk option 2
Weather: We are expecting a sunny warm morning



What to Bring:

Water, Sunscreen, Walking poles (optional)

Planned Walk:

We will start the walk from the Weld Club making a way up St George's Terrace to the entrance to Kings Park. From there we will walk through the park stopping along the way for a coffee and enjoying some key landmarks including the Law Walk (the Law Walk is Kings Park's premier urban bushland trail) the Dryandra lookout, the Lotterywest Federation Walkway, which includes an elevated walk through the Botanic Garden and a tree top view of majestic marri and jarrah trees. We will also stop at the Shrine of Remembrance, walk through the beautifully manicured gardens and into the protected bushland of native flora, including orchids, banksias and more in their natural habitat.

Along our walk are spectacular views of Kings Park, Perth City, Matilda Bay the Swan and Canning Rivers. The lookouts have interpretive signs, trees and shrubs are identified and Indigenous stories are explained in relevant places along the walks. These walks provide a wonderful insight into our unique WA environment.

Lunch:

We will be welcomed back from our walk with cold drinks and Gin and Tonics under the verandah. The Club has arranged a special BBQ menu with seafood and meat options and accompanying Pemberton wines, to celebrate the start of the Christmas season. The format will be a long table lunch to enjoy each other's company.

Members and partners are welcome to join us for the full or part of the walk, or just join the group for lunch if you would prefer.

Dress:

Please dress comfortably and wear shoes to suit a long walk. When we return to the Club for lunch, you are welcome to enjoy your lunch in your walking attire as we have exclusive use of the Club.

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

Steve Carre OAM – Convener

TURKEY CARVING LESSON IN THE MAIN KITCHEN

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022

Members nominated to be the "carver" for the Annual Turkey Carving Competition in December, are invited to attend a turkey carving demonstration given by Chef, Clayton Green, and pursuant to the rules of the International Turkey Carving Committee. If you would like to attend this lesson please subscribe to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au

MEMBERS' WINE GROUP DINNER

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2022

Members are invited to subscribe for the final Wine Group Dinner for 2022 on Tuesday 6 December commencing at 7.00 pm. At the request of the Convener, John Hopkins OAM, 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

ANNUAL TURKEY CARVING COMPETITION & CHRISTMAS LUNCH
JUDGED BY THE EXECUTIVE CHEF ROCKPOOL BAR & GRILL
MEMBERS & GENTLEMEN GUESTS
WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER 2022

Members are invited to subscribe for the Annual Turkey Carving Competition and Christmas Lunch being held on Wednesday 7 December 2022. The Guest Judge this year is one of Perth's leading chefs, Brendan Owens, Executive Chef of Rockpool Bar & Grill. Brendan completed his apprenticeship at The Weld Club and is looking forward to returning to the Club House to judge Members' carving skills.

Table Captains are encouraged to rally their group and to contact the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, if they have a vacancy at their table this year. Seating is limited to 8 Members and gentlemen guests per table.

The carving of the turkeys will be subject to the rules of the International Turkey Carving Committee. The nominated "carver" for each table will be provided with a chef's apron embossed with the Club's crest and for all others the dress is jacket and tie.

Subscriptions can be made using the enclosed subscription form or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au. Tables will be allocated in order of receipt.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GRATUITY FUND PRESENTATION
THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022

Members are asked to mark Thursday 8 December 2022 in their diaries to join the President, Trustees and Committee for refreshments and the distribution of the Christmas Gratuity Fund to staff from 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the Frederick Barlee Room. This occasion provides an opportunity for Members to extend their personal thanks to the staff for their service throughout the year. Please note the opportunity to contribute to the fund will close on Monday 5 December 2022.

Dress is jacket and tie and 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 or via the clubs website www.weldclub.org.au

PERFORMANCE OF HANDEL'S SAMSON
ST GEOERGE'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES
CONDUCTED BY CLUB MEMBER, DR JOSEPH NOLAN
THURSDAY 8 DECEMBER 2022

The Club has secured excellent seats at the Perth Concert Hall for Western Australia's first professional performance of Handel's dramatic oratorio "Samson", the legendary story of Samson and Delilah, complete with leading soloists and Baroque orchestra.

Delilah's aria 'Let the Bright Seraphim' is an evergreen favourite and will be sung by the highly regarded Sara Macliver. The role of Samson will be sung by Paul McMahon, and mezzo Fiona Campbell will take the role of Micah. The production, conducted by Club Member, Dr Joseph Nolan, also features the St George's Cathedral Consort and award-winning Australian baritone David Greco, who makes his debut with St George's Concert Series in 2022.

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 \$145.00 per person including dinner and A reserve seats at the concert. Places are restricted and bookings are limited to Members and up to three guests each.

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

BLACK TIE DINNER & CAROLS EVENINGS

THE CONSORT OF ST GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2022

Limited places remain for this years' Black-Tie Dinner and Carols Evening on Friday 16 December 2022. This year The Weld Club Choir will be joined by the fine voices of Consort from St George's College for a selection of classic Christmas carols, under the direction of Club Member, Dr Joseph Nolan in collaboration with Club Choir Master, David Woods and Choir Convener, Brian Pass.

The evening will commence with refreshments served on the Grand Lawn at 6.30 pm followed by a three course Christmas inspired menu matched with wines from the cellar in the Members' Dining Room. Members may invite up to three guests.

Dress is black tie. Subscriptions can be made using the enclosed subscription form or via the clubs website at www.weldclub.org.au or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan via events@weldclub.org.au noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

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 event.

Annual Fathers', Sons' and Daughters' Dinner
Friday 25 November 2022

Black Tie Dinner & Carols Evening
Saturday 17 December 2022