



From the President

Welcome gentlemen to the December newsletter. Last month was a busy one at the Weld Club, with a number of high-profile annual events taking place. The month kicked off with what many Members consider to be one of the highlights of our annual calendar – the Melbourne Cup Calcutta. Under relentless pressure from auctioneer Chris Shellabear, a frenzy of bidding saw the Calcutta achieve yet another record prize pool. Congratulations to Table 7 for their astute purchase of the winning horse Gold Trip, achieving a return of approximately 11 times their investment. I trust they will soon be enjoying a slap-up lunch at the Club with their winnings if they haven't already done so.

The Snooker and Billiards finals followed by the Snooker Dinner and AGM on 10 November was a very well-attended event, and congratulations must go to Kyle Abbott and his support team for organising such a successful day. I was lucky enough to make the final of both the Billiards and Snooker events, but I was hopefully able to avoid undue attention from the handicapper in 2023 by being soundly beaten in both. My hearty congratulations to Maurice Ferri and Henry Willis for their victories in the Billiards and Snooker respectively. If any Member has even a passing interest in Snooker or Billiards I wholeheartedly recommend that you drop into the Billiard Room for a game. I can assure you the regulars there are a very welcoming bunch who are only too happy to support new players.

One of the Clubs premier social events, the annual Father, Sons and Daughters dinner, was held on Friday 25 November and was as well attended as ever. Unfortunately I was not able to attend this years event but I'm told a good time was had by all.

As we head into December there are a number of Club events scheduled before the Christmas shutdown. These include the Younger Members long table lunch, the Turkey Carving competition and the Black Tie Christmas Carols featuring our very own Weld Club choir. I hope to catch you at one or more of these functions.

In closing I would like to remind all Members that if you haven't yet done so, please don't forget to "dig deep" and contribute to this year's Staff Christmas Gratuity Fund. Our staff have done a wonderful job looking after us during the last 12 months and this is our opportunity to show our appreciation. I also encourage you to show your support by attending the Staff Gratuity Presentation function on Thursday 8 December. For those of you who I don't catch up with over the next month, please have a happy and safe Christmas with your families and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mike Best

From the Secretary

I would like to thank Members for their understanding while various projects have been undertaken on the first floor in recent weeks, which I am pleased to report have now all been completed. To ensure best practice in our commitment to providing a safe work environment, not only our staff but also any contractors, a steel bridge with handrails has been constructed running the full length of the roof space in the original part of the Club House. I have been up to inspect it and I believe it would rival the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Concurrently the air conditioning plant and equipment that services suite 9, the first floor lounge and the Club's administration has been replaced and comfort levels are now much improved in these areas. Remedial work has also been completed to restore ceilings brought about by the damage to the roof caused in last years' storms. There will now be a pause in projects until the refurbishment of the three passenger lifts commences in April next year.

The Club Choir has been putting us all in the administration offices into the Christmas spirit as their singing wafts up the stairs during their weekly rehearsals for the Carol Evenings on the 16th and 17th of December. Again, it is frightening how quickly the year has passed but at the same time wonderful that this Christmas our friends and family can visit us in Western Australia from interstate and overseas and vice versa we can visit them. It is clear from the large Christmas hamper orders that Christmas gatherings are going to be much larger this year. A reminder if you have family arriving in that week before Christmas the Club will be open for lunch and dinner service right up until and including lunch service on Friday 23rd December. On behalf of the wonderful staff I have the pleasure of working alongside may we wish all Members and your extended families a very Happy and Holy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back after we re-open on Monday 16 January 2023.

Hugh Stowell

Member Access to the Club House December 2022 – January 2023

Members are advised that the Club House will be secured and alarmed from 12 noon, Saturday 24 December 2022 until the morning of Monday 16 January 2023. For security reasons the Club House will not be accessible to Members during this time. Access cards will be restricted to entry to the car park only, with entry to street level via the Exchange Tower car park lifts only.

Dining & Bedroom 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 Thursday 22 December 2022 and will reopen on Monday 30 January 2023.

The Verandah Room will close after lunch service at 2.30 pm on Friday 23 December 2022. The Verandah will re-open for lunch service on Monday 16 January 2023, featuring a special Summer Menu.

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.

Weld Club Christmas Cards

The Club has published Christmas Cards featuring the Club House on the front of the card and the words "Wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas" inscribed on the inside of the card. A packet of 10 cards, including envelopes is available for purchase from the Membership Office on the first floor at a cost of \$12.00 per packet.

Member Subscription & House Accounts December 2022 & January 2023

Due to the closure of the Club House from Friday 23 December 2022 until Monday 16 January 2023, Member's house accounts for December will be issued mid-January shortly after the Club House reopens. The statements for January will then be issued during the first week of February. No penalty for late payment of charges incurred in December will be applied until after the February statements are issued.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

WCWG Pre Christmas Walk & Long Table Lunch at the Club Kings Park & Botanic Garden Sunday 4 December 2022

It's not too late to book for 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.

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

Limited places remain 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.

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Staff Christmas Gratuity Fund Presentation Thursday 8 December 2022

Members are reminded 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 George'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.

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WAITLIST 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 Turkey Carving Competition & Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 7 December 2022

Black Tie Dinner & Carols Evening
Friday 16 & Saturday 17 December 2022