



## FEBRUARY 2023 EDITION

**From the President**

Welcome fellow Members to the February newsletter. Although 2023 is now already one month old this is my first opportunity to wish all Members and staff a very warm, although somewhat belated, happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed some relaxing times with family and friends over the festive season and that we are all refreshed and ready to hit the ground running in 2023.

Before I sat down to prepare this report I checked last years newsletter to see what I had written 12 months ago. It was interesting to note that only one year ago we were in the grip of strict Government COVID mandates and restrictions which required all Members to provide proof of their vaccination status before entering the Clubhouse, as well as the requirement to wear masks at all times except when eating or drinking. I'm sure many of us still have those blue and pink vaccination stickers on our membership cards, almost as a memento of when COVID was at the forefront of everyone's minds.

A lot can change in 12 months and threat of COVID no longer seems as dire as it once was. However, I think we would all agree that it most definitely has not gone away, and I would urge all Members to remain vigilant and please do not attend the Clubhouse if you are feeling in any way unwell. COVID is as serious as it ever was, and as we move into 2023 we all still have an obligation to look after each other and prevent the spread of disease wherever possible.

On a very much brighter note, it was wonderful to see so many Members and their guests enjoying the January "Summer Retreat" arrangements at the Club, including a relaxed dress code for Members and staff and removal of guest access restrictions to the Bar and Terrace. The January Summer Retreat has now been in place for three years in a row and has become an important part of the annual Club calendar. If you missed it this year then I strongly suggest you don't make the same mistake in 12 months time!

I'm pleased to report that the "tie optional" dress code throughout the day during the Summer Retreat was so well received by Members that the Committee has decided to extend this option in the Verandah Room only for a trial period commencing from 1st February. Members should note that dress requirements will remain unchanged throughout the remainder of the Clubhouse, and a tailored jacket is still required in the Verandah Room for lunch and dinner.

As we move into 2023 there are a number of events which I recommend all Members consider attending. The annual Long Table Lunch is an important part of the Club social calendar, and this year it will be held on Friday 17 March. Don't delay booking for this one, it is sure to be a sell-out.

The End of Summer Ball for Members and guests is always a hugely enjoyable event. This year it will be held on Saturday 25 March and taking on a country "Bachelor & Spinsters" theme, making it ideal to bring your sons and daughters along. Again, I encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment.

At this point I extend congratulations to two Members who were recognised in the 2023 Australia Day Honours List. Stephen Scudamore AM was recognised for his contribution to commerce, including the mining and resource sectors together with Harry Xydas AM for services to the building and construction industry. All Members will be afforded an opportunity to congratulate Stephen and Harry at the New Members' Evening on Friday 14 April where they will be invited to join me on the head table.

Welcome again to 2023 and I look forward to seeing you at the Club as the year unfolds.

*Mike Best*

## From the Secretary

I have just returned from the Australasian Club Secretaries' Association Conference in Adelaide, hosted by the Adelaide and Queen Adelaide Clubs. The association represents the 25 private by invitation only gentlemen, ladies and mixed membership city clubs from around Australia and New Zealand and it is the first time delegates have reunited in three years. It was apparent from the round table discussions that The Weld Club fared much better than many clubs over the last three years through the ability to largely retain member engagement during the pandemic. Existing reciprocity with many of these clubs is important and having visited all of the clubs we are reciprocal with in Australia and New Zealand I am always happy to share my travel notes with Members who may be considering one of the clubs as an accommodation option.

During the closure period the House Sub-Committee turned its attention to ensuring that staff are provided with a quality working environment with facilities that reflect changes to the way in which people work and adapt to new technology. With this in mind, the staff dining room was redecorated, the ground floor management office refurbished to provide a more contemporary floor plan and the main reception desk modified to provide a more ergonomic and pleasant work environment for our hard working receptionist, Anita Nilsson.

The staff and I look forward to welcoming Members and their guests back to the Members' Dining Room, which re-opened this week. In particular a reminder that the Club Table provides a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some conviviality with other members and members of reciprocal clubs over lunch. From Monday 6 February a roster of Club Table captains will always ensure no member is left to dine alone.

*Hugh Stowell*

## GENERAL NEWS

### Staff News

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Angus Duong and Kirsty Kelly in full time roles to assist with the management of the dining rooms, bars and functions. Kirsty will oversee service in the Members' Dining Room and Angus will be working along side Alex Pekin in The Verandah as well as bringing his expertise to the Members' Bar and events.

Sadly, the commencement of a new year has brought with it two resignations. Interest Group Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison, is leaving in March to work alongside her husband in his expanding business and start a family. Librarian, Gillian Higgs, is retiring after nearly 26 years of service to the Club. To coincide with the Book Group, an afternoon tea will be held for Gillian on 16 February 2023 for Members to thank her for her service to the Club.

In other news congratulations to kitchen steward, Samuel Law, who has qualified and commenced an apprenticeship to train as a chef. As is tradition, the Club will sponsor his three year apprenticeship course.

*Hugh Stowell*

### Dress Code in The Verandah

As a direct result of the very positive feedback from Members the Committee has determined that ties will remain optional for dining in The Verandah throughout the day on a trial basis to be reviewed at the end of six months. While jackets are optional for breakfast in The Verandah, tailored jackets will continue to be required for lunch and dinner service.

It is important to note that the option of wearing a tie at lunch is strictly only in The Verandah during this trial period and the requirement to wear a tailored jacket and tie from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm remains as the dress code for gentlemen in all other parts of the Club House. Gentlemen who have elected to take up the option of not wearing a tie for lunch in The Verandah are requested to take pre lunch drinks and coffee after lunch service at the table.

### Extended Dinner Service in The Verandah Tuesday to Saturday Evenings Effective from Tuesday 7 February 2023

With patronage of the Club returning to normal after the pandemic, dinner service in The Verandah will be extended from four nights a week to five nights a week from Tuesday 7 February 2022. This will afford Members wishing to entertain family, friends or interstate visitors with an additional evening to do so and reciprocal club members staying in the bedrooms with the option to remain in the Club House for dinner service on Tuesday evening.

Reservations for dinner in The Verandah from Tuesday to Saturday evenings can be made by telephoning the Club on 93237000 or via an email to [reception@weldclub.org.au](mailto:reception@weldclub.org.au)

## **Summer Seafood Lunches in The Verandah** **Each Wednesday in February 2023**

As part of the summer arrangements at the Club, Seafood Lunches will be held in The Verandah each Wednesday throughout February, namely the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023. The menu will feature tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, butterflied king prawns and cured salmon, followed by chargrilled West Australian lobster in butter and lime or in a rich mornay sauce, finishing with pavlova, stone fruit salad and peach sorbet.

A charge of \$67.00 per person will apply. In anticipation these lunches will prove extremely popular, 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](mailto:reception@weldclub.org.au)

## **Public Holiday Reminder** **Labour Day on Monday 6 March 2023**

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Monday 6 March 2023 in observance of the Labour Day Public Holiday. Normal service will resume with breakfast in the Verandah Room on the morning of Tuesday 7 March from 7.00 am.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Social Tennis Day** **Peppermint Grove Tennis Club** **Friday 10 February 2023**

Places remain available for the annual Social Tennis Day hosted at the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club on Friday 10 February 2023. Play is scheduled to commence at 2.00 pm after a warm up session any time after 1.30 pm. This is a social afternoon of doubles tennis for Members of all ages with close competition ensured by a system of dynamic handicapping. Matches with randomly drawn partners are timed for 30 minutes each with a refreshment break mid-afternoon.

Non-playing Members and player's partners are very welcome to join the participants for drinks and tapas food at the conclusion of play from 5:00 pm during which a presentation will be made of the perpetual tennis trophy. The Club looks forward in particular to welcoming new Members to join with the tennis regulars for this event. Please feel free to contact the convener, Des Thompson with any questions on the format for the day.

Subscriptions can be made in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au). In your subscription please indicate if your partner or guest is playing tennis on the day.

### **Saint Valentines' Day Dinner** **Tuesday 14 February 2023**

Limited places remain for the St Valentine's Day Dinner on Tuesday 14 February 2023. The evening will commence with everyone assembling at 6.45 pm for a glass of Moët & Chandon Imperial Champagne prior to moving into the dining room for a five course degustation menu paired with wines from the cellar. A charge of \$185.00 per person will apply, including champagne and the wines paired with each course. As has become tradition a pianist will perform popular ballads on the grand piano throughout the course of the evening. Dress is jacket and tie.

Subscriptions can be made for tables from 2 persons up to 8 persons for the evening via the enclosed subscription form or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au). Confirmations will be in order of receipt of bookings.

### **Seafood Buffet Lunch with the return of the Oyster Shucking Station** **Members' Dining Room** **Wednesday 15 February 2023**

To celebrate the first Members' Dining Room Seafood Lunch for the year, on Wednesday 15 February, the Chef will be returning to the original tradition of an ice station serving freshly shucked oysters during the lunch, which will be complimented by tiered platters of fresh market king prawns and smoked salmon at the tables. Baked whole fish and a medley of seafood dishes will follow, 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 \$58.00 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](mailto:reception@weldclub.org.au)

## Wine Interest Group Dinner Members & Gentlemen Guests Tuesday 21 February 2023

The first Wine Interest Group Dinner for 2023 will be held on Tuesday 21 February 2023 commencing at 7.00 pm.

These dinners are incredibly popular and 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 less than twenty-four Members have subscribed as of the Friday prior to the dinner, then invitations will be extended to guests to attend in order of their names being placed on the waiting list. Dress is jacket and tie.

Subscriptions can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## Lightning Snooker Competition Monday 27 February 2023

The first event on the Billiard Room calendar for 2023 is the Lightning Snooker Competition. This will take place on Monday 27 February commencing at 12 noon. The event runs from 12 noon until 5.00 pm and includes lunch and post competition drinks. This competition is played as Doubles Risk Snooker. There will be a draw for players and partners. The duration of each game is 28 minutes and depending on numbers, Members can expect to play 3 games during the afternoon. Scores are cumulative and the winner is the player with highest aggregate score. All players are allocated a handicap for the competition.

This is an excellent event for new Members with an interest in Snooker to meet other Members and they are encouraged to enter the competition. Interested Members should place their name on the sheet on the notice board in the Billiard Room or contact Samantha Kerrison, via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) to record your interest. Entries close Tuesday 21 February 2023.

*Kyle Abbott – Convener*

## Members' Annual Golf Day at Cottesloe Golf Club Monday 13 March 2023

The convener of the Golf Day, Keith Jones, invites Members, including recently elected Members, to participate in this popular event at Cottesloe Golf Club, 173 Alfred Road, Swanbourne.

Members nominating individually will be paired with those of a similar golfing handicap whilst those wishing to be part of a designated group may make such a request on the enclosed form. The day commences with a light lunch from 11.00 am. The game is followed by a presentation function in the club-house when everyone has finished his round. Do not miss this opportunity to have your name recorded on the highly acclaimed Schadenfreude Trophy.

**Program:** 11.00 am light lunch will be served in the clubhouse.  
12 noon commencement of play.

**Drinks:** There will not be an open bar, Members to pay for drinks individually on the day.

**Presentation:** At the conclusion of play, light snacks will be provided in the Main Lounge. In addition to the Schadenfreude Trophy awarded to the winner of the day, prizes will be awarded for the best score, the longest drive, nearest to the pins, a hole-in-one, and other feats of golfing merit.

**Dress:** Appropriate on-course attire. A button through shirt (not a golf shirt) will be acceptable for the after match presentation. Change-room and shower facilities are provided.

**Registration:** By return of the enclosed subscription form as soon as possible and before Monday 6 March 2023.

Members who wish to reserve the use of a golf cart for the day should contact the Cottesloe Golf Pro Shop on 9384 5823.

Subscriptions can be made to this event via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the subscription form attached.

## **Annual Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn**

### **Member Only Event**

### **Friday 17 March 2023**

Established during the Club's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, the Annual Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn has become an institution and in 2023 will be held on Friday 17 March 2023. The event will commence with drinks served on the verandah from 12.30 pm before moving to the marquee on the Grand Lawn for lunch at 1.00 pm. The menu will include three courses matched with Margaret River wines from the reserve cellar. Dress is jacket and tie.

This is exclusively a Members' only event with restricted capacity. Subscriptions can be made using the enclosed subscription form or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

## **The "Bachelor & Spinsters" End of Summer Ball**

### **Saturday 25 March 2023**

As summer draws to a close Members are encouraged to subscribe to the "Bachelors & Spinsters" Summer Ball being convened by the Country Members Interest Group on Saturday 25 March 2023.

Replicating a Country Ball in the grounds of a grand country house, dinner will be served in a marquee on the Grand Lawn and feature festoon lighting over an open air dance floor to set the scene for pre-dinner drinks and dancing to live music later in the evening.

Subscriptions are now open for tables of eight or ten persons or to be allocated places at a Club Table. The evening will commence with an hour of pre-dinner drinks at 6.45 pm prior to dinner and dancing. Dress is Black Tie.

The anticipated cost will be \$200.00 per person and 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](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## **New Members' Evening**

### **Member Only Event**

### **Friday 14 April 2023**

Bookings are open for the New Members' Evening on Friday 14 April 2023. 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. The dinner will also recognise those Members who have received awards in the Australia Day and Queen's Birthday Day Honours Lists, namely,

Steven CARRE OAM for service to the community through a range of roles.

Steven SCUDAMORE AM for service to commerce, including the resources sector.

Harry XYDAS AM for service to the building and construction industry.

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

Michael BRINDAL, Duncan CRAIB, Frederic FLIPO, Robert FRANCO, David HUDSON MBE,

John LOVE, Sonny RAHIM, Pasquale SETTINERI, Chris STAVRIANOU, and Rod WEBB.

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 is being held for the new Members and their proposers to meet the President and the Committee at 6.00 pm in the Wittenoom Room prior to being joined by other Members at 6.30 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](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or on the Club's website via [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)



# ANZAC Dinner

## Preliminary Notice

### Thursday 20 April 2023

Preliminary notice is given for this year's annual ANZAC Dinner on Thursday 20 April 2023. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm (sharp). This annual event provides an opportunity to reflect on the important contribution made by serving men and women, both currently and in the past. Subscriptions for the dinner are open to all Members and gentlemen guests together with women who are currently serving, or have served, in the Australian Defence Force. Dress is mess dress or black tie with medals. Members and gentlemen guests may also wear their father's or grandfather's decorations on their right lapel.

Subscriptions for the dinner are now open and Members are invited to subscribe either on the enclosed subscription form or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## PROGRAM OF CLUB EVENTS FOR 2023

### February

Tuesday 14 Saint Valentine's Dinner

### March

Friday 17 Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn

Saturday 25 Bachelors' & Spinsters' Summer Ball

### April

Friday 14 New Members' Evening

Thursday 20 ANZAC Dinner

### May

Saturday 6 King Charles III Coronation Dinner

Sunday 7 Mother's Day Lunch

Friday 26 Father's & Daughters' Dinner

### June

Friday 2 Annual Wine Dinner

Friday 23 Mid-Winter Dinner with Choir

### July

Friday 14 Bastille Day Dinner

Friday 28 Father's & Sons' Dinner

### August

Friday 11

Annual Game Dinner

Friday 25

President's Dinner

### September

Sunday 3

Father's Day Lunch

Friday 8

New Members' Evening

Thursday 28

Country Interest Show Week Lunch

### October

Wednesday 11

Annual General Meeting & Dinner

### November

Monday 6

Melbourne Cup Eve Calcutta & Dinner

Friday 24

Fathers, Sons' & Daughters' Dinner

### December

Friday 1

Younger Members' Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 5

Wine Group Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 6

Turkey Carving Competition & Lunch

Friday 15

Christmas Carol Evening & Dinner

Saturday 16

Christmas Carol Evening & Dinner

## 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](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or telephone her on 9323 7006 and ask to be placed on the Waiting List for the event.

WCWG Summer Walk  
Sunday 12 February 2023

Classic Car & Motoring Group Car Collection Viewing  
Monday 20 February 2023