



## MARCH 2023 EDITION

**From the President**

Welcome fellow Members to the March newsletter. 2023 at the Weld Club is off to a solid start, and with a number of important Club events happening in the next few months it looks like we are in for a busy year. These events are discussed in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter, but briefly they include:

- The Members' Club Golf Day on Monday 13 March.
- The annual not-to-be-missed Long Table Lunch on Friday 17 March.
- The Weld Summer Ball on Friday 25 March, this year with a Bachelor and Spinsters theme.
- The New Members Dinner on Friday 14 April.
- The Anzac Dinner on Thursday 20 April, this year under the watchful eye of Dining President Group Captain Dr Barney Cresswell RFD.
- The Kings Coronation Dinner on Saturday 6 May – what better place could there be to watch this once-in-a-lifetime event than at The Weld Club?
- The Tony Jones Swan River themed art exhibition commencing on Wednesday 10 May.
- The annual Mothers' Day Lunch on Sunday 14 May.
- The Fathers and Daughters Dinner on Friday 26 May.

Be warned, many of these events book out very quickly so please book early if you don't want to find yourself on the wait list.

In other news I would like to congratulate Tim Tucker and Richard Cranfield who have recently moved into the roles of Club Administration Manager and Club House Manager respectively. These are both very senior positions and reflect the importance of both Tim and Richard in the daily life of our Club.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Communications, Manager Samantha Kerrison, and wish her well as she retires from the Club and moves on to the next phase of her life. Sam's smiling face and cheerful disposition will be sorely missed when she leaves, and I am sure all Members will join me in thanking her for her wonderful contribution to our Club over the last 11 years.

There will be a farewell drinks reception for Samantha on Thursday 23 March at 3.00 pm and I urge all Members to come along and send her off in style.

Finally, on Monday 13 February I had the pleasure of hosting the annual Past Presidents Lunch. It was humbling to have so many Weld stalwarts in the same room, and I have no doubt all Members will join me in thanking them for their service to our Club and their ongoing keen interest in its' affairs.

*Mike Best*

## From the Secretary

As the President has highlighted in his article the Club has a very busy period ahead with a diverse array of Club Events for Members to enjoy. One of the events I am looking forward to assisting with is the "Regatta on the Swan" exhibition by West Australian artist, Tony Jones, which will feature vintage, fully rigged Swan River sailing dinghies and other installation pieces complemented by artworks featuring the Swan River from the Club's collection together with works from the collections of Members. As a prelude to the exhibition, I draw Members' attention to the excellent article by Dr John Taylor on the Club's connection with the Swan River, which can be found on pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. I recall how much the 150th Anniversary Art Exhibition brought the Club House to life and this new exhibition will provide a further opportunity for Members to showcase the Club House to family and friends.

Plans are well advanced for the End of Summer Ball, which is taking on a country "Bachelor & Spinsters" theme this year. Some Members have expressed concern to me about the theme, perhaps sharing my own blurred memories of attending Bachelor & Spinster Balls "in my youth". The theme reflects that the event will take on a festive atmosphere and Members are encouraged to invite their adult sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, together with their friends, to let them experience the enjoyment of a major party at the Club. Predinner drinks will include "Moscow Mules" on arrival and there will be dancing under the stars after dinner. Tables of eight or ten are available as well as a number of Club Tables for Members wishing to book simply as a couple.

*Hugh Stowell*

## GENERAL NEWS

### Staff News

Tim Tucker has been appointed into a newly created role of Club Administration Manager and will be taking on responsibility for all of the Club's communication, both print and virtual, together with management of the reception desk, oversight of all the interest groups, at home dining, administrative support for the Committee and Sub-Committees and oversight of the Club's compliance with Work, Health and Safety obligations. To fill the large shoes left by Tim in overseeing the operations of the Club, Richard Cranfield has been appointed as Club House Manager.

A farewell for the Librarian, Gillian Higgs, who retired after nearly 26 years of service was held with Members on Thursday 16 February 2023 at which the President presented Gillian with a strand of freshwater pearls on behalf of Members in acknowledgment of her service to the Club. A farewell reception for the Interest Group and Communications Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison, will be held on Thursday 23 March, the details of which are published in an event notice in this newsletter.

Verandah Room Supervisor, Alex Pekin, has decided to pursue tertiary studies and to maintain a work/life balance has elected to resign from his full time role at the Club. However, Alex has agreed to continue his employment in a casual capacity and looks forward to continuing to be of service to Members and guests in the dining room.

Finally, two special anniversary milestones. Congratulations to Cellar Manager, Susan Hutchinson, who celebrates ten years of service at the Club and Chef de Partie, Mark Watkins, a regular face at the buffet station in the Members' Dining Room, who celebrates five years of service.

*Hugh Stowell*

### Important Dress-Code Information

A reminder that for a trial period until 31 July 2023 the wearing of ties is optional for dining in The Verandah throughout the day. 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 to take pre-lunch drinks and coffee after lunch service at the table.

At the first Committee meeting for the year a temporary By-Law was ratified and reads:

For the period 1 February to 31 July 2023 ties will be optional in The Verandah Dining Room during service. 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 to take pre-lunch drinks and coffee after lunch service at the table.

Members are invited to contact the Club Secretary, Hugh Stowell, via an email to [secretary@weldclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@weldclub.org.au) or on direct telephone number 9323 7001 if any clarification concerning this By-Law is required.

## **New Cocktail & Drinks Menu**

### **Shaken but Not Stirred**

A new Cocktail & Drinks Menu featuring an array of classic and contemporary cocktails together with a selection of bar share plates from the kitchen has been launched in the Garden Drawing Room, Members' Bar and the adjoining outdoor terrace.

Members and their guests are invited to watch Angus's cocktail making skills behind the Bar and enjoy such classics as a Gin Martini or Whisky Sour or more contemporary cocktails such as an Espresso Martini, Negroni, Aperol Spritz or Mojito when meeting for drinks or dining at the Club. The menu also features an enhanced range of spirits including 17 carefully sourced whiskies and more than 10 gins.

## **The Verandah Opening Hours**

### **Dinner Service now Tuesday to Saturday**

Members are reminded of last month's announcement that dinner service in The Verandah has now been extended to five nights a week. This will afford Members wishing to entertain family, friends or interstate visitors on a Tuesday evening the option of doing so at the Club.

Reservations for dinner in The Verandah from Tuesday to Saturday evenings can be made by telephoning the Club on 9323 7000 or via an email to [reception@weldclub.org.au](mailto:reception@weldclub.org.au)

## **Passenger Lift Refurbishment Project**

### **Important Information for Members**

Due to a delay in materials the refurbishment of the three passenger lifts has been deferred until April. The project is now due to commence on 11 April, initially with the refurbishment of the lift in the parking garage pavilion. During the estimated five week project timetable Members and their guests will be required to access the Club House via the Exchange Tower parking garage lifts, entering from the garden entrance at the Sherwood Court end of the garden.

After the parking garage lift is commissioned work will then commence on the passenger lift located near the Members' Dining Room that services the upstairs Billiard Room. During this further five week period Members and guests will be required to transfer between floors via the passenger lift located at reception.

Once completed the passenger lift near reception will be refurbished and due to the reduced scope of works it is anticipated the reception lift will only be out of service for two weeks. Progress reports informing Members of which lift is out of service at any one point in time will be included in the weekly "Club Noticeboard" circulated on Monday mornings.

## **Public Holiday Reminder**

### **Labour Day on Monday 6 March 2023**

Members are reminded that the Club House will be closed on Monday 6 March 2023 in observance of the Labour Day public holiday. Normal services will resume with breakfast from 7.00 am on Tuesday 7 March 2023.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Members' Annual Golf Day at Cottesloe Golf Club**

#### **Monday 13 March 2023**

A reminder that places remain available for the Annual Weld Club Golf Day at Cottesloe on Monday 13 March 2023.

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.

**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**

Limited places remain available for the Annual Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn 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.

## **From Bondi to the Baltic**

### **Motoring Literary Lunch**

### **Monday 20 March 2023**

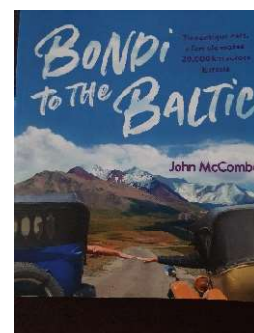
You are invited to join the Convener of the Motoring Group, Mr Neil Williamson, to the fifth in the series of Motoring Literary Luncheons. Mr Bill Amann and Mr Nigel McCombe will guide us through the adventure of driving two old cars, one a 1920 Dodge and the other a 1927 Whippet some 20,000 km from Bondi to the Baltic.

The journey was accomplished over two years with one of the cars being local to Perth. The Journey took them through South East Asia, China, The Stans, Russia and Finland and was replete with adventure, near-misses and breakdowns.

Members will enjoy a two-course luncheon, inclusive of wines and coffee, during which time there will be the opportunity to hear something of this incredible story and the opportunity to ask questions. On this occasion Members may invite partners and guests.

Subscriptions for this interesting talk, which will be held at the Club, may be made via email to the Club Administration Manager, Tim Tucker via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) or by telephoning 9323 7008. I urge you to book early as traditionally these events have been well attended and our last Motoring Club Event was over-subscribed.

*Neil Williamson - Convenor*



## **Farewell Reception for the Communications & Interest Group Coordinator**

### **Thursday 23 March 2023 at 3.00 pm**

Members are invited to subscribe to a farewell drinks reception for the Communications & Interest Group Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison, on Thursday 23 March 2023 in the Frederick Barlee Room between 3.00 pm and 4.00 pm.

Samantha was initially employed more than ten years ago as a steward and has progressed through various roles to become an important part of the Club's administration team.

This is a Members Only event and the President will be making a presentation on behalf of all Members to Samantha at the reception. For catering purposes, Members wishing to attend are asked to subscribe on the enclosed booking form or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au).

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

### **Saturday 25 March 2023**

Members would have now received their personal invitation to the "Bachelor & Spinsters" End of 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 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 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**

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 February 2023 have also received personal invitations, namely:

Paul ANDERSON, Tom CARMODY, Nicholas CURNOW Robert KAY and Don LANGSFORD.

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 Dining President - Group Captain Dr Barney Cresswell RFD Thursday 20 April 2023**

Dining President Grp Capt Dr Barney Cresswell RFD invites Members and guests to subscribe to the 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). Dress is mess dress or black tie with medals. Members and guests may also wear their father's or grandfather's decorations on their right lapel. Subscriptions for the dinner are now open to Members, gentlemen guests and women who are currently serving, or have served, in the Australian Defence Force. 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)

## **The Coronation of King Charles III Banquet Dinner and Live Telecast of the Coronation Saturday 6 May 2023**

To celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Saturday 6 May 2023 the Club will host a Banquet Dinner during which the live broadcast of the Coronation will be televised on two 80 inch high definition screens in the Members' Dining Room. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in The Verandah at 6.30 pm with the preliminary broadcast from London featuring in the background on the room's theatre screen. Members and guests will then be invited through for a three course banquet and wines in the Members' Dining Room from 7.00 pm during which the Coronation of King Charles III by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Westminster Abbey will be shown live on the big screens.

Members may invite their partners plus up to two additional guests to the event. Dress is Black Tie. An estimated charge of \$180.00 per person will apply. Bookings can be made by completing the attached booking form or directly with the Events Manager in an email via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au). Bookings will be accepted in order of receipt.

## **A Regatta on the Swan Tony Jones Exhibition Preliminary Notice Wednesday 10 May 2023**

The Art Committee is proud to present an exhibition of paintings and sculptures by renowned Western Australian artist Tony Jones, creator of such important works as the CY O'Connor and Eliza sculptures.

The exhibition will be a "regatta" celebrating life on and around the Swan River. It should evoke memories of enjoyable times, and even occasional heroics, on the water. A feature of the show will be the installation of vintage, fully rigged Swan River sailing dinghies from Tony's collection. His work will be complemented by pieces from the Club's collection and the collections of club members.

The "regatta" will be opened by the Hon. Richard Court AC at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 10 May followed by dinner with the artist. The event is open to Members and guests. Subscriptions can be made to this event on the attached subscription form, via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)



## **WCWG - Rottnest Island Tour**

### **Friday 12 – Sunday 14 May 2023**

Members and their partners are invited to express their interest in attending a walking tour on Rottnest Island from Friday 12 to Sunday 14 May 2023.

The cooler weather in May should provide perfect conditions to explore some of Rottnest's very well marked and picturesque coastal trails.

A full day's walking is planned on Saturday with a picnic lunch. Sunday morning provides the opportunity for another walk or the option of hiring a bike to ride to West End.



Accommodation has been arranged at the very comfortable Samphire Resort in Beach Lane and in Poolside Rooms at an average cost of \$350 per night (room only and discounted for Club Members).

Checkout from rooms at the Samphire Resort on Sunday 14 May is before 11.00 am. There are at least 2 ferries departing Rottnest Island to Fremantle that morning at 8.30 am and 10.30 am. This should leave ample time for those wishing to attend the Mother's Day event at Club on Sunday 14 May 2023.

Pre- dinner drinks and a group dinner have been booked at Isola Restaurant on the Saturday evening. Friday is a free day for you to arrive at your leisure.

It is expected that the cost of the 2 nights' accommodation, drinks and the dinner on Saturday night will be approx. \$1,000 which will be billed to your Weld Club Account. Ferry tickets, bike hire, other meals, breakfast and personal expenses will be at your own cost.

Accommodation is limited so please complete and return the attached expression of interest form or contact the Club Administration Manager, Tim Tucker, via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) no later than Wednesday 8 March 2023 to secure your place.

More details of the tour will follow.

*Steve Carre OAM - Convenor*

## **Mothers' Day Lunch**

### **Sunday 14 May 2023**

Mother's Day Lunch is a wonderful opportunity for Members to bring their family together, including mothers, grandmothers and grandchildren to share this day of celebration. No minimum age restriction will apply on this occasion. A three-course lunch with several choices for each course will be served in the Members' Dining Room, together with an optional two-course children's menu as required.

Dress is tailored jackets with ties optional, except for children under 15, where "Sunday Best", may be worn. A charge of \$88.00 per person will apply, except for children 12 who may eat from the children's menu for \$40.00 per child.

Members are invited to complete the enclosed subscription form or subscribe via 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 or by visiting the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## **Fathers' & Daughters' Dinner**

### **Preliminary Notice**

### **Friday 26 May 2023**

Subscriptions are now open for the 2023 Fathers' and Daughters' Dinner to be held on Friday 26 May 2023. The evening will commence with champagne served in the Wittenoom Room from 7.00 pm followed by a three-course dinner from 7.30 pm, matched with wines from the Club's reserve cellar.

This event is open to Members and their daughters, daughters'-in-law and grand-daughters over the age of 18 years. Dress is black tie for Members and evening wear for ladies.

Subscriptions can be made to this event on the attached subscription form, via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## The Weld Clubs Connection with the Swan River

### The Art Collection

The lower reaches of the Swan and Canning rivers form an estuary created by geological conditions more than 10 000 years ago. Pre-British settlement in 1829, the estuarine-river flowing in and out of the Indian Ocean at 32 degrees south latitude on the west coast of the continent that would become Australia, had long been held as a place of great importance by its Aboriginal inhabitants. Areas surrounding what is now central Perth were known as *Mooro*, *Beeloo* and *Beeliar* by the Nyoongar people of the south-west.



*Perth 1845 Map (Alfred Hillman, assistant surveyor, acc no 347) reveals the town plan imposed upon the landscape adjacent to the Swan River in early colonial times.*

The choice of location for the colonial capital city of Perth reflected the advantages of both the moderate climate and favourable geographic disposition, with a neighbouring ocean port at Fremantle (*Walylup*). The establishment of the Weld Club at Perth in 1871 in close proximity to the Swan River (*Derbarl Yerrigan*) and its area now known as Perth Water (*Buneenboro*) has ensured that Club Members have always had an intrinsic connection to the Swan River.



*Perth Western Australia, from Mt Eliza 1852 (Horace Samson, acc no 6) illustrates that the Swan had quite a different shoreline on its north side compared to that existing today.*

Historically, Perth Water - the section of the Swan River on the southern edge of the city between the Causeway to the east, and Narrows Bridge to the west - was much larger in size. Considerable reclamation has taken place, and shorelines have been regularly changed. In 1879, fill taken from Perth Water was used to create further public space, and at the completion of the current Clubhouse in 1892 direct views to the Swan remained across The Esplanade.





*Site of The Weld Club 1860 (acc no 196). Photo shows the block that was purchased in 1889 by the Weld Club, and the folk shown here in 1860 are standing on the site of the current Clubhouse. The Kings Park escarpment is in the background, and Mounts Bay Road followed the Swan River's edge.*

For the construction of the Narrows Bridge and its approaches in the 1950s and 1960s, considerable amounts of the north-west section of Perth Water were reclaimed. The former river bank in that area is equivalent to the edge of Mounts Bay Road. The whole Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre lies on the river side of the former river bank. The more recent development of Elizabeth Quay and its surrounding buildings is another notable change to the river's edge in proximity to the Weld Club. Thus our Club's relationship to and outlook onto the Swan has changed considerably over time.



*Early Evening on the Swan (1898 by Walter Meston, acc no 297) exquisitely captures light hitting the waters of the Swan River and dappling the surrounding landscape; and Mt Eliza from South Perth (1925 by Herbert W. Gibbs - father of May Gibbs, acc no 165) is a picturesque painting with exaggerated vertical scale that purposefully excludes the built portions of Perth.*

In literature, the Swan has featured in many local works - examples such as *The courteous savage: Yagan of Swan River* by Mary Durack, Tim Winton's *Cloudstreet*, Robert Drewe's *The Shark Net* and Nick Burningham's *Messing about in Earnest* are all books that enhance our connection to the river. Likewise in local art, Swan River themes abound, and the Weld Club through its art committee will continue to seek examples that increase our understanding and appreciation of the importance of the river in our shared cultural heritage.



*May 2021 view south along Barrack Street showing building development around Elizabeth Quay that further illustrates the Clubhouse's gradual separation from the Swan River (The Weld Club 1871-2021, History Forum presentation June 2021, John Taylor).*

*Dr John Taylor – Art Sub-Committee*