



APRIL 2023 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome fellow Members to the April 2023 newsletter. March was a very busy month at the Weld Club with a number of important events taking place, including the Long Table Lunch on Friday 17th and the End-Of-Summer "Bachelor and Spinners" Ball on Saturday 25th. I was lucky enough to attend both of these functions and I can vouch wholeheartedly for the fact that a wonderful time was had by all. I'm sure that every Member in attendance will join me in thanking Secretary Hugh and his team for continuing to host such memorable events for us.

April promises to be yet another busy month at the Club. The New Members Dinner on Friday 14 April is a special occasion and I invite all Members and especially proposers, seconders and referees to come along and welcome our newest Members and help introduce them to Club life.

The annual Anzac Dinner on Thursday 20 April is another important event on the Weld Club calendar. This year Dining President Barney Cresswell RFD has arranged for Flight Lieutenant James Pears to deliver what promises to be a fascinating address on his time in the RAAF. Flt Lt Pears joined the RAAF in 2002 and continues to serve to this day, so his views and experiences will truly reflect modern day defence force thinking. I strongly encourage Members to book early and avoid joining the wait list for this one.

On a somewhat less positive note, myself and the Secretary have recently been made aware of some disappointing incidents in the Club dining rooms. These have included the use of mobile phones, the exchange of cash between diners who chose to "settle the bill" after a meal, the appearance of papers and other documents in the dining rooms, and even the taking of photographs of other Members without their consent.

I'm sure most Members will be well aware of the rules and customs, both written and unwritten, which govern our behaviour at The Weld Club. If you have any queries in this regard please don't hesitate to seek out the Secretary or a member of the Committee for clarification. And if you observe any Member or their guests acting outside these rules please don't hesitate to alert any nearby staff member who will discreetly speak with the hosting Member concerned.

Lastly, and I'm sure the vast majority of Members are already well aware of this, if you invite a guest to The Weld Club then it is your responsibility to make them aware of our rules and customs. While we encourage and welcome guests and visitors to our Club, for the sake of our fellow Members it is up to all of us to ensure that our guests are prepared to uphold the standards which make The Weld Club such a special place and a sanctuary from the outside world.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

Following on from the President's article Members will further in this newsletter the By-Laws pertaining to the use of mobile devices and photography. As the President indicated, the Club House is a sanctuary from the outside world and the intrusion of mobile devices and camera phones detracts from everyone's enjoyment of the Club's facilities.

The passenger lift refurbishment project is locked in to commence immediately after Easter and will commence with three of the parking bays on level B2 being covered in hoarding for the storage of the heavy machinery and parts required to undertake the project. Shortly thereafter the car park lift will be taken out of service and Members and their guests will be required to access the Club house via the tower lifts and the garden entrance. A reminder of these arrangements will be included in each week's "Club Noticeboard" sent out on Monday mornings.

Hugh Stowell

GENERAL NEWS

STAFF NEWS

A farewell for the Communications Co-ordinator, Samantha Kerrison, after 11 years of service to the Club was held for Members on Thursday 23 March 2023 at which the President presented Samantha with a matching set of luggage in anticipation of a trip overseas her husband is taking her on in the second half of the year.

At a small reception on Tuesday 28 March the Secretary and staff presented Caryn Moos with a large bouquet of flowers to wish her well as she commences six months maternity leave. Caryn will be missed in the Members' Dining Room but will hopefully return in at the beginning of October.

Hugh Stowell

THE USE OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES & PHOTOGRAPHY

By-Laws 14 & 19

To assist with everyone's enjoyment of the Club House, Members are reminded to ensure that any guests are informed in advance of the following By-Laws pertaining to the use of electronic devices and photography.

Electronic Devices

Except as provided in By-Law 13 b) the use of electronic equipment, such as mobile telephones, tablets, laptops, and other computer devices is restricted to bedrooms, the first floor Reading Room and Sitting Room together with the adjoining outdoor balcony, provided that such use does not impair the use or enjoyment of those areas by other members. Mobile telephones may also be used at the telephone table in the entrance hall provided for that purpose.

Elsewhere in the Club House electronic diaries may be used for the purpose of arranging social arrangements in the same way as pocket diaries and calendars are used, provided they are switched to silent mode; tablets may be used in the Verandah Room at breakfast time to access news and newspaper sites, but headphones, ear-phones and microphones may not be used; otherwise electronic equipment may not be used for any purpose.

Photography

No member or their guests shall take photographs in the Club without the permission of the Secretary being first obtained.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER

Easter Long Weekend Friday 7 to Monday 10 April 2023

Members are reminded that the Club House will be closed from Friday 7 April until Monday 10 April for the Easter long weekend. Normal services will resume with breakfast from 7.00 am on Tuesday 11 April 2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au

CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP

Car Viewing "A Gentleman's Collection"

Monday 17 April 2023

Our next event, on April 17 is an invitation to visit "A Gentleman's Collection", an eclectic collection of motor vehicles spanning the last century and I am sure that there will be something for everyone. Motor collection viewings are one of our most popular events and I urge you to book early to avoid disappointment, some of the garages to which we are privileged to gain access are not large and therefore numbers have to be limited.

Subscriptions to this event may be made by contacting the Club Administration Manager, Mr. Tim Tucker via communications@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 9323 7008. Members may invite up to two gentlemen guests and dress on this occasion is jacket with ties optional.



I would also like to take this opportunity of giving our members some advance warning of our next event which will be a trip to British Car Day in Gingin on May 21. The event will start as usual with a breakfast at the Club, followed by a leisurely drive to Gingin to view the many hundreds of vehicles on display. As in previous years the Club will be happy to provide one of their "handsome hampers" for your luncheon requirements.

Neil Williamson - Convenor

ANZAC DINNER

Dining President - Group Captain Dr Barney Cresswell RFD

Thursday 20 April 2023

Dining President, Grp. Capt. Dr Barney Cresswell RFD is pleased to announce that Flt. Lt. James Pears, who is currently serving at Pearce Airforce Base, has accepted his invitation to be the Guest of honour at this year's ANZAC Dinner on Thursday 20 April 2023.

Educated at Scotch College, Perth, Flt. Lt. James Pears joined the RAAF in 2002 and graduated with Wings in 2004 and continues to serve in the Australian Airforce. Subsequently posted to RAAF Edinburgh to fly the AP-3C Orion for what would become a near decade long commitment to Middle East operations. Flt Lt. Pears completed three tours to the Middle East operating overland across Iraq and in the North Arabian Gulf and North Arabian Sea before also undertaking multiple overseas exercises and operations in Southeast Asia, border protection operations in northern Australia and exercises as far afield as Scotland, South Korea and the United States of America. Was then fortunate enough to be in the first group of RAAF pilots to go to Jacksonville, Florida to train on the P-3 aircraft replacement, the P-8 Poseidon and then served for two years as a flying instructor embedded in the USN.



Flt Lt Pears returned to Australia in late 2016 with the first RAAF P-8 to establish Australian P-8 Training school at 292SQN, RAAF Edinburgh before elected to return to Perth as a long term specialist aircrew role at 2FTS, Pearce. Served as Flight Commander for the first pilots' course on the PC-21 aircraft and is currently employed in 2FTS Standards Flight developing junior instructors.

With submarines a very topical issue in Australia, Flt Lt. Pears will share his experiences in the art of submarine hunting while flying the P-3 Orion and the P-8 Poseidon aircraft, which are now routinely deployed to the South China Sea. Flt. Lt Pears will also share some of the interesting flights he has undertaken over the years that have coincided with ANZAC Day and what 'going to war' means in today's RAAF.

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 by contacting the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to events@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 9323 7008.

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.

Dress is Black Tie and an estimated charge of \$180.00 per person will apply. Bookings are limited with only a few places remaining. Enquiries can be made by contacting the Events Manager in an email via events@weldclub.org.au. Bookings will be accepted in order of receipt.

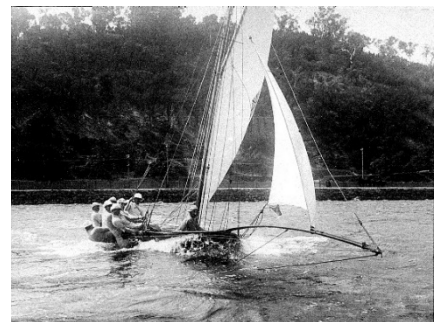
COME SAIL WITH US

An Exhibition by Tony Jones Exhibition

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 or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

Chris Humphry - Art Committee Chair

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.

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 no later than Wednesday 18 April 2023 to secure your place.

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 noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

FATHERS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER

Friday 26 May 2023

The Annual Fathers' and Daughters' Dinner to be held on Friday 26 May 2023, 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 or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

ANNUAL WINE DINNER

Penfolds Chief Winemaker Peter Gago AC

A Member Only Event

Friday 2 June 2023

Chief Winemaker for Penfolds, Peter Gago AC, has accepted an invitation from the Wine Sub-Committee to return to the Club and host a Penfolds Dinner for Members on Friday 2 June 2023. Peter Gago last presented the wines of Penfolds at a dinner in 2018 and currently the only event he is flying into Perth to host during his visit. The selection of wines will include current release and back vintages of Penfolds Bin 389, Penfolds Bin 407, Penfolds St Henri together with Penfolds Grange.

Having joined the Penfolds winemaking team in 1989, in 2002 Peter became the fourth ever Chief Winemaker for Penfolds and is one of the most internationally recognised winemakers in the world.



The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in the Wittenoom Room at 7.00 pm and a four-course menu matched to the wines will follow in the Members' Dining Room. Peter Gago will speak to each of the wines served during the dinner.

This event is a Members' Only event. Dress is Black Tie. Reservations can be made with the Event Manager, Emma Madigan, via an email to events@weldclub.org.au or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au, noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

MID-WINTER DINNER

Friday 9 June 2023

The Weld Club Choir will provide two interludes of music under the direction of Choir Master, David Woods and a three-course menu presented by Chef, Clayton Green, will be paired with wines from the cellar.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm. Members are reminded that in addition to their partners they may extend an invitation to the widows of former Members to join their table as guests of the Club.

Dress is black tie. 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 noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

YOUNGER MEMBERS ANNUAL DINNER

Members and Gentleman Guests

Friday 16 June 2023

The Younger Members Convener, James Smorthwaite, invites Members to subscribe to this year's Annual Younger Members Dinner to be held on Friday 16 June 2023. An announcement will be made in due course regarding the Guest of Honour for the dinner.

A three course menu will be paired with wines from the reserve cellar and following the dinner the Billiard Room and Members' Bar will be open together with the refurbished First Floor Verandah for those who wish to bring a cigar to enjoy with fine brandy and ports. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm and dinner will follow at 7.30 pm. Dress is black tie.

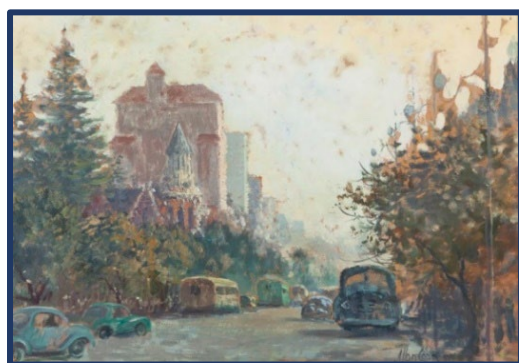
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ART

ART ACQUISITION

Allon Cook

The Club recently acquired at auction the oil painting *St George's Terrace* by well known Western Australian artist Allon Cook (1907 – 1971).



Born in 1907 Cook attended the Fremantle Technical School and Perth School of Art and in 1931 he was elected a member of the West Australian Society of Art. Predominantly a landscape artist Cook also painted shipping and harbour scenes and urban night scenes. He won the Hotchin Prize for oil paintings in 1950, 1951 and 1958, the year he painted *St George's Terrace*. Cook is represented in the National Gallery of Australia and the Art Gallery of Western Australia as well as in numerous regional and private collections.

St George's Terrace is an evocative image of the Terrace during the 1950s before the 1960s economic boom forever changed the thoroughfare.

Chris Humphry, Chairman - Art Committee