



JUNE 2023 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome fellow Members to the June newsletter. I am only just back from New Zealand where I was travelling throughout most of May with my wife as part of her extended milestone birthday festivities.

If the old adage “no news is good news” is true, then I can only assume things ran well at the Weld Club in May. I would like to extend my thanks to Vice-President Anthony Wooles for overseeing Committee activities in my absence. I trust the Tony Jones art exhibition was a success and early reports I have received together with photos I have seen would suggest that is the case.

On my return I have received the exciting news that the Travellers Club on the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris has agreed to enter into a reciprocal arrangement with our Club, providing Members with a Club that has accommodation in the centre of Paris. The Secretary will have more to say on this in his article.

Several weeks ago, during my trip, myself, fellow Weld Member Nick Aitken and our wives caught up with Club Secretary Hugh Stowell, who coincidentally was also in Auckland on holiday, for a glass of champagne at the Northern Club in Auckland. Hugh and I were given a tour of their extensive renovations, including their spectacular mixed-gender informal bar as well as a number of innovative outdoor alfresco areas. I look forward to bringing some of these ideas to our House Sub-Committee for discussion when we next meet.

Sadly, our New Zealand adventure has come to an end, but I can console myself with the fact that I am back in time to attend the annual Wine Dinner with Penfolds’ Chief Winemaker, Peter Gago AC, on Friday 2nd June. That is of course assuming I can still fit into my dinner suit after a month of fine New Zealand food and pinot noir! To those Members who didn’t manage to get their name down for this one I can only extend my deepest sympathies as it promises to be a highlight of the 2023 Club calendar.

Enjoy the rest of the newsletter gentlemen and now that I have returned, I look forward to catching up with many of you over the weeks ahead.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

Pursuant to the announcement made by the President, I am pleased to confirm that during his absence overseas the Committee agreed to enter into a reciprocal arrangement with the Travellers Club in Paris and under Club rule 1.10. e) add the Travellers Club to the list of recognised clubs. This addition to the Reciprocal Clubs’ List will provide Members with a club that has twelve accommodation rooms in a truly remarkable Club House located on the Champs-Élysées. As soon as the formal reciprocal agreements are exchanged between the two clubs detailed information will be made available to Members. Any initial inquiries should be made through myself as I have stayed at this club on more than one occasion, and it is also a current member of the Distinguished Clubs of the World Association.

Regrettably as a result of the ongoing review of security records, it is necessary for me to remind Members availing themselves of the parking garage during the morning on weekdays that, unless they are lunching at the Club, their vehicles must be removed no later than 11.30 am to ensure the maximum number of bays are available to those Members who are arriving in vehicles for lunch. Security camera footage also requires me to highlight that parking during the day is strictly for Members and not their partners or other family members.

Hugh Stowell

GENERAL NEWS

STAFF NEWS

Chef de Partie, Daniel Leech, who often can be found at the carvery in the Members' Dining Room has elected to resign and take time off to travel overseas after three years of loyal service at the Club. Chef is pleased to announce that Demi Chef, Ringo Hoi Chung, has accepted the promotion into the role of Chef de Partie that will be vacated by Daniel towards the end of June. Ringo joined the kitchen brigade earlier this year and has brought with him a wealth of experience from Hong Kong, where he worked at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel and renowned Le 188 Restaurant at the Harbour Grand Hotel.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PASSENGER LIFT UPGRADE PROGRAM

As reported in the circular to Members towards the end of May, unfortunately the overseas manufacturer of the door assembly for the parking garage lift sent the wrong components. While the correct door assembly is now in transit, the project manager now anticipates the parking garage lift will be out of service until the morning of Wednesday 14 June 2023.

A reminder that the staircase adjacent to the lift from the B1 parking garage can still be accessed. Alternately from both the B1 and B2 parking garage floors Members and guests can access the Club House via the Exchange Tower parking garage lifts, disembarking at the LG level, which is the lift lobby adjacent to the Club's Garden entrance.

The delay in the hand over the parking garage lift means that commencement of the refurbishment of the passenger lift adjacent to the Members' Dining Room has been deferred to Thursday 15 June 2023. The Club steadfastly refused the contractors request to commence work on the second lift while the parking garage lift was still out of service given the undertaking to Members that no two lifts would be out of service at the same time throughout the project.

2023 MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK COLLECTION REMINDER

Members are reminded that the 2023 edition of the Membership Handbook featuring a current List of Members and the Club's By-Laws is available for collection from the Club House. To maintain the confidentiality of the Membership Book, Members are invited to collect their copy in person from the Membership Manager's Office between the hours of 9.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding public holidays. Pursuant to By-Law 18 on Privacy and Confidentiality, Members will be asked to sign for their copy of the handbook. Collection of the handbook from the Membership Manager's Office also provides an opportunity to vote in the Ballot announced in this month's Membership Report.

Hugh Stowell – Club Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

MID-WINTER DINNER Friday 9 June 2023

The Weld Club Choir has ramped up rehearsals in preparation for the Mid-Winter Dinner and 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

WINE GROUP DINNER

Members Only Event

Tuesday 13 June 2023

The next in the series of Wine Group Dinners is scheduled for Tuesday 13 June 2023 from 7.00pm.

Convenor, Mr John Hopkins OAM, will again test the palettes of Members during the evening, with an intriguing selection of wines paired to the menu served from the kitchen.

Members wishing to attend this sought after event, should book early to avoid disappointment by contacting the Club Administration Manager, Mr Tim Tucker on communications@weldclub.org.au to secure a place. If numbers have not reached capacity by the Friday prior to the event, Members may be invited to bring a guest along.

TOPICAL GUEST SPEAKER LUNCH SERIES

A Nuclear World - The two Koreas in the 21st Century

Monday 26 June 2023



The First in the new series of Topical Guest Speaker Lunches is scheduled for Monday 26 June 2023 at 12 noon sharp, followed by a two-course lunch in the Verandah Room.

Professor Elfving-Hwang's talk will focus on The Two Koreas. She will provide a deeper understanding of North and South Korea. She will comment on all aspects of their separate but intertwined cultures from popular culture on the South to how the leadership in the North conduct their strategic policies. Her presentation will be accompanied by some unique audio-visual recordings that provide a fascinating insight into the two Koreas.

Members will have an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the talk.

Jo Elfving-Hwang is an Associate Professor of Korean Studies, Deputy Head of School of Social Sciences, and the Discipline Chair of Asian Studies. Before her current appointment she was Junior Professor of Korean Culture and Society and Director of Korean Studies at Frankfurt University (Goethe Universitat Frankfurt am Main).

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ANNUAL TRUFFLE DINNERS

Beef – "Nose to Tail"

The Verandah

Thursday 29 June – Saturday 1 July 2023

This year's truffle dinners running between Thursday 29 June and Saturday 1 July 2023 will feature premium Manjimup Truffles and grass-fed Blackwood Valley Beef. Chef de Cuisine, Steven Newcombe and the kitchen team will apply their culinary expertise to present a five course degustation menu with a number of the courses featuring cuts of beef from "nose to the tail", all infused with generous serving of truffle.



These dinners are traditionally well attended, and Members are encouraged to book at their earliest convenience.

Bookings for these dinner in advance are essential and can be made with reception via reception@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 9323 7000, noting only a certain number of bookings will be accepted at half hour intervals.

YOUNGER MEMBERS ANNUAL DINNER
GUEST OF HONOUR: THE HON. ANDREW HASTIE MP
FEDERAL SHADOW MINISTER FOR DEFENCE
Members and Gentleman Guests
Friday 7 July 2023



The Younger Members Convener, James Smorthwaite, wishes to announce the Annual Younger Members' Dinner will now be held on Friday 7 July 2023 to enable The Hon. Andrew Hastie MP, Federal Shadow Minister for Defence, to accept the club's invitation to attend as the Guest of Honour.

The Hon. Andrew Hastie MP was elected to the House of Representatives for Canning in 2015 and in the previous government was elevated to Assistant Minister for Defence in December 2020. Before entering the Federal Parliament, Andrew Hastie had a distinguished career as Army officer between 2007 and 2015 after graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon. He served in the 2nd Cavalry Regiment and the Special Air Service Regiment, during which time he served in Afghanistan.

With the recent release of the Federal Government's Defence Strategic Review and the increasing focus on global geopolitics, Andrew Hastie's after dinner address is certain to be one of the most important addresses given at the Club in 2023.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm and dinner will follow at 7.30 pm. A three course menu paired with wines from the reserve cellar will be served, 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. Dress is black tie.

Subscription is open to Younger Members and gentlemen guests and can be made by completing the enclosed subscription form or subscribe with an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au.

BASTILLE DAY DINNER
"Vive La France" & Long Live the Wines of France
Friday 14 July 2023

To celebrate the Wine Sub-Committee's expansion into cellaring a number of quality wines from France, this year's Bastille Day Dinner will draw on wines from Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux and the Rhone Valley paired with a menu created by Chef, Clayton Green, of signature dishes from each region. The dinner will be held in the Members' Dining Room on Friday 14 July 2022 and will commence with champagne on arrival.



Bookings are available for tables of two or up to eight persons. Pre-dinner champagne will be served from 7.00 pm before everyone is invited to move through to the Dining Room at 7.30 pm.

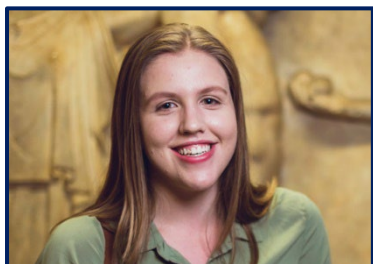
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CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP LITERARY LUNCH

"SPEED THE SECRET OF CIVILISATION"

GUEST SPEAKER: MS KATHARINE WORTH

Monday 17 July 2023



2023 marks the Centenary of the LeMans Grand Prix 24 hour race and to celebrate 100 years of Grand Prix racing you are invited to join the Convener of the Motoring Group, Mr. Neil Williamson, for the sixth in the series of Motoring Literary Luncheons.

On this occasion our guest speaker will be Ms. Katharine Worth a PhD candidate from UWA whose research examines the role of nationalism and national identity in formula one motor racing. She has graciously agreed to speak on the topic 'Speed-the secret of Civilisation': Politicising Grand Prix Racing in 1930s Germany and Great Britain. Her fascinating talk covers the development and political machinations behind the legendary Silver Arrows of the period 1934-1939. Katharine, who has been given access to the archival documents of many car companies, has been able to conduct extensive research to establish the truth behind the legends of the dominant Auto Union and Mercedes teams.

Katharine's research and knowledge of 1930s motor racing have resulted in her being asked to speak at the 'Michael R. Argetsinger Symposium' held by the International Motor Racing Research center in the USA in November Of 2022.

Members will enjoy a two-course luncheon, inclusive of wines and coffee, while enjoying this interesting and fascinating talk, with the opportunity to ask questions. On this occasion Members may invite partners and guests.

Subscriptions for this interesting and unique presentation, which will be held at the Club, may be made via e-mail to the Club Administration Manager, Mr. Tim Tucker on communications@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning the Club. I urge you to book early for this unique and interesting talk.

FATHERS' & SONS' ANNUAL BLACK TIE DINNER

Friday 28 July 2023

Subscriptions are now open for the annual Fathers' and Sons' Dinner, which this year will be held on Friday 28 July 2023. This event is open to fathers and their sons, grandsons and sons-in-law. A Member who is the son of a non-member father may of course also bring his father as a guest to the dinner as well.

The evening will commence with drinks at 7.00 pm and will be followed by a three-course dinner with wines from the reserve cellar. After dinner, coffee will be served in front of the fires in the Wittenoom Room and the first floor verandah will be open for those wishing to retire for port and their own cigars. Alternately, an honour bar will be available in the Billiards Room for those wishing to practice their billiard and snooker skills after dinner.

Please complete the attached subscription form or subscribe in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au. Please note that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

10TH ANNIVERSARY GAME DINNER

Friday 11 August 2023

Places are now open for Members wishing to subscribe to the annual Game Dinner on Friday 11 August 2023, which this year celebrates 10 years since the inaugural dinner was held. The evening will commence with mulled wine and wee drams of whisky served in front of the fires in the Wittenoom Room at 7.00 pm before the bagpipes lead everyone into dinner in the Members' Dining Room at 7.30 pm. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary, Chef will be drawing upon some of the most popular dishes served on previous menus and the Cellar Manager will be selecting red wines with ten years of bottle age.



As is tradition the haggis course will be led in with bagpipes prior to the reading of "Ode to the Haggis" and a toast with a single malt whisky.

The dinner is open to Members and gentlemen guests and is an ideal evening for Members to introduce their sons and grandsons to the customs of a Game Dinner. Dress is Black Tie or Kilt.

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WINE GROUP DINNER

Members Only Event

Thursday 17 August 2023

Advance notice is given of a further Wine Group Dinner scheduled for Thursday 17 August 2023 from 7.00pm.

Convenor, Mr John Hopkins OAM, will again test the palettes of Members during the evening, with an intriguing selection of wines paired to the menu served from the kitchen.

Members wishing to attend this sought after event, should book early to avoid disappointment by contacting the Club Administration Manager, Mr Tim Tucker on communications@weldclub.org.au to secure a place. If numbers have not reached capacity by the Friday prior to the event, Members may be invited to bring a guest along.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Member Only Event

Friday 25 August 2023



Members may now subscribe for the President's Dinner on Friday 25 August 2023. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in the Wittenoom Room at 7.00 pm to then move through for a three course dinner in the Members' Dining Room. This is a Member only event and new Members are encouraged to attend with their proposers. Dress is black tie.

An announcement concerning the after dinner guest speaker will be made in the July Newsletter.

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ART ACQUISITION

Meeyakba by Shane Pickett (1957-2010)

The club recently acquired the painting *Allowing the Glow to Shine Through* by Western Australian artist Shane Pickett.

Born in Quairading in 1957 Pickett became one of the foremost Nyoongar artists of his generation. Earlier in his career he was known for more traditional landscape works using strong colours. Over time his style evolved into a more indigenous and abstract form with a focus on the six Nyoongar seasons. The club already owns an earlier Pickett landscape, and this acquisition is an excellent example of his later work. It is located in the Frederick Barlee Room.

Pickett won various prizes during his career and his works are held in major public and private collections around Australia. An exhibition of his work *Boodjar: Through the Works of Meeyakba* Shane Pickett is currently on display at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.



Chris Humphry - Chairman, Art Committee