



## MAY 2023 EDITION

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome fellow Members to the May newsletter. April was another busy month with several significant events taking place at the Weld Club. On Friday 14 April we welcomed ten new Members at the twice-yearly New Members Dinner. The fellowship at this Members-only occasion is always very special and the April event was no exception, with a number of Members enjoying themselves well into the evening at the Bar and in the Billiards Room. I remind everyone that the New Members Dinner is not restricted to proposers, seconders, and referees, rather it is an opportunity for all of us to welcome new Members into our great Club. The next New Members Dinner will be held on Friday 8 September and I encourage everyone to put it in their diary and come along for what is always a very enjoyable night.

The other significant Club event in April was our annual ANZAC Dinner held on Thursday 20 April. This year a record number of attendees were privileged to enjoy the company of Flight Lieutenant James Pears of the RAAF as our guest of honour who gave an entertaining and thought-provoking after dinner address. Special thanks must go to Dining President Dr Barney Cresswell RFD who ran the event with military precision, and also to Tony Wills for his thoughtful rendition of the Ode.

In May there is a focus on family at the Weld Club, with places still available for Mothers' Day Lunch on Sunday 14 May. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the whole family to the Club with no age restriction applying on the day. Then on Friday 26 May the popular Fathers & Daughters' Dinner will take place. These two events will no doubt be fully subscribed so I encourage you to book early if you want to avoid the waiting list.

Other important events at the Club in May will include the Tony Jones Swan River-themed art exhibition, more details of which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. And lastly we have the literally once-in-a-lifetime Kings Coronation Dinner on Saturday 6 May. As I have said previously, what better place to watch this historic event than at the Weld Club?

On the subject of upcoming events, whatever you do, don't miss the Annual Wine Dinner with Penfolds head winemaker Peter Gago on Friday 2 June. This promises to be a memorable evening with superb food and an outstanding selection of wines. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Mike Best*

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

The number of reciprocal club bookings for the club's bedrooms has grown exponentially in recent months and it is now not uncommon for all the bedrooms to be booked over several nights each month. I encourage Members wishing to book a bedroom to do so as soon as it is known to them that they require a room rather than leaving it to the last minute. A reminder that the tariff that applies for a standard bedroom remains only \$120 plus GST per night, which is exceptional value for accommodation in the centre of Perth. A free parking bay in the parking garage is also provided for the duration of the stay.

The Club is currently working with Exchange Tower's management team to extend access to "vehicle number plate recognition" technology to Members. This will require Members to register vehicles they request be identified by the number plate recognition system and to authorise the Club in writing to provide that information to a third party to do so. This technology will enable Members who subscribe to avoid having to lean out of their vehicle windows with their access cards at the entry point to the parking garage. Be on the look out for a dedicated flyer with a subscription form from the Club before the end May.

Finally, the weather has changed quite suddenly in recent days and with cold nights setting in can I suggest nothing better than a warming cocktail or a single malt whisky and some hot bar food from the new Bar Cocktail Menu List in front of the fire in the Garden Drawing Room.

*Hugh Stowell*

# GENERAL NEWS

## PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PASSENGER LIFT UPGRADE PROGRAM

Thank you for everyone's patience while the parking garage passenger lift is being upgraded. At this time it is still scheduled to be re-opened on 24 May 2023. In the meantime, I should point out that while the lift is out of order, the adjoining staircase may still be used to ascend or descend between the B1 parking level and the Club's verandah. A reminder that work will commence on the passenger lift adjacent to the Dining Room after 24 May and Members requiring lift access to get to the first floor will be required to do so via the lift in the reception foyer.

*Hugh Stowell – Club Secretary*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au). Bookings will be accepted in order of receipt.

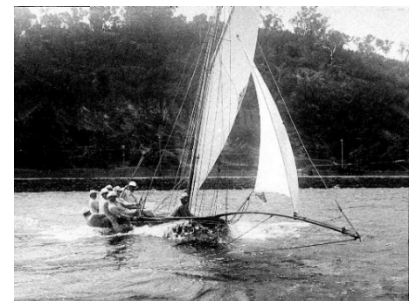
### A REGATTA ON SWAN - An Exhibition of Art by Tony Jones

#### Exhibition Opening by Richard Court AC

**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 during pre dinner drinks 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)

*Chris Humphry - Art Committee Chair*

### 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.

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## BRITISH CAR DAY - GINGIN

Sunday 21 May 2023



Come and join the Motoring Enthusiasts' Group for this a splendid day out, which not only features a wealth of British motoring marques both past and present, but also craft stalls and children's activities. Indeed, it is a day out for the whole family.

The day will begin at the Club, at 9.30am, where we will meet for breakfast before moving off to Gingin at 10am. We should arrive at Gingin at 11am where you will be invited to park with other cars of your marque, if you are driving a British car, if not park where convenient and enjoy the day.

British car day is a fun day out for the whole family and as such many people choose to picnic from the boot of their car. To facilitate this the Club have kindly agreed to make hampers available to those who may wish to pack a picnic. To confirm numbers attending and to order your hamper from the Club please contact the Club Administration Manager, Mr. Tim Tucker via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) or telephone the Club.

## FATHERS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER

Friday 26 May 2023

A very limited number of places remain for the annual Fathers' and Daughters' Dinner 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 paired 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) . Please note bookings will be accepted in order of receipt.

## ANNUAL WINE DINNER

Guest of Honour: Penfolds Chief Winemaker Peter Gago AC

Featuring Penfolds Grange 2009 and 2017

Friday 2 June 2023

Chief Winemaker for Penfolds, Peter Gago AC, has accepted an invitation 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.

Peter Gago is graciously making parcels of 2018 Penfolds Yattarna Chardonnay together with 2009 Penfolds Grange and 2017 Penfolds Grange from his museum collection for the dinner. This is in addition to parcels of 2013 Penfolds Bin 389 and 2016 Penfolds St Henri from the Club's reserve cellar.



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 paired with these incredible Penfolds 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 and dress is Black Tie. Reservations can be made with the Event Manager, Emma Madigan, via 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), 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](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)

## 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](mailto: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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

With nuclear power and weaponry being a topic of great discussion, Professor Elfving-Hwang's talk will focus on The Nuclear world in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, The Two Koreas, providing insight into the future of nuclear capabilities. 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. Previous to 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](mailto: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 (new date)**



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](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://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. Please complete the attached subscription form or subscribe in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au). Please note places are limited and that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

**FATHERS' & SONS' ANNUAL BLACK TIE DINNER**  
**Friday 28 July 2023**

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

The evening will commence with drinks at 7.00 pm and will be followed by a three-course dinner paired with wines from the reserve cellar. Arrangements will then be made for drinks to be served in the Billiard Room and alternately the refurbished first floor verandah for those wishing to enjoy their own cigars with a Cognac or an after dinner liqueur.

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