



## AUGUST 2023 EDITION

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome gentlemen to the August newsletter. Before I give a rundown of Club events last month, I would first like to share some exciting news with you all. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Governor of Western Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM has accepted my invitation to attend the Presidents Dinner on Friday 25 August as our guest of honour and after-dinner speaker. Anyone who has already met the Governor will no doubt agree that he is a fine Western Australian as well as a charming and intelligent gentleman. I hope as many Members as possible will take the opportunity to attend the dinner and meet the Governor in person.

In other news, July was another busy month at the Club. Early in the month I attended the annual Younger Members Dinner where we were privileged to hear an entertaining and insightful address from the Honourable Andrew Hastie, Federal Member for Canning and Shadow Minister for Defence. My thanks must go to Younger Members convenor James Smorthwaite for overseeing what was a very successful evening. James has some great ideas for future Younger Members functions and I look forward to seeing these come to fruition in the coming months.

One week later Dee and I enjoyed a magnificent meal of French food and wine at the annual Bastille Day Dinner. I must admit this was my first Bastille Day Dinner at the Weld Club and I can now understand why this event is fully subscribed every year!

Later in the month the Committee and wives hosted a welcome dinner for new Members and their partners. The message of the evening was that wives, partners and families are all encouraged to become part of the social fabric of the Club, and judging by the camaraderie and general merriment which continued until late in the evening it appears this message was very well received.

Finally at the end of the month I attended one of the Weld Club's longest standing and most cherished traditions - the annual Fathers and Sons Dinner. A large group of Members, sons, grandsons, God-sons and sons-in-law enjoyed an excellent meal and fellowship in the Members Dining Room, followed by the obligatory late-night migration to the billiards room where a wide range of skills was displayed. Special thanks must go to Member Phil Willis who proposed a toast to the sons, and his son Elliot for his thoughtful response.

August promises to be another busy month at the Club, with upcoming events including the annual Game Dinner, President's Dinner, and a very special Monday address from the Ukrainian Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, and I look forward to catching up with many of you at one or more of these functions.

*Mike Best*

**FROM THE SECRETARY**

Members will have observed there are a few new faces amongst the service staff. While the new staff settle in I would be grateful for the assistance of Members in ensuring lunch and dinner chits are completed correctly, and when asked to sign a blue beverage chit, that member details are recorded correctly. There has been a heightened number of inquiries by Members with the Membership Manager about food and beverage charges applied to their house accounts and on investigation in many cases the requirement to include a printed name and membership number on chits has been overlooked. I also ask that if it is intended to split the costs of a meal or beverages amongst several Members that this is established when the booking is made or discussed with the staff upon arrival so that the charges can be applied accurately to house accounts.

"The Field" is one of the most popular magazine subscriptions in the Wittenoom Room and with that in mind I draw attention to the notice of an inaugural Clay Shooting Event on Saturday 14 October 2023 on page 5. Members of Clay Shooting Teams from the Melbourne Club, The Australian Club (Melbourne), Australian Club (Sydney) and the Queensland Club will be flying over to introduce Members to this increasingly popular sport and the Club is grateful to James Smedley for agreeing to convene the event.

*Hugh Stowell*

## STAFF NEWS

After more than nine years of service to the Club across three roles as Events Manager, Operations Manager and most recently Club Administration Manager, Mr Tim Tucker resigned from his role at the beginning of July. In his letter of resignation he thanked the Club for the opportunities afforded to him and wishes all Members every success in the future.

I am pleased to report that after a period away from the Club, Mrs Samantha Kerrison, has agreed to accept the role of Club Administration Manager with effect from Monday 7 August 2023. This new role is a promotion for Samantha on her previous role at the Club and includes responsibility for all the interest group activities, membership communication including the Club's website and newsletters, at home dining and management of reporting on work, health and safety matters. Members wishing to welcome Samantha back to the Club will find her located in the office directly opposite the Committee Room.

*Hugh Stowell*

## PASSENGER LIFT UPGRADE PROGRAM

The completion of the refurbishment of the lift adjacent to the Members' Dining Room has been delayed by several days due to a mechanical issue and it is now scheduled to be handed back to the Club on Monday 7 August 2023. Work will then commence on the lift adjacent to reception and, given the scope of works is not as extensive, it is anticipated it will be back in service by the first week in September. Members checking into the bedrooms are reminded that during that period it will be necessary to transfer any luggage via the lift adjacent to the Members' Dining Room.

## THE KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**Monday 25 September 2023**

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Monday 25 September 2023 in observance of the King's Birthday Public Holiday. Normal service will resume with breakfast in the Verandah Room on the morning of Tuesday 26 September from 7.00 am.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY GAME DINNER

**Friday 11 August 2023**



Limited places remain for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Game Dinner on Friday 11 August, commencing 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 for the arrival of the haggis. This year's dinner celebrates 10 years since the inaugural dinner was held and Chef is drawing upon some of the most popular dishes served at previous dinners, including Wild Boar Chestnut and Manjimup Truffle Terrine, Slow Braised Wild Venison Stout Pie and Braised Venison Shank with Rumblethumps, Baked Cranachan Cake and Somerdale Vintage Cheddar Souffle.

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

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)

## SEAFOOD BUFFET LUNCH

**Members' Dining Room**

**Wednesday 16 August 2023**

The next Seafood Buffet Lunch for the year will be on Wednesday 16 August 2023, featuring tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, shelled king prawns and smoked salmon at the tables. This is followed by baked whole fish and a medley of seafood dishes, served by the Chefs from the buffet.

This is an excellent opportunity for Members to host gentlemen guests at the Club. 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)

## **PRESIDENT'S DINNER**

**Guest of Honour: His Excellency the Governor of Western Australia**

**Friday 25 August 2023**

The President is pleased to announce that the Governor for Western Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, has accepted his invitation to be the Guest of Honour at the annual President's Dinner on Friday 25 August 2023 and to give the after dinner address.

This is a Member Only event and the evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in the Wittenoom Room at 7.00 pm before moving through for dinner in the Members' Dining Room. Dress is black tie. Subscription can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club's website at [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au).

## **FATHERS' DAY LUNCH**

**Sunday 3 September 2023**

Members are invited to make up tables for their families on Father's Day for a relaxed lunch in the Members' Dining Room. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring generations of the family together to acknowledge grandfathers, fathers and fathers-in-law on Father's Day. On this occasion there is no age restriction for children so that all children, grandchildren and great grandchildren may be included at the lunch. For gentlemen ties are optional and the dress for children under 16 years of age is "Sunday Best".

Tables are available from 11.30 am and bookings will be accepted up until 1.00 pm. Reservations 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).

## **NEW MEMBERS' EVENING**

**MEMBER ONLY EVENT**

**Friday 8 September 2023**

Members are reminded that bookings remain open for the New Members' Evening on Friday 8 September 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. Those new Members to whom personal invitations have been extended are:

Mike BRINDAL, Graeme CLARKE, Nick CURNOW, Ron DAVISON, John FINLAY-JONES, Rowan GATES, Tony GOODMAN, Gerard HARDISTY, Rob KAY, Bill LEADBETTER, Aaron MCDONALD, James MORRISON, Cesare SCALISE, Matthew SWINNEY, Mark TROWELL KC and Tim TYLER.

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 a 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)

## **TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP LECTURE**

**POSITIVE AGEING AND HOW TO RETIRE**

**Address by Professor Bruce Robinson AO**

**Monday 11 September 2023**



The Topical Interest Guest Speaker Lunches are proving to be very popular and on Monday 11 September 2023 Members and guests will have an opportunity to hear Professor Bruce Robinson AO speak on two topics that will certainly resonate with many, the importance of positive ageing and how best to move towards retirement.

Bruce is a Professor of Medicine, respiratory physician and multi-award winning researcher with over 250 published papers. His team has made many world first discoveries and developed new therapies for cancer and his current research involves cancer immunotherapy. He has won numerous prestigious international and national scientific awards for this work.

He has also published three best selling parenting books on fathering and founded The Fathering Project. The Project works through schools, workplaces, community groups and the internet and has helped hundreds of thousands of busy parents, fathers and mothers, become better parents.

The lecture will commence at 12 noon (sharp) and will be followed by a two-course lunch in the Members' Dining Room. Subscriptions 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)

## **WINEMAKERS' LUNCH**

**Chief Winemaker: Virginia Willcock - Vasse Felix Estate**

**Friday 22 September 2023**

The Wine Sub-Committee is pleased to welcome back Virginia Willcock, who joined Vasse Felix in 2006 as Chief Winemaker and has transformed the winery's winemaking style to produce exceptional premium wines. Virginia is regarded as an authority on Margaret River winemaking, having completed almost 30 grape harvests in the region and won numerous winemaking awards, including "Gourmet Traveller Wine Magazine's Winemaker of the Year in 2012 and Winemaker of the Year in the 2017 Australian Women in Wine Awards.



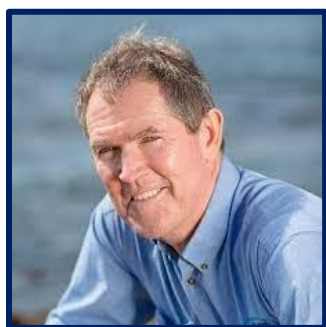
On this occasion Virginia will be showcasing the release of the 50th vintage of Vasse Felix Cabernet Sauvignon (2021 vintage) and exclusively for guests at the lunch serving the wine from magnums. In addition to the 50th vintage cabernet, Virginia will be presenting both a 2015 and 2019 Tom Cullity Cabernet Sauvignon Malbec and 2022 Heytesbury chardonnay. To compliment these wines the Club will draw on its reserve cellar and present the Heytesbury Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 and the Heytesbury Chardonnay 2014.

The event will commence with pre-lunch drinks in the Frederick Barlee Room from 12 noon. A charge of \$115.00 per person will apply, inclusive of all wines. This event is open to both ladies and gentlemen and each Member may bring up to five guests. Dress is coat and tie. Members are invited to subscribe via an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, at [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club website at [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au).

## **COUNTRY MEMBERS INTEREST & ROYAL SHOW WEEK LUNCH**

**Guest Speaker: Shane McLinden, CEO Honey for Life**

**Thursday 28 September 2023**



The Country Members Interest Convener, Tim Johnston, is pleased to announce that Mr Shane McLinden, CEO of Honey for Life, has accepted his invitation to give an address at the Royal Show Week Lunch on Thursday 28 September 2023.

With access to untouched forests here in Western Australia, Honey for Life has created some of the most sought-after honey with the infusion of Jarrah, Karri and Red Gum botanicals, which are unique to the South West region.

Since 2016 the company has worked hard to establish Manuka honey plantations on regenerated farmland and following rapid expansion now exports overseas to Singapore, Japan, Saudi Arabia, China, Canada, Italy and Hong Kong.

The lunch will commence with refreshments at 12 noon in the Frederick Barlee Room and a two-course lunch will follow in the Members' Dining Room. Dress is jacket and tie. This event is for Members and their partners, together with widows of deceased Members as guests of the Club, and other invited guests. A charge of \$87.00 per person, including wine, will apply.

Subscriptions can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club's website at [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au).



## **A NIGHT OF OPERA THEATRE**

### **A Celebration of the Music of Gilbert & Sullivan**

#### **Friday 6 October 2023**

This year's operatic event will see the Weld Club choir celebrating the songs of the much-loved librettist W.S Gilbert and composer Sir Arthur Sullivan, who collaborated from 1871 for over 25 years and created a total of fourteen operas together. Best known for their operas including *The Pirates of Penzance*, *The Gondoliers*, *The Yeomen of the Guard*, *The Mikado*, *H.M.S Pinafore* and *Iolanthe*, the choir will bring to life their music, including the ever popular "Pirate King", "Major-General", "Poor Wandering One", "Behold the Lord High Executioner" and many more.

Directed by choirmaster David Woods and accompanied by pianist Tim Chapman, The Weld Club are also very excited to invite talented emerging artists Georgia Mercer (4<sup>th</sup> year Soprano, WAAPA), and Devon Lake (2<sup>nd</sup> year Baritone, WAAPA) to feature as soloists. This promises to be an enthralling evening of wit and joviality so ensure you book your tickets now.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks in the Wittenoom Room at 6.30 pm prior to Members and guests moving through to the Member's Dining Room at 7.00 pm for a three-course dinner. Dress is black tie. This event is open to Members and up to three guests. Subscriptions can be made by completing the attached form or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## **152<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER**

### **Wednesday 11 October 2023**

Advance notice is hereby given for Life, Ordinary and Supernumerary Members to subscribe for the 2023 Annual General Meeting and Dinner on Wednesday 11 October 2023. The Annual General Meeting will be convened at 6.00 pm (sharp) and then dinner will follow. The formal notice for the Meeting together with the 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Report and Statutory Accounts will be sent to private mailing addresses in early September.

The dress code is lounge suit or coat and tie and subscriptions can be made to this event via the enclosed booking form or via an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## **INAUGURAL CLAY SHOOTING INTEREST GROUP EVENT**

### **Co-Hosted With Members of Reciprocal Club from the Eastern States**

#### **Saturday 14 October 2023**



New Convener, James Smedley, invites you to join him and members of the Clay Shooting Teams from the Melbourne Club, The Australian Club (Melbourne), Australian Club (Sydney) and the Queensland Club for an inaugural day of clay shooting on Saturday 14 October, which will be followed by a dinner with the interstate guests at the Club.

The day will commence with clay shooting at the Hot Shots Shooting Range in Whiteman Park, commencing at 10.00am. All Members are welcome, including those who have never participated in clay shooting before. There will be lessons for beginners as well as an opportunity for experienced shooters to enjoy rounds with their interstate counterparts.

A boxed picnic lunch will be provided by the Club during the course of the day. All participants must wear fully enclosed shoes and note a strict zero blood alcohol count is required on arrival and will be enforced. Guns will be made available and costs associated with the clay shooting and the picnic lunch will be charged to Members' house accounts.

Then in the evening a three-course dinner will be held at the Club to celebrate the inaugural event and extend hospitality to the interstate visitors, many of whom will be staying at the Club. The evening will close with cigars and brandy on the first floor verandah.

It is intended that from this inaugural event a team of at least four Members of The Weld Club will be able to participate in an annual interstate clay shooting competition with the reciprocal clubs in the Eastern States.

Places are limited by the capacity of the shooting range and to register your participation please contact the Communications Coordinator, Samantha Kerrison, via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au)

## ANNUAL SOUTHWEST GOLF TOUR

**Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 October 2023**

The 2023 South West Golf Tour will commence on **Tuesday** morning with golf at Dunsborough Lakes Golf Club with tee times from 10:51 am. There will be a Welcome Cocktails Function at YARRI in Dunsborough that evening.

On the **Wednesday** we will play Margaret River GC, teeing off from 12:20 pm, two tee start **Thursday** will be a rest day from golf, and for those who wish to join in there will be a guided tour of the Leeuwin Estate Art Collection, followed by a private premium wine tasting and a private table lunch at the Leeuwin Estate. On **Friday** we will play Capel Golf Club, teeing off from 10:30 am, two tee start.

The Tour Dinner that evening will be at the award winning *Studio Bistro, Yallingup* - a private dinner – canapes to start and sit down dinner to follow.

Most tour participants partake in all Tour activities, however for those with time constraints or preferences, the Tour nomination form allows for participation in selected activities. The Application Form for the Tour is attached.

Those members wishing to register their attendance, can do so via email to the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) or by telephoning 08 9323 7008.

*Craig Williams AM - Convener*

## WINE TOUR TO THE WINE REGIONS OF VICTORIA

**Monday 30 October to Friday 3 November 2023**

**Bookings closing at the end of August**

Following the success of previous Weld Club Wine Tours, this year the Club is embarking on a tour for Members and their partners, escorted by the Secretary, to the Wine Regions of Victoria. As with previous tours the itinerary will include venues, wineries and wines not normally available to the wider community. Highlights of the tour will include a welcome Dinner at the Melbourne Club commencing with pre-dinner drinks in the club's catacomb cellars.

There will be a day trip to Mornington Peninsula featuring a lunch at Point Leo Estate followed by a tour of the sculpture garden and in the evening a Victorian Produce & Wine Dinner at the Athenaeum Club. This will be followed by a day trip to the Geelong wine region for tastings and then on the Thursday the tour group will set out for an overnight stay in the Yarra Valley. Accommodation and dinner will be at Chateau Yering. This part of the tour will include lunch at the De Bortoli Winery, winner Gourmet Traveller Best Cellar Door Restaurant. The estimated cost of the tour including accommodation, coach travel, wine tastings together with all meals is \$2,750 per person and a single room supplement is available on request. Bookings, which close at the end of August, should be made directly with the Secretary, Hugh Stowell, via [secretary@weldclub.org.au](mailto:secretary@weldclub.org.au)

## RECIPROCAL CLUBS

### TRAVEL NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY

#### Boodles' in London



Established in 1762, Boodles is one of the original private clubs in London and is named after Mr Boodle who was the proprietor of the coffee house that, like many coffee houses of the period, morphed into a gentlemen's club. The location on St James's Street is ideal for those wanted to visit their tailor on nearby Jermyn Street or call on the famous wine merchants Berry Bros. & Rudd now located at the end of the street.

One of the attractions of staying at Boodles' is that the accommodation wing has its own separate entrance hall and lift accessed with a security card via the laneway adjacent to the club. This enables one to come and go in much more casual attire as you do not pass through the main club house. It also has a wonderful private dining room for up to 18 persons cleverly hidden behind a wall of bookcases called the "Press

Room". It is ideal for impressing guests when extending hospitality in London and, if dining alone, the Club Table adjacent to the "Coffee Room" Dining Room will introduce you to the most interesting circle of people.

Possibly the only short coming is that ladies are currently not permitted to enter through the main entrance and have limited access to the public rooms. For this reason it recommended Members seek out other London clubs when travelling with their partners.

# WAITLIST EVENTS

The following events are now fully subscribed and Members who would like to attend may email the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) and ask to be placed on the Waiting List for the event.

## Topical Interest Lecture Series

The Ukraine Ambassador for Australia & New Zealand

Monday 14 August 2023

## Wine Group Dinner

Hosted by John Hopkins OAM

Thursday 17 August 2023

# CLUB ACCOMMODATION REMINDER

Members are reminded that the Club offers several accommodation options which are available for an overnight stay when attending an event at the Club or to offer to colleagues, friends and family visiting from interstate or overseas as temporary Honorary Members. The accommodation tariffs effective 1 July 2023 are illustrated below.

## Traditional Rooms



There are eight refurbished traditional bedrooms. Each room features ducted air conditioning, high speed Wifi, personal bar and beverage facilities, including a Nespresso coffee machine. All rooms enjoy views of the Club's grand lawn and gardens. The bathrooms include walk in showers and heated towel rails. Bed configurations include twin beds, queen size bed or king size bed.

Weld Club Members **\$130.00** per night (plus GST).

Honorary Members **\$240.00** per night including GST.

## Studio Suite No.9



For additional comfort the Club's studio suite (number 9), makes a pleasant alternative to a traditional room. It provides a private entry that extends into an open plan lounge and bedroom with a king size bed. The suite overlooks the club's gardens and is adjacent to the first-floor guest lounge. The adjoining oversized bathroom features a generous walk in shower and heated towel rails.

Weld Club Members **\$230.00** per night including GST.

Honorary Members **\$330.00** per night including GST.

## Suite No. 10



For complete luxury and privacy, the suite, known as "No 10", is the ideal accommodation option for celebrating a special occasion or if in residence for an extended period of time. Located in a secluded location on the northern corner of the club-house the suite enjoys views over the Stirling Gardens.. The suite is approached via a private hallway that opens into a combined sitting and dining room, separate master bedroom and a generously proportioned bathroom with a sunken bathtub.

Weld Club Members **\$300.00** per night including GST.

Honorary Members **\$395.00** per night including GST.