



## SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome gentlemen to the September newsletter. August was yet another busy month at the Club, with Members enjoying visits by a number of high-profile speakers and guests. On Monday 14 August a full house in the Members Dining Room heard an uplifting lunchtime speech from Mr Vasyl Myroshnychenko, the Ukrainian Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand. The Ambassador was extremely positive about the likely outcome of the current war against Russia, even inviting those present to a “beach party” when Ukraine re-takes Crimea from the Russians! All in all it was a very entertaining speech and follow-up Q&A session, and sincere appreciation must go to fellow Member Ron Manners for making it happen.

Then on Friday 25 August another full house in the Members Dining Room enjoyed one of the highlights of the annual Weld Club calendar – the Presidents Dinner. Our guest of honour His Excellency the Honourable Chris Dawson AC APM, Governor of Western Australia, gave an informative, insightful and hugely entertaining after-dinner address which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. As I noted on the evening and has already been reported elsewhere, the Governor was attending not only as our guest of honour but also as a fellow Weld Member, having graciously accepted our offer of Honorary Membership for the duration of his term in office. I have no doubt he enjoyed his first official function at the Club, even joining a number of fellow Members for a game of snooker upstairs after dinner. I look forward to seeing more of the Governor around the Club in the months ahead.

Sadly I was overseas at the time and so not able to attend the annual Game Dinner on Friday 11 August, thereby depriving myself of the opportunity to partake of the traditional haggis and other esoteric fare. I’m assured by those present that it was a hugely successful night and a great time was had by all.

Members will see reported elsewhere in this newsletter that we have a number of special events coming up in September, including:

- Fathers Day lunch on Sunday 3 September – a must for all fathers, grandfathers and fathers-in-law,
- The New Members dinner on Friday 8 September – a great opportunity for all Members to welcome recent newcomers to the Club,
- The Vasse Felix winemakers lunch on Friday 22 September, with not only head winemaker Virginia Willcock but also head chef Cameron Jones,
- The Country Show week lunch on Thursday 28 September where we will hear about all things honey and bee-related from noted honey producer Shane McLinden,
- and the Members financial information evening, also on Thursday 28 September, where Members will be given the opportunity to have a closer look into the Clubs finances then would normally occur at the October AGM.

I look forward to catching up with as many Members as possible at one or more of these functions in the coming month.

*Mike Best*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Spring is in the air - It was wonderful to be able to take coffee on the first floor verandah earlier this week and enjoy some early Spring warm weather and sunshine. I remind Members that the refurbished first floor verandah is not only for after dinner Cognac and cigars, but is also an ideal location for discussions over morning coffee, drinks late in the afternoon or, with advance notice, a private lunch or dinner, for up to ten persons.

I am also pleased to give advance notice that when the new Spring A La Carte Menu is launched next week in The Verandah, a new “Club Menu” will be released at the same time, providing an alternate menu at lunch time for those Members looking for a light alternative or some “club favourites” to share with a friend over a glass of wine at lunch. It is hoped this will broaden the appeal of The Verandah as a lunch time alternative for Members who are in the city. Taking feedback from Members, the “Club Menu” will include a Club steak sandwich with truffled cheddar cheese, fish in ale batter with chips and baby gem salad, blue swimmer crab & chilli linguine, homemade quiche and chargrilled chicken Caesar salad.

*Hugh Stowell*

# GENERAL NEWS

## 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 on the morning of Tuesday 26 September from 7.00 am.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NEW MEMBERS' EVENING

#### MEMBER ONLY EVENT

**Friday 8 September 2023**

Members are reminded that bookings for the New Members' Evening on Friday 8 September 2023 will close on Wednesday 6 September. 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)

### WCWG SPRING PERTH HILLS WALK

#### Contour Channel Walk & Araluen Gardens Walk

**Sunday 17 September 2023**

Members and their partners are invited to subscribe for the Spring Perth Hills Walk which will be held on Sunday 17 September 2023. The day will be held in 2 sections, the first part will start at the Contour Channel walk, along the Darling Scarp. This walk will be around 3.5km which is along the historical water channel in the Perth Hill region. The Contour Channel was built in the 1930s to carry water from the Canning Dam to the metro area and was considered a great engineering feat for its day. It is arguably one of district's most significant historic structures and it remains as a monument to the great labouring effort expended by the men who built it and then later maintained it.

Members and partners will then be transported to Araluen Botanical Park where you may choose from several options of walks to complete, maps will be provided. The Araluen Tulip Festival operates from 18 August to 30 September, so you can look forward to seeing the Botanical Gardens in all their Spring glory and enjoying both the formal and native gardens.

The Club has arranged a chauffeur bus which will collect Members and guests from the Club house (Sherwood Court side) at 8.00 am sharp. The bus will stop at a café prior to arriving at the first destination for coffee referments and restroom facilities. The anticipated time for the first walk will be 1.5 hours, Members and guests will then be collected at the end of the trail and transported to the Araluen Botanical Park for you to conduct a walk that will suit yourselves. The coach will collect Members and guests at 2.00 pm to be brought back to the Club House around 3.00 pm.

A boxed picnic lunch will be provided by the Club which will be delivered to the Araluen Botanical Park around 12.30pm for Members to enjoy prior to returning to the Club and a checklist of what to bring will be circulated to those who subscribe.

#### Walk Summary:

Date: Sunday 17 September 2023.  
Time: 7.45 am starting at the Club car park, bus departing at 8.00 am.  
Grade: 2.5, moderately challenging to easy depending on the option you select.  
Duration: This is a 2 - 4 hour walk, depending on the option you select.

Those Members wishing to subscribe, 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.

Steve Carre OAM - Convener

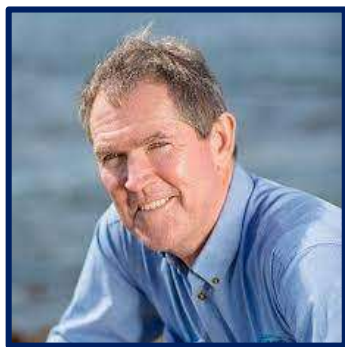


## COUNTRY INTEREST & ROYAL SHOW WEEK LUNCH

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

**Thursday 28 September 2023**

Subscriptions will close on Monday 25 September for the Country Interest Royal Show Week Lunch being held on Thursday 28 September 2023.



Shane McLinden has 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).

## MEMBERS' FINANCIAL INFORMATION EVENING

**Thursday 28 September 2023**

Members are invited to subscribe to the annual Members' Information Evening on Thursday 28 September 2023 at 6.00 pm (sharp). This information session will provide an overview of the Club's financial performance for the year ending 30 June 2023 and additional information to support the Annual Accounts, which will arrive by post in the first half of September. This includes a Cash Flow Statement for the year and an in depth look at the Club's running costs during the 2022-2023 operating year. An update will also be given on the ten year rolling Capital Works Forecast. At the conclusion of the presentation Members will have the option of remaining behind for a two-course Club Table with Members of the Committee in the Fredrick Barlee Room.

Members are asked to indicate if they wish to attend the presentation and the Club Table either on the enclosed subscription form, or via email to the Membership Manager, Susan Yagmich, [administration@weldclub.org.au](mailto:administration@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)

## **WINE GROUP DINNER**

### **Members Only Event**

### **Tuesday 10 October 2023**

Bookings are now open for the Wine Group Dinner on Tuesday 10 October 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. Dress is jacket and tie.

Members wishing to attend this sought after event, should book early to avoid disappointment by contacting the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via [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.

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

### **Wednesday 11 October 2023**

Members may now subscribe for the 2023 Annual General Meeting, together with the dinner that will follow the meeting, 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 from the Committee and Annual Accounts will be sent to private mailing addresses in the second week of September. The dress code for the evening is lounge suit or coat and tie.

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 Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

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

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

### **Saturday 14 October 2023**

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 10.00 am. 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)



## TOPICAL INTEREST GROUP LECTURE POSITIVE AGEING AND HOW TO RETIRE

Address by Professor Bruce Robinson AO

Monday 16 October 2023 – New Date



The Topical Interest Guest Speaker Lunches are proving to be very popular and on Monday 16 October 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)

## 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 starts.

**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

## MELBOURNE CUP CALCUTTA & DINNER

Monday 6 November 2023

Table bookings are now open for the 2023 annual Melbourne Cup Dinner and Calcutta on Monday 6 November 2023. This event is open to Members and gentlemen guests. New Members in particular are encouraged to participate in this event and should contact the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to discuss which tables may have places available.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 6.30 pm, during which the horses will be drawn for the auction. Dinner will then follow at 7.15 pm in rooms across the ground floor of the Club House before everyone assembles in the Members' Dining Room for the auction.

Subscriptions for this event can be made using the subscription form enclosed with this newsletter or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) nominating the table captain and table number. Please note a fee will be charged for cancellations notified after Friday 3 November 2023 for non-attendance, unless the place can be filled from the waiting list.

## WINEMAKER'S LUNCH - ORIGIN OF NOW

**Winemaker: Frederique Perrin**

**Friday 17 November 2023**

Members and guests are invited to attend the final Winemaker's Lunch for 2023 on Friday 17 November at which winemaker, Frederique Perrin, director of Winemaking for Tate Wines will present the recently released range of "Origin of Now" premium wines and the "Best Blocks" range, which are all part of the stable of wines from the Miles From Nowhere Winery in Margaret River.



Frederique grew up in France where she has fond memories of the influence of wine from early on. With an incredibly respected palate, Frederique brings a caliber of winemaking that is highly revered in the industry.

Frederique will be speaking on the newly released 2021 "Origin of Now" wines, which are commanding a lot of attention in the wine press. Featuring a Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz, wine journalist Ray Jordan has scored the Chardonnay and Shiraz a 95/100 with the Cabernet Sauvignon being a 96/100. The Chardonnay is *Lemon curd and brioche with almond meal and a trace of jasmine. The palate is textured and controlled with a very long finish.* The Shiraz is *Smooth and elegant with a supple velvety palate after the aromatics of the viognier infused nose.* The Cabernet Sauvignon is *Deep and concentrated blackcurrant with added rich complexity from the black olive, dark chocolate and slight graphite nuances. Has a dry chalky finish.*

To complement the "Origin of Now" wines, a selection of wines from the Miles From Nowhere "Best Block" range will also be served. The Wine Sub-Committee were afforded a preliminary tasting of the wines and can confirm the wines that will be presented are of exceptional quality.

The event will commence with pre-lunch drinks in the Frederick Barlee Room from 12 noon. A charge of \$120.00 per person will apply, inclusive of all wines. Member may bring up to three 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)

## WAITLIST EVENT

The following event is 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.

**Winemakers Lunch**  
Vasse Felix Winemaker's Lunch  
Friday 22 September 2023