



OCTOBER 2023 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome gentlemen to the October newsletter, and to my final monthly report as your President.

September was yet another busy Weld month with Members enjoying a variety of events and functions at the Club. At the New Members Dinner on Friday 8 September, 10 new Members were formally welcomed to the Club by the Committee, proposers, seconders, referees and other Members. As I said in my remarks on the night, the proposing and election of new members is vital to the ongoing life of our Club. The nomination process is understandably rigorous, but it is not overly mysterious or difficult. If you have a friend who you think might enjoy being a member of the Weld Club, please don't hesitate to see the Membership Manager, Susan Yagmich, to get the ball rolling.

On Friday 22 September I was lucky enough to attend the sold-out Vasse Felix winemaker lunch in the Members Dining Room. Members were privileged to hear from Chief Winemaker Virginia Willcock who proved to be an extremely engaging and entertaining speaker as she took us through the spectacular wines on show throughout the lunch. Lunch itself was prepared by Vasse Felix Head Chef Cameron Jones and was just as spectacular as the wines. Our hearty thanks must go to the Wine Committee and also fellow Club Member and Vasse Felix owner Paul Holmes à Court for making the day happen.

As I mentioned above, this is my last newsletter report as President. When I step down at the October AGM I will do so with mixed emotions. On the one hand I have truly enjoyed my two years as President and I will very much miss being part of the operations of this great Club. On the other hand I think my wallet and waistline will breathe a sigh of relief as we cross the finish line!

On a more important note, I would just like to make some observations about the nomination and election process for new Members of our Club. By way of background, and no doubt all Members are already well aware of this, when a candidate for membership is approved by the Committee they go into the "Red Book" for a month or two and notice of the entry is published in the Membership Report circulated with the newsletter. During this period any Member who has a concern about the candidate is encouraged to raise it confidentially with the President. Assuming any concerns are satisfactorily resolved the candidate is then put up for election and Members indicate on the voting forms if they are for or against the candidate's election to the Club.

I have intentionally left this subject until my final report as I do not want any Member to think I am making specific reference to them. I just wish to make the point that in my two years as President I have noted that every now and then some candidates will receive votes against their election to the Club, even though no concerns have been raised with me.

Gentlemen, if you feel strongly enough about a candidate that you are prepared to vote against them becoming a Member of the Weld Club, then you have an obligation to your fellow Members to make your concerns known to the President. Part of the role of the President and the Committee is to listen to and resolve any concerns, and Members can have confidence future Presidents and Committees will treat this aspect of their job as seriously as I do.

Gentlemen, it has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your President for the last two years. As my term draws to a close I would like to thank Secretary Hugh and his staff for their unwavering support. They are the ones who make this Club the wonderful place we all enjoy so much. I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Committee-men and the Members of all the Sub-Committees for their tireless contribution and diligence. And I would mostly like to thank all my fellow Members for making my time as President such a pleasure.

Mike Best

FROM THE SECRETARY

I have recently returned from the annual conference for the Distinguished Club Managers' of the World Association (DCW), which this year was jointly hosted by the Metropolitan Club and Cosmos Club in Washington DC. A reminder the Weld Club has a reciprocal arrangement with the Cosmos Club and I am happy to share my first hand experience of the Club with any Member planning a trip to Washington DC.

DCW is truly a worldwide association and at the conclusion of the conference I stepped down as Chairman after four years and handed the baton to the Secretary of the Duquesne Club located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I learned during the round table discussions that regardless of where distinguished private invitation clubs like ours are located around the globe we currently are all facing the same challenges – high inflation in wages and goods, shortage of employees and adapting to the way in which members are using Clubs differently after the pandemic. It also became clear to me that with the social, political and economic challenges in most other parts of the globe, which make it necessary for some clubs to have security guards on the door and bullet proof windows, that Perth is currently one of the best cities in the world to live – many of the delegates could not believe the quality of life we enjoyed throughout much of the pandemic.

While on the topic of overseas Club's I am pleased to announce that the Committee recently agreed to give the Savile Club in London recognised status and therefore this club is now available as a further option for Members looking for accommodation in London. It is conveniently located in Mayfair and offers superior accommodation. Please look for the article on the Savile club further in this newsletter.

I have of course returned in time for the rollercoaster ride towards Christmas and in the middle of October a special Christmas newsletter together with the 2023 Christmas Pantry order form will be circulated to assist all Members with their forward planning for the Christmas season. I remind Members that the private function rooms fill quickly in November and December and I encourage Members who wish to entertain at the Club during the festive season to make their bookings at the earliest opportunity with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan.

Hugh Stowell

GENERAL NEWS

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

2023 -2024 Club Year

In accordance with Club Rule VII, Sub Rules 2 and 5, notice is hereby given that the following gentlemen were proposed for election to the Committee prior to nominations closing on Tuesday 12 September 2023.

NOMINATION	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Frederick Kyle Abbott	Peter Barnes Verschuer	Gavin Leonard Fielding AM
Desmond Frank Crawley OAM	Geoffrey Donald Church	John Lucien Prevost
Paul Francis Downie	Michael George Egerton-Warburton	Maurice Angelo Ferri
Benjamin Dean Luscombe	Anthony Edward Wooles	John Lucien Prevost

The number of nominations is equal to the number of vacancies that will become available at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 11 October 2023.

2023 MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP SHEETS

The \$5.00 and \$10.00 Straight-Out-Sweep sheets for the 2023 Melbourne Cup are located at the ground foyer until 1.30pm Monday 6 November 2023. Members are welcome to observe the draw on that day, which will be conducted in the Billiard Room at 1.35 pm.

STAFF NEWS

Regrettably the Club House Manager, Richard Cranfield, has left the employment of the Club and the search has begun for a new person for the role. If any Member knows of a Club House Manager or Operations Manager they have observed in another Perth hospitality venue that they believe would make a valuable contribution overseeing the operations of the Club, I invite them to come forward.

In other news Members can "breathe easier" knowing that over the last two months many of the staff have attended external full day training courses to either renew or attain their St John's First Aid Certificate. This training program is designed to ensure that regardless of the time of day there will always be at least one fulltime employee on hand to help administer first aid if a Member or one of their guests require medical assistance.

Hugh Stowell

UPCOMING EVENTS

WINE GROUP DINNER Members Only Event Tuesday 10 October 2023

Limited places remain 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 can contacting the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au to secure a place.

152nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER Wednesday 11 October 2023

Members may still 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 152nd 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 or via the Club's website 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

Places remain open for the 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

TOPICAL INTERST GROUP LECTURE POSITIVE AGEING AND HOW TO RETIRE

Address by Professor Bruce Robinson AO

Monday 16 October 2023 – New Date



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

ANNUAL SOUTHWEST GOLF TOUR

Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 October 2023

It is now just a fortnight to the start of our 2023 South West Golf Tour. Nominations include regular attendees and some new faces. Nominations to join us are still welcome, for all activities, or for selected activities according to your availability and preferences.

We start on Tuesday with tee times from 10:51 am. There will be a Welcome Cocktails Function at YARRI in Dunsborough that evening. On 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. 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 or by telephoning 08 9323 7008.

Craig Williams AM - Convener

MEMBERS' DINING ROOM SEAFOOD LUNCH

Members & Gentleman Guests

Wednesday 18 October 2023

The Seafood Lunch in the Members' Dining Room will be held on Wednesday 18 October 2023. Tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, fresh market king prawns, and smoked salmon will be served at the tables, after which Members may enjoy a range of hot seafood dishes and baked whole fish served by the Chefs from the buffet.

This is an excellent opportunity for Members to host gentlemen guests at the Club. A special charge of \$59.00 per person applies on Seafood Lunch days. 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

WCWG SPRING ART WALK & CHEF'S TABLE LUNCH

Monday 23 October 2023



Please join us on Monday 23 October 2023 for a Spring Art Walk to view some of Perth's most interesting street art and sculptures.

The walk will start and finish at the Club, walking to Elizabeth Quay, then down St George's Terrace and then across to Northbridge, stopping to view sculptures and public art. We will provide commentary at each of the 12 stops. We will then return to the Club where you can stay on for lunch or conclude your walk.

The walk is graded 2 and will take approximately 2 hours, walking 8 kms. The dress code is casual but smart attire, for those who are returning to the Club.

At the conclusion of the walk, we have arranged a special lunch where we will join the Club's Executive Head Chef, Clayton Green, in the Club's kitchen and get a sneak peek into the lively world of our chefs. Numbers for the Chef's Table lunch are strictly limited. Any overflow will be booked in the Verandah Room.

Those Members wishing to subscribe, can do so via email to the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au or by telephoning 08 9323 7008.

Steve Carre OAM – 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, which will once again be conducted by Chris Shellabear.

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 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.

JAZZ @ No.3 – PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

Guest Artist: Libby Hammer Quintet

Friday 10 November 2023



We are pleased to announce the first Jazz @ No.3 event which is starting off with a special evening featuring the Libby Hammer Quintet on Friday 10 November 2023.

Libby will be performing some iconic pieces from the period broadly known as the Jazz Age and beyond. Featuring songs for the evening will be *Don't Get Around Much Anymore*, *had enough Stormy Weather*, *feel like Stompin' At The Savoy*, or *In The Mood for Love*, then Put on your Top Hat, White Tie and Tails and join the party at the finest jazz event in town

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. A charge of \$190.00 per person will apply.

Subscriptions can be made by completing the attached form or contact the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au

David Taylor – Convener

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 No Where Winery in Margaret River.

Frederique will focus 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.

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 or by visiting the Club website at www.weldclub.org.au

ANNUAL FATHERS', SONS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER

Friday 24 November 2023

Members are invited to subscribe for the Annual Fathers', Sons' and Daughters' Dinner, which is extended to sons, grandsons, sons-in-law, daughters, granddaughters and daughters-in-law. The evening will commence with drinks on the Grand Lawn from 7.00 pm and will be followed by a three-course dinner in the Members' Dining Room matched with wines from the Club's cellar.

Following dessert, coffee and petit fours will be served in the Wittenoom Room and beverage service will then continue in the Members' Bar, Billiard Room and on the first floor verandah to enable Members and their guests to continue to circulate after dinner. Dress is black tie. Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or via the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

YOUNGER MEMBERS' CHRISTMAS "LONG LUNCH ON THE VERANDAH"

Friday 1 December 2023

Younger Members, and the young at heart, are welcome to subscribe for the Annual Younger Members' Christmas "Long Table Lunch on the Verandah" on Friday 1 December 2023. Drinks will be served on the terrace outside the Members' Bar from 12.30 pm before moving onto the verandah for a lunch of fresh seafood and wines from the reserve cellar. Members may invite a gentlemen guest to attend.

Subscriptions can be made via the Club's website at www.weldclub.org.au or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

ANNUAL TURKEY CARVING COMPETITION & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Endorsed by the International Turkey Carving Committee

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Advance notice is given for Members to subscribe for the Annual Turkey Carving Competition and Christmas Lunch being held on Wednesday 6 December 2023. Table Captains are encouraged to rally their table group and to contact the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, if they have a vacancy at their table. Seating is limited to 8 Members and gentlemen guests per table.

The carving of the turkeys will be subject to the rules of the International Turkey Carving Committee. The nominated "carver" for each table will be provided with a chef's apron embossed with the Club's crest and for all others the dress is jacket and tie. Subscriptions can be sent in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or on the enclosed booking form, noting tables will be allocated in order of receipt.

STAFF CHRISTMAS GRATUITY FUND PRESENTATION

Thursday 7 December 2023

Members are invited to mark Thursday 7 December 2023 in their diaries to join the President, Trustees and Committee for refreshments and the distribution of the Christmas Gratitude Fund to staff from 3.00 pm until 4.00 pm in the Frederick Barlee Room. This occasion provides an opportunity for Members to extend their personal thanks to the staff for their service throughout the year. Please note the opportunity to contribute to the fund will close on Monday 4 December 2023.

Dress is jacket and tie and Members are invited to subscribe in advance with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via an email to events@weldclub.org.au or on the enclosed booking form.

BLACK TIE DINNER & CAROLS EVENINGS

The Consort of St George's College

Friday 15 December & Saturday 16 December 2023

Members are encouraged to subscribe in advance to the very popular Black-Tie Dinner and Carols Evenings on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 December 2023. This year The Weld Club Choir will once again be joined by the fine voices of Consort from St George's College for a selection of classic Christmas carols, under the direction of Club Choir Master, David Woods and Choir Convener, Brian Pass.

The evening will commence with refreshments served on the Grand Lawn at 6.30 pm followed by a three course Christmas inspired menu matched with wines from the cellar in the Members' Dining Room. Members may invite up to three guests. Dress is black tie.

Subscriptions in advance can be made via an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan via events@weldclub.org.au or on the enclosed booking form, noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt.

THE SAVILE CLUB LONDON

New Reciprocal Club in London

Located at 69 Brook St in fashionable Mayfair the Savile Club is a distinguished gentlemen's club features a dining room with a Michelin-star chef, snooker room, drawing room, library, outdoor terrace and twenty well appointed bedrooms. Initially known as the New Club in 1927 the club moved to its present home at 69 Brook Street in Mayfair, a Grade II listed historic town house built with leases granted by the Duke of Westminster in the mid-1720s. The building was formerly the home of "Loulou" Harcourt, 1st Viscount Harcourt, a Liberal Party cabinet minister.

As a gentlemen's club, the Savile members are known as Savilians and the Club's motto of Sodalitas Convivium implies convivial companionship. In the Victorian period, the Savile was known for its freedom of conversation and conviviality. The club has no political affiliation and nowadays embraces an eclectic membership, where artists, scientists, politicians, diplomats, officers, industrialists, and journalists socialise without bias or inhibition. Reciprocal Members and their guests are asked to dress appropriately for this setting and a collared shirt and jacket are always required with ties optional. The use or display of mobile phones is strictly forbidden in any of the public rooms or on the terraces, except in the designated area, bedrooms and rooms hired for private business meetings.



For Members wishing to stay at the Savil Club please contact Anita Nilsson on reception via reception@weldclub.org.au for a detailed information page.