



DECEMBER 2023 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members

The festive season is a wonderful time of the year at The Weld Club and I'm sure you're all looking to engage in the events and experiences that define our Club during this period. The superb festive menu options the Club provides cannot be missed, along with our special wine offers. Events including Carol Evenings and the quintessential Turkey Carving Lunch set a whole new ambience within the Club as we move towards the holiday season. I do hope you'll take every opportunity to embrace this festive spirit over the next few weeks, including celebrating with friends and family within the Club.

I'm delighted to report that the Committee and new Sub-Committees have settled in very quickly and are already working very well, with a level of renewed enthusiasm and energy. Along with Hugh we are working on a range of programs that will showcase our Club's many features and deliver significant new experiences for Members and guests in the new year.

During the month I had the pleasure of attending the awards for our Billiards and Snooker Competition. If you've not experienced our world class tables and the wonderful character of that room, I truly encourage Members of all ages to grasp the opportunity to head upstairs and initiate yourselves into the world of billiards and snooker. With the Club's renowned catering being available, it is a brilliant social opportunity and ultimately a great outlet for your competitive spirit, albeit that you'll need to keep a sense of humour as you navigate full size tables.

Our Motoring Interest Group also held their festive season cocktail event at the outstanding new Porsche facility, accompanied by a presentation from the dealer principal and displays of the very latest vehicles. This was a great evening and just one of the many activities this group undertakes. Whether you want to enjoy high adrenaline track days, review unique car collections or just talk cars over lunch, this interest group offers a great opportunity to indulge your love of motoring.

And whilst I wasn't able to attend the Jazz @ No.3 evening the feedback has been absolutely extraordinary. This type of function again showcases the depth of talent and commitment amongst our membership and I'm certain these evenings will become a regular feature on the Club's calendar. As I prepare to welcome our Younger Members to their annual festive lunch on the verandah, let me say that the Committee, on behalf of all Members, is enormously grateful to each and every one of our interest group convenors. The time and energy our convenors devote, in working with Hugh and his team to deliver these experiences, is simply outstanding.

In the new year the Club will transform into our Summer Retreat for the month of January. We very much look forward to welcoming Members and guests into the uniquely relaxed ambience of the Club during the height of summer. If you've not previously engaged with the Club during this period, then don't miss the opportunity next month.

Importantly, I do want to express a sincere message regarding safety over this period. Many of us live and breathe safety in the workplace on a daily basis. The festive season however is one where a consistent safety awareness, outside the workplace, is very important. Whether Members are travelling, boating, enjoying time away, or simply at home putting up the festive decorations, please employ a strong safety mindset as you go about your sometimes hectic festive preparations and events. Take a moment and ensure that you, and your family members, remain safety aware during the break. We want to see every one of our Members and their families back in the Club, happy and healthy, in 2024.

Finally, on behalf of Committee, I want to wish every Member and their family a very safe and happy festive season. It feels like the world has been spinning pretty quickly in the last couple of years and whilst many Members have been very busy I'm sure, this summer presents an opportunity to draw breath, spend time with family friends and enjoy a break. Your Club is in very good hands, and we look forward to seeing you up to and through the festive period and into the new year.

Anthony Wooles

FROM THE SECRETARY

Long live the King! I am pleased to announce the framed official portrait of His Majesty King Charles III has arrived at the Club and giving the Loyal Toast will continue to be one of the important traditions undertaken at formal Club events. The portrait will be on display in the Entrance Hall during the first half of December.

The days of numerous empty bedrooms to choose from during the pandemic appear to be well and truly behind us. Throughout October and November, the Club has broken records for bedroom occupancy driven by a large number of reciprocal club members from interstate and overseas venturing to Perth. The expectation is that this trend will continue in 2024 and I commend Members wishing to book accommodation at the Club either for themselves or for visiting friends, family members or work colleagues to make their reservations as soon as booking dates are known. A reminder that anyone a Member proposes to stay is issued with their own temporary Honorary Membership number, enabling them to enjoy all of the Club's dining rooms and facilities during their stay.

In closing I join with all the staff in wishing Members and their extended families a very happy and holy Christmas.

Hugh Stowell

GENERAL NEWS

Membership Milestones

The Committee congratulates Wynn REES and John WILLIAMS who celebrate their 90th birthdays in December.

IMPORTANT - PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Effective from 1 January 2024

At the beginning of the pandemic as one of the many measures introduced by the Committee, Members were afforded the option of paying their annual subscription in monthly instalments. The Committee has now determined that pursuant to Club Rule III 7. subscriptions for Ordinary Members will revert to be paid half-yearly in advance, on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July in each year and this will take effect from 1 January 2024.

In acknowledgement that for some Members the payment of subscriptions monthly may still be convenient, the Committee has agreed that a Member may "opt out" of this reversion to half-yearly instalments and continue to pay their subscription by instalment each month. Any Member wishing to "opt out" can do so by simply contacting the Membership Manager, Susan Yagmich via an email to administration@weldclub.org.au quoting their name and membership number no later than close of business on Friday 22 December 2023.

WELD CLUB CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Club has published Christmas Cards featuring the Club House on the front of the card and the words "Wishing you and your family a very happy Christmas" inscribed on the inside of the card. A packet of 10 cards, including envelopes is available for purchase from the Membership Office on the first floor at a cost of \$12.00 per packet.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE DATES

December 2023 - January 2024

To assist Members with their own forward planning the following closure dates will apply:

DINING ROOMS

The Members' Dining Room will close after lunch service on Friday 22 December 2023 and will reopen on Monday 29 January 2024.

The Verandah Room will close after dinner service on Friday 22 December 2023 and reopen for lunch service on Monday 15 January 2024.

BEDROOMS

The last evening prior to Christmas that a bedroom may be reserved is for the night of Thursday 21 December 2023. The bedrooms will then remain closed until the evening of Monday 15 January 2024.

MEMBER ACCESS TO THE CLUB HOUSE

December 2023 - January 2024

Members are advised that the Club House will be secured and alarmed from 12 noon, Sunday 24 December 2023 until the morning of Monday 15 January 2024. For security reasons the Club House will not be accessible to Members during this time. Access cards will be restricted to entry to the car park only, with access to street level via the Exchange Tower car park lifts only.

UPCOMING EVENTS

STAFF CHRISTMAS GRATUITY FUND PRESENTATION

Thursday 7 December 2023

Members are reminded to mark Thursday 7 December 2023 in their diaries to join the President, Trustees and Committee for refreshments and the distribution of the Christmas Gratuity 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.

WCWG MORNING YOGA SESSION

Sunday 10 December 2023

Please join us for the Club's first Yoga session on Sunday morning 10 December 2023. It will be a very relaxed yoga class for all levels and done on the Club lawn. The session will run for 45 minutes, commencing at 7.30 am. It will be run by experienced yoga practitioner and Club Member Mr Ian Love. There is no charge for the class. Please bring your own yoga mat or blanket. The option to join the Christmas Walk after the yoga class is available to Members and partners.

Steve Carre OAM – Convener

WCWG PRE-CHRISTMAS WALK

Swan River Burswood Foreshore & Long Table Barbecue Lunch

Sunday 10 December 2023

This year's pre-Christmas walk for the WCWG is a visit to the Swan River and the Windan Bridge, to view the public art at the stadium and the fascinating micro-climates along the river as we return. What a great way to get a walk and a talk in with fellow Club Members, before all that Christmas feasting!

Walk Summary:

Date: Sunday 10 December
Time: 8.45 am starting at the Club for a short briefing
Grade: 3, moderately challenging
Options: At any stage you can leave the walk and return to the Club to relax
Duration: 3 ½ hour walk, 10-12 kms
Weather: We are expecting a sunny warm morning



Planned Walk:

We will start the walk from the Weld Club to Riverside Drive, across the Causeway, follow the river along Burswood & then back across the river via the Windan Bridge. We will then follow the river back via Claisebrook, Queens Gardens & Supreme Court Gardens to the Club. Further details regarding the lunch and dress attire can be found in the Interest Group News which is attached.

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

BLACK TIE DINNER & CAROLS EVENINGS

The Consort of St George's College

Friday 15 December 2023

Members are advised that the Black-Tie Dinner and Carols Evening for Saturday 16 December is now fully subscribed with a waitlist. Members may still subscribe for the evening of Friday 15 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 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 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.