



NOVEMBER 2023 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am delighted to have the opportunity to correspond with you in this, my first Weld Club newsletter, as President. I've had the honour of serving on the General Committee, including Finance and Wines Sub-Committee roles, under past Presidents including Rob Sceales, Kevin Edwards AM, Barney Cresswell RFD, Mike Snell, John Prevost and Mike Best. Each of these outstanding past Presidents have helped shape and enrich the Club we enjoy so much today. It will be my privilege, leveraging this experience, to lead your Club over the next two years and I thank you all most sincerely for that opportunity. Please be assured that I fully embrace the role.

Can I firstly, on behalf of all Members, thank Mike Best for his outstanding presidency of the past two years. Mike has blended a wonderful team ethic with direct and forthright decision-making, ensuring that the Club has progressed beyond the covid-disruption era with a sustainable platform upon which we can evolve the Club. May I also pay tribute to Rob Sceales and Kevin Edwards AM, whose highly significant contributions were recognised with Life Memberships at our recent AGM. I'd also like to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of Chris Humphry and Tim Johnston, stepping down as Chairs of Art and House Sub Committees respectively. Both gentlemen have been absolutely instrumental in terms of driving Member engagement with the Club. Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the very important role that Michael Hollingdale has played in chairing our Wine Sub Committee. The wine program at the Club is today a central feature of the Member experience and Michael has devoted a great deal of time and leadership throughout this development.

I'd like to welcome Rob Nash to the Vice Presidency role and further welcome Paul Downie and Ben Luscombe onto the Committee. Rob will assume Chair of House Sub Committee, Ben will Chair our Art Sub Committee. In further renewal Kyle Abbott will assume leadership of our Property Sub Committee as we focus closely on the evolution of the Perth CBD and surrounds, including the competitive position of Exchange Tower, a central contributor to the economics of our Club. Des Thompson will step up to assume the Chair of our Wine Sub Committee. Frank Crawley OAM will continue to lead our Finance Sub Committee with the requisite rigour that we've come to expect, balancing a short term financial performance focus with a view to our longer term profitability and capital planning.

In summary, I am absolutely confident that our renewed leadership team, in concert with all Members of Committee, will take the Club forward with great energy and commitment. Combined with the unbridled enthusiasm of our numerous Interest Group convenors, we look forward to a tremendous array of new and exciting Member and guest experiences.

At our most recent AGM I sought to address the query that many Members may legitimately hold, as their Club Presidency transitions; what to expect going forward;

Let me be very clear in my response:

As a Member of our Club you should expect engagement and transparency; we will seek your responses at every level, including running our Member survey again in early 2024, five years since our last survey. We are committed to ensuring that we check in with our Membership on a five year basis to ensure that we remain in touch with all Member's views with respect to their Club. We also remain committed to our Member information evenings to ensure that Members are fully informed as to the economic and structural fundamentals of the Club.

Further, as a Member of our Club you should expect that we will balance absolute respect for Club tradition, with the requirement to remain relevant in 2023 and beyond. The Club benefits from a rich and diverse range of views which sit across this spectrum and every Member's view is equally valid and every Member's view is to be respected. It will be your Committee's central role to balance the features, service offerings and experiences of our Club, across this spectrum. We are committed to quietly evolving our fine club, across this spectrum.

In summary, we are a Gentlemen's Club. We are one of the finest Distinguished Clubs in the World. Hugh is a world class Club Secretary and I look forward to working with Hugh to deliver a world class experience for all Members, including their families and guests.

Please embrace your Club and the experiences which only the Weld Club can deliver. You are enormously privileged to be a Member and the Club is enormously privileged to have you as a Member.

Anthony Wooles

FROM THE SECRETARY

I am pleased to report that after six months the refurbishment of the three lifts in the Club House was completed at the beginning of October and I trust Members who have used the lifts have observed the improved journey between floors. The only concern expressed to me by a Member to date was an inquiry as to the accent of the polite voice that informs you that the doors are closing and whether you are ascending or descending. I thank Members, and their guests, for their patience during the refurbishment period when at any given time there was one of the three lifts out of service.

This month's newsletter of course features the event program in the lead up to Christmas, commencing with the toe tapping first Jazz @ No.3 event featuring a live performance by the Libby Hammer Quintet on Friday 10 November 2023 for which places remain available. Then Younger Members and the young at heart have an opportunity to welcome in the festive season with convener, James Smorthwaite, at the annual Younger Members' Christmas Lunch on the Verandah on Friday 1 December, which of course is the warm up for the Annual Turkey Carving Competition on Wednesday 6 December.

A reminder for those dining at the Club or attending an event during the festive season that the bedroom room rate for Members is only \$130 (plus GST) and includes a parking bay for the duration of the stay. My own experience during December is that this option is considerably more affordable than trying to secure an Uber or a taxi to and from home. Anita on reception is happy to assist with making a booking via reception@weldclub.org.au

Hugh Stowell

GENERAL NEWS

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.

Hugh Stowell

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 re-open 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

ANNUAL BILLIARDS DINNER & MEETING

Thursday 9 November 2023

The finals for the 2023 competition will be played on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 November 2023. Following the matches played on Thursday 9 November and prize presentations the Annual Billiard Room Dinner and Meeting will take place. All Members with an interest in the Billiard Room activities are encouraged to attend this event even if they have not participated in the competition.

Please record your name on the notice board in the Billiard Room if you wish to attend or contact the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au

Kyle Abbott – Convener

JAZZ @ No.3 – PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

Guest Artist: Libby Hammer Quintet

Friday 10 November 2023



Places are still available for 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.

If you 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.

Menu

Ocean Trout Tartare

crème fraiche, capers, salmon roe, chervil, snowpea, coral tuille, blood orange gel

Fillet of Margaret River Beef

potato dauphinoise, oyster mushroom, asparagus, gourmet carrot, Manjimup truffle jus

Assiette of Desserts

Chocolate Dulce de leche, Strawberry Parfait, Lemon Raspberry & Meringue Tartlet

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 reminded to subscribe for the final Winemaker's Lunch 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.

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

CLASSIC CAR & MOTORING GROUP

Christmas Drinks at the Porsche Centre Perth

Monday 20 November 2023

As we move towards the festive season, and it seems that Christmas comes earlier each year, my mind turns to the final function of the year. In keeping with established custom, we will again be enjoying a pre-Christmas drink at a Perth car dealership.

This year the Porsche Centre Perth are our hosts on Monday 20 November at 6.30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to see the current range of models on display as well as their brand new purpose built showroom which has been designed not only as a showroom and service centre, but also a home for Porsche owners.

The event is open to all Members, their partners and guests. On this occasion the dress will be jacket with tie optional, to subscribe to this event please contact the Club Administration Manager, Samantha Kerrison, via communications@weldclub.org.au or by telephone on 9323 7008.

Neil Williamson - Convener

ANNUAL FATHERS', SONS' & DAUGHTERS' DINNER

Friday 24 November 2023

Limited places remain 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

Convener, James Smorthwaite, invites Younger Members, and the young at heart, to subscribe to 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.

FINAL WINE GROUP DINNER FOR 2023

Members Only Event

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Bookings are now open for the final Wine Group Dinner on Tuesday 5 December 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 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.

ANNUAL TURKEY CARVING COMPETITION & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Guest Judge – Bradley Woods, CEO of the Australian Hotels Association (WA)

Wednesday 6 December 2023

The Guest Judge for this year's Turkey Carving Competition is Club Member and Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Hotels Association (WA), Bradley Woods.. The AHA (WA) is Western Australia's peak hospitality organisation and Bradley oversees the annual AHA WA Hospitality Awards for Excellence, which includes awards for the best chefs in WA in a number of restaurant categories. It is therefore very appropriate to have Bradley undertake the judging of Perth's most prestigious and important award "The Weld Club Annual Turkey Carving Competition Champion" in the Members' Dining Room on Wednesday 6 December 2023.

The event will commence with pre-lunch drinks at 12 noon and the carving of the turkeys is 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. For other Member and guests 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 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 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 & Saturday 16 December 2023

Members are encouraged to subscribe in advance to the very popular Black-Tie Dinner and Carols Evenings on Friday 15 or 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 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.

SOCIAL TENNIS AFTERNOON

Preliminary Notice

Friday 9 February 2024

Preliminary notice is being given to Members and their partners to save the date for the Annual Social Tennis Afternoon hosted at the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club on Friday 9 February 2024. The Club extends a particular warm welcome to any new Members who has joined in the last two years. Non-playing Members and player's partners are very welcome to join the participants for drinks and tapas food at the conclusion of play during which a presentation will be made of the perpetual tennis trophy. Please feel free to contact the convener, Des Thompson with any questions on the format for the day.

ARTWORKS AT THE CLUB

Kindly on loan from the collection of Member, Mr Fred Chaney



'Beneath This City is My Ancestors Land' Rod Garlett

Artist's Statement by Rod Garlett

I created a painting called 'Beneath This City is My Ancestors Land', a triptych with a medium of river sand and traditional ochre from the earth. This story is of the Whadjuk people and their country, the Riverland and the lakes systems that run between each other and that provided an abundance of fresh water and traditional foods represented by the black swan.

The painting was created through frustration and protest in the sense that in our art galleries around Perth we are smothered with art of the famous desert people and paintings of their strong connections to their homeland, waterholes and country. I wanted to show the gallery owners and other artists that Noongar people, too, can paint our country in a traditional way without the buildings and roads or highways and say:

This urban landscape all covered over with concrete, bricks and bitumen hides this country and its spirit from those who walk it now. This wasn't always the case. It's not gone... it remains unseen. Our stories are alive in our Country, in your Country, in all of us – our stories live on.

Our connection to Country is fast becoming lost to all those who live here. I hope to encourage others to see the importance of that which we're losing before it's too late.