



## FEBRUARY 2024 EDITION

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fellow Member,

Welcome back to your Club in 2024, I trust you've enjoyed a very relaxing and enjoyable break with family and friends.

January in the Club was clearly quiet as we closed for the early part of the month however it was very pleasing to see the number of members who took the opportunity to enjoy our Summer Retreat through the balance of January. The Club most certainly represents a welcome respite during the very warm days of summer and I can absolutely recommend the stunning seafood dishes offered on our Verandah Room menu, washed down by a cool white blend or local chardonnay. If you haven't chosen to spend a quite summer's afternoon at the Club over lunch then please don't hesitate any longer. Our local seafood and wines are exquisite and superbly suited to our climate at this time of year.

As you reflect on what I trust has been a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with friends and family over summer, please also pause to consider one additional idea; when did I last take the opportunity to propose a friend or colleague for membership at our fine Club? In the coming months I will have more to say about the contribution all our members can make to the quiet renewal of our membership, over time. Very simply, if majority of our members took the opportunity to identify and propose just one new member every five to ten years, our membership would quietly and simply settle at an optimal level, regenerate and remain vibrant, going forward, thus underpinning the economic prosperity of the Club. Each and every member should feel an obligation to not simply enjoy the many features and offerings of our fine Club, but to contribute to its quiet renewal, over time.

Finally, I've been delighted with the early and positive feedback received to the most recent amended By-Laws. I'd particularly like to thank all members who have taken the time to provide very timely feedback. As stated, your Committee remain confident that these amendments will expand and enhance your opportunities to utilise our Club. I very much look forward to welcoming all members and guests back to the Club as we approach the end of Summer and welcome the Autumn season. It is a superb time of the year, if not the very best, in Perth. Our Club will reflect this approaching change of season in our menus, wine selections and event calendars. You can have absolute faith that your Committee, through our Sub-Committees and Interest Group convenors, have much in store for you in 2024.

*Anthony Wooles*

## FROM THE SECRETARY

Last week I returned from the annual Australasian Reciprocal Clubs Secretaries' Conference in Tasmania where 19 of the eligible 24 Club Secretaries from across Australia and New Zealand assembled for two days at the Launceston Club and then a further two days at the Tasmanian Club in Hobart. I am pleased to report that life has returned to normal in all of the Clubs post pandemic and I have brought back with me some wonderful innovations and event ideas shared during the round table discussions that I will bring forward to the House Sub-Committee. I am also happy to provide my "travel notes" on the two clubs in Tasmania for any member who is planning a trip to Tasmania in the year ahead.

Also last week a copy of the 2024 Membership Handbook together with an important letter from the President about the new By-Laws included in the handbook was sent by post to each Member. I would encourage any Member who has not received their handbook by Friday 9 February to make contact with the Membership Manager, Susan Yagmich, and alert her and to confirm that the correct mailing address was used for the delivery.

*Hugh Stowell*

# GENERAL NEWS

## STAFF NEWS

The important staff changes announced just prior to Christmas have now come into effect, which include:

### Operations Manager

The Cellar Manager, Mrs Susan Hutchinson, has commenced her promotion to Operations Manager, having demonstrated all the leadership qualities that make her ideal for this new opportunity.

### Communications & Interest Group Co-ordinator

The position of Communications & Interest Group Co-ordinator has been reinstated and former Assistant Manager, Miss Kirsty Kelly, has been promoted into this role.

### Assistant Manager

Dining Supervisor, Mr Alex Pekin, has been promoted into the role of Assistant Manager, to fill the vacancy left by Miss Kirsty Kelly's transfer to the Communications & Interest Group Co-ordinator position.

Members are invited to congratulate Susan Hutchinson, Kirsty Kelly and Alex Pekin on their promotions when next at the Club House.

The recruitment process to find a new Sommelier & Cellar Manager has commenced and any Member who may know of a suitable candidate working at another Perth establishment is invited in the strictest confidence to contact the Club Secretary.

*Hugh Stowell*

## Public Holiday Reminders

### Labour Day on Monday 4 March 2024

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Monday 4 March 2024 in observance of the Labour Day Public Holiday. Normal service will resume with breakfast in the Verandah Room on the morning of Tuesday 5 March from 7.00 am.

### Good Friday 29 March 2024

### Easter Saturday 30 March 2024

### Easter Sunday 31 March 2024

### Easter Monday 1 April 2024

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Friday 29 March 2024 in observance of the Easter Public Holidays. Normal service will resume with breakfast in the Verandah Room on the morning of Tuesday 2 April from 7.00 am.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Summer Seafood Platter & Lobster Lunch

### The Verandah

### Wednesday 7 February 2024

A Summer lunch celebrating seafood will be held in The Verandah on Wednesday 7 February 2024. The menu will feature tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, king prawns and ocean trout, followed by West Australian lobster chargrilled in butter and lime or in a mornay sauce. For those who prefer fresh grilled market fish will be available as an alternative.

Tables are limited to eight persons and 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)

## **Weld Club Annual Social Tennis Afternoon**

### **Friday 9 February 2024**

The Club warmly invites Members and their partners to subscribe for the Annual Social Tennis Afternoon hosted at the Peppermint Grove Tennis Club on Friday 9 February 2024. Play is scheduled to commence at 2.00 pm, following a warm up anytime from 1.30 pm. This is a social afternoon of doubles tennis for Members of all ages with close competition ensured by a system of dynamic handicapping. Matches with randomly drawn partners are timed for 30 minutes each with a refreshment break mid-afternoon.

Non-playing Members and player's partners are very welcome to join the group for drinks and tapas food at the conclusion of play around 5.00 pm during which a presentation will be made of the perpetual tennis trophy. Please indicate if your partner or guest is playing tennis on the day.

The Club looks forward in particular to welcoming newer Members to join with the tennis regulars for this year's event. Please feel free to contact the convener with any questions on the format of the day.

Subscriptions can be made on the subscription form, or with the Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, in an email to [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) or via the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

*Des Thompson – Convener*

## **Valentines' Day Candlelight Dinner**

### **Wednesday 14 February 2024**

Limited places remain for the annual Valentine's Day Candlelight Dinner on Wednesday 14 February 2024. Members are invited to reserve tables from 2 persons up to 8 persons, which will be held in the Member's Dining Room. The evening will commence with everyone assembling at 6.45 pm for an arrival glass of Moët & Chandon Champagne in the Wittenoom Room before moving through to the Dining Room for a five course degustation menu paired with wines from the cellar.

A charge of \$170.00 per person will apply, including wine, and throughout the evening the Club's resident pianist will be playing romantic ballads. Dress is jacket and tie.

Reservations for the dinner can be made on the enclosed subscription form or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or via the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au). Confirmations will be in order of receipt of bookings.

## **Weld Club Walking Group**

### **City Bar & Cocktail Walk**

### **Friday 16 February 2024**

Please join the WCWG for your start to the year at The Club, with a gentle early evening walk to several of the trendy cocktail bars in the city, followed by a candle lit dinner on the verandah. The plan is to visit 3 separate venues with a drink at each (not compulsory!), and to stay for about 30 minutes. There may be time for a quick bar snack however a 3 course dinner is included at the club upon conclusion of the walk. For those members who wish to leave their car at the Club, we suggest to arrive at 4.40 pm and convene on the verandah beside the Grand Lawn.

#### **Walk Details:**

5.00 pm – Our first venue is **Foxtrot Unicorn** at 101 St Georges Terrace. In an old bank vault this was previously part of the Western Australian Club. Professional bartenders with a modern range of cocktails, this bar is currently on-trend (aren't we all!)

5.40 pm – Our second venue is **Terrarium** in Howard Street, alongside Howard Chambers. This bar was the 2023 Winner for Cocktail Bar of the Year. With a 1<sup>st</sup> floor glazed outlooked to Howard Street tree canopy and a plant-filled open terrace, this is the place to be seen!

6.20 pm – Moving on to our third and final destination is **Andalusz** at 21 Howard Street. Very close to our (other) home, this tapas bar is in the historic Parker & Parker law chambers on Howard Street. A strong Spanish theme runs throughout, and contemporary styling also draws the young trendy city-types (that's us, isn't it ??).

7.00 pm – Return to The Weld Club for freshen up and then enjoy a seafood dinner designed by Executive Chef Clayton Green.

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*Weld Club Walking Group Conveners*

## Classic Car & Motoring Group Literary Lunch

**Guest Speaker: Mr Mike Sherrell**

**Tuesday 20 February 2024**



Happy New Year to you all, I trust that you all enjoyed the festive season and are ready to explore another year of motoring events at The Weld. The motoring group is open to all Weld Club Members and their guests. Should you see an event in which you are interested, I urge you to register as soon as possible, as in some instances places may be limited. We start the year with another event in our series of Motoring Literary Luncheons on Tuesday February 20. The event will be in the Verandah Room starting from 12 noon.

Our guest speaker on this occasion is Mr Mike Sherrell, a West Australian and world authority on the MG TC not only has he restored well over 20 cars of the marque, but he is the author of two books on the subject, *TCs Forever* and *TCs Forever- More*. A quick google search of the title of these books will show the keen prices they command as they are sought after the world over by collectors, enthusiasts and owners. Mr Sherrell will discuss some of the intricacies of these charming and well-loved vehicles as well as some of the issues regarding producing private publications. I am sure the luncheon will be of immense interest not only to motoring enthusiasts but perhaps to members of the Club's popular book group.

To subscribe to this event please contact Kirsty Kelly, Communications and Interest-Group Coordinator, either by telephone on 9323 7008 or email on [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) or via the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au) Dress on this occasion is jacket and tie.

Planning is well underway for our second event of the year which I am pleased to say will be the opportunity to view a private collection south of the river. Please place the date Monday March 25 in your diary now and I will provide further details of this exciting private collection in next month's newsletter. I am currently exploring possibilities for an event in April and May which will see us travel once again to Gingin for British car day. The event is always a fun day out for the family and a great opportunity to pack a picnic hamper and enjoy the last of the warm weather. I look forward to your company at our monthly events and as always if you have any ideas on events we could hold, please do not hesitate to let me know.

*Neil Williamson – Convener*

## **Wine Interest Group Dinner Members & Gentlemen Guests Tuesday 20 February 2024**

The first Wine Interest Group Dinner for 2024 will be held on Tuesday 20 February 2024 commencing at 7.00 pm with Convener, Mr John Hopkins OAM. Dress is jacket and tie.

Members wishing to attend this sought after event, should book early to avoid disappointment by contacting the Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, 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.

## **Members Dining Room Seafood Lunch Wednesday 21 February 2024**

The first traditional Seafood Lunch in 2024 will be held in the Members' Dining Room on Wednesday 21 February 2024. Tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, fresh market king prawns, and smoked salmon will be served at the tables, after which Members are invited to enjoy a range of hot seafood dishes and baked whole fish served by the Chefs. A white wine pairing will also be made available for those Members wishing to enhance their lunch experience.

A charge of \$58.00 per person applies on this particular day. 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)

## **Lightning Snooker Competition in the Billiard Room**

### **Monday 26 February 2024**

The first event on the Billiard Room calendar for 2024 is the Lightning Snooker Competition.

This event will take place on Monday 26 February commencing at 12 noon. The competition runs from 12 noon to 5.00 pm and includes lunch and post match drinks.

The competition is played in a doubles risk snooker format. There will be a draw for players and partners. The duration of each game is 28 minutes and depending on numbers, members can expect to play 3 or 4 matches during the afternoon. Scores are cumulative and the winner is the player with the highest aggregate score. All players are allocated a handicap for the competition.

This is an excellent event for new members with an interest in snooker to meet other members and they are encouraged to enter the competition.

Interested members should record their name on the entry sheet in the Billiard Room or contact the Communications and Interest Group Coordinator Kirsty Kelly via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au).

Entries close Wednesday 21 February 2024.

*Kyle Abbott – Convener*

## **Topical Guest Lecture & Lunch**

### **Rowan Dean – Editor The Spectator Australia**

### **“Woke! And its effect on Contemporary Australia”**

### **Friday 8 March 2024**

The first lecture in 2024 for the ongoing series of Topical Guest Speaker Lunches is scheduled for Friday 8 March at which the guest speaker will be Rowan Dean. Rowan Dean is currently editor of The Spectator Australia, which is one of the most popular magazine subscriptions maintained by the Club, and also writes for the Financial Review. Rowan is a regular guest on The Drum and Sky Nation and the ABC’s show Gruen.

Amongst Rowan’s previous roles, he served as Executive Creative Director of one of Australia’s largest and most successful advertisers, Reckitt Benckiser and was acknowledged globally as being one of the leading Creative Directors on many of its best-known brands including Nurofen, Mortein, Harpic, Finish and Dettol.

This no doubt entertaining lecture will commence at 12 noon (sharp) and Members and guests will have an opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the address prior to a two-course lunch. Members may invite up to three guests and the dress code is jacket and tie. A charge of \$65.00 per person will apply and subscription 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) or by visiting the Club’s website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## **Members’ Annual Golf Day at Cottesloe Golf Club**

### **Preliminary Notice**

### **Monday 11 March 2024**

The convener of the Golf Day, Keith Jones, invites Members, including recently elected Members, to participate in this popular event at Cottesloe Golf Club, 173 Alfred Road, Swanbourne.

Members nominating individually will be paired with those of a similar golfing handicap whilst those wishing to be part of a designated group may make such a request on the enclosed form.

The day commences with a light lunch from 11.00 am. Playing begins from 12 noon. Once everyone has finished their round, there will be a presentation function in the club-house. Do not miss this opportunity to have your name recorded on the highly acclaimed Schadenfreude Trophy.

Members who wish to reserve the use of a golf cart for the day should contact the Cottesloe Golf Pro Shop directly on 9384 5823.

Subscriptions can be made to this event via email to the Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via [communications@weldclub.org.au](mailto:communications@weldclub.org.au) or via the subscription form attached.



## **Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn Members' Only Event Friday 15 March 2024**

The President invites Members to subscribe for the popular Long Table Lunch on the Grand Lawn on Friday 15 March 2024. The event will commence at 12.30 pm with drinks on the verandah prior to moving into an open marquee on the Grand Lawn. A four course menu will be served paired with fine wines from the cellar. Dress is sports jacket and tie.

This is exclusively a Members' only event with restricted capacity. Subscriptions can be made using the enclosed subscription form or in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) noting that bookings will be confirmed in order of receipt or by visiting the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## **End of Summer "White" Cocktail Party Saturday 23 March 2024**

As the summer weather draws to a close Members are invited to subscribe to an End of Summer Cocktail Party on Saturday 23 March 2024.

The evening will commence at 6.30 pm for three hours of substantial canapes and oyster stations served with Aperol Spritz and champagne cocktails on the Verandah and Grand Lawn under festoon lighting. Live jazz on the verandah will provide entertainment for the evening.

Members and guests are encouraged to dress in white and as a guideline, while jackets are required, ties are optional for the evening. The anticipated cost will be \$95.00 per person and Members may invite up to seven guests.

Subscriptions can either be made on the enclosed subscription form or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au) or by visiting the Club's website [www.weldclub.org.au](http://www.weldclub.org.au)

## **New Members' Evening Members' Only Event Friday 12 April 2024**

Bookings are open for the New Members' Evening on Friday 12 April 2024. 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. The dinner will also recognise those Members who have received awards in the Australia Day and King's Birthday Day Honours Lists, namely,

Professor Dudley KINGSNORTH OAM, Mike SNELL OAM and Dr John Taylor AM.

Those new Members to whom personal invitations have been extended are:

Graeme CLARKE, Ian CRISP, Richard EVANS, John FINLAY-JONES, John FORD, Rob KAY,  
Stuart MCCORMACK, Henry MITCHELL, Neil MORRISSEY, James MORRISON, Matt SWINNEY,  
John TRAINOR and Mark TROWELL KC.

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 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)

## ANZAC Dinner

### Dining President: Tony Wills

### Tuesday 23 April 2024

The Club welcomes this year's ANZAC Dinner Dining President, Tony Wills, former Special Air Service soldier and currently serving as Chairman of The Veterans Transition Centre and Advocate with the WA Defence Review. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm (sharp). An announcement on the guest speaker for the dinner will be made in next month's newsletter.

This annual event provides an opportunity to reflect on the important contribution made by serving men and women, both currently and in the past. Subscriptions for the dinner are open to all Members and gentlemen guests together with women who are currently serving, or have served, in the Australian Defence Force. Dress is mess dress or black tie with medals. Members and gentlemen guests may also wear their father's or grandfather's decorations on their right lapel.

Subscriptions for the dinner are now open and Members are invited to subscribe either on the enclosed subscription form or directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to [events@weldclub.org.au](mailto:events@weldclub.org.au)

## The Weld Club Walking Group

### Preliminary Notice

### 2024 Albany Tour

### Thursday 2 May to Sunday 5 May 2024



Please join us for our first extended walk for 2024 in beautiful Albany in early May. Autumn is one of the best seasons to travel to the magnificent Great Southern as the weather is starting to cool but rainfall isn't regularly expected until late May, making it the perfect time to enjoy spending time outside.

#### Walk Details

- Arrival:** Thursday 2 May, taking your time to drive from Perth to Albany (approximately 5 hours) and then settling in. We suggest a couple of stops along the way for coffee and lunch to break your journey.
- Walking Starts:** The walks will start on Friday and conclude on Sunday lunchtime.
- Walking Program:** The program will cater for different walking levels and grades.
- Friday's walking options will include the Bald Head walking trail (6-7 hours, grade 4) and the easier 2-3 hour walk to and from Middleton Beach.
- Saturday's walks will start with an easy stroll to the famous Albany Farmers Market for coffee and some local produce. A 2-3 hour walk will follow before we make our way to lunch, or an optional longer walk of 4 hours duration, doing the scenic Luke Penn walk.
- Sunday's walk is a short walk to and from the ANZAC Centre returning late morning.
- Accommodation:** Hilton Garden Inn Albany located at 3 Toll Place, Albany.
- Food Program:** Thursday night gets underway with casual drinks and snacks at Liberte, a Parisian inspired bar. Dinner on Friday night will be at the highly acclaimed Majuba Bistro with Great Southern wines. On Saturday night dinner will be at another popular local restaurant (BYO from your cellar or purchase locally). Lunch on Saturday will be at a local winery, Monty's Leap.
- For lunch on Friday there are many options for self-selection to take on your hike. Breakfast is available each morning at the hotel or if you select room only, there are many excellent coffee shops and cafés within minutes of the hotel.
- Optional Tour:** For your return trip to Perth, we have an optional winery tour to make your return trip more interesting. Alternately, a Monday departure provides a more comprehensive historical and wine tour option.
- Expected costs:** The approximate cost of this tour is \$650.00 per person, which includes accommodation for 3 nights (room only) at the Hilton Hotel, winery lunch, special Majuba dinner and Saturday night dinner. This estimate excludes breakfast which is available at the hotel for \$29.00 per person daily (or at a local café) Thursday's drinks, Friday's hiking/picnic lunch and your incidentals. Additional nights at the hotel can be booked for \$235.00 per night.
- Bookings:** Please let the Club know if you are wanting to join the WCWG on this Great Southern Autumn walk adventure with fellow Club members. There is a \$500.00 deposit (per couple) which will be charged to your account to secure your place. More details to follow.