



APRIL 2024 EDITION

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members

One of our Club's greatest amenities is its beautiful lawn and gardens. These features of the Club now represent a unique "green space" in the city and we are very fortunate that those members who contributed to the redevelopment of the club's land in 1991 had the vision to create this oasis. The grounds were the stage for two outstanding club events in March. Firstly, the annual Long Table Lunch for Members held on 15 March 2024 and later the End of Summer Party on 23 March, when 160 Members, partners and friends gathered for fine food, wines and fellowship. Both events were absolute highlights during one of the most pleasant times of the year for outdoor events in Perth.

During March the Committee hosted a reception to thank the many interest group conveners who volunteer their time to provide a wide variety of participation opportunities for Members. There are now 19 interest groups with engagement by Members across the groups growing from 860 in 2014 to 1,800 in 2024. Attendance at interest group events now accounts for approximately 20% of all Club attendance and I take this opportunity to publicly thank those conveners who play a vital role in the life of the club. If you are motivated to join one of the interest groups I invite you to reach out to our Interest Group Co-ordinator, Kirsty Kelly, to learn more information about the activities of each group.

As the range of unique Club events continues to expand, you will see featured later in this newsletter that on 1 May, Members and their partners will be afforded the opportunity to have an after-hours private tour of "Another Time, Another Perth" art exhibition at the City of Perth Council Building. This private viewing will be followed by the opportunity to return to the club for dinner, during which the curator of the exhibition will speak to the collection. What makes this event unique is that no less than twelve works of early Perth scenes, from the Club's art collection, have been provided on loan for the exhibition, testimony to the depth and quality of our art collection. I thank the Art Sub-Committee Chairman, Ben Luscombe, for his vision and energy in staging what promises to be a wonderful event.

Another very important date in the Club diary is of course the ANZAC Dinner on Tuesday 23 April 2024. Dining President, Tony Wills, has arranged for Commodore Brett Dowsing JP, RAN (Retd) to speak and this is a serviceman who has had an incredible career, including commanding the Australian Air Force Marine SAR Section and Seahawk Helicopter Squadron. The dinner is open to all Members and gentlemen guests together with women who are currently serving, or have served, in the Australian Defence Force. I invite you, the next time you are in the Club House, to pause in front of the Honour Board in the entrance hall adjacent to the staircase and reflect on those Members who gave their lives in service for our country.

Finally, I am delighted to see the overwhelming response to the launch of our Wine Appreciation Evenings, "The World of Chardonnay", set for Tuesday 16 April. Through the Wine Subcommittee, chaired by Des Thompson, we have a wealth of wine experience and knowledge. Given the prominence of our wine program at the club, it is our objective to provide a uniquely accessible opportunity for members and partners to ground their wine appreciation journey in a technical understanding of key wine characteristics, grape varieties, regions, producers and vintage ratings. These evenings, beginning with broad educational aspects and progressing to explore the great wine regions of the world, represent exceptional value and a wonderful opportunity for member and partner engagement.

Anthony Wooles

FROM THE SECRETARY

One of the many joys of my role is meeting with each new Member elected to the Club, which includes a walking tour of the Club House. A recent tour reminded me that there are facilities Members may have overlooked are available to them on the first floor. Take for example the Members' changing room, equipped with a shower and fresh towels, or the lounge, which is an ideal location for a quiet conversation with a guest. Importantly, there is also the billiard room, which in addition to offering a place of fellowship with other Members over a game of snooker or billiards, offers the third alternative for lunch with a bar snack menu available throughout Monday to Friday.

Hugh Stowell

Guy Grey-Smith Retrospective Art Exhibition Expressions of Interest to Submit Artworks for the Exhibition Scheduled for July-August 2024

The Art-Sub-Committee is well advanced in making plans to host a significant Guy Grey-Smith Retrospective Art Exhibition across July and August and, in addition to paintings by the artist owned by the Club, is calling for expressions of interest from those Members who may be agreeable to arranging for Guy Grey-Smith painting(s) from their own collection to be made available on loan for the exhibition.

In the first instance any Member wishing to have their artworks considered for inclusion in the exhibition should send their expression of interest to the Secretary, Hugh Stowell, via an email to secretary@weldclub.org.au, providing the name of the artwork and its dimensions. For any artworks the Art Sub-Committee elects to include in the exhibition the Club will enter into formal loan agreements and provide professional transportation and insurance.

Hugh Stowell

Public Holiday Reminder ANZAC Day Thursday 25 April

Members are reminded the Club House will be closed on Thursday 25 April 2024 in observance of the ANZAC Day Public Holiday. Normal service will resume with breakfast in The Verandah dining room on the morning of Friday 26 April 2024 from 7.00 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Rock Lobster & Seafood Platter Lunch The Verandah Wednesday 3 April 2024

The Verandah monthly rock lobster and seafood platter lunch will take place on Wednesday 3 April 2024. The menu features a tiered platter of freshly shucked oysters, king prawns and ocean trout, followed by a main course of Western Australian rock lobster chargrilled in butter and lime or in mornay sauce. Fresh grilled market fish is available as an alternative. For Members wishing to enhance their lunch experience, a white wine pairing will be available.

This lunch is exceptional value at \$68.50 per person. Due to the popularity of this event tables are limited to eight persons.

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

Wine Group Dinner Members & Gentlemen Guests Tuesday 9 April 2024

The second Wine Group Dinner for 2024 will take place on Tuesday 9 April 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 Communications and Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via an email to 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.

John Hopkins OAM – Convener

New Members' Evening

Friday 12 April 2024

All Members are encouraged to attend the dinner and enjoy an evening of fellowship with recently elected Members, their proposers, seconders and referees.

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

Samuel ABBOTT, Joseph BURMAZ, Graeme CLARKE, Ian CLARKE, Patrick COWARD, Ian CRISP, Richard EVANS, John FINLAY-JONES, John FORD, Rob KAY, Murray KONARIK, Stuart MCCORMACK, Henry MITCHELL, Konrad MONY de KERLOY, 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.

This is a Members' Only event and bookings are essential. Subscription can be made with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, in an email to events@weldclub.org.au or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au

Wine Appreciation Evening

"The World of Chardonnay"

Tuesday 16 April 2024 (Fully Booked - Waitlist Only)



The Wine Sub-Committee is pleased to re-introduce a series of Wine Appreciation evenings for Members and their partners and these events will provide an opportunity to learn more about key characteristics of the major grape varieties, their prominent wine regions, renowned procedures, and vintage ratings.

The first event for the 2024 calendar will be "The World of Chardonnay", presented by the Chairman of the Wine Sub-Committee, Des Thompson, on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

This event is fully subscribed, however, Members can place their name on the waitlist with the Communications and Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via an email directly to communications@weldclub.org.au, as should there be sufficient interest this particular class may be repeated at a later date.

Seafood Buffet Lunch in the Members' Dining Room

Wednesday 17 April 2024

The monthly buffet Seafood Lunch held in the Members' Dining Room will next take place on Wednesday 17 April 2024. On arrival, tiered platters of freshly shucked oysters, fresh market king prawns, and smoked salmon will be served at the tables. Members and their guests are then invited to enjoy a range of hot seafood dishes and baked whole fish served by the Chefs. A white wine pairing is available for those Members wishing to enhance their lunch experience.

A charge of \$59.00 per person applies for this popular Seafood Lunch. 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.

Members' Annual Golf Day at Cottesloe Golf Club

Monday 22 April 2024 (new start time of 7.00 am)



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 two tee start at 7.00 am with a light lunch and presentation to follow at 12 noon in the Clubhouse. 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 are encouraged to contact the Cottesloe Golf Pro Shop directly on 9384 5823.

Subscriptions can be made to this event with the Communications and Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via email to communications@weldclub.org.au or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au.

Keith Jones – Convener

ANZAC Dinner

Guest of Honour: Commodore Brett Dowsing JP, RAN (Retd)

Tuesday 23 April 2024



Dining President, Tony Wills, invites Members and guests to join him on Tuesday 23 April 2024 for this year's ANZAC Dinner. The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks at 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm (sharp).

The Dining President is pleased to announce this year's guest speaker will be Commodore Brett Dowsing JP, RAN (Retd). Commodore Dowsing joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1969 at fifteen years of age and retired in January of 2020 as the Senior Officer of Western Australia. During his fifty-one years of service he commanded the Royal

Australian Air Force Marine SAR Section, Royal Australian Navy Patrol Boats, a Seahawk Helicopter Squadron and Fleet Base West. Additionally, he served in the Australian Embassy in Washington D.C., during which 9/11 took place, and The Embassy in Seoul, South Korea.

Please join the Dining President, Tony Wills and Guest of Honour 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 directly with the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via email to events@weldclub.org.au or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au.

Private Tour of the "Another Time, Another Perth" Art Exhibition & Dinner

Featuring works from The Weld Club Art Collection

Wednesday 1 May 2024

The Art-Sub-Committee is pleased to announce it has made arrangements for a private tour for Members and their partners of the "Another time, Another Perth" art exhibition on Wednesday 1 May 2024. The exhibition is being hosted by the City of Perth at Council House during April and early May. The exhibition includes 12 works from the Weld Club collection by well known artists including Walter Meston, Harold Vikes and Brian McKay.

The evening will commence with a private tour of the exhibition from 6.00 pm at Council House conducted by the curator of the exhibition, Connie Petrillo. Everyone will then be invited to return to the Club House for a two-course dinner, during which the curator, will speak in more depth about the collection and the significance of the works made available for the exhibition by the Club.

Dress is jacket and tie and subscription is restricted to Members and their partners. A charge of \$90.00 per person will apply, which include the two course dinner and wines throughout the meal. Subscriptions can be made in an email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via events@weldclub.org.au or by completing the enclosed booking form.

The Weld Club Walking Group

2024 Albany Tour

Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 May 2024 (Fully Booked - Waitlist Only)



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. The walking group is travelling to Albany from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 May 2024 to enjoy walking trails including Bald Head and Middleton Beach with meals at highly acclaimed Majuba Bistro and Monty's Leap.

This event is fully subscribed however, Members can place their name on the waitlist with Communications and Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via email to communications@weldclub.org.au.

Steve Carre OAM – Convener

Jazz @ No.3

“And All That Jazz”

Friday 3 May 2024



The next Jazz @ No. 3 event will be on Friday 3 May 2024, and promises to be another spectacular evening. The night will start with pre-dinner drinks from 6.30 pm with entertainment by one of the finest electric violinists, Cheralyn Simpson. Cheralyn's repertoire extends beyond jazz to suit any occasion. She has performed with artists such as Rod Stewart, John Farnham, Olivia Newton-John, Richard Clayderman, and Human Nature, as well as Australia's top orchestras.

The evening will then move to the Members' Dining Room at 7.00 pm. Chef has designed a marvellous three-course menu for the evening. A spectacular performance has been arranged with the theme, “And All That Jazz”, to which the Round Midnight jazz band will take us on a journey of jazz standards we all love. The band will play foot-tapping, dance-moving arrangements that creates an authentic Chicago jazz style, combined with several jazz standards. Led by clarinettist and saxophonist, Brian Copping, the band features vocalist Kaylene Harris who is joined by five seasoned jazz musicians that will bring together seven of the best who regularly play at the Jazz Club of WA.

For those who wish to keep the evening flowing, we invite you to join in the Wittenoom Room, Bar or Garden Drawing Room, for the piano after-party, which proved popular with the last event. Pricing of the event is \$175.00 per person.

Subscriptions can be made for the event with the Communications and Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via email to communications@weldclub.org.au

The stage is set, the dance floor ready to enjoy the music, engage with friends, and step up to the dance floor to immerse yourselves in **All That Jazz!**

David Taylor – Convener

Mother's Day Lunch in the Members' Dining Room

Sunday 12 May 2024



Mother's Day Lunch is a wonderful opportunity for Members to bring their family together, including mothers, grandmothers and grandchildren to share this day of celebration. No minimum age restriction will apply on this occasion. A three-course lunch with alternate choice for each course will be served in the Members' Dining Room, together with an optional two-course children's menu as required.

Dress is tailored jackets with ties optional, except for children under 15, where “Sunday Best”, may be worn. A charge of \$89.00 per person will apply, except for children 12 and under who may eat from the children's menu for \$42.00 per child.

Members are invited to complete the enclosed subscription form or subscribe via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, via 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

Famous Chefs' in History

Auguste Escoffier Dinners

Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 May 2024



Executive Chef, Clayton Green and Chef de Cuisine, Steven Newcombe, have designed an intricate special menu inspired by the famous recipes of Auguste Escoffier which will be available to Members and guests in The Verandah during the evening from Thursday 16 to Saturday 18 May 2024. The Auguste Escoffier Dinners will be the first of four special dinners in The Verandah for the year.

Auguste Escoffier was a French chef, restaurateur and culinary writer who popularised and updated traditional French cooking methods. He earned his worldwide reputation as director of the kitchens at the Savoy Hotel and afterwards at the Carlton Hotel in London.

Limited availability applies to this special event. Bookings can be made in advance by telephoning the Club's reception during normal office hours on 9323 7000 or via an email to reception@weldclub.org.au

Fathers' & Daughters' Dinner

Friday 31 May 2024

Subscriptions are now open for the 2024 Fathers' and Daughters' Dinner to be held on Friday 31 May 2024. The evening will commence with champagne served in the Wittenoom Room from 7.00 pm followed by a three-course dinner matched with wines from the Club's reserve cellar in the Members' Dining Room from 7.30 pm. The evening will conclude with tea, coffee and chocolates in the Wittenoom Room and beverage service available in the Bar and Billiard Room.

This event is open to Members and their daughters, daughters'-in-law, grand-daughters and god-daughters over the age of 18 years. Dress is black tie for Members and evening wear for ladies. Subscriptions can be made to this event on the attached subscription form, via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

Annual Mid-Winter Dinner "Back to the 60's"

Friday 14 June 2024



In the Weld Club Choir's first performance for 2024 they will be featuring songs from the 60's under the direction of Choir Master, David Woods. The program will include *Get me to the Church* from *My Fair Lady*, *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines* from *Those Magnificent Men in their Flying Machines*, *I get Around* by the Beach Boys and *All you need is Love* by the Beatles. A three-course themed dinner featuring the cuisine of the 1960's designed by Executive Chef, Clayton Green, paired with wines from the cellar will be served during the event.

The evening will commence with pre-dinner drinks from 7.00 pm for dinner at 7.30 pm. Members are reminded that in addition to their partners, they may extend an invitation to the widows of former Members to join their table as a guest of the Club.

Dress is black tie. Subscriptions can be made to this event on the attached subscription form, via email to the Events Manager, Emma Madigan, to events@weldclub.org.au or by visiting the Club's website www.weldclub.org.au

The Weld Club Walking Group Singapore Tour

Preliminary Notice

Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 October 2024



Please join us for our first overseas walk for 2024 in exotic Singapore in mid-October this year. We have planned a four day tour of walking, friendship, culture and fabulous international cuisine that Singapore is famous for. Our accommodation is booked at the Tanglin Club, where we enjoy reciprocity. There are limited places available for this tour.

- Arrival: Thursday 10 October 2024, fly into Singapore.
- Walking Starts: The walks will start on Friday and conclude on Sunday lunchtime.
- Walking Program: We are planning a series of tree top, botanic, waterfront, foodie and nature trail walks. The program will cater for different walking levels and grades.
- Accommodation: Tanglin Club, Steven's Road Singapore.
- Food Program: Thursday night gets underway with pre-dinner drinks at the Club followed by dinner at the Club's famous Cantonese restaurant Tang Yun. We will dine at a combination of Hawker style settings and restaurants, including a food walking tour over the four days.
- Optional Tour: You may want to use this trip as a launching pad into Asia or on to other locations given the strength of connections from Singapore.
- Expected costs: The approximate cost of this tour is \$1,500.00 per person, which includes accommodation for three nights (room only) at the Tanglin Club, an extensive walking program, lunches, events and dinners. Additional nights at the Tanglin Club can be booked for \$380.00 per night, however, we advise that you make those arrangements as soon as possible as room capacity is limited.
- Flight Bookings: You will need to make your own bookings for flights to and from Singapore and your transfers to and from the Club. Qantas, Singapore Airlines, Jetstar and Scoot have daily flights to and from Singapore.
- Bookings: Please let the Club know if you are wanting to join the WCWG on this Singaporean walking 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.

Subscriptions to this event can be made with the Communications and Interest Group Coordinator, Kirsty Kelly, via email to communications@weldclub.org.au or on the Club's website via www.weldclub.org.au.

Steve Carre OAM – Convener