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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Members,

Welcome to the 2018/19 Financial Year. A marker that reminds most of us of just how quickly the year is passing and gives me the feeling getting older goes a lot faster than it used to.

I am happy to report that the last financial year had a positive finish and we were once again able to get some major works done in the club. One of which is the Pioneers' Room which has had a major renovation thanks to our new APC members and I am sure you will all enjoy the new ambience it has brought to the Club.

Speaking of major works, you will have noticed that there is a variety of construction works going on all around the Circular Quay vicinity which sometimes makes access to the club via the garage a bit more challenging than usual, we are doing our best to work with council and contractors to keep you informed of any difficulties with road closures etc.

We are still in our 115th Anniversary year which we celebrated in March of this year and in saying this I think the most important thing you can do to make sure the Club can keep on celebrating milestones like this, is to support the club by referring new members.

Each and every member was at some point invited to be part of our wonderful institution, we urge you to think of how much enjoyment you have gained from your Club, and as such how much another might gain from a referral by you.

RACA has its own unique charm by which we have all been attracted to at some stage - we ask you to share this charm and ambience with those you might think could use their very own private escape.

There are many ways your Club promotes a sense of belonging:

- A Sense of Tradition Long Forgotten
- The Haven of Privacy
- The Appreciation of Style
- The Pride of Heritage

Membership regeneration is critical to the Club's continued success, so to propose a new member means that you are making a vital contribution to the longevity and prosperity of your Club's future.

If you believe that you have a suitable candidate, be it a friend, colleague or family member, who would benefit from an association with The Royal Automobile Club of Australia and equally important, enrich your Club's membership base, please contact myself or Rafael Ruiz, the Club's Membership and Marketing Manager.

There are many categories of membership, including Town, Country, Interstate, Defence, Corporate. In addition, the Club can offer temporary Membership to those candidates who may not have the prerequisite support for full membership.

What perfect reason or opportune time than the Club's 115th year for nominating a new member. Your Club will be all the better for it! Your participation and support are always appreciated.

The RACA Team and I look forward to welcoming you to the Club soon.

Markus Friedler
CEO/Secretary Manager

MEMBER EVENTS

In August and September we have some wonderful events lined up exclusively for our members and their guests. Book in early to avoid missing out on these events!

JAZZ NIGHT

03 August 6PM - Member's Bar



In August, we welcome Gabriela and Blain from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to play for us; both of whom are currently undertaking Bachelors of Music (Performance). Join us for what is sure to be a relaxing evening in the Member's Bar. Make sure to grab some of our Cuban themed Jazz Bites too whilst you're at it, for only \$19.

WOMENS PIONEER SOCIETY

15 August 12PM - Macquarie Room

Graham Sims

\$35



From the mid 1920's until her death in 1973, Bea Miles was Sydney's best known and unforgettable eccentric, wandering the streets of Sydney. Graham recounts Bea's incredible story, including his personal account with her. Join the WPS for an exciting luncheon!

Bookings: Mrs Lorna Stone
(02) 9522 8924

ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER

18 August - Victoria Room



\$148 PER PERSON
\$1,350 FOR TABLE OF 10
In it's 6th year, the 2018 RACA Annual Motoring Dinner this year will celebrate Marathon Rallies and the 50th Anniversary of the 1968 London to Sydney 10,000 Miles in 10 Days for £10,000. Join the MEG and Max Winkless, Barry Ferguson, John Smailes and Will Hagon for a great evening!

ANNUAL DUNBAR LUNCHEON

21 August 12:15PM

\$65



A joint event with the Australasian Pioneers' Club, with John Lanser RFD speaking about the Wreck of the Catherine Adamson, which foundered just nine weeks after the Dunbar wreck. Sure to be an informative, entertaining, and great afternoon with good company.

LADIES COMMITTEE

27 August 12PM - Macquarie Room

Sydney Living Museum

\$65



For August, we welcome Sydney Living Museum to the Club and the Ladies Committee Luncheon to talk about the history of Sydney Living Museums. Curator of the Justice & Police Museum Nerida Campbell will be joining us to talk about her work, which focuses on criminality, law and order, regional police stations and bushranging.

JAZZ NIGHT

07 September 6PM - Member's Bar



Join us in the Member's Bar as Lauren Tsamouras and her jazz trio from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music joins us to play some amazing jazz standards for us! As always, this will be an enjoyable evening. Grab some of our Thai inspired jazz bites whilst you're here too for only \$19!

OKTOBERFEST FOOD WEEK

10-15 September - Harbour Dining Room



2 Courses - \$55 | 3 Courses - \$65
Inspired by the love of the traditional Bavarian festival and great beer, the Harbour Dining room will feature a delicious menu, just in time for Oktoberfest. Be sure to book your table early to avoid missing out on what is sure to be a treat!

VAUCLUSE HOUSE TOUR

14 September 8:30AM

\$85



Vaucluse House is one of the Sydney's few 19th century mansions still surrounded by it's original gardens and wooded grounds. In 1915, Vaucluse House became Australia's first official house museum. Join RACA members and their guests for an exclusive guided tour, followed by a delectable morning tea in the Tea Room!

WOMENS PIONEER SOCIETY

19 September 12PM - Macquarie Room

Guy Cooper

\$35



From 1991-2009 when he retired, Guy was Director & Chief Executive of the Taronga and Western Plain Zoo. He presided over the huge re-development of both zoos. He has been at the forefront in establishing many reforms in conservation, education, and

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LADIES COMMITTEE

24 September 12PM - Macquarie Room

Botanic Garden Foundation

\$65



Foundations and Friends of the Botanic Garden hosts a great range of activities, events, and connection the community to the Botanic Gardens. CEO Melissa Ellis and Charlotte Sandes will be coming in to share all that the Foundation has to offer. They will also be sharing some interesting personal stories as well in their time there!

For more events, details, or to book online simply visit www.raca.com.au/our-events

RACA MOTORING

RACA Motoring Group provides activities for all RACA members. The grandest of our events is the Annual Motoring Dinner. The 2018 dinner has a program celebrating the Marathon Car Rallies commencing with the 1968 London to Sydney rally and continuing through to the 2016 Peking to Paris. Our guests will include competitors from many of those grand events including some celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 1968 inaugural marathon rally where the slogan was "10,000 Miles in 10 days for £10,000"

Come along for the sights and sounds and reminiscences of the road warriors. Saturday 18 August, 7:00pm in the Victoria Room for 7:30 in the Macquarie room. \$148 per person or \$1,350 for a table of 10. Bookings through the Events Team 8273 2322 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au

Our next great event is an **Invitation to all members enthusiastic about their automobile**. If you are an RACA member and enthusiastic about your special motor car please bring it along to the **Member's Automobile Night** Wednesday, 5 September.

We will commence with informal drinks and dinner in the Members Bar from 6:00pm with a general movement to the garage sometime after 7:30pm. Bring your car and tell us all about it. Garage space is limited so please contact Alan Hunt to reserve a space. (contact details below)

Each month we have Fluid Friday which is a gathering of members in the Macquarie Room for an informal get together. Fluid Friday is held on the last Friday of every month. All RACA member are welcome – just come along anytime from 6:30pm and enjoy the Club facilities and the fraternity of RACA members.

For more information about RACA motoring activities contact Alan Hunt on T: 0438 290639 or E: hunts@optushome.com.au

LADIES COMMITTEE

Tina Hyman was the guest speaker at the June Ladies Committee Luncheon held on the 25 June 2018.

Tina told the 54 members and their guests about her jewellery line which she has been designing, making and marketing for over 30 years. All those present enjoyed her story but the availability of being able to purchase her designs made the day special.

The Ladies Committee did appreciate the kind support of President Michael Callanan and Board Members Mrs Megan Lavender and Mr Jim Warren who were also in attendance on the day.

The Ladies Luncheon to be held on Monday 27 August 2018, will have as its guest speaker Nerida Campbell, curator of the Justice and Police Museum - part of the Sydney Living Museum. Nerida will talk about her work which focuses on criminality law and order, regional police stations and bush ranging. I do hope that you are able to attend.

A special thank you to the members of the Club who attended the special meeting to endorse my nomination as a Life Member of the Club.

Regards,
(Mrs) Margaret Dawes-Smith O.A.M
President RACA Ladies Committee



Holden Monaro driven by the late David MacKay leaving London 24 November 1968 (photograph by Jeremy Braithwaite)

RACA ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER 2018

LONDON - SYDNEY MARATHON (1968)

**SATURDAY 18 AUGUST
7PM - VICTORIA ROOM**

Celebrating marathon rallies & 50th anniversary of 1968 London to Sydney 10,000 miles in 10 days.

**\$148PP OR \$1,350 FOR
TABLE OF 10**

Reminiscences of Max Winkless (1968 Volvo 144S 55th Place), Barry Ferguson (1968 Holden Monaro GTS 12th Place), and John Smailes (1968 Rally Journalist) in conversation with Will Hagon.

**FORMAL OR EVENING
COCKTAIL ATTIRE**

RSVP 31 July (02) 8273 2322 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au

THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Ms Janet Elizabeth Aickin
Mr Neale Bettman
Mrs Patricia Ann Birch
Mr Kevin Dominic Hall Brennan
Mr Matthew Brock
Mr William Frederick Cooper Cayzer
Mr Philip Allen Emery
Dr Brok Glenn
Mr Anthony Kelly
Mr David James Miller
Mr Brett Ruth
Mr Mark Thompson

CORKS 'N' FORKS

By any measure our Bastille Dinner was a great success. The ISC Room resembled a Parisienne bistro with themed table decorations, lighting and music, and the 36 of us who were there had a wonderful time. The bespoke menu specially prepared by the Club's Executive Chef and his team and the matching wines were exemplary, as was the service provided by the Club's floor team.

Highlights included our Q&A session with the Chef, the wine options game won by Graham Spurway, and the best dressed prizes awarded to Qi Shen and Roger Butler.

Our next event for the year is a tasting/tour in the seated comfort of the Vintage Room at 6pm on Thursday 23 August, and on this occasion we've decided to do something a little different and have what we're calling a 'Bring a Bottle Night'.

There'll still be 12 wines to taste with 3 matching food courses; however what will be different is that the 12 wines will (hopefully) be donated by Club members. We have in mind wines at least 5 years' old, which will be served 'blind' in 3 flights each of 4 wines - 1 flight of whites and 2 flights of reds. Steve Blandford, the Club's popular and very knowledgeable wine consultant will be there to guide us through the vinous maze and help us to discuss and identify each of the wines.

So if you've got a couple of older wines in your cellar that you'd like to share with your 'mates', then I'd like to hear from you. You can contact me on 0411 103 119 or mogigi.grj@bigpond.com

As to pricing, the usual price for our tasting/tours is \$90 per person. However given there'll be no cost to the Club for the wines, the cost per head for our 'Bring a Bottle Night' will be \$80.

To make a booking please contact the Events Team on 8273 2320 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au

Graeme Jones
For the Corks 'n' Forks Committee



Christmas LUNCH 25 DECEMBER 12:30PM

We pride ourselves on serving you the finest Christmas fare in Sydney and what would a summer Sydney Christmas be without some of our freshest produce, made into the most delectable Christmas dishes. Bring your friends, family and let's make some new memories here at the Club.

ADULTS \$159
YOUNG ADULT (13-17) \$132
CHILD (3-12) \$87

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CLUB UPDATES

You know their faces and have heard their voices. You've seen the stories that they've presented. Legends of Australian radio and television met at the Harbour Dining room hosted by long standing member, John Savage. Special guests included John Laws, Tim Webster, Steve Liebmann and John Kerr to name a few.

Book in your own luncheon today at the Harbour Dining Room by contacting (02) 8273 2370 or harbour@raca.com.au



VAUCLUSE HOUSE TOUR

14 SEPTEMBER 8:30AM
\$85

Join RACA Members for an exclusive guided tour of one of Sydney's few 19th century mansions left, followed by morning tea in the Tea Room.

MELBOURNE CUP
6 NOVEMBER 12PM
MACQUARIE ROOM - \$135

Join us for the race that stops the nation. This November, don your best suit and put on your best fascinator, as we here at RACA host yet another exciting Melbourne Cup Luncheon.

WINE OF THE MONTH HANCOCK & HANCOCK



FIANO 2017

Lifted aromas of nectarine and citrus scents, loads of texture and mouth feel fermented in old oak with reasonable solids, blended soon after ferment fined and half cold before filtering to bottle dry, fresh, and savoury. Age to 3-5 years.



SHIRAZ GRENACHE 2015

Restrained and supple, lots of ripe dark plum, pepper and spice of Shiraz with the rose petal perfume lift and red cherry taste of Grenache. Lovely lightness and brightness to the back palate makes it terrific immediate drinking but will cellar nicely for 5-10 years.



Book your next social event
or function here at the Club.

Contact our Events Coordinator on
(02) 8273 2320 or
events@raca.com.au

DID YOU MISS IT?
SEE THESE GREAT MOVIES AT
DENDY OPERA QUAYS



Shop 9, East Circular Quay (02) 9247 3800

FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

- 3 Jazz Night
- 15 Women's Pioneer Society
- 18 RACA Annual Motoring Dinner
- 21 APC: Annual Dunbar Luncheon
- 23 Corks 'N Forks Tasting Tour
- 27 Ladies Committee

REGULAR EVENTS

Bridge Club
Every Tuesday
\$30pp 10.30am in the Victoria Room

Regular Army Officers
2nd Friday of the Month
\$65pp 2 course lunch & beverages
12pm in the Members Bar

Fluid Fridays
Last Friday of the Month
6PM in the Members Bar

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Jazz Night
- 10-15 Oktoberfest Food Week
- 14 Vaucluse House Tour
- 19 Women's Pioneer Society
- 24 Ladies Committee

OCTOBER

- 4 Corks 'N Forks Tasting Tour
- 5 Jazz Night
- 17 Women's Pioneer Society
- 23 Trafalgar Day
- 26 Faulty Towers
- 31 Halloween Dinner

THE MADNESS RETURNS

26 OCTOBER 7PM
\$149 (INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL & 2 HOUR SHOW)



Faulty Towers: The Dining Experience return to RACA this October for another performance, after a smash out show last year! Serving up a 70s styled 3 course meal, this will be all forms of entertaining.

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PERMANENT PARKING

We currently have a permanent parking spot on offer in a safe, secured garage.

For more information contact
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Manager) on 02 8273 2330 or
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