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RACA NEWS

JULY 2018

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Vale Ross Griffith Wagland

The month of June 2018 saw the passing of Ross Griffith Wagland, a Life Member and Past President and significant contributor to the Club.

The retired Supreme Court Justice Bergin wrote the following obituary which eloquently and succinctly describes the professional life of Ross as a solicitor who imparted significant influence on his distinguished legal pupil:

Ross was an extraordinary man and everything a new solicitor would want as a master/supervising solicitor. His clients loved him but also respected him. He had the most general practice in the profession in the early 1980s - from thoroughbred racing to auction houses to directors and trustees and the individual needing help. His was a special practice that today (sadly) could not survive in these modern times of specialization. It was a privilege and a pleasure to be one of his many new solicitors working under his guidance.

Ross gave his time generously to the Club and guided many Boards and managers in operating and refurbishing the Club, a Club that was dear to his heart. In his latter years whilst living in Glen Innes, NSW, Ross always attended important functions at the Club and informed himself of current developments, and contributed to any controversial debate with wisdom, practicality and objectivity.

On behalf of all members of the Club we extend our sincere condolences to his family and many friends. Ross will be forever remembered for his fine stewardship at the Club and as a warm, eloquent, generous and sincere person.

Margaret Dawes-Smith OAM

At a special meeting of members on Monday 25 June 2018, as we farewell one treasured Life Member of the Club, the members of the Club unanimously endorsed the nomination of Margaret Dawes-Smith OAM as a Life Member of the Club, and indeed our first female Life Member (and may there be many more of them in the future).

A Club nurtures and maintains a solid membership by providing a place where people of common endeavor can meet, network and enjoy their special place away from the normal pressures of business and life in general. Margaret has over many years sustained an energy, commitment and popularity which has led a Ladies Committee, who like no other, have complemented this special place with monthly events of enormous variety.

Again thank you Margaret on behalf of all members for your contribution, now over 25 years strong, and to all of our lady members for their support and loyalty.

Snooker Steeped in Australasian Pioneer History

For members who may not frequent the Snooker room on level 2 (Elizabeth Room) we recommend that you make a visit to view the collection of the many Australasian pioneers whose framed photographs are variously hung in the Elizabeth Room.

Our Australasian Pioneers membership will complete a refurbishment of the Albert Room (to be renamed the Pioneers Room) in the near future to further add to our heritage and history.

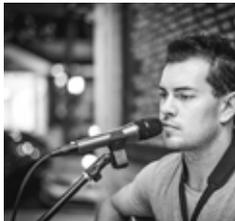
Michael Callanan
President

MEMBER EVENTS

For July and August, we have some wonderful events planned for you. With our French Food Week in the Harbour Dining Room to our RACA Annual Motoring Dinner, there's all types of events that you can attend!

JAZZ NIGHT

06 July 6PM - Member's Bar



For July, we welcome back to the Club, multi-instrumentalist Toby J. Having performed at our Jazz Nights before, and at our Ladies Committee 50th Birthday celebration, Toby is no stranger to RACA. Join us and relax in the Member's Bar, and grab a drink or some of our delicious Indonesian themed jazz bites for only \$19.

FRENCH FOOD WEEK

09-14 July - Harbour Dining Room



2 COURSE \$50 | 3 COURSE \$65
Bonjour! Be our guest as we provide the rest. From Tarte Tatin aux poires, Cassoulet Toulouse to a Souffle aux fruits de la passion. After all it is French Food Week and dinner here in the Harbour Dining Room is never second best....

Bookings: (02) 8273 2322 |
harbour@raca.com.au

BASTILLE DAY

14 July - ISC Room

\$148



Come and celebrate this Bastille Day at the Club with your family and friends, and enjoy an exquisite menu prepared by our Executive Chef. Multiple prizes will be given out on the evening, so be dressed to impress madames et monsieurs! Make your booking now to avoid missing out!

WOMENS PIONEER SOCIETY

18 July 12PM - Macquarie Room

Hon Dominic Perrottet MP

\$35



Dominic is currently a member of the Legislative Assembly. Member for Hawkesbury, Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations. Thousands of people walk up and down Martin Place every day, yet few know about James Martin the man whom it is named after.

Bookings: Mrs Lorna Stone
(02) 9522 8924

LADIES COMMITTEE

30 July 12PM - Macquarie Room

Jo-Anne Hewitt

\$65



The Benevolent Society, founded by Edward Smith Hall in 1813, is Australia's first and oldest charity. Today it is an independent, non-religious, not-for-profit organisation which aims to help families, older Australians and people with disabilities. Jo-Anne, Executive Director Disability comes in to discuss the History of the Benevolent Society and how it came to be what it is today.

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.

SEAFOOD BUFFET

11 August 12PM - Harbour Dining Room



\$110 PER PERSON

Australia is known for its abundance of fresh, clean, and delicious food and produce. Indulge in the return of the Club's seafood buffet. Feast on fresh oysters, salt and pepper squid, delicious mussels, salmon and more. This will be one lunch you won't want to miss out on. So be quick and reserve your spot today.

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!

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.

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

RACA MOTORING

The RACA Motoring event calendar is designed to continue the Motoring origins of our Club and develop an interesting programme of events that will appeal to all RACA Members. Some events appeal to dedicated motoring enthusiasts while others will appeal to members who enjoy a pleasant drive to a place of interest, with a long lunch or meeting with friends and fellow members at The Club.

Visit our Facebook page to see something of our past activities and to see what RACA Motoring events are coming up.
www.facebook.com/RACAMEG

We extend a warm welcome to all RACA Members to attend any of our upcoming RACA Motoring events. Contact Alan Hunt at hunts@optushome.com.au or 0438290639

MOTORING NEWS

We are now in the final stages of preparation for our Grand Annual Motoring Dinner which is coming up fast. This year we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of "The London to Sydney Marathon" on Saturday, 18 August from 7pm. Mark this date in your diaries, as it is shaping up to be our best yet!

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 15 - Drive Day to the Gosford Classic Car Museum (Contact Alan Hunt for more details)

July 27 - Fluid Friday Member's Bar

August 18 - RACA Annual Motoring Dinner, Celebrating 50 Year Anniversary of the London to Sydney Marathon

August 31 - Fluid Friday Member's Bar



LADIES COMMITTEE

On Monday 28 May 2018, the RACA Ladies Committee held their luncheon with 48 members and their guests in attendance.

The guest speaker was Mrs Anne Schofield of "Anne Schofield's Antiques" who sells beautiful jewellery from 18th Century to the 1950's.

Anne is a member of the International Society of Jewellery Historians and the Australian Antique and Art Dealers Association. Anne gave us a fabulous talk on early Australian Jewellery and her book with her co-author the late Kevin Fahy "Australian Jewellery 19th and Early 20th Century".

The Ladies Committee's next luncheon will be on Monday 30 July 2018, and the guest speaker and her topic will be Jo-Anne Hewitt, Executive Director Disability, The Benevolent Society.

Jo-Anne has over 35 years' experience in the not for profit sector and is Chair of Centre for Disability Studies, a world renowned research and education institute affiliated with University of Sydney. Jo-Anne will be speaking on the history of the Benevolent Society and how it has progress to what it is today.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Regards,
(Mrs.) Margaret Dawes-Smith, OAM
President, RACA Ladies Committee.

RACA ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER 2018

LONDON - SYDNEY MARATHON (1968)



SATURDAY 18 AUGUST 7PM - VICTORIA ROOM

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

FORMAL OR EVENING COCKTAIL ATTIRE

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

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.

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

For more information please refer to flyer or website

CORKS 'N' FORKS

Dear Members

I have several matters to report this month - the first being our June trip to Handhorf and the Clare Valley. There were 13 of us, the camaraderie was great, and everyone had a wonderful time. There were many highlights; my top 3 being our escorted tour of the Jesuit owned Sevenhill Winery and Cellars and the tutored tasting afterwards, a 'Best of Clare' degustation dinner at the Watervale Hotel, and a tour of 'Bungaree Station' established by the Hawker Family in 1841 and still owned and operated by them.

The second is our Bastille Dinner on Saturday 14 July at 7pm, comprising a traditional 6 course French menu specially crafted for the occasion by the Club's Executive Chef Gary Ryley, partnered by 7 specially chosen matching wines from many of France's wine regions. At \$148 per person it's a bargain too good to be missed!

Our annual Bastille Night Dinner is the perfect opportunity to celebrate all things French - food, wine, fashion, and style; so we're hoping you'll make a booking, glam it up a bit, and come along. If you're lucky you might even win one of the 3 best dressed prizes or our wine options game!

Finally, some dates for your diary:

23 August - Vintage Room Tasting/Tour - Your committee has several themes in mind; however what we thought we might do is ask those attending the Bastille Dinner for their thoughts.

4 October - Bests Wines Dinner - Bests, in Victoria's Great Western Region, is one of Australia's oldest wine producers, established by Henry Best in the 1860's and owned by the Thomson family since the 1920's. Best's old vineyards are among the oldest and rarest pre-phyllloxera plantings in the world, from which they make wonderfully distinctive wines such as their Old Vine Pinot Meuniere, Bin 0 Shiraz, Pinot Noir/Pinot Meuniere blend, and Concongella Blanc - an old fashioned but very lovely and interesting field blend.

23 November - Black Tie Henschke Dinner - this will be our seventh Henschke Dinner, and we've decided to add a 'twist' this year. More details to follow.

To book for the Bastille Dinner and/or any of the above 3 event please contact the Events Team on 8273 2322 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au.

Graeme Jones
For the Corks 'n' Forks Committee



WINE OF THE MONTH FRENCH WINES



DROUHIN VAUDON
Chablis 2015 (Chardonnay)
A dry and fruity wine, easy to drink. Pleasant and long aftertaste.



JOSEPH DROUHIN
Beaujolais-Villages 2014 (Gamay)
Fresh and silky, the nose is refined and intense with notes of violet, peony, and red fruit syrup.



CHATEAU DE SOURS
Bordeaux Blanc 2014 (Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon)
A crispy attack of well-balanced acidity and nicely integrated oak, with a touch of vanilla.



CHATEAU DE SOURS
Bordeaux Rouge 2011 (Merlot)
Ripe and lush merlot with an intensity of flavours of blackcurrant, raspberries, & sherry.

Corks 'N Forks Present:

14 JULY

BASTILLE DAY

7PM - ISC ROOM
\$148 PER PERSON

Come and celebrate this Bastille Day at the Club with your family and friends and enjoy an exquisite menu prepared by our Executive Chef, with matching French wines.

To book an event please call 02 8273 2322 or email eventsadmin@raca.com.au

A NEW TASTE...

At the Harbour Dining Room, the restaurant is far from a place to simply eat and drink. It is a discovery of new flavours as well as to revisit favourite classics. To complement any cocktails or fine collection of wine, the art deco-influenced interior of the Member's Bar is like no other for an after work drink. Our new Executive Chef, Gary Ryley has prepared a brand new menu that is available in both the Harbour Dining Room and the Member's Bar, using the freshest and most beautiful produce that Australia has to offer.

jazz night

03.08.18 - 6pm
member's bar

In August, we are welcoming Gabriela and Blain from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music to play for us. Both Gabriela and Blain are currently studying at the prestigious Conservatorium with Bachelors of Music Performance. Join us for what is sure to be a relaxing and entertaining evening, and grab some of our Cuban themed Jazz Bites too whilst you're at it for only \$19!

Seafood BUFFET

11 AUGUST 12PM
\$110 PER PERSON

Indulge in the return of the Club's seafood buffet and feast on fresh oysters, salt and pepper squid, delicious mussels, salmon and more. This will be one buffet lunch you won't want to miss out on!

THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Lesley Alison
Mr Stephen Day
Mr Rod Dickinson
Mr Simon Gray
Mr Warwick Hodge
Mr Henry Marjason
Mr Blair Paloni
Mr David Wilkinson

French FOOD WEEK

09-14 JULY
HARBOUR ROOM

2 COURSE \$50
3 COURSE \$65



Book your next event or function here at the Club.

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

FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

- 6 Jazz Night
- 9-14 French Food Week
- 14 Bastille Day
- 18 Women's Pioneer Society
- 30 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

AUGUST

- 3 Jazz Night
- 11 Seafood Buffet
- 15 Women's Pioneer Society
- 18 RACA Annual Motoring Dinner
- 23 Corks 'N Forks Tasting Tour
- 27 Ladies Committee

SEPTEMBER

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

DENDY
CINEMAS

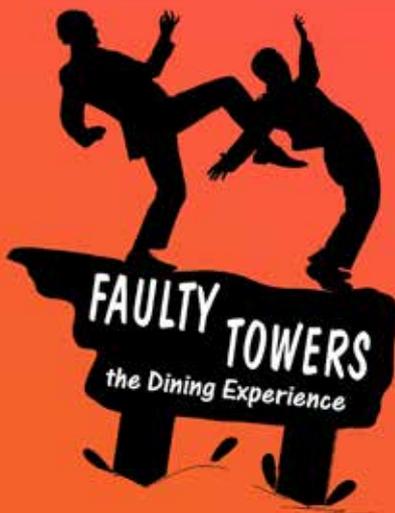
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Receive discounted movie tickets when showing your RACA Member Card at the Box Office!

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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.

Bookings: (02) 8273 2322 | eventsadmin@raca.com.au



PERMANENT PARKING

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

For more information contact Markus Friedler (CEO/Secretary Manager) on 02 8273 2330 or ceo@raca.com.au