



TRAFALGAR DINNER
20 OCTOBER

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7 NOVEMBER

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Dear Members.

Spring is upon us and we are beginning to notice it here in the Club. The events are picking up and our Food and Beverage department is getting busy. I would like to start by thanking all of you for your enthusiastic response to our recent membership renewal period. It promises to be a social and

busy year in the Club. As you know, word-of-mouth is our most valuable tool in growing membership numbers so I encourage all members to continue to introduce family and friends to the Club in coming months.

September has also seen some fascinating gatherings in the Club including The Champagne Sabrage night where both members and guests participated in the technique for opening a champagne bottle with a saber, usually used for ceremonial occasions. By all account this event was a great success.

As the warmer weather approaches, I would like to remind members of the unique opportunities available to them for professional or private events in the Club. With several sized rooms all accompanied by the Clubs traditional standards of service and, The Royal Automobile Club is one of the most impressive places to hold a meeting or function and as always our talented kitchen staff are keen to make you feel proud of your club.

The next quarter also offers members many opportunities to take part in social and gastronomic events including - The Trafalgar Dinner, Henschke Wines Dinner, a Faulty Towers dining experience, a special Caviar night, Melbourne Cup lunch. The Ladies Committee lunches and Women's Pioneer Society events always provide fascinating speakers and beautiful food accompaniments. I urge all members to invite their friends and enjoy any of these upcoming events.

Members will be supplied with gratuities donation form with their statements this month. As another year is coming to an end, I would like to encourage members to contribute to the Staff Christmas Gratuities Fund, as a thank you to the all the staff for their hard work throughout the 2017 year.

And finally, I'd also like to take this opportunity to invite all members to attend the 2017 AGM on October 19 at 6pm. This evening is an opportunity to meet and ask questions directly of your board.

I hope to see you there.

Sincerely

Markus Friedler
CEO and Secretary

MEMBER EVENTS

As we move into the last quarter of 2017, we have some exciting events coming up at the Club. Make sure to book early to avoid missing out!

STREET FOOD WEEK

2-7 October - Harbour Dining Room



Join us in the Harbour Dining Room in October as we take our palates on a world tour; sampling street foods from all around the world, in a menu prepared by our Executive Chef. From Paris to Indonesia to New York, this is a menu that you must try!

JAZZ NIGHT

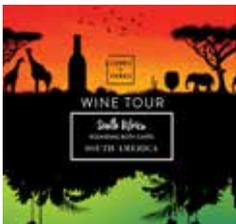
6 October - 6pm - Members Bar



Join us at our monthly jazz night, as we welcome new members to the Club. This month, we have the pleasure of having Jaimie Deakin and Kartik Kuna from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music perform for us. Enjoy some amazing music, and grab some of our Japanese themed Jazz Bites for only \$18!

ROUNDING BOTH CAPES

12 October - 6pm - Board Room \$85



With a four course tasting menu, and wines from both South Africa and South America; join the Corks 'N' Forks as they embark on a sensory adventure through the wilderness! Book now to avoid missing out - limited spots!

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

Phillips Day Commemoration \$75

18 October - 11:30am - Royal Botanic Garden

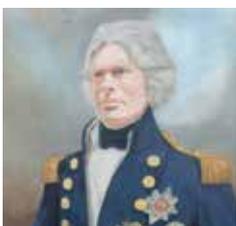


Each year we commemorate Governor Arthur Phillip's birth on 11 October 1738 in London and his role in safely bringing the First Fleet to Port Jackson. Join us for a short ceremony at Governor Arthur Phillip's statue (Macquarie Street entrance) in the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Bookings/Dietary Requirements:
Mrs Lorna Stone (02) 9522 8924

TRAFALGAR DINNER

20 October - 6:30pm - ISC Room \$120



Commemorating Nelson's Famous Victory at Trafalgar - in the finest naval tradition of fine food, plentiful wine and port, The Immortal Memory and great fellowship. There will be a three course dinner, beverages and port, which will be served with the toasts.

MELBOURNE CUP

Luncheon \$133

7 November - 12pm - ISC/Macquarie Room

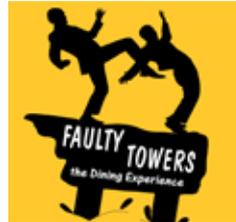


Join us in November as we celebrate the Melbourne Cup with our very own luncheon; a three course menu prepared by our Executive Chef. From beautiful canapés, all the way through to a decadent dessert, accompanied by drinks; what better way is there to celebrate the Melbourne Cup.

FAULTY TOWERS

The Dining Experience \$145

9 November - 7pm - ISC/Macquarie Room



When the audience become diners in the 'Faulty Towers' restaurant, pretty much anything can happen. The fun starts as guests wait to be seated. It then hurtles along in a 2-hour tour de force of gags and shambolic service as Basil, Sybil and Manuel serve a '70s-style 3-course meal together with a good dollop of mayhem. Expect the unexpected!

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

Geoff Pearson \$35

15 November - 12pm - Macquarie Room



2017 marks the centenary of the 3rd Battle of the Ypres, which for many, epitomises the First World War. We welcome back Geoff Pearson, a Vietnam Veteran who spoke last year about Armistice Day, to tell us about this battle.

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Mrs Lorna Stone (02) 9522 8924

HENSCHKE BLACK TIE DINNER

24 November - 7pm - Macquarie Room \$175



Henschke wines are amongst some of the most well-known and sought after wines in Australia. Come join the Corks 'n' Forks in November as we celebrate Henschke and the crown jewel of the night, the 'Hill of Roses'. A night that should not be missed; a selection of Henschke wines, perfectly paired with a menu prepared by our Executive Chef.

LADIES COMMITTEE

Di Solomon \$65

27 November - 12PM - Macquarie Room



Join us this November, as we have our final Ladies Committee luncheon for the year, featuring multi-instrumentalist Di Solomon. Enjoy an indulgent afternoon with delicious canapés, main and dessert as we carol to festive classics!

CORKS 'N' FORKS

Dear Members – I've several things to report this month.

Trip to the Yarra Valley and Mornington Peninsula

Our tour of the Mornington Peninsula and Yarra Valley – staying at the RACV resorts – was very enjoyable indeed. The tour began over dinner at Scopri restaurant in Melbourne; next morning drive to the Mornington Peninsula, where we spent two days enjoying the region's scenery and its many food and vinous delights. Visit to the Moorooduc Estate Winery and dinner at Le Bouchon restaurant were but two of the highlights.

From the Peninsula we drove to the Yarra Valley where we spent our final two days. The scenery is stunning, particularly at Thick as Thieves Winery where we spent nearly two hours in the company of winemaker Syd Bradford tasting his range of excellent, slightly 'out there' wines. Other highlights in the Valley were our steam train ride on the 'Puffing Billy Railway', and our tasting at the Four Pillars gin distillery in Healesville.

Tasting/Tour – Thursday 12 October – 'Exploring South Africa and South America'

Our final tasting/tour for the year will feature wines from South Africa and South America chosen by Steve Blandford, the Club's wine consultant. Quality and diversity of 13 red and white wines from countries such as Argentina, Chile, South Africa, and Uruguay will pleasantly surprise you. One of them, Catena Zapata Alta Malbec 2013, is one of the best Malbecs produced in Argentina.

Carefully matched four-course menu which will be served as we go along.

\$85 per person, limited to 15 places.

Black Tie Henschke Dinner – Friday 24 November

Corks 'n' Forks Black Tie Henschke Dinner is our signature event of the year. This year's dinner, our sixth, will have a roses theme, and will feature Henschke's 2010 'Hill of Roses' Shiraz which, as you probably know, is made from shiraz vines growing in the Hill of Grace vineyard that were taken as cuttings from some of the old 'grandfather' vines around 30 years ago as a means of securing the longevity of the vineyard. It's a unique, hard-to-get, wonderful wine, and will be served with five other red and white wines from the Henschke cellar. There'll also be an options game wine to test your vinous skills.

A bespoke menu to complement the wines, finishing with some cheese with which the Hill of Roses will be served.

\$175 per person

Graeme Jones

For the Corks 'n' Forks Committee



Tour members with winemaker Syd Bradford at 'Thick as Thieves' winery in the Yarra Valley.

HENSCHKE
BLACK TIE DINNER

— 24 NOV 7PM —
MACQUARIE ROOM
\$175 per person

THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Mr Robin Barham
Mr Adam Brown
Mr Denis Callahan
Mr Daniel Caruso
Mr David Clark
Mr Brent Cook

Mr John Gough
Mr Nick Greenhalgh
Mr Kenneth Honeysett
Mr Jonathan Rogers
Mr Arjuna Rupesinghe
Miss Emily Russell

Mr Anthony Smiljan
Mr Craig Suttar
Mr Matthew Wilson

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

RACA MOTORING

The RACA Motoring event calendar for 2017 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.

MOTORING NEWS

Fluid Friday in Members Bar held on the last Friday in each month continues to attract Members looking for an informal gathering.

It is a great opportunity to catch not only with our Motoring Pals, but also other Members in the relaxed atmosphere of Members Bar.

Our Annual meeting last month saw a group gather to share discuss ideas about Motoring and some broader matters relating to the Club.

We think some positive outcomes will develop for the benefit of all Members.

This month will see the RACA trophies contested at Sydney Motorsport Park in SA, SB and SC classes. Last year, Member Peter Eppel presented the winners trackside.

We look forward to another exciting event of wheel to wheel action.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 11-12: Historic Racing at SMP Eastern Creek (RACA trophies to be presented)

Dec 8: Christmas Drinks

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LADIES COMMITTEE

On Monday 28 August, 2017 the Royal Automobile Club of Australia's Ladies Committee held their luncheon.

Mr Neville Barrett General Manager of the Salvos Stores (a branch of the Salvation Army) was the guest speaker. Neville has dedicated his life to helping less fortunate individuals and groups. The first Salvation Army recycling depots were opened in Australia in 1880 helping with food and accommodating men leaving prison. The Salvos have developed a multimillion dollar recycling service from these humble beginnings. The members and their guests in attendance were very impressed by Neville's presentation and enjoyable two course luncheon.

On Monday 27 November, 2017 the Ladies Committee will hold their final luncheon with of the year, which will be a Christmas themed luncheon. Vocalist Di Solomon, will grace us with her beautiful voice. There will be sing along carolling.

I do hope to see you there.

Regards,

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



HSRCA Summer Historic Racing Festival Poster





CLUB UPDATES

September saw an array of events take place at the Club. German Food Week at the Harbour Room was a success, as the aroma and spirit of Oktoberfest filled the room. The Women's Pioneer Society had the pleasure of having The Carlings talk about their ancestors and tell the story of how their family played a pivotal role in the development of Australian law. The Ladies Committee had the pleasure of welcoming Liz Davenport, as they had an afternoon filled with fashion and food; looking at Liz's newest styles and trends from her new collection.

BNI

**Limited space available - to register visit www.bnicbdshine.com
Early Bird \$45**

Meeting every Thursday for breakfast, BNI (Business Networking International) CBD Shine is an exceptional group of successful & like-minded business people who collaborated with the objective of creating and sharing business opportunities. We started in August 2015 and since then we have settled over \$3 million in referral business to our members.

Our group of like-minded business people are looking for other business owners in various industries to whom they can refer business.

We are a powerful, trusted, and connected community of Sydney business people brought together by a shared passion for our work, vision for the future. Our members cover various industries including Business Services, Legal, Finance & Insurance, Healthcare, Marketing & Media and Property Services.

7 DAY OFFER

We personally invite your friends & colleagues to enjoy and access all of the Club's facilities and events through our exclusive 7 Day Offer.

It doesn't get much better with a seven day experience; to the culinary flair of the Harbour Dining Room, pre-theatre drinks in the Member's Bar and an overnight stay in one of our Harbour View Rooms. Experience the Club just like our Member's do.

Member benefits range from unlimited access to the building, Members Bar, Harbour Dining Room, 'members only' rates when holding your next conference and events, 29 accommodation rooms with free Wi-Fi, valet parking, gym business hub, and access to 200 global reciprocal private member clubs.

For membership enquiries and to find out more about the 7 Day Offer, contact the Memberships and Marketing team on 02 8273 2318 or marketing@raca.com.au

WINE OF THE MONTH TYRELLS WINES



Ra Nui Marlborough Wairau Valley - Chardonnay 2013

On the palate subtle citrus & stonefruit flavours balanced with creamy oak.



Ra Nui Marlborough Wairau Valley - Pinot Gris 2016

The wine shows ripe stone fruit, citrus, pear, and some spice. A dry style with medium palate weight.



Ra Nui Marlborough Wairau Valley - Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Clear, brilliant pale lemon straw. On the palate rich and concentrated, bone dry with crisp acidity, silken texture and an incredible long finish.

20 OCT 6:30PM
ISC/MACQUARIE ROOM
**TRAFALGAR
DINNER**

BLACK TIE/LOUNGE SUIT
\$120 PP/\$1080 TABLE OF 10

Celebrating in naval tradition of fine food, plentiful wine & port

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

CHRISTMAS GRATUITIES FUND

As members are aware, the club does not support a staff tipping policy. The trading results achieved by the club reflect not only on the support of members but also the service offered by all staff members.

The Board encourages member support of the Staff Christmas Gratuities Fund to ensure that all staff receive some monetary recognition for their efforts in making our visits to the Club as pleasant as they always are. Members will be supplied with a gratuities donation form with statements this month.

If you wish to contribute, please ring the club accounts team on 02 8273 2311

FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

- 2-7 Street Food Week
- 6 Jazz Night
- 12 Corks 'n' Forks Tour
- 18 Women's Pioneer Society
- 19 AGM
- 20 Trafalgar Dinner

REGULAR EVENTS

Bridge Club

Every Tuesday
\$30pp 10.30am in the Albert Room

Regular Army Officers

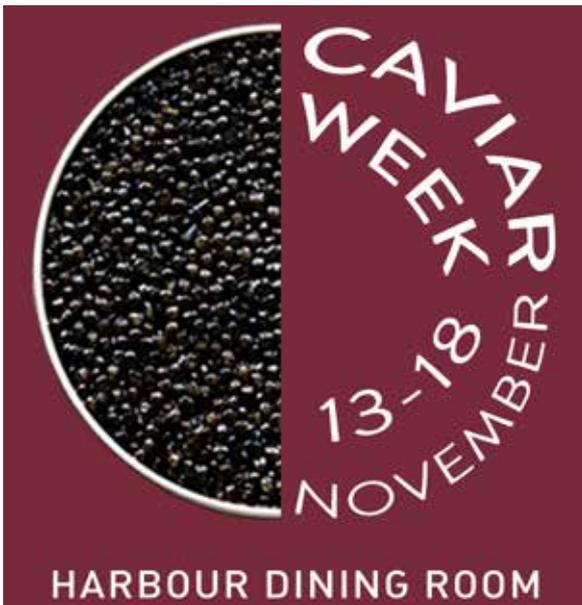
2nd Friday of the Month
\$65pp 2 course lunch & beverages
12pm in the Members Bar

NOVEMBER

- 3 Jazz Night
- 7 Melbourne Cup
- 9 Faulty Towers
- 13-18 Caviar Week
- 15 Women's Pioneer Society
- 24 Henschke Black Tie Dinner
- 27 Ladies Committee

DECEMBER

- 1 Jazz Night
- 7 Caviar Night
- 12 Business Network
- 20 Women's Pioneer Society
- 26 Christmas Lunch
- 31 New Years Eve Party



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