

SEPTEMBER 2011

# RACANEWS



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## FOUR SEASONS FINE WINES

### Winemakers Dinner

THURSDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2011

Join us on Thursday 13th October as Australia and New Zealand go head to head in the World Cup Final of Wine.

Rod Parker from Four Seasons Fine Wines is your (mostly) neutral host and will present a selection of wines from the likes of Xanadu, Yering Station, Mahi, John Forrest and Waitiri Creek. Controversy and entertainment are guaranteed!

Let your palate decide the victor as you enjoy our Executive Chef Simon Flanders' beautifully matched five course menu.

\*Please note this Winemakers Dinner will be a "blind" tasting.

### Menu and Wines

Canapés and drinks served Arrival

Lightly Spiced Scampi with a Ginger and Champagne Broth

Served with Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, NZ vs Adelaide Hills, SA

Pan-fried John Dory, with Fennel, Blood Orange Salad and an Almond Aioli

Served with Chardonnay, Marlborough, NZ vs Margaret River, WA

Warm Game and Leek Terrine and a Truffle dressing

Served with Pinot Noir, Central Otago, NZ vs Yarra Valley, Vic

Rack of Lamb with a Green Olive, Feta and Mint Stuffing, Pumpkin Polenta and Vine Tomatoes

Served with Cabernet Sauvignon, Gimblett Gravels, NZ vs Coonawarra, SA

Berry and Praline Pavlova

Served with Dessert Wines Marlborough, NZ vs Yarra Valley, Vic

Coffee, tea and Petits fours.



**Date:** 13th October 2011

**Time:** 6.30 pm for drinks in the Members Bar, and then onto the Vintage Room for Dinner.

**Cost:** \$120.00 dinner at 7.00pm

To reserve your place at our Winemakers Dinner please contact Ellen on T: 8273 2320 or email functions@raca.com.au



31st December 2011 - between 6.00pm - 2.00am

The secret is out, where's the best spot to welcome in the New Year, it is at the Club!

This year we are delighted to be able to offer you a choice two different dining experiences to bring in the New Year.

The Club is the best spot to welcome in the New Year, come in and celebrate this special occasion with your family and friends. Be quick this year in order to book either of our sumptuous NYE 2011 Dining experiences...

You can either dine in style and elegance in the Harbour Dining Room, delighting in our 5 course dining package, or on the other hand, you can revel in a lively evening of cocktails and canapés all night long, dancing to your favourite tunes from the last four decades and current chart topping songs, with SoulArte who have the perfect "old meets new" song list guaranteed to please everyone!

Children are very welcome and can have fun in the supervised play zone with movies and games on big screens.

Both New Year dining experiences, showcase wonderful menus and include all drinks, entertainment for all ages along with dancing.

This year why not bring in the New Year, at the Club!



Dear Members, Our NYE Packages are great value for they not only include either one of our two Dining packages, the following meals and inclusions have also been bundled up for ease and convenience during this wonderful time of the year.

New Year Eve packages take into account, Hot Breakfast on the 1st Jan and then Continental breakfast on the 2nd Jan, a limited choice ALC Dinner menu on Sunday 1st January in the HDR, Valet Car parking and Accommodation for either a two or three night stay at the Club.

### MEMBERS EXCLUSIVE PACKAGE

Room Type	Number of Guests	Two Night Package price	Room Type	Number of Guests	Three Night Package price
Macq St Deluxe	2	\$1,390.00	Macq St Deluxe	2	\$1,810.00
King	2	\$1,360.00	King	2	\$1,770.00
Queen	2	\$1,310.00	Queen	2	\$1,700.00
Twin - Large	2	\$1,240.00	Twin - Large	2	\$1,600.00
Twin - Small	2	\$1,190.00	Twin - Small	2	\$1,500.00
Single with facilities	1	\$785.00	Single with facilities	1	\$1,040.00
Single with no facilities	1	\$730.00	Single with no facilities	1	\$910.00
Room 621 - Single with no facilities with Harbour view	1	\$785.00	Room 621 - Single with no facilities with Harbour view	1	\$980.00
Additional Adult in room	1	\$500.00	Additional Adult in room	1	\$510.00
Additional Child in room (13-17yrs old)	1	\$355.00	Additional Child in room (13-17yrs old)	1	\$380.00
Additional Child in room (5-12yrs old)	1	\$280.00	Additional Child in room (5-12yrs old)	1	\$300.00

New Year's Eve packages on sale now, to book please contact Reception on T: (02) 8273 2300

At the time of your booking full payment is required and is non-refundable.

# CLUB NEWS

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UPDATES AND INFORMATION FROM AROUND THE CLUB

## NEW MEMBERS

*Welcome*

Mr Craig Milner	Dr Andrew Simpson
Mr Ken Carr	Mr Mark Rodgers
Mrs Lynette McLeod	Mr Robert Boynton
Lady Helen Gordon	Mr Bruce Clarke
Mrs Dorothy Hurrell	Mr Jesse Downer
Mr Trifon Chryssafis	Mr John Scutt
Ms Roslyn Bowen-Day	Mr John Ganderton

## Member Events

**Ladies Committee Luncheon on Monday 29th August 2011 with special guest speaker Michele Cranston, Food Editor at Large, Australian Women's Weekly.**



Left to right: Mrs M. Dawes-Smith OAM, President Ladies Committee, our Special Guest speaker Michele Cranston, Australian Women's Weekly and Mrs S. Gould OAM.



Left to right: Ms C. Trappes-Lomax, Mrs J. Poulton and Mrs Maureen Ann Chasing

**Come in and join us at our next luncheon which also includes a Liz Davenport fashion parade, on Monday 26th September 2011.**

## NAVAL OFFICERS' CLUB · TRAFALGAR DINNER

Friday 21st October 2011

Special Guest of Honour for this dinner is Rear Admiral S.R. Gilmore, CSC, AM, RAN.

Rear Admiral Steve Gilmore joined the Royal Australian Navy as a junior entry Cadet Midshipman in 1977 graduating in 1981.

After receiving his Bridge Watch-keeping Certificate in 1983, he was posted as an Officer of the watch in HMAS STALWART.

On completion of the Principal Warfare Officers' Course and specialization in gunnery and air warfare he completed three consecutive postings at sea including exchange with the Royal Navy.

On posting ashore he served in Maritime Headquarters as the Fleet Gunnery Officer and PWO(A) in the Sea Training Group. He was subsequently posted as the Executive Officer of the guided missile frigate, HMAS MELBOURNE.

Promoted to Commander in 1996, he was posted as the RAN liaison officer to the US Navy Doctrine Command in Norfolk, Virginia, USA.

On return to Australia he was posted to Maritime Headquarters as Commander Plans. He was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) in the 2000



Queen's Birthday Honours list for his service in this role.

He then assumed command of the frigate HMAS ARUNTA. In addition to major Task Group deployments, a highlight of his command was the award of the prestigious Gloucester Cup which recognized HMAS ARUNTA as the Navy's best major fleet unit in 2000.

Promoted to Captain in 2001, he attended the Defence and Strategic Studies Course at the Australian Defence College and graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Studies. He was then posted as Director of Maritime Combat Development.

He was promoted to Commodore in January 2005 and posted as Director General Navy Strategic Policy and Futures in Navy Headquarters. From there he was selected to command Task Force 58 in the Northern Persian Gulf. He was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in recognition of his service as Operational Commander. On his return to Australia became the Commander of Navy's Systems Command.

He was promoted to Rear Admiral in June 2008 and assumed the position as Commander of the Australian Fleet in October 2009.

**Date:** Friday 21 October 2011    **Time:** 6.30pm for 7.15pm Dinner  
**Room:** Macquarie Room    **Dress:** Black tie with miniatures or lounge suit.  
**Cost:** \$98.00 per person, includes 3 course dinner and drinks.

\*Partners welcome, numbers are limited so please book to attend this event, quickly.

\*Parking is available at the Club please make mention of this at the time of your reservation.

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## SNOOKER NEWS

The Albert Room was at capacity for the social snooker evening on 17 August. The Langley family dominated play, prizes for the highest breaks going to Ron Langley (gentlemen) and Carol Langley (ladies). The next social evening will be on 28 September from 6 pm. Our active snooker players are keen for more members to join in (contact the club), whether beginners or seasoned players, and we will arrange social evenings according to demand. Presentation of trophies for the internal competition will take place on 28 September.



Left to right at back: John Freeman, Martin Mikulicic, Harry Terrett, George Terry, Graham Yager, Katrina Dowse, Peter Langley, Carol Langley, Andrew Cheung, Megan Tregillas. Left to right at front: Ron Langley, Steve Thomson, Martin Fisher, Simon Carroll

## MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH 2011

Melbourne Cup Carnival - Tuesday 1st November 2011 - between 12pm and 4pm

Celebrate the Melbourne Cup in style, come in and enjoy canapés and sparkling wine on arrival, an elegant 3 course sit down luncheon including beverages, Big screen TV's, Full and live coverage of the Race Day, fun sweepstakes and fantastic prizes for the best dressed couple, best dressed female, best dressed male and best hat and tie, plus great company!

\$95.00 per person

To make your reservation for lunch please contact Ellen Harmer T: 8273 2320 or email [functions@raca.com.au](mailto:functions@raca.com.au)



# CLUB DINING

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HARBOUR DINING ROOM AND MEMBERS' BAR

## Going out on the weekend, why not come into the Club and start with breakfast in the HARBOUR DINING ROOM?

Breakfast is now available in the Harbour Dining Room from 7.00am to 12.00 midday on Saturdays and Sundays.

Come in and try our new Breakfast Menu with favourites like Eggs Benedict, Toasted Bagels with smoked salmon, crème fraiche, avocado and beetroot, or our "Big Breakfast", of sausages, bacon, vine tomatoes, grilled mushrooms and free range eggs done your way!

Sweet breakfast options also available.

Booking preferred, please telephone T: 8273 2370

We look forward to seeing you soon for Breakfast in the Club.



## BUSINESS LUNCH OFFER

Come in and join us for lunch soon, take advantage of our special Business Lunch offer.

Two courses without beverages for \$39.00 per person.

or

Main meal and a glass of RACA wine for \$35.00 per person.

Our luncheon offer of available to order from the Members Bar or Harbour Dining Room.



## SEAFOOD & BUFFET NIGHTS

**Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th of September in the Harbour Dining Room.**

Love seafood? Come in and dine on our buffet whilst enjoying spectacular views of majestic Sydney Harbour from the dining room on L7 and delight in the freshest local seafood!

Cost: \$75.00 per person, to book for Dinner please telephone **T: 8273 2370**

## SEPTEMBER WINE OF THE MONTH

Buy any case of 12 bottles of wines from the Montrose Winery in Mudgee and go into the draw to win a spectacular seaplane trip for two to Jonah's Restaurant at Whale Beach!

"This month, we are delighted to offer you a selection of fine wines from the James Halliday 5 Star Rated, Montrose Winery in Mudgee. Choose from the region's best Chardonnay, the famous Black Shiraz or for something different, why not try some Barbera or Sangiovese grown from the first ever cuttings planted in Australia? Established in 1974 by Carlo and Franco, two best friends from Italy, the winery has gone on to win numerous awards. Now under the stewardship of Robert Oatley, it continues to be the standard bearer for the region producing wines of the highest quality. Plus, buy any case of 12 to go into the draw to win a spectacular seaplane trip for two to Jonah's Restaurant at Whale Beach. The prize includes return flights



*See what's on offer today*

from Rose Bay to Pittwater, transfers to and from Jonah's and lunch for two. A spectacular offer not to be missed. Cin, cin! Wines cost either \$300.00 or \$375.00 per case of 12 including Free Delivery. Please see the order form for more details."

## Christmas Day LUNCH BUFFET

**25th December 2011 - between 12.00 - 3.00pm**

Celebrate in style, whilst enjoying a lavish Christmas luncheon in the Harbour Dining Room or Macquarie Room.

We pride ourselves in serving to you the finest Christmas fare in Sydney. This year our menu includes only the freshest local seafood, festive roast meats, a wonderful selection of summer salads, as well as the traditional favourites like Turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding and mince pies.

Come in and celebrate Christmas 2011 in style, and leave all the hard work to us!

Christmas Day Lunch Buffet includes, our Buffet luncheon and drinks, and a Very Special Visit from Santa Claus for the young and young at heart!

Cost: \$135.00 for adults, \$85.00 for young adults (13-18yrs) and \$65.00 for children (4-12 year).

To book please contact Ellen Harmer on T: 8273 2320 or email [functions@raca.com.au](mailto:functions@raca.com.au)



## Seafood PLATTERS FOR

Executive Chef, Simon Flanders captures the essence of freshness with a tempting new selection of Hot and Cold Seafood Platters for two, inspired by flavour and simplicity.

### Plateau De Fruit de Mer Chaud (Hot)

Selection of Local Shellfish, Cooked to Order With Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Verjuice, Lemon, and Fresh Herbs.

**Includes:** Blue Swimmer Crab, Tasmanian Mussels, Pippis, Sydney Rock Oysters, Balmain Bug, Yabbies. Accompanied with an Avocado and Vine Tomato Leaf Salad, Rouille, Shoe String Fries

### Plateau De Fruit de Mer Froide (Cold)

Fresh Shellfish Served on Crushed Ice with a Roast a Remoulade Mayonnaise, lime and Ginger dip, Mignonette.

**Includes:** Lobster, Sydney Rock Oysters, Blue Swimmer Crab, Tasmanian Mussels, Tiger Prawns, 1/2 Shell Scallop Accompanied with an Avocado, vine Tomato Leaf Salad, Shoe String Fries

\$135.00 for two



Please call the Harbour Dining Room to order our new Platters before you arrive, 24 hours notice is required. Our telephone number is T: 8273 2370

## SEPTEMBER MEMBER FUNCTIONS

Member Functions to get involved in.

All Members and guests are welcome to attend our Club functions.

### BRIDGE CLUB

Tuesdays, 10.30am-2.30pm \$28.00 per person for supervised bridge game including light lunch and beverages. Meet on level 3 in the Albert Room, \*Special valet car parking rates.

### REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS LUNCH

Friday 9th September, meet in the Members Bar at 12:00 Noon. To attend, contact Ellen on T: 8273 2320 or [functions@raca.com.au](mailto:functions@raca.com.au).

### WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

Wednesday 21st September. Special Guest Speaker is Silas Clifford Smith, Heritage Gardener, writer and photographer, his subject is Percy Lindsay, (brother of Norman Lindsay). Lunch served with light refreshments. Please book to attend and call Mrs Barbara Dreverman on T: 9498 1156.

### LADIES COMMITTEE LUNCHEON

Monday 26th September. Fashion Parade with Liz Davenport fashions. Meet up for 2 course luncheon. Please meet in the Macquarie Room on Level 4 at 12.00pm for 12.30 lunch. \$50.00 per person. Please book to attend, contact Ellen on T: 8273 2320 or [functions@raca.com.au](mailto:functions@raca.com.au).

# GET INVOLVED

*with our Club Events*

HARBOUR ROOM DINING // MEMBERS BAR // SHOWS // FAVOURITES // MEMBERS

## SEPTEMBER

### FRIDAY 9TH

#### Regular Army Officers Luncheon

Meet in the Members Bar at 12:00 Noon.  
To attend, contact Ellen on T: 8273 2320 or  
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### MONDAY 12TH

#### Roman Holiday – Sydney Symphony Orchestra

A musical fairytale, a horn concerto, baroque-inspired birds, and a sunlit symphony.  
Includes A-reserve seating at the Sydney Opera House, dinner and wine in the Harbour Dining Room. \$165.00 per person.

### TUESDAY 20TH

#### Macbeth – Opera Australia

Includes Circle B-reserve seating at the Sydney Opera House, dinner and wine in the Harbour Dining Room, \$195.00 per person.

### WEDNESDAY 21ST

#### Women's Pioneer Society

Luncheon with special guest speaker Siras Clifford-Smith will talk on Percy Lindsay, artist and Bohemian, elder brother of Norman. Lunch served with light refreshments. Please book to attend, contact Mrs. Barbara Dreverman on T: 9498 1156.



### MONDAY 26TH

#### Ladies Committee Fashion Parade and Luncheon with Liz Davenport.

Women's fashion and clothing for every occasion – Travel, Corporate, Special Occasion, Casual -

brilliant colours, fantastic styles. Come in, have fun and see her fashions, along with a two course luncheon, including beverages. Please meet in the Macquarie Room on Level 4 at 12.00pm for 12.30pm luncheon and fashion parade. \$50.00 per person. Please book to attend, contact Ellen on T: 8273 2320 or functions@raca.com.au.



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## OCTOBER

### WEDNESDAY 12TH

#### Genealogy

Meet in the Members Bar at 10:30am.  
Please book to attend and contact our convener, Mr I Palmer T: 9522 8317.

### WEDNESDAY 12TH

**Dvoraks New World Symphony:** New Horizons – Sydney Symphony Orchestra. American inspirations and a favourite Mozart piano concerto. Includes A-reserve seating at the Sydney Opera House, dinner and wine in the Harbour Dining Room, \$165.00 pp.

### FRIDAY 14TH

#### Regular Army Officers Luncheon

Meet in the Members Bar at 12:00 Noon. To attend, contact Ellen on T: 8273 2320 or functions@raca.com.au.

### WEDNESDAY 19TH

#### Women's Pioneer Society

Special Guest Speaker is Dr. Gary Darby, Lecturer, Art Historian Writer. Lunch served with light refreshments. Please book to attend, contact Mrs Barbara Dreverman on T: 9498 1156.

### FRIDAY 21ST

#### Naval Officers' Club

Trafalgar Dinner Friday 21st October 2011. Special Guest of Honour for this dinner is Rear Admiral S.R. Gilmore, CSC, AM, RAN.

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### MONDAY 24TH

#### Ladies Committee Luncheon

No Luncheon is held this month, we look forward to seeing you all at the November end of year Christmas Party celebrations on Monday 28th November 2011.

### EVERY TUESDAY

#### Bridge Club

\$28.00 per person for supervised Bridge game including light lunch and beverages. Meet on Level 3 in the Albert Room.

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### FRIDAY 23RD AND SATURDAY 24TH

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