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# R A C A N E W S

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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

### MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



We are pleased to advise that Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC has granted our request for Vice Regal Patronage to the Royal Automobile Club of Australia. Her Excellency is the 39th Governor of New South Wales, commencing her five-year tenure on 2 May 2019.

Prior to her appointment as Governor, Her Excellency enjoyed a long and distinguished law career spanning 43 years, during which time she served as a role model for women in law at both the State and national level.

Appointed Queen's Counsel in 1989, in 1993 she was made a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, the first woman to sit exclusively in that Court. In 1996, she achieved the distinction of being the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Court of Appeal and, subsequently, as the first woman to be appointed as its President. She served, on a number of occasions, as Administrator of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

She was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in the Australia Day Honours List on 26 January 2020 for "eminent service to the people of New South Wales, particularly through leadership roles in the judiciary, and as a mentor of young women lawyers".

Her Excellency brings her deep commitment to education, youth leadership, human rights and social justice to the role in service of the people of New South Wales.



We look forward to welcoming Her Excellency to the Club.



**\$3,000** - FUNDS RAISED IN JANUARY BY RACA MEMBERS FOR RFS!

### 2020 CLUB TRADING HOURS DURING EASTER & ANZAC DAY

DATE	DAY	HARBOUR DINING ROOM			MEMBER'S BAR		GARAGE OPENING HOURS
		BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	LUNCH	DINNER	
10 April	Friday	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
11 April	Saturday	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
12 April	Sunday	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
13 April	Monday	Open	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>ANZAC DAY</b>							
25 April	Saturday	12:00pm - 3:00pm Pre-bookings only		Closed	Closed	Closed	7:00am - 4:00pm





## CORKS 'N' FORKS

Dear Members,

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, Corks 'n' Forks would be keen to hear from anyone interested in joining our committee. We'd be particularly interested to hear from anyone who works in the hospitality industry, or the food and beverage, especially the wine, industry.

A particular reason for asking is that we're considering whether an expanded role for Corks 'n' Forks, over and above arranging our very successful tasting/tours and dinners, might enable the Club to provide additional food and beverage services to members. Things such as the Club's wine list and wine of the month come to mind.

Being part of our committee wouldn't take too much of your time, and I reckon you'd enjoy it. If you're interested please don't hesitate to contact me.

Please also mark in your diaries the following dates for Corks 'n' Forks events this year. There'll be others, and we'll keep you posted.

**Tasting/tours** - 27 February, 2 April, 20 August and 8 October.

**Dinners** - 22 May (Theme tba), 14 July (Bastille) and 27 November (Henschke).

As indicated, we're thinking about what other things Corks 'n' Forks might do this year. Suggestions so far include weekends away, a 'Festa Italiana' dinner, and a vinous trip to WA's Margaret River region on the 'Indian Pacific'. If anyone has any thoughts or suggestions, then please let us know. Committee members' names and email addresses are at the foot of this email.

**Committee member details are:**

**Avril Fortuin - avituin1@gmail.com, Brent Halligan - info@legalmigrationservices.com, Roger Butler - LAW@colebutler.com.au, and myself - mogigi.grj@bigpond.com.**

I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the above events.

Thanks and regards

Graeme Jones

For the Corks 'n' Forks Committee



## MOTORING

RACA Motoring team recently worked in conjunction with the club's events team and the Winston Churchill Trust to deliver a talk by a recent Fellow of the Trust, Robert Siemsen, who has just returned from the UK where - with the help of the Trust - he spent time with five coach-builders as well as Rolls-Royce and Aston Martin. Robert gave a very entertaining talk about his time learning traditional coach-building skills as well as English humour! To complement his talk, Robert also exhibited 30

beautifully composed photographs that he had taken during his trip and presented them as large images in a gallery format.

The Club had so much interest from members as well as non-members keen to hear Robert that we ended up have the exhibition on two nights - both of which we very well attended. The Trust also took some video one evening and interviewed several members about the exhibition and the Club's heritage.

Finally, this year RACA Motoring is looking to hold our Annual Tour in the southern parts of the State to help put some dollars back into areas affected by the bush fires, so look out for more information over the next month - we expect to hold this event in late May.

Stephen Wells

Convenor, RACA Motoring

**For any further information please contact Stephen Wells via [motoring@raca.com.au](mailto:motoring@raca.com.au) or <https://www.facebook.com/RACAMEG>**



## FLUID FRIDAYS

UPCOMING:  
Friday 27 Mar 6pm  
Friday 24 Apr 6pm

All members are invited to the RACA Motoring group at their monthly informal gathering for a meal and drink in the Pioneers' Room



## SPORTS ENTHUSIAST

The Sports Enthusiast group has been formed to provide an avenue for members to get together at sporting events and enjoy watching a variety of games or races with fellow members.

Join us for a day at the races! Meeting at the RACA Club in the Harbour Dining Room for breakfast at 9am, we will then jump on the tram to Randwick Racecourse at 10:30am.

**Date:** Saturday 7 March 2020

**Cost:** Breakfast, travel and tickets to the races all at your own cost, \$27 entry

**Contact:** Mr Steven Thomson via email [smthomson175@gmail.com](mailto:smthomson175@gmail.com)



# IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK!

## WIN A \$50 HOUSE CREDIT

Each month our Members knowledge will be put to the test! The walls of our club have stood the test of time and house some of the most beautiful artefacts from history. Simply answer the question below via email (include your membership number) to [marketing@raca.com.au](mailto:marketing@raca.com.au) or pick up an entry form from the club. Correct entries will go in the draw to win a \$50 credit on your house account.

### Question:

**How many Liners are depicted in the painting of 'The Departure of the first convoy to leave Australia'?**

### Bonus Question:

**Name at least one of the Liners.**

Include the correct answer to the 'Bonus Question' to automatically receive a voucher for a complimentary glass of **Premium RACA House Wine, Beer or Soft Drink** when dining in the Harbour Dining Room or Member's Bar.

**T&C's:** The winner will be randomly selected from the correct entries and drawn on the 25th of each month (or nearest business day) and their name published in the following newsletter.

Members must be financial to enter and the \$50 credit will be transferred to the Members house account. **Bonus question prize:** glass of wine, beer or soft drink valid for 30 days from the date of issue and available from the Harbour Dining Room or Members Bar only, Limit ONE VOUCHER per member, not transferable for cash or credit. The Bonus Question Voucher will be emailed or mailed, depending on your preferred delivery option, on 25th of each month (or nearest business day).

NSW permit number: LTPS/19/35542



It is with deep sadness that we advise you of the passing of RACA Life Member Colonel John Sutherland Haynes, AM.

Col Haynes was a loyal and much-loved member, not only amongst his fellow members but also the staff, management and Board of RACA. His contribution to the Club over the past 66 years has been significant. He was a very active member and enjoyed participating in a number of the member interest groups here at the club, including Bridge and Snooker. His unwavering passion in support of fellow comrades led to the incorporation of the Imperial Service Club Ltd with RACA in 1984.

Col Haynes enlisted in the Citizen Military Forces (CMF) on 15 July 1948 and retired from the Australian Regular Army on 30 October 1984. He served his time in the Army and the Corps with deep commitment to doing the right thing. As one, of many, said 'The great man's selflessness and humbleness shall always be remembered'.

Col Jeff Stark, AOGC President, said, 'John was a giant among men in fighting for the entitlements of officers and soldiers through his advocacy work in the Regular Defence Force Welfare Association (RDFWA) and its successor the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA). Stories abound about John securing people very large compensation payouts through his investigative efforts. A large number of people owe their quality of life in their later years to John's determination'.

For his service in fighting for the entitlements of officers and soldiers through his advocacy work in the Regular Defence Force Welfare Association (RDFWA) and its successor the Defence Force Welfare Association (DFWA), John was conferred a Medal in the Order of Australia (OAM) in the 2005 Queen's Birthday honours list "For service to the welfare of veterans and serving members of the Australian Defence Force through a range of service and ex-Service organisations."

In his later years, John's passion turned to recognising the contribution to Australia's military history of our Boer War veterans. The club proudly displayed a miniature replica of the four mounted troopers, 150% life size in bronze, in the Members Bar towards the end of 2017. Col Haynes was committed to building the Boer War Memorial in our nation's capital and for his efforts John was recognised in the 2019 Australia Day honours list by being admitted as a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) "For significant service to veterans, particularly through the National Boer War Memorial Association."

Vale and Rest in Peace Colonel John Haynes, you have contributed so much to this world and will be remembered as a true gentleman and a great Australian. Col Haynes is survived by his devoted wife Gwendoline, whom he married in 1955. Our thoughts are with all family and friends.



## LADIES COMMITTEE

Dear Members,

Happy New Year to everyone from the Ladies Committee.

2020 has not been a kind year so far to Australia and for Australians, but let us hope and pray that many special days of good health and happiness are with us now.

The Ladies Committee commenced the year with committed advocate for change Ronni Kahn A.O. Chief Executive Officer and Founder of Oz Harvest as our guest speaker.

On Monday 30th March 2020 Mrs. Susan Ramage award winning author of "The Urban Escapees" will be our luncheon guest speaker. Susan will share with us the enchanting, entertaining and educational children's story of young Louis and a brushtail possum family.

I do hope to see you at one of our Ladies luncheons soon.

Regards,  
Mrs Margaret Dawes-Smith OAM  
President of the RACA Ladies Committee.



# CLUB UPDATES



CONGRATULATIONS to our esteemed member **Ms Judy Dircks** a happy recipient of \$50 on their house account, who was drawn from all the entries that correctly answered the main question for the February edition in our 'If these walls could talk' competition. The artist of the painting that adorns the wall in the Fitness Centre is Woodward.

Thank you to all our members that participated and those who correctly answered the Bonus Question, There are seven flowers that appear in the painting- **enjoy your complimentary beverage voucher!**

Take some time out and look around the club. While you're at it, pick up an entry form and complete the quiz for the next draw. Enter now for the chance to win **\$50 HOUSE CREDIT!**

## MOTERING EXHIBITION



**RACA SPECIAL MEMBERS RATE \$75**

ENTER DISCOUNT CODE 'RACA' AT CHECKOUT

**BOOKINGS**

Phone: Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm  
T: 02 9232 7322

Online: www.fab.org.au  
email: admin@fab.org.au

**MEET THE NEW DANCERS**  
THE FUTURE OF THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2020  
6.30pm for 7pm start  
The Royal Automobile Club of Australia

**SPONSORS**  
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**REFER A FRIEND**

RECEIVE UP TO \$200 ON YOUR HOUSE ACCOUNT

**REFER A NEW MEMBER AND BE REWARDED!**

For each New Member proposed, you will receive the following House Credit:

**RACA Members House Credit**

- New Town Member: RECEIVE \$200 CREDIT
- New Country, Interstate or Under 40 Member: RECEIVE \$150 CREDIT
- New Defence, Emergency Services, Associate or Young Executive Member: RECEIVE \$100 CREDIT

All new 'referred' members will also have the Joining Fee of \$250 waived, if applicable.

Please contact the Membership & Marketing Department on 02 8273 2318 or marketing@raca.com.au for more information.

Terms & Conditions: This offer is valid for New Member applications received from 1 February to 30 April 2020. The funds will be credited to your house account once the New Member is approved by the Board and will expire on 30 June 2020. Funds credited into your house account cannot go towards your membership subscription and are not redeemable for cash.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**UNDER 40's MEMBERSHIP**

**NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY**

The new 'Under 40's' category was voted by members at the most recent AGM which provides eligible members with a reduced subscription rate.

**UNDER 40's MEMBERSHIP (30-40 years of age), \$1,350.00 p.a.**

Joining Fee	N/A
Subscription	\$850 p.a.
Prepaid Spend	\$500 p.a.

Please contact the Membership & Marketing Department on 02 8273 2318 or marketing@raca.com.au for more information.

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**THE HISTORIC MOTERING Awards 2019 FINALIST**

**HAUTE AUTOMOBILISME**

5<sup>TH</sup> - 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2020  
SWIFTS, DARLING POINT

**AXA SYDNEY HARBOUR CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE**  
POWERED BY FERRARI

Confrérie du Sabre d'Or  
Australian Grand Chapter

**Champagne Sabrage Cocktail Party**

Champagne Roger Manceaux  
Grand Cru & Premier Cru

Sabrage

Domaine Vincent Bachelet  
Grands Vins de Bourgogne

Saturday March 14, 2020  
Royal Automobile Club of Australia (RACA)

6.00pm - 10.00pm  
\$185 (GST Incl) per person

Bookings are essential. Contact the RACA Events team on 02 8273 2320 or events@raca.com.au



## THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Mr Anilpreet Singh Bawa  
Mr Neil Young  
Mr Tim Goodman  
Miss Renay Kougelis

Mr Caleb Jacobs  
Mr Gregory Maher  
Mr Christopher Colfer  
Mr Nicholas Bramwell

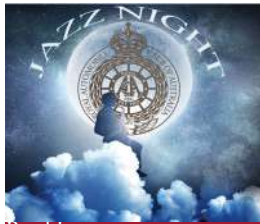


# MEMBER EVENTS

We have number of fantastic upcoming events for members and their guests. Book early to avoid disappointment.

## JAZZ NIGHT

6 March 6PM



Bookings:  
Not required

The tradition continues at the Club, with Jazz Night on the first Friday of each month.

Join us this month in the ISC Room and grab a drink or some of our themed jazz bites for only \$20.

## WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

18 March 12PM

\$35



Bookings:  
Please contact Ann Lisle  
on 0407 958 582

Join the Women's Pioneer Society as we welcome guest speaker, Cheryl Mongan - Vice President of the Yass and District Historical Society. Cheryl is also the Co-Author of "A decent set of girls: The Irish Famine Orphans of the Thomas Arbuthnot 1849-1850".

## RACA ANNIVERSARY PARTY

20 March 7PM

\$99 or 2 for \$150



Bookings:  
events@raca.com.au or  
(02) 8273 2320

Join us as we celebrate our 117th Anniversary for what is sure to be an exciting night filled with fun, laughs, drinks, canapés and live music!

Bookings are essential.  
Dress code: Evening/Business Attire

## LADIES COMMITTEE

30 March 12PM

\$65



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

The RACA Ladies Committee invite you to join us as we welcome Mrs Susan Ramage, award-winning author.

The Urban Escapees is a hard-backed picture book for young children up to and including seven (7) years of age. It comes highly endorsed and is described as "Entertaining, educational, thoughtful and fun."

## WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

15 April 12PM

\$35



Bookings:  
Please contact Ann Lisle  
on 0407 958 582

"Work As A Professional Historian" Guest Speaker: Pauline Curby worked as a freelance professional historian since the early 1990's and has undertaken consultancies in oral history, environmental history and heritage, as well as writing a number of commissioned histories. One of her publications, "Randwick" won the NSW Premier's Award.

## RACA BUFFET DINNER

17 April 6PM

\$45



Bookings:  
harbour@raca.com.au or  
(02) 8273 2300

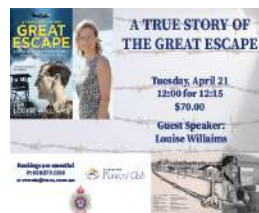
Due to the popularity of our 'Welcome Back' buffet in January, the Harbour Dining Room will once again serve all your favourites in April.

Join us for a buffet dinner from 6pm including a complimentary beverage whilst soaking in the beautiful views of Sydney Harbour.

## APC ANZAC DAY LUNCH

21 April 12PM

\$70



Bookings:  
events@raca.com.au or  
(02) 8273 2320

John Williams was captured by Germans after being shot down, he was imprisoned in the supposedly escape-proof POW camp, Stalag Luft III. He and other inmates planned a bold escape.

Louise Williams, our guest speaker, is an award-winning journalist and is the niece of John Williams.

## KINTSUGI WORKSHOP

29 April 10AM

\$149



Bookings:  
events@raca.com.au or  
(02) 8273 2320

Kintsugi is a century-old Japanese craftwork where broken ceramic objects are pieced back together using natural lacquer and gold dust based on the philosophy of Wabi Sabi finding beauty in imperfection.

In this relaxed workshop at RACA, you will learn the introductory technique of "Modern Kintsugi", mending broken parts of ceramics together.

## YOUNG EXECUTIVES NETWORKING

8 May 6PM

\$30



Bookings:  
events@raca.com.au or  
(02) 8273 2320

Join us for the first RACA Young Executive group get-together. This will be an informal networking event for those interested in contributing to the RACA Young Executive Group.

An evening to get to know each other and discuss potential paths forward for this group. All members are welcome to attend so come along and introduce yourself.

## MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

10 May 12PM

\$89



Bookings:  
events@raca.com.au or  
(02) 8273 2320

Let us help you plan the perfect Mother's Day and bring the family together to celebrate this special day.

Enjoy the glistening views of Sydney's exquisite harbour and treat your Mum to a sumptuous buffet lunch in the Harbour Dining Room.

# FOR YOUR DIARY

## MARCH

- 6 Jazz Night
- 7 Sports Enthusiast Group
- 14 Champagne Sabrage
- 18 Women's Pioneer Society
- 20 RACA Anniversary Casino Night Party
- 27 Fluid Friday's
- 30 Ladies Committee
- 31 Meet the Dancers

## APRIL

- 2 Corks 'n' Forks
- 3 Jazz Night
- 15 Women's Pioneer Society
- 17 RACA Buffet
- 29 Kintsugi Workshop

## MAY

- 1 Jazz Night
- 8 Young Executive Networking
- 10 Mother's Day Buffet
- 20 Women's Pioneer Society
- 22 Corks 'n' Forks Wine Dinner
- 25 Ladies Committee

## REGULAR EVENTS

### Bridge Club

Every Tuesday  
\$32pp 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 each month  
Next: Friday 27 March  
6pm in the Pioneers' Room

### Just Infantry

1st Thursday of the Month  
12pm Member's Bar, 12:30pm  
Harbour Dining Room Lunch

# WINE OF THE MONTH - NUGAN ESTATE, TALINGA PARK RANGE



**SAUVIGNON BLANC**  
Brilliant straw green appearance, with a lifted tropical fruit bouquet of pineapple and passionfruit with a hint of lemongrass and freshly cut lime. These characters' flow through to a juicy fruit-driven palate and a crisp lingering finish.



**CHARDONNAY**  
Pale straw in appearance, with vibrant aromas of white stone fruit entwined with grapefruit and hints of cinnamon, nutmeg and vanilla spice. A fresh and vibrant Chardonnay with a crisp, dry finish.



**SHIRAZ**  
This is a lively, medium bodied style of Shiraz that is bursting with ripe berry fruit, spices and black pepper, subtle tannins and a long smooth finish.



**CABERNET MERLOT**  
A medium bodied wine with aromas of ripe red berry fruits, rich plum entwined with spicy flavours and hints of herbs and dark chocolate. On the palate, concentrated blackcurrant and plum, layered with spice, complex silky tannins and subtle well-integrated oak finish.



**PINOT NOIR**  
Brilliant red garnet in colour, with fresh and vibrant bouquet of blood plum, black cherry and allspice, intermingling with a palate of complex earthy, dark fruits and a savoury tannins.



**ROSE**  
Brilliant pale salmon in appearance, with rose petal, watermelon and wild strawberry aromas that lead to a textured and generous palate.



**MOSCATO**  
A "frizzante" (semi-sparkling) styled wine. Pale straw with youthful green hues in appearance, with fragrant aromas of rose palate of apricot nectar and tropical juices, with zesty spritz on the finish.



**NEW RECIPROCAL CLUBS**  
We are extending our reciprocal club list!

Eight additional clubs have recently aligned with RACA. Visit [www.raca.com.au](http://www.raca.com.au) for the full list of over 200 clubs. Contact the Membership & Marketing team for a letter of introduction via [marketing@raca.com.au](mailto:marketing@raca.com.au)