



TRUFFLE FOOD WEEK
7-12 AUGUST

ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER
19 AUGUST

WYNNS WINE DINNER
29 AUGUST

JAZZ NIGHT
1 SEPTEMBER



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AUGUST 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



With the support of our valued staff and members, including our various interest groups, the Board is pleased to report that the Club has successfully completed FY 2017 and traded at an operating surplus of \$31,250 (including delayed expenses attributable to FY 2016 of approximately \$40,000). Although outside budget the hoarding in Albert Street, as a requirement of Sydney City Council, has been remediated, painted and photographic images attached at a full cost of \$71,000.

The net result also included repairs and maintenance expenditure on the building of \$496,000, to progress the upkeep and upgrade of the building. Capital expenditure of approximately \$240,000 was incurred, the major capex being phase 1 of the air conditioning system replacement. Phase 2 is due to be completed during the current financial year at a cost of \$195,000. Further security cameras are also scheduled to be installed at the Club. These material improvements result from our business producing results and cash essential to fund such substantial expenditure.

The Club's Constitution has been updated and will be adopted, subject to special resolution, at the Annual General Meeting on 19 October 2017

Management has now filled all full time employee vacancies, and the Club has both financial, sales & marketing expertise, whose teams have, and continue, to maintain and build the business of the Club. Our newly appointed maintenance manager adds a "hands on" maintenance expertise.

In summary the Club is well placed to continue trade responsibly and without operating deficit into the future and without use of its overdraft facility. Booked activity in and about the Club for the quarter to 30 September 2017 already exceeds the prior financial year.

A reciprocal Club, in New Zealand, the Hamilton Club, has just dissolved due to a serious decline in its membership, and its corpus disbursed to educational institutions.

The Board congratulates Markus Friedler and his staff for their commitment to advancing the services of the Club for the benefit of all members, guests and invitees, and thanks all members for their support which has, and continues to, underpin a successful Club into the future.

Regards,

Michael Callanan, President

MEMBER EVENTS

August is a month packed full of events; from our Truffle Food Week in the Harbour Dining Room, to our Wynns Wine Dinner; August is one month where you do not want to miss out on a single event!

JAZZ NIGHT

4 August - 6PM - Members Bar



Jazz is not the result of choosing a tune, but an idea that is created, inspired by one's passion and willed in playing music. Jazz music is a language, always layered with experience and life profoundly lived. Join fellow members, as the Sydney Conservatorium of Music presents: Lauren White & Felix Bornholdt

TRUFFLE FOOD WEEK

7-12 August - Harbour Dining Room



Truffles can be described as 'gourmet mushrooms'. They have a pungent, intense, earthy fragrance and lend a unique flavour and aroma to food. The truffle is used in extremely small quantities and yet its flavour and aroma turn a standard offering of soup, chicken, meat or game into a gourmet experience.

CORKS 'N' FORKS TOUR

Orange Wombats

10 August - 6PM - Vintage Room \$85



Our 'tasting/tour' will feature and compare 12 wines made by Ben Crossing from Angullong Wines in Orange and Ian Napier from Wombat Crossing Wines in the Hunter. Ben and Ian will be joining us to present their wines, and this will be accompanied beautifully by 4 matched courses.

BUSINESS NETWORKING

15 August - 7PM - ISC Room \$23



Our next Business Networking event will be held on the 15th of August in the ISC Room as Vivek Sood talks all about Amazon. As Amazon slowly integrates itself into the Australian market, what will this mean to people? And how much of an impact will this have on Australian society? Be sure to join us for this sure to be interesting night!

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

Graham Wilcox

16 August - 12PM - Macquarie Room \$35



Join Graham Wilcox as he discusses his book, *The Struggle for Unity: A Story of Federation of Australia*, and the pivotal role Queensland Attorney-General Arthur Rutledge played in the now singular national Government in Australia. Call Ms. Lorna Stone to book on 02 9522 8924.

GRAHAM WILCOX

ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER

19 August - 7PM - Macquarie Room \$140



The Annual Motoring Dinner recognises the pursuit of excellence and significant contributions to the motor car and automotive industry. Join us as we pay tribute to J.O. Sherwood MBE (RACA President 1973-1982) and celebrate our esteemed guests for the night. This year's theme is 'The Mountain'.

LADIES COMMITTEE

Neville Barret

28 August - 12PM - Macquarie Room \$65



Joining us will be Neville Barret, General Manager of the Salvation Army Stores. The Salvation Army is an established organisation dedicated to helping less fortunate individuals and groups; with the Salvos Stores being the leading and most sustainability-conscious recycling charity retailer in Australia. This will be a presentation you don't want to miss.

WYNNS WINE DINNER

29 August - 7PM - ISC Room \$145



Originally founded by Scottish pioneer John Riddoch, wine merchants Samuel and David Wynn purchased Riddoch's original vineyards and winery and renamed the property 'Wynns Coonawarra Estate'. Join us as we bring some of the Wynns wines to you with a matched five-course meal perfectly complementing the five specially selected wines.

JAZZ NIGHT

1 September - 6PM - Members Bar



Join our monthly Jazz Night and relax in our Member's Bar over a drink or some Spanish themed Jazz Bites! From the Sydney Conservatorium of Music we have the pleasure to listen to the sounds of Nicky Crayson and Felix Bornholdt.

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

The Garlings

\$35

20 September - 12PM - Macquarie Room



Join the Women's Pioneer Society in September as they present to you The Garlings. Three of Frederick Garling's descendants are members of the WPS - Libby Maskey, Kathy McCombie and Lynne Portelli; will be telling the story of the part their family played in early Australia. Call Ms. Lorna Stone to book on 02 9522 8924.

LADIES COMMITTEE

Liz Davenport

\$65

25 September - 12PM - Macquarie Room



For September, the Ladies Committee will have Liz Davenport coming in to do a presentation and talk to you about her experiences and her brand. Liz has been a leading Australian fashion designer, manufacturer and retailer for more than 40 years.



TRAFALGAR DINNER

Commemorating Nelson's famous victory at Trafalgar – in the finest naval tradition of fine food (three course menu), plentiful wine and port, The Immortal Memory and great fellowship.

Guest of Honour, Rear Admiral Allan du Toit, AM, RAN (Ret).

Friday 20 October

6:30pm arrival with pre-dinner drinks in the ISC Room.
7:15pm dinner in Macquarie Room.

Black Tie/Lounge Suit Evening/Cocktail Dress
Medals (minatures) may be worn)

\$120 per person
\$1080 for table of 10



CORKS 'N' FORKS

Dear Members,

Our Bastille Dinner has been and gone for another year, and what a night it was! With the Macquarie Room decorated for the occasion, a good crowd, a French inspired 5 course menu with 7 matching French wines, members and their guest all had a great night.

We're now finalising our trip to the Mornington Peninsula and Yarra Valley from 12-17 September, and those already taking part have made reservations at our reciprocal clubs - the RACV Resorts at Cape Schanck in the Mornington Peninsula and Healesville in the Yarra Valley. If you're interested in joining us, or would like some more information, please ring me on 0411 103 119 or send me an email to mogigi.grj@bigpond.com.

The next of our popular 'tasting/tours' is scheduled for 6pm on 10 August. 'Orange Wombats', will feature and compare 12 wines made by 2 Club members - Ben Crossing from Angullong Wines in Orange and Ian Napier from 'Wombat Crossing Wines' in the Hunter. Ben and Ian will be joining us to present their wines.

For those who've not been before, our 'tasting/tours' are relaxed, informal and educative evenings designed to appeal to those members and their guests seeking an introduction to the wonderful world of wine or to expand their existing knowledge.

They're held in the seated comfort of the Vintage Room and only 16 places are available. The wines are served in 4 flights, accompanied by 4 small food courses chosen by Chef to match the wines.

Finally, an early heads up about our annual Black Tie Henschke Dinner, this year scheduled for Friday 24 November with a 'Roses' theme. Although we've not finalised the details yet, there already seems to be much interest. It might therefore be a good idea to book early.

Graeme Jones
For the Corks 'n' Forks Committee



THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Mr Marc De Cure
Ms Carol Gerrad
Mr Steve Grive
Mr William Madden
Mr Steve O'Brien
Mr Travis O'Rourke

Mr Simon Perdriau
Mr Christopher Pollett
Mrs Therese Pollett
Mr Justin Viney

CELEBRATE WITH RACA

Christmas Lunch

25th December 2017

JOIN US FOR A DECADENT CHRISTMAS BUFFET

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SNOOKER GROUP

The 2017 Inter Club Snooker Competition is currently running until October. Inter Club Snooker Competition games are played on Wednesday nights from 6:30pm in the RACA Snooker room. 'Away' games are played at other clubs including Tattersalls, Lane Cove and Norths. The competition is friendly and social.

Our RACA Snooker club is always looking for players. Register your interest now with the Snooker Club. Whether you are new to the club or an experienced player, the RACA Snooker Club love to hear from you.

Contact us at: www.facebook.com/RACASnooker or email racasnooker@gmail.com

RACA MOTORING

Our team has put together an opportunity for ALL RACA Members to purchase raffle tickets to win some exclusive luxury experiences. Raffle prize is to be drawn on the night of Sat 19 August. Be sure not to miss out and don't forget to book your seats at this year's RACA Annual Motoring Dinner, includes a three-course dinner and beverages in the Victoria and Macquarie Rooms.

This year's theme will pay tribute to Mount Panorama and the people who made Bathurst famous. We welcome renowned motor sport commentator Will Hagon, who has an intimate knowledge of motor racing and will moderate a panel of Motor Sport aristocracy. Colin Bond OAM, Jim Scaysbrook and John Medley will reminisce about those golden years. We will also pay a tribute to and hear about J.O. Sherwood MBE, RACA President 1973-82, and Club Member for 57 years who was a driving force in establishing racing at Bathurst.

Members who visit the club during the month of August will have a special viewing on an exclusive Lotus race car inside the Club Member's Bar.

A special reminder to ALL Members, Fluid Fridays is held on the last Friday of each month in the Members Bar from 6pm. All is welcome join the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Aug 19: RACA Motoring Annual Dinner, Bathurst legends and Mountain Tribute
- Sep 6: RACA Motoring Annual meeting. All members welcome discuss your ideas.
- Oct 4: Invited Car Club ceeting. Get ready for all things Porsche!
- Nov 12: Historic Racing at SMSP Eastern Creek (RACA trophies to be presented)
- Dec 8: Christmas Drinks

We extend a warm welcome to all RACA Members to attend any of our upcoming RACA Motoring events.

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

RACA Motoring Events: Alan Hunt, 0438 290 639 hunts@optusnet.com.au

NEW YEAR'S EVE PACKAGE

2 Nights Accomodation
 5 Course Dinner & Beverages to Midnight
 2 Nights Valet Parking
 Hot Buffet Breakfast (1st & 2nd Jan 2018)
 New Year's Day Dinner

Room Type	No. of Guests	Price
Flat	3	\$1990
Harbour Deluxe	2	\$1610
Deluxe Macquarie	2	\$1480
King	2	\$1450
Queen	2	\$1390
Twin-Large	2	\$1310
Twin-Small	2	\$1270
Single with Facilities	1	\$830
Single with No Facilities	1	\$770
Additional Adult in Room		\$525

At the time of booking, 50% payment will be required and is non-refundable. The residual amount owing will then be charged on the 30th of November to either your House Account or Credit Card.

Please book early to secure your reservation.
 Call reception on (02) 8273 2000 or reception@raca.com.au

CLUB UPDATES

It is an understatement to say that an exciting month was had in July. To kick off the month we had the pleasure of being serenaded by the Harvard Krokodiloes. French Food Week was a raging success, as was Corks 'n' Forks Bastille Day themed dinner - where the combination of reds, whites, blues, and the exquisite aroma of French food took over the Macquarie Room.

The Women's Pioneer Society invited Linda Emery, and the Ladies Committee invited Clive Small; both of which were highly entertaining and informative presentations.

TRUFFLE HUNT

An event for the senses...

As the first light of day broke through the morning sky on the 16th of July, we made our way to the Trufferiere in Oberon to embark on a complete sensory experience. Along with 19 members, we had the pleasure to join Mr Col Roberts, along with our Executive Chef, Rebecca Kaye, in a one of a kind experience. From sharing a truffle themed charcuterie platter, to watching Floyd (the Trufferiere's truffle hunting dog) enthusiastically track down the truffles; the day was one that most definitely will not be forgotten. With the success and positive feedback that we have already received; we have locked in our next date (Saturday 21st July 2018), which is sure to be just as exciting!

HARVARD KROKODILOES

Harmonies fill the Victoria Room...

On its 35th Annual Summer World Tour, a 12 week journey that will take them to 23 stops in 17 countries. On the 8th of July, we had the pleasure of welcoming back the Harvard Krokodiloes to perform for our members and guests; after a well-received performance last year.

The Harvard Krokodiloes are Harvard University's oldest and finest a capella singing group. With twelve undergraduate men bringing popular music of the Great American Songbook, as well as more traditional aires. Accompanying the soiree was a delicious two-course meal of thyme scented chicken and buttermilk panna cotta.

In tradition to their motto Nunc Est Cantadum! (Now is the time to sing!). Members and their guests thoroughly enjoyed the performance and on behalf of the RACA, we would like to thank the Harvard Krokodiloes for coming back to perform for us.

WINE OF THE MONTH WYNNS COONAWARRA



Coonawarra, The Gables Cabernet Sauvignon 2015

Poached pear and stone fruit characters balance the soft natural acidity.



Coonawarra, Chardonnay 2016

Lingering maraschino cherry and liquorice mesh with subtle cedary oak, but all these elements are balanced and support the core, which is all about fresh and bright Coonawarra Cabernet fruits.

REFER A FRIEND

Membership to one of Australia's leading private members clubs is open to all ladies and gentlemen. Joining our historic club which has been open since 1903, provides you with many distinct advantages. Why not recommend it to a friend or colleague?

- Extensive global network of 200 reciprocal Clubs
- Associate Membership available at a reduced rate for spouse/partner
- Accommodation with 29 well-appointed rooms complete with Wi-Fi and Foxtel
- Complimentary access to our Business Centre, including Wi-Fi, printing and faxing services
- Free NRMA Roadside Assistance
- Access to secure valet parking
- Level 7 Harbour Dining Room with spectacular views of Sydney Harbour
- Members' lounge and bar
- Exceptional Member's only rates on any of our seven conference, meeting or functions rooms
- Modern Fitness Centre with 24/7 access

In addition, members have the opportunity to take part in member special interest groups, attend events, and participate in a wide range of activities.

Please call or email the Membership & Marketing team for more information or to book a tour 02 8273 2318 or marketing@raca.com.au



RACA MOTORING 2017 RAFFLE

TICKETS: \$10/ 3 for \$20/ 10 for \$50 - Available from Reception & Executive Office from August 1.

1st Prize (Bentley Experience)

Lunch for 2 (up to \$300) at Jonah's Whale Beach with your own Bentley for the day (Prize donated by Bentley Sydney)

2nd Prize (Accommodation)

For 2 people for 2 nights (Deluxe Harbour) including breakfast at the RACA (Continental Breakfast)

3rd Prize (Dinner)

For 2 in the Harbour Dining Room (3 Course Dinner with value up to \$150) at the RACA

Raffle drawn on the night of the Annual RACA Motoring Dinner, 19 August 2017.

FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

- 4 Jazz Night
- 7-12 Truffle Food Week
- 10 Corks 'n' Forks Tour
- 15 Business Networking
- 16 Women's Pioneer Society
- 19 Annual MEG Dinner
- 28 Ladies Committee
- 29 Wynns Wine 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

THE RACA ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER

19 AUGUST/6:45PM
\$140

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Jazz Night
- 18-23 German Food Week
- 20 Women's Pioneer Society
- 25 Ladies Committee

OCTOBER

- 2-7 Street Food Week
- 6 Jazz Night
- 12 Corks 'n' Forks Tour
- 17 Business Networking
- 18 Women's Pioneer Society
- 18 President's Cocktail Party
- 19 AGM
- 21 Trafalgar Dinner

WYNNS COONAWARRA ESTATE WINE DINNER

The Wynns family recognised the intrinsic qualities of Coonawarra wines - their richness and intensity of fruit character. They set out to build an independent identity in the region, creating the famous label that made the original Scottish founder John Riddoch's winery one of Australia's most iconic buildings.

Join us as we bring specially selected Wynns wines to you with a delicious meal.

(Please see flyer for further details)

29 August - 7pm
\$145



THE
MELBOURNE CUP
LUNCHEON

7 NOVEMBER - 12PM
ISC & MACQUARIE ROOM



BRUCE GLEN: THE GENTLEMAN MAGICIAN **\$75**

Every Friday evening – and now on selected Saturdays (at 7:33pm) – in the heart of Sydney, Bruce Glen, The Gentleman Magician re-creates the ambience and enchantment of a 19th Century Viennese salon for just 70 lucky people. An intimate evening of magic and storytelling transports you back to a time when performers were summoned to entertain select gatherings in the parlours of grand residences.

RACA Members use the code 'WIZARD' to receive \$15 off! Book online now at www.gentlemanmagician.com.au

7 DAY OFFER

We personally invite your guests to enjoy and access to all of the Club's facilities and events – just like our members do. 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.

Enquiries through (02) 8273 2318 | marketing@raca.com.

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**THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 7PM
\$145 PER PERSON
INCLUDES 3-COURSE MEAL & 2 HOUR SHOW**