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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

ROYAL AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

MEET OUR NEW PARTNERS



The Royal Automobile Club of Australia is proud to announce the recent partnership with Legacy, an iconic and uniquely Australian charity dedicated to supporting the families of our veterans who have given their lives or health serving our country.

A permanent fixture at RACA will be Legacy donation boxes which are located in the Reception area and also in the Members Bar. Your spare change can help make a big change.

Legacy was formed by returned servicemen in 1923 to help ensure that the families of veterans' did not suffer social or financial disadvantage after the loss of their loved ones.

Today, Legacy supports 60,000 partners and children of our servicemen and women across Australia. Their work can mean a child gets an education and a fair go, a widow is not disadvantaged and alone and a family is not torn apart by the effects of Post-Traumatic Stress or other physiological injuries.

Australia's Legacy Week appeal (September 1-7) is time for all Australians to show their support for the widows and children whose loved ones have served our country. The Legacy badge is a special emblem of support for our veteran's families, symbolising our nation's greatest values of mateship, compassion and fairness.

You can give back to the families of those who have given so much by volunteering your time during Legacy Week. For more information contact volunteer@sydney-legacy.com.au and to find out how to provide corporate support for Legacy, please contact corporate@sydney-legacy.com.au



SIR STAMFORD at Circular Quay

Our wonderful neighbours, Sir Stamford at Circular Quay, are providing RACA members a special discount for dining. Guests staying overnight at the club on the weekend will receive a **10% discount for lunch and dinner on Sundays**. Please present your room key in order to receive the discount - valid for Sunday only.

CORKS 'N' FORKS

Dear Members,

Tasting Tour – 6pm Thursday 22 August 2019

The theme for this month's tasting/tour is 'Good Wines from Unexpected Places', and I think you'll be pleasantly surprised as to the uniform high quality of the wines and the diversity of their origin. We held a similar tasting/tour several years ago, and are doing it again by popular demand. The dozen or so wines will be served in several flights, accompanied by small but ample food courses chosen by Chef to match the 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. This month's tasting/tour will be held in the seated comfort of the Pioneers Room and places are limited.

Given the popularity and value of our tasting/tours – the cost is only \$100 per head, it might be a good idea to mark the date in your diary and make a booking. To do so please contact Ash Hucker from the Club's Events Team on 8273 2320, or send an email to events@raca.com.au

Bastille Dinner – Saturday 13 July 2019

What a cracker of a night it was! If you missed it, put it in your diary for next year. It had everything – Gallic ambience, wonderful guests all in the 'glam it up and let's have some fun' spirit of the night, 8 great French wines, a stunning menu created by Chef and his staff to complement the wines, and great service.

Highlights were the best dressed prizes awarded to Carol Osborne and Ian Cook, our options game won by Alex Bru, and a visit from Chef and his team who fielded lots of questions from the well fed and watered guests. Roger Butler took these great photos, the rest are on the Club's website.

Other 2019 Events

Other events for the remainder of the year are our final tasting/tour on Thursday 10 October – theme tba, our Tasmanian food and wine tour from 29 October to 3 November – fully booked, and our Black Tie Henschke Dinner on Friday 29 November, which this year will focus on the significant contribution to the Australian wine industry made by 4th generation Cyril Henschke. You can book now for these events if you wish. To do so please contact Ash Hucker from the Club's Events Team on 8273 2320, or send an email to events@raca.com.au

Thanks so much for supporting our events this year.

From the Corks 'n' Forks Committee

Graeme Jones – mogigi.grj@bigpond.com | **Avril Fortuin – avituin1@gmail.com**
Brent Halligan – info@legalmigrationservices.com | **Roger Butler – law@colebutler.com.au**

MOTORING

Dear Members,

Royal Automobile Club of Australia - Motoring Group Annual Dinner

The Annual Motoring Dinner recognises the pursuit of excellence and significant contributions to the motor car, the automotive industry and motor sport.

This year the Annual Motoring Dinner will be "future forward" rather than celebrating past wins and events. The theme for this year's dinner is "**Balancing The Grid**", Women in Motorsport, a Positive Future. We will be focusing on why women in motorsport is an important part of the future of the sport and we will be welcoming two young drivers to talk about their careers and how they will win in a male dominated sport. Emily Duggan who races in the Super 3 and Toyota GT86 championships, and Chelsea Angelo who races in the inaugural TCR Australia championship, will be joining us for an inspirational discussion.

Women have been racing cars for over 100 years at all levels including in Formula 1, Le Mans 24 Hour race and in the US, the Indy Racing League. The RACA recognises Australia has female champions in many sports however the country lacks the support and commitment to our female drivers. The Motoring Dinner is a perfect opportunity to bring along a relative (sister, daughter, niece, grand-daughter) who wants to race however is not sure about getting started. Our guests of honour will give guidance, motivation and advice to others who wish to get involved in motorsport.

In addition, we will be celebrating the centenary of Bentley, a marque rich with motorsport success at the highest levels and has a heritage represented by model names such as Mulsanne, Arnage, Hunaudières and Brooklands to name a few. As per the tradition of the Annual Motoring Dinner, the club will also be presenting the RACA Motoring Trophies for 2018 to the Historic Sports and Racing Car Association (HSRCA).

The Club welcomes all members and guests to this important event.

For any further information please contact Alan Hunt 02 9651 2961 or motoring@raca.com.au also <https://www.facebook.com/RACAMEG>



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 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:

Who was the first recipient of the RACA Warwick Farm Trophy?

Bonus Question:

How many mph did their vehicle travel?

Include the 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

CHEFS CORNER - WINTER WARMER!

Our Executive Chef, Gary Ryley, has provided us with a classic that might take a while to bake but is certainly worth the wait!

Classic Porchetta

Ingredients

- 2.5kg pork belly, boneless
- 600g of pork loin
- 2 sprigs of rosemary, leaves picked
- 3 sprigs of fresh thyme, leaves picked
- 1 large bulb of smoked garlic
- 1 tbsp of fennel seeds
- 1 pinch of chilli flakes
- 1 lemon, zested
- 2 tbsp of white wine
- 1 tsp flaky sea salt
- 1/2 tsp cracked black pepper
- 500ml of water



Method

- Place the fennel seeds and chilli flakes in hot, dry pan and toast for 30 seconds, until fragrant
- Peel the garlic cloves and place in a mortar and pestle. Add the herbs, toasted spices, salt, pepper and white wine and grind to a rough paste
- Place the pork belly skin-side down and lay the loin across the width. Trim the loin down to size so it rolls up neatly
- Lightly score the belly flesh in a 2cm diagonal pattern and massage the stuffing paste into the belly and loin. Place the loin back onto the belly
- Roll up tightly, tie up with butcher's string and leave uncovered in the fridge overnight. This will dry out the skin, giving a crispier crackling.
- Preheat the oven to 160°C/gas mark 3
- Place the pork on a wire rack set over an oven tray. Pour in the 500ml of water and cook in the oven for 3 1/2 to 4 hours. Check at intervals; if the water has evaporated, add a little more
- Leave to rest for 30 minutes before carving.

LADIES COMMITTEE



Established in 1968, the Ladies Committee serves a historically important function in the operation of the Club and welcomes members to meet with them during lunch for discussion and to exchange ideas.

All members are welcome, both male and female, and their partners and guests. Each event features a guest speaker and/or entertainment.

For more information please contact us on 02 8273 2322 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au



Royal Automobile Club of Australia Ladies Committee

Dear Members,

It is with great sadness that I share with you the news of the recent death of our dear friend Mrs Sirenne Gould OAM a long time member of the RACA Ladies Committee. Sirenne welcomed the diners at our luncheons for many year. She was indeed a very special lady, kind and gracious on all occasions. She will be greatly missed.

On Monday the 24th June, 2019 the guest speaker at the Ladies Committee luncheon was Debbie Mills CEO of the National Trust. Debbie spoke to all who were in attendance about the importance of protecting and celebrating our national heritage.

On Monday 26 August 2019 our luncheon guest speaker will be Karen Grega, an experienced senior manager having held CEO positions with the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (CYCA), the Sydney Olympic Park Business Association and the Inaugural Maccabi Australia International Games.

Karen will be speaking about piecing together the lives of her Father and Uncle after the discovery of 28 rolls of undeveloped BxW films, stored unknowingly for over 60 years. From these photos, and sketchy stories relayed by both whilst still alive, Karen is tracing their escape from war-torn Slovakia (formerly Czechoslovakia), to life in a displaced persons camp in Ludwigsburg, Germany, followed by life on board migrant ship 'Anna Salen', before settling in Tully for two years as cane-cutters for the Queensland Government.

Please join us for lunch.

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



Ladies Committee Luncheon
26 August 2019
12pm | \$65

Guest Speaker, Karen Grega

Bookings are essential. Please contact our Events Team on 02 8273 2322 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au

For experienced Souths CEO Karen Grega, an unassuming bag containing 28 rolls of undeveloped BxW films, stored unknowingly for over 60 years old, kicked-off an amazing journey, with sporting fields giving way to WW2 battle fields in Eastern Europe and cane fields in North Queensland.

Piecing together the lives of her Father and Uncle from these amazing photos and sketchy stories relayed by both whilst still alive, Karen is tracing their escape from war-torn Slovakia (formerly Czechoslovakia), to life in a displaced persons camp in Ludwigsburg, Germany, followed by life on board migrant ship 'Anna Salen', before settling in Tully for two years as cane-cutters for the Queensland Government.

This is a story of the hardships her Father and Uncle lived through during these times and their determination to seek a better future as 'new Australians', arriving with not much more than hope.

However, this story is far from over as Karen soon embarks on a trip to Germany, Czech Republic and Slovakia in search of answers to the six 'missing years of her father's life.

CLUB UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS to our esteemed member Mrs Clare Wotherspoon, a happy recipient of \$50 on her house account, who was drawn from all the entries that correctly answered the main question for July in our 'If these walls could talk' competition. The title of the painting is 'The Portals of a Great City'.

Thank you to all our members that participated and correctly answered the artists name 'Alfred Coffey' for the bonus question - **enjoy your complimentary beverage voucher!**

How well do you know your club? This months quiz is another easy one, but how many of you know what and/or where these treasures are located... Good luck and we look forward to receiving your entries.



CORKS 'N' FORKS - BASTILLE DAY DINNER



NYE 2019 PACKAGES



ROOM TYPE	PRICE
Flat	\$2,025
Harbour Deluxe	\$1,530
Macquarie Deluxe	\$1,500
King	\$1,470
Queen	\$1,410
Twin (Large)	\$1,335
Twin (Small)	\$1,290
Single (with facilities)	\$ 845
Single (shared facilities)	\$ 785
(Room 621 W/Harbour View)	\$ 845

NYE Dining & Accommodation Package

- Inclusions:**
- 2 Nights Accommodation
 - Plated 5 Course Dinner & Beverages to Midnight
 - 2 Nights Valet Parking
 - Hot Buffet Breakfast (1st & 2nd Jan 2020)
 - New Year's Day Dinner

*Additional Adult in room - \$540
*Additional Child (13-17 in room) - \$375
*Additional Child (5-12 in room) - \$290

To secure your New Year's Package contact Reception on (02) 8273 2300 or reception@raca.com.au

THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

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| Mrs Diane Date | Mr Marwan Rahme |
| AVM Leigh Gordon | Mr David Bourke |
| Mr Firoz Shah | Mr Vinesh George |
| Mr Peter Taylor | Mr Alan Dyche |
| Ms Eva Hucker | Mr Wayne Hayward |
| Mr Justin Le Blond | Ms Susan Knight |
| Mr John Morgan | Mrs Margaret Dengate |
| Mr Trevor Franz | Ms Emma Harvey |

MEMBER EVENTS

There's something for everyone this month with fantastic events for members and their guests. Book early to avoid disappointment.

JAZZ NIGHT

2 August 6PM - Members Bar \$20



Join us for Jazz Night! Now a monthly tradition, Jazz Night welcomes in talented musicians to play some classic jazz standards and tunes for you; right in the heart of the Member's Bar. With our themed jazz bites for only \$20, grab a drink, unwind and join us as we do Friday evenings the right way.

Bookings:
Not required

RACA ANNUAL MOTORING DINNER

17 August 7PM \$150



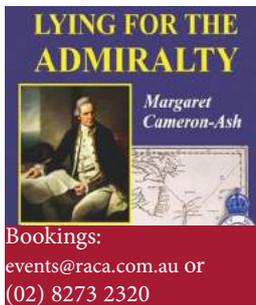
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(02) 8273 2320

ANNUAL DUNBAR LUNCHEON

20 August 12PM \$70



Annual Dunbar Lunch
The Australasian Pioneers Club, in conjunction with RACA, welcome guest speaker Margaret Cameron-Ash to discuss her recent publication 'Lying for the Admiralty'. The doubts, puzzles and queries raised by J.C. Beaglehole, Cook's renowned editor and biographer, are answered.

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

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

21 August 12PM \$35



The Women's Pioneer Society invites you to a wonderful luncheon with Guest Speaker Wal Walker who will talk about the book 'Jane & D'Arcy' The secret romance revealed...People have a deep need for secrets! But what to do with them and about them, and when to let go! Wal Walker will make you wonder.

Bookings: Lorna Stone
02 9522 8924

LADIES COMMITTEE

26 August 12PM \$65



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Bookings:
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(02) 8273 2322

FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

1 September 12PM \$46-\$89



Let us help you plan the perfect Father's Day and bring the family together to celebrate this special day. Enjoy glistening views of Sydney's exquisite harbour and treat your Dad to a sumptuous buffet lunch in the Harbour Dining Room.

Adults \$89
Young Adults (13-17yrs) \$59
Children (3-12yrs) \$46

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

CASINO NIGHT

20 September 7PM \$99



Lock in the date and don't miss out on a fun night at the club! Test your 'luck' on the deluxe, full-sized casino roulette, poker and blackjack tables. Enjoy a 3 hour Drink & Canapé service in the Members Bar while listening to our favourite musician, Toby J.

RSVP by 15 August and purchase two tickets for \$150

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

OKTOBERFEST FOOD WEEK

23-28 September (Lunch & Dinner service) \$55-\$70



Inspired by the love of the traditional Bavarian festival and great beer, the Harbour Dining Room will feature a delicious Oktoberfest menu.

Lunch & Dinner service available in the Harbour Dining Room.

2 Course meal \$55
3 Course meal \$70

Bookings:
harbour@raca.com.au or
(02) 8273 2370

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

26 October 12PM \$25-40



Join us for a delicious Afternoon Tea in the Harbour Dining Room with games to keep all entertained. Then venture out to the Royal Botanical Gardens for a Koala Hunt!

Adults \$40
Young Adults (13-17yrs) \$32
Children (3-12yrs) \$25

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

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

5 November 12PM \$139



You are invited to dust off your best suit, don on your fanciest fascinator and join us for the race that stops the nation!

Enjoy a wonderful feast and a bit of fun as we host yet another exciting Melbourne Cup luncheon in the beautiful Macquarie Room.

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

**BALANCING THE GRID
WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT
A POSITIVE FUTURE**

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RACA Annual Motoring Dinner

Guest Speakers:
Emily Duggan
Toyota 86 Racing series, part of the Virgin Australia Supercar Championship
Chelsea Angelo
Inaugural TCR Australia Championship
17th August 2019
7:00pm for 7:30pm Dinner
Pioneer Room - Pre Dinner Drinks
Victoria Room - Dinner
The Royal Automobile Club of Australia
89 Macquarie Street, Sydney
Price: \$150.00 per person
\$1,400.00 for table of 10
Covering a three course dinner and drinks

RSVP: Monday 5th August 2019
Dress Code: Black Tie or Business Suit
Bookings: Ashley Hucker, RACA Events
Telephone: 02 8273 2320
Email: events@raca.com.au
Visit: www.raca.com.au
www.facebook.com/RACAMEG



Roulette | Poker | Blackjack

SPECIAL OFFER
Purchase two tickets for \$150
Must RSVP by 15 August for this offer

CASINO PARTY

LET'S PLAY!

\$99
20 SEPTEMBER
7PM - 10PM
MEMBERS BAR
Dress: Cedar Evening/ Business Attire

LIVE MUSIC
3 HOUR DRINK & CANAPÉ SERVICE
WIN A VIP GOLF EXPERIENCE

RSVP 5 SEPTEMBER 2019
Bookings are essential, please contact our events team on 02 8273 2320 or events@raca.com.au

**MELBOURNE CUP
5 NOVEMBER
12PM | \$139**



WINE OF THE MONTH ROTHERWOOD



Rotherwood Pinot Noir 2016

This wine won gold & the trophy at the 2017 Australian Highlands Wine Show. Medium density red with some purple overtones. Black cherry & plummy aromas mixed with subtle cedar notes from the French oak. Medium palate weight reaffirms the cherry characteristics. The tannins are firm and evenly balanced. The wine will continue to gain complexity as it ages. An excellent accompaniment to duck and other red meats. 13.3% alcohol.



Rotherwood Sauvignon Blanc 2018

The wine shows passionfruit, a light floral perfume and hints of grassiness. The crisp palate has intense, fresh flavours with good length. It is a very good example of an Australian cool climate sauvignon blanc, quite different to the wines from our friends across the Tasman. This is an excellent lunch time wine, low in alcohol but big in personality. It goes well with fish dishes, smoked salmon, salads and simply by itself. Try it with a dozen Sydney rock oysters or some south coast tiger prawns, simply delicious! 11.7% alcohol.



Rotherwood Pinot Gris 2018

Attractive nose with good varietal fruit - white nectarine & pear. A medium bodied palate with rich stone fruit flavours. The wine finishes softly with balanced acidity and talc-like texture. This is the first Pinot Gris we have released. Up to the 2018 vintage we had labelled our wine from these grapes Pinot Grigio whilst making a wine that sat somewhere between the two styles. The 2018 vintage was excellent, packed with flavour and picked a little later. The timing was right for our first Pinot Gris. We hope you like it. Try it with chicken, flavoursome seafood, Asian dishes or simply by itself. 13.5% alcohol.

**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
25 December**

Adults	\$165
Young Adult (13-17)	\$138
Child (3-12)	\$89



FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

- 2 Jazz Night
- 17 RACA Annual Motoring Dinner
- 18 Shannon's Classic Car (Sydney Motorsport Park)
- 20 Annual Dunbar Luncheon
- 21 Women's Pioneer Society
- 26 Ladies Committee
- 30 Fluid Friday's

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Father's Day Buffet Lunch
- 6 Jazz Night
- 15 All British Day (Motoring) Kings School Parramatta
- 18 Women's Pioneer Society
- 20 Casino Night
- 23-28 Oktoberfest Food Week
- 27 Fluid Friday's
- 30 Ladies Committee

OCTOBER

- 4 Jazz Night
- 9 President's Cocktail Party
- 16 Women's Pioneer Society
- 16 Thoroughbred Sports Cars in the Garage (Motoring)
- 17 Annual General Meeting
- 22 Trafalgar Day Lunch
- 25 Fluid Friday's
- 26 Grandparent's Day

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 30 August
6pm in the Pioneers' Room

Just Infantry

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