



VIVID MENU
24 MAY - 15 JUNE

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY
19 JUNE

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JUNE 2019

RACA CAR PARK ACCESS/NO ACCESS DUE TO VIVID SYDNEY 24 MAY - 15 JUNE 2019

DAY	DATE	ACCESS	NO ENTRY OR EXIT
Friday	24/05/2019	6.30am-6pm	6pm-12am
Saturday	25/05/2019	6.30am-5pm	5pm-12am
Sunday	26/05/2019	6.30am-5pm	5pm-12am
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Monday	10/06/2019	6.30am-5pm	5pm-12am
Tuesday	11/06/2019	6.30am-11.30pm	
Wednesday	12/06/2019	6.30am-11.30pm	
Thursday	13/06/2019	6.30am-11.30pm	
Friday	14/06/2019	6.30am-6pm	6pm-12am
Saturday	15/06/2019	6.30am-6pm	5pm-12am



CORKS 'N FORKS

Dear Members,

In last month's newsletter committee member Avril Fortuin wrote about our very successful tasting/tour on 4 April hosted by Ian Cook from Five Way Cellars in Paddington, and our (then much anticipated) Rockford Dinner on 24 May. Due to editorial cut off times, my report of the Dinner will be in the July newsletter.

So what I thought I'd do this month is give you some preliminary details of our forthcoming events.

Bastille Dinner – Saturday 13 July

Our annual Bastille Dinner is always a great occasion, so please mark it in your diaries. It's the perfect opportunity to celebrate all things French – food, wine, fashion, style etc; so we're hoping you'll make a booking, glam it up a bit, and come along. If you're lucky you might even win one of the best dressed prizes or our wine options game! We'll be serving a great selection of French wines from many of Frances's wine regions chosen by Ian Cook from Five Way Cellars, who'll be there on the night to present them to you in his inimitable way. Chef will prepare a bespoke menu to complement them.

Details of the menu, wine list and price will be available shortly. However given the popularity of our Bastille Night Dinners, it might be a good idea to book early and secure your place. 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

Tasting/Tours – Thursday 22 August and 10 October

The themes for these tasting/tours, our last for 2019, are still on the drawing board. We'll let you have the details as soon as they are available. However given the popularity and value of our tasting/tours, it might be a good idea to mark them in your diaries and ring Ash Hucker to make a booking to secure your place. Please remember there are only 17 places available for each tour.

Thanks so much for supporting our events this year.

Graeme Jones

For the Corks 'n' Forks Committee

RACA MOTORING

RACA Motoring joined with the Veteran Car Club of NSW for a visit to the Valley Heights Locomotive Depot Heritage Museum. It was a day of sharing enthusiasm and commitment to maintaining the wonderful veteran cars and the magnificent steam locomotives. The Valley Heights Depot inspired a nostalgic recollection of the days of steam when the depot was used to attach a second locomotive to each train before climbing the mountain to Katoomba. You may note that in one of the photographs you can see the bonnet of Peter Dempsey's MG RV8 in comfortable association with its motoring ancestors.

This year the Annual Motoring Dinner will be looking forward rather than celebrating past wins and events. The theme for this year's dinner is "Balancing The Grid". We will be focusing on why women in motorsport is a positive future and we will be welcoming two young drivers to talk about their careers and how they will win in a male dominated sport.

In addition, we will be celebrating the centenary of Bentley, a marque rich with motorsport success and heritage.

The dinner will be held on August 17th in the Victoria Room, a change from previous events and tickets will be \$150 per head. This is an opportunity to hear from two inspirational drivers who have a clear path to success both here in Australia and in international motorsport.

All Members are welcome to join us at Fluid Friday on the last Friday each month. Feel free to be in touch motoring@raca.com.au



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Vice Patron

The Imperial Services Club, a club for Australian military officers returning from war service, has been an integral part of the history and fabric of this Club since 1986.

Since its incorporation into this Club, bringing with it a history stretching back to World War I, the Club has welcomed many members of all ranks who have served their country with distinction.

In recognition of the traditions of the ISC and our ongoing commitment to maintain due recognition and keep strong our defence membership, the Board has resolved to appoint Past President and Life Member, Mr Bayne Kelly, as Vice Patron of the Club.

Unbeknown to many of our members, Mr Bayne Kelly and his family are no strangers to foreign conflict. His great-uncle Ignatius Bertram Norris was killed at Fromelles on 19 July 1916 whilst commanding the 53rd Battalion KIA. Bert was a well-known Sydney Barrister when he enlisted in 1915 departing for Egypt in June 1915 as Commanding Officer of the 53rd Battalion in the catastrophic attack at Fromelles, designed as a feint to lure the Germans away from the Somme offensive. Of the 7,000 Australian attackers, 5,533 were killed, wounded or captured on the night of the 19th July 1916. Another great uncle of Bayne Kelly, Lieutenant Frank Coffee of the 24th Battalion AIF was killed in Lone Pine, Gallipoli on 15 Nov 1915.

An artillery observer attached to the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, Bayne "Gunner" Kelly during the Vietnam War fought for nine hours against a determined enemy after his unit walked into an enemy bunker system in June 1971. Bayne saved several badly wounded colleagues and, under intense enemy fire, tried to extract the crew of a downed Australian resupply helicopter, and was later awarded the US Army Commendation Medal for Valour.

The Board is pleased to appoint a Vice Patron as guardian of our many defence members.

Colonel Haynes

Whilst acknowledging our defence members, it would be remiss to not publically congratulate and acknowledge Colonel Haynes, himself a distinguished military officer, on being awarded the Member of the Order of Australia for over 20 years service to many causes for ex-servicemen and women. Colonel Hayes continues to remain a valued and active member of the Club whether playing bridge or snooker or generally participating and supporting his Club.

Financial Year 2019

Another financial year is all but completed and the Board and Management sincerely thank all our members for their engagement and support during FY 2019. Whilst general expenses such as insurance, electricity and wages increased in line with market, the overall variance was in the order of 2.5%.

Strong member support explains the following positive variances:

ITEM	YTD 2019	YTD 2018
Subscriptions	\$1,119,500	\$1,077,600
New members	118	120
Harbour Room F & B	\$584,735	\$546,968
Harbour Room Dinners	\$224,403	\$179,399
Members Bar Revenue	\$192,560	\$150,191

Being a not for profit organisation, before depreciation (which has no impact on the Club because it does not pay income tax as its activities are predominately member driven) the Club does not forecast significant surpluses. As a result of extraordinary general expenses associated with our EGM and ongoing significant repairs and maintenance expenditures and a new fully integrated computer system throughout the Club, the forecast is a small deficit.

Annual subscriptions will be sent out during the month of June 2019 and members will observe a small percentage increase to keep step with expense commitments. This Club still enjoys a significantly lower annual subscription rate to other city Clubs, such as the Australian Club and Union incorporating the University & Schools Club, but reality dictates that we must maintain a strong business case whilst continuing to preserve a prestigious Club for members at attractive subscription rates.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends regularly during FY 2020.

CLUB UPDATES

What a wonderful way to celebrate and to thank our Mothers for the joy they bring in to our lives. Our members and guests were entertained by the very talented Katie Rosewood and treated to a feast, complete with the most delectable desserts this side of the bridge.

Special thanks to our F&B Operations Manager, Katrin Tali, who delayed her own Mother's Day celebration with her little girl to make sure everything ran smoothly on the day and to all of our amazing team at RACA that continue to provide excellent service.



THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Dr Michael Legg

Mr Noel MacCarthy

Mrs Helen MacCarthy

Mr Prasad Gollakota

Mr Warwick Stanwell

Mr David Robertson

Mr Kerry Magee

Mr Mark Douglass

Mr Matt Brand

Mr Robin Cooper-Drive

Mr Aaron Shikhule

Ms Sally McGlashan



MINIMUM SPEND

**END OF
FINANCIAL
YEAR**

**EXPIRES
30 JUNE 2019**

With the end of the financial year fast approaching, we would like to remind and encourage all members to use any residual funds from their 'Minimum Spend' in the club. Please remember that if the minimum spend is not used by 30 June 2019, it will not roll over to the new year.

Our Harbour Dining Room is always a favourite place to be at this time of year, don't miss your chance to try the amazing Vivid-themed menu available until the 15th June. Treat yourself to an overnight stay, attend one of our events or if you can't make it in to the club you may prefer have our 'wine of the month' delivered to your door.

To book an event please call 02 8273 2320 or email events@raca.com.au

MEMBER EVENTS

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

JAZZ NIGHT

14 June 6PM - Members Bar

\$20

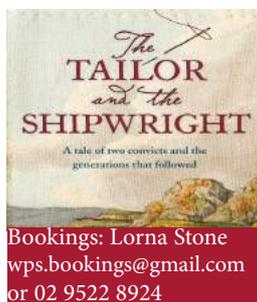


Join us for Jazz Night! Now a monthly tradition, Jazz Night welcomes in talented musicians to play some classic jazz standards and tunes for you; right in the heart of the Member's Bar. With our themed jazz bites for only \$20, grab a drink, unwind and join us as we do Friday evenings the right way.

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

17 July 12PM - Macquarie Room

\$35



Robert Westphal is a passionate historian and spent much time researching his ancestry for this novel.

Come along to hear Robert's exciting story about why he wrote the novel, the voyage of the Friendship, the early 1800's convict system, and the early settlers in Mosman.

VIVID - HARBOUR DINING ROOM

24 May - 15 June 6PM

\$55-\$70



TWO-COURSE MEAL \$55
THREE-COURSE MEAL \$70
Join us for a sight, sound and taste sensation!

Our Executive Chef has prepared a deliciously vibrant selection of dishes to compliment this festival of lights and be entertained by a unique RACA production.

LADIES COMMITTEE

29 July 12PM

\$65



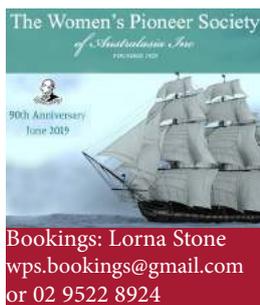
Ladies Committee High Tea.

In celebration of the Centenary of Queen Victoria, the Ladies Committee invite you to wonderful event exploring the music enjoyed during her reign. Performed by the extremely talented Toby J.

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

19 June 12PM - Macquarie Room

\$75



We invite you to our 90th Anniversary Birthday Celebration Luncheon of the Women's Pioneer Society of Australasia.

We still today continue the works and aspirations of the ladies who started the Society on the 7th June 1929.

LADIES COMMITTEE

24 June 12PM

\$65



NATIONAL TRUST

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

Join us as we welcome guest speaker Debbie Mills, CEO of the National Trust of Australia.

Debbie will speak about the importance of protecting and celebrating our built, natural and cultural heritage.



FLUID FRIDAYS

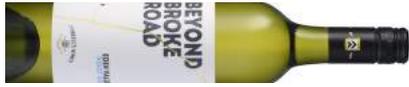
UPCOMING:

Friday 28 June 6pm
Friday 26 July 6pm

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

WINE OF THE MONTH

TYRRELL'S WINES



Beyond Broke Road Pinot Gris
Beyond Broke Road Pinot Gris is a classic cool climate style showing lifted citrus notes with a hint of pear and ginger. The palate continues these citrus and pear flavours but has lovely fine grained texture and soft acid finish which is a hallmark of Pinot Gris.



Beyond Broke Road Rose
The inaugural release of our Beyond Broke Road Rosé is salmon pink in colour is a blend of Sangiovese, Nebbiolo and Barbera. The wine shows generous fruit flavours with a lovely mid-palate texture. The refreshing acidity makes it a lovely food wine, or simply a great drink on its own.



Beyond Broke Road Shiraz
Beyond Broke Road Heathcote Shiraz is a bright fresh example of varietal and regional character, it has a core of dark plum, mulberry and chocolate balanced by fresh subtle pepper spice and flinty mineral notes.



Beyond Broke Road Sauvignon Blanc
Beyond Broke Road Sauvignon Blanc is a vibrant and expressive cool climate style, showing snow pea, guava and passionfruit. The palate is well balanced between its vibrant citrus profile and a hint of grassy notes, with a crisp, refreshing acid profile.



Beyond Broke Road Cabernet Sauvignon
Beyond Broke Road Cabernet Sauvignon is medium to full bodied. It has classic lifted dark cherry and blackberry aromas with hints of violets and olive tapenade. The palate is vibrant and fresh showing off the dark fruits and herbaceous varietal notes with silky tannins a bright natural balance.

TYRRELL'S



FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE

- 1-15 VIVID Menu
- 14 Jazz Night
- 19 Women's Pioneer Society
- 24 Ladies Committee
- 28 Fluid Friday's

JULY

- 5 Jazz Night
- 13 Bastille Dinner
- 17 Women's Pioneer Society
- 26 Fluid Friday's
- 29 Ladies Committee

REGULAR EVENTS

Bridge Club

Every Tuesday
\$32pp 10.30am in the Victoria Room

Regular Army Officers

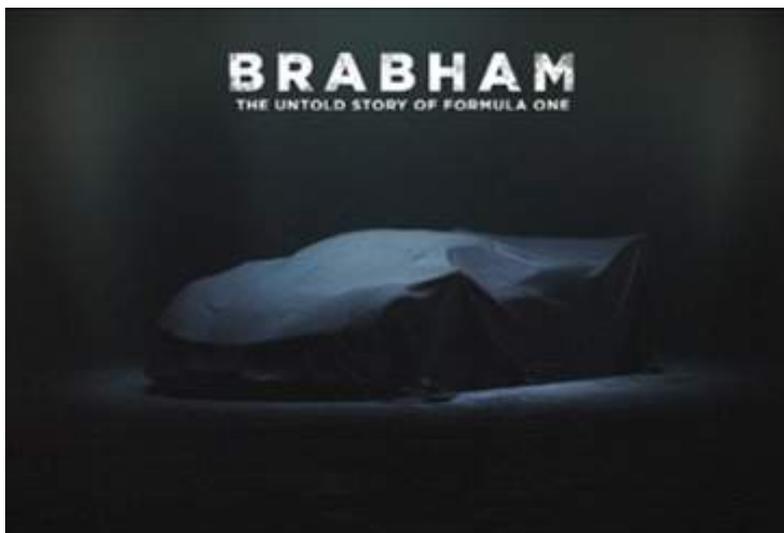
2nd Friday of the Month
\$65pp 2 course lunch & beverages
12pm in the Members Bar

Fluid Fridays

Next: Friday 28 June
6pm in the Pioneers' Room

Just Infantry

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



BRABHAM FEATURE DOCUMENTARY VIP SCREENING 25 JUNE, 6:30 PM, \$150

Robb Report Australia & New Zealand is proud to partner with Aurora Films, Dendy Cinemas Opera Quays and Royal Automobile Club of Australia for an exclusive dinner and VIP viewing of Brabham, a feature length documentary celebrating the godfather of Formula One - Jack Brabham.

Begin the evening at RACA for a two course dinner accompanied with matching wines amongst top class company then to Dendy Cinema Opera Quay at 8pm. Book direct with Robb Report at:

www.caroftheyearau.com/brabhamvip