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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members,

Financial Year ended FY 2018

We have just seen the close of another financial year and your Club has operated in surplus excluding depreciation.

Your Board thanks Markus Friedler and all his staff for their ongoing commitment and application to providing services of quality to its members and guests. Any year that achieves surplus for a not for profit Club is evidence of a steady use of all areas around the Club. A Club can only continue to subsist where members and their guests use such a landmark building and the services that it offers.

Whilst subscription income must respond to increases in costs to provide such services, your Board has again resisted any material increase in subscriptions for the current subscription/financial year.

Interest Groups

Our Motoring Enthusiasts have held another successful annual dinner with in excess of 100 guests and again furnished the Members Bar with another vintage car assiduously presented for demonstration by Alan Hunt and his team.

The Pioneers Room is now complete having been renovated under the careful eye of the Australasian Pioneers Club and their heritage architect. The artwork on wall adjoining the Members Bar is worthy of members' attention depicting the colonialization of various States of the Commonwealth, including New South Wales.

Board Initiatives

As management continues to efficiently control the business centres of the Club, your Board continues to conduct due diligence on strategic options that may become available, subject always to member approval, to secure the longevity of our building and the Club for its growing number of interests groups and members generally.

The Circular Quay precinct, a world landmark, is under concentrated development activity and opportunities may present themselves for our Club to consolidate its current position and further refurbish our building.

The planning history of our building has been researched at Council with a view to understanding current consents which enable our building to function as it does. The research has also revealed consents relating to air rights for which Council has acknowledged substantially commencement, meaning those rights have are not confined as to time.

Given the age of our building, and the significant sums that have, and will to be, required to maintain it, our future demands that your Board explores all viable feasibilities on our future capital requirements for substantial refurbishment and capital reserves.

Michael Callanan
President

MEMBER EVENTS

In September and October we have some wonderful events lined up exclusively for our members and their guests. Book in early to avoid missing out on these events!

JAZZ NIGHT

07 September 6PM - Member's Bar



Join us in the Member's Bar as Lauren Tsamouras and her jazz trio from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music joins us to play some amazing jazz standards for us! As always, this will be an enjoyable evening. Grab some of our Thai inspired jazz bites whilst you're here too for only \$19!

OKTOBERFEST FOOD WEEK

10-15 September - Harbour Dining Room



2 Courses - \$55 | 3 Courses - \$65
Inspired by the love of the traditional Bavarian festival and great beer, the Harbour Dining room will feature a delicious menu, just in time for Oktoberfest. Be sure to book your table early to avoid missing out on what is sure to be a treat!

VAUCLUSE HOUSE TOUR

14 September 8:30AM **\$85**



Vaucluse House is one of the Sydney's few 19th century mansions still surrounded by its original gardens and wooded grounds. In 1915, Vaucluse House became Australia's first official house museum. Join RACA members and their guests for an exclusive guided tour, followed by a delectable morning tea in the Tea Room!

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

19 September 12PM - Macquarie Room
Guy Cooper **\$35**



From 1991-2009 when he retired, Guy was Director & Chief Executive of the Taronga and Western Plain Zoo. He presided over the huge re-development of both zoos. He has been at the forefront in establishing many reforms in conservation and education.

Bookings: Mrs Lorna Stone
(02) 9522 8924

LADIES COMMITTEE

24 September 12PM - Macquarie Room
Botanic Garden Foundation **\$65**



Foundations and Friends of the Botanic Garden hosts a great range of activities, events, and connection to the community to the Botanic Gardens. CEO Melissa Ellis and Charlotte Sandes will be coming in to share all that the Foundation has to offer. They will also be sharing some interesting personal stories as well in their time there!

BEST'S WINE DINNER

04 October 7PM - ISC Room **\$165**



Join the Corks n Forks as they host a Best's Wine Dinner featuring some of the best in their range. With a special menu prepared by our Executive Chef and his team, each dish is set to perfectly accompany a matched wine. You won't want to miss out on this sure to be enjoyable evening.

JAZZ NIGHT

05 October 6PM - Member's Bar



For our October Jazz Night, we have the Ryu Kodama Trio joining us to play some amazing jazz tracks for us. Consisting of organ, guitar, and drums, this unique combination is sure to be a stellar performance that you won't want to miss out on! Join us for a drink, music, or grab some of our New Orleans themed jazz bites.

WOMEN'S PIONEER SOCIETY

17 October 12PM- Macquarie Room
Phillip's Day **\$75**



As a former teacher, Rae McLintock has a great ability to inspire enthusiasm in our history. Join us at the Statue of Governor Phillip in the Royal Botanic Garden for a short ceremony at 11:30am before returning to the RACA for lunch.

Bookings: Mrs Lorna Stone
(02) 9522 8924

TRAFALGAR DAY LUNCH

23 October 12:15PM **\$65**



In a joint event with the Australasian Pioneers' Club, we welcome Mr Stephen Barker who will be joining us and talking about the Life and Times of Vice-Admiral Sir Henry Blackwood. For what is sure to be a great luncheon, set in the heart of the newly refurbished Pioneer's Room, you won't want to miss out on this commemorative event.

HALLOWEEN DINNER

31 October 7PM - ISC Room **\$110**



On the spookiest night of the year, we here at the Club are getting in the spirit of things as we host our first ever Halloween Dinner! Join us for one special night as we turn the ISC Room into a Haunted Mansion. Ghostly ghouls and scary spirits prepare a delectable 3 course meal for you. Book in early to avoid missing out!

For more events, details, or to book online simply visit www.raca.com.au/our-events

CORKS 'N FORKS

With two upcoming events left for the year, our much anticipated Best's Wine dinner on 4 October and our black tie Henschke dinner on 23 November.

Best's, in Victoria's Great Western region, was established by Henry Best in 1866 and acquired by the Thomson family in 1920. Their vineyards are among the oldest and rarest pre-phylloxera plantings in the world. Best's invaluable 'Nursery Block' planted in 1868 is a veritable vineyard museum bursting with history. It contains no less than 39 varieties, eight of which remain unknown and un-named to this day.

What makes Best's so special, apart from the sheer quality of their wines, is their uniqueness. For example, their 2017 Old Vine Pinot Meunier, to be served with main course, has been described by James Halliday as "liquid history from the oldest Pinot Meunier vines in the world". Another rarity to be served with entree will be the 2017 'Concongella Blanc' - a field blend white wine produced from vines in the original Nursery Block. The other 5 wines will be 2014 Sparkling Shiraz, 2017 Great Western Riesling, 2017 Great Western Pinot Noir, 2012 Bin 0 Shiraz, and a Liqueur Muscat. Hamish Thomson from the winery will be joining us to present them.

Another big date to mark in your diary is 23 November, when we'll be presenting our 7th Annual Black Tie Henschke Dinner. We're still in planning mode, however be prepared for something special given 2018 marks 150 years of Henschke family winemaking. It's a significant anniversary, not only for the Henschke family, but for the Australian wine industry generally. There'll be more details in subsequent newsletters, however be prepared to taste something a little different from Henschke including their first release 2017 Gruner Ventliner from the Adelaide Hills.

WINE OF THE MONTH MOORES CREEK



CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Aromas of black cherries, wild berries and some spice. A full bodied red, its palate is intense and rich with dark plum and firm tannins.



SAUVIGNON BLANC

The colour is pale with a lime green hue. Pungent and herbaceous aromas dominate the nose with lovely passionfruit overtones. The wine has good length of flavour and ends with a fresh, zesty finish.

Bookings for both dinners are now open, and it's always a good idea to book early. Contact (02) 8273 2322 or eventsadmin@raca.com.au

**Best's
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WINE DINNER

**4 OCTOBER 7PM
ISC ROOM
\$165PP**

Join the Corks 'N Forks as they host a Best's Wine Dinner featuring some of the best in their range. You won't want to miss out on this sure to be enjoyable evening.



CHARDONNAY

The wine exhibits peaches and stone fruits on the nose and palate, while the subtle use of oak combines well for a refreshing but full mouthfeel.



SHIRAZ

Aromas of plum fruits, chocolate and vanilla essence. Sweet shiraz fruits and spicy peppery characters are evident on the palate.



CHARDONNAY

An elegant sparkling with excellent depth of flavour. A fresh, clean finish with citrus blossom notes. Light-bodied with a touch of creaminess on the well-balanced palate.

LADIES COMMITTEE

At the Ladies Committee Luncheon held on Monday 30th July 2018, the 32 members and their guests in attendance enjoyed a delightful meal presented by Chef Garry.

Guest speaker Jo-Anne Hewitt Executive Director Disability of the Benevolent Society shared the history of Australia's first and oldest charity with those present. It was a very informative and interesting talk.

On the 24th September 2018, the Ladies Committee will host a luncheon with CEO Melissa Ellis and Event Management and Marketing Co-ordinator Charlotte Sandes from the Foundation and Friends of the Botanic Gardens. Sharing with us some background to the organisation, information on events and exhibitions as well as some interesting personal stories.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Regards
Mrs Margaret Dawes-Smith O.A.M.
President RACA Ladies Committee

RACA MOTORING



1911 Le Zebra



(L-R) 1968 London to Sydney Marathon Car #43 Volvo 144 B20 t, 1997 Peking to Paris Car #42 Rolls-Royce Phantom V Ex-Vic Regal Car

Christmas LUNCH

25 DECEMBER 12:30PM

We pride ourselves on serving you the finest Christmas fare in Sydney and what would a summer Sydney Christmas be without some of our freshest produce, made into the most delectable Christmas dishes. Bring your friends, family and let's make some new memories here at the Club.

ADULTS \$159
YOUNG ADULT (13-17) \$132
CHILD (3-12) \$87

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RACA trophy presentation to the HSRCA (Historic Sports Racing Car Association) Class Trophy winners for the 2017 season: Peter Reed (Director), accepting on behalf of Terry Lawler (Sb class), Zach McAfee (Sa class), Megan Lavender (Director), Wayne Seabrook (Sc class), Graeme Jones (Director), Alan Hunt (Convenor) Richard Cardew (President HSRCA).



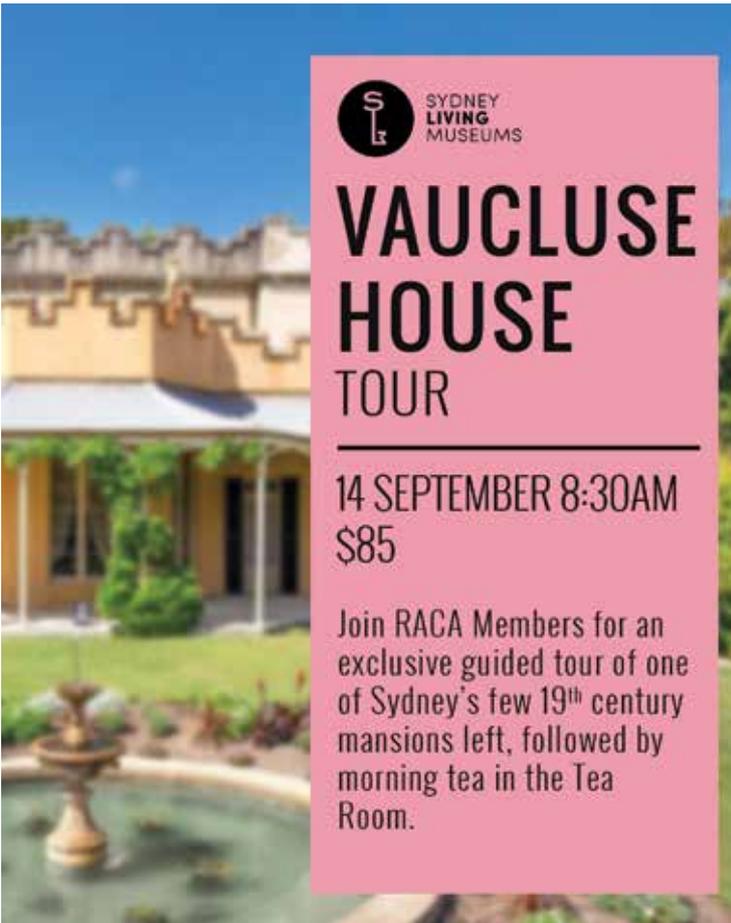
London to Sydney Marathon competitors Bob Holden, Max Winkless, Max Stahl, Gerry Lister, Barry Ferguson, Dave Johnson (Seated to Left is Wil Hagon, 1968 LSM event TV Commentator and RACA Motoring Dinner Panel Host



CLUB UPDATES

Perfect for a cold Winter's night, our Crispy Skinned Duck in the Harbour Dining Room is one of the highlights of our latest menu . Pair it with a glass of wine and a side dish; there is no better way to spend your evening.

If you have yet to sample our current menu in the Harbour Dining Room and Member's Bar, be sure to jump in quick before it all changes again when we hit Spring.



 SYDNEY LIVING MUSEUMS

VAUCLUSE HOUSE TOUR

14 SEPTEMBER 8:30AM
\$85

Join RACA Members for an exclusive guided tour of one of Sydney's few 19th century mansions left, followed by morning tea in the Tea Room.





MELBOURNE CUP

6 NOVEMBER 12PM
MACQUARIE ROOM - \$135

Join us for the race that stops the nation. This November, don your best suit and put on your best fascinator, as we here at RACA host yet another exciting Melbourne Cup Luncheon.



Book your next social event or function here at the Club.

Contact our Events Coordinator on
(02) 8273 2320 or
events@raca.com.au

THE BOARD & CEO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Mr Adam Jeffrey Barnes
Mr Ross Berry
Mrs Margaret Fong-Yam
The Honourable Stuart Fowler AM
Mr Paul Henry
Mr Denis George Hill
Mrs Ana Hocking
Mr Ian Longfiled Mariason
Mr Roger Charles Selby



Bridge Club

Every Tuesday 10:30AM - \$30 - Victoria Room
Includes lunch, tea/coffee & supervised play

Enquiries & Bookings:

Fay 0412 542 211

Derrick 0412 947 279



FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Jazz Night
- 10-15 Oktoberfest Food Week
- 14 Vaucluse House Tour
- 19 Women's Pioneer Society
- 24 Ladies Committee

REGULAR EVENTS

Bridge Club

Every Tuesday
\$30pp 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 the Month
6PM in the Members Bar

DENDY
CINEMAS

**VISIT DENDY
OPERA QUAYS**

Receive discounted movie tickets when showing your RACA Member Card at the Box Office!

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OCTOBER

- 4 Bests Wine: Corks N Forks
- 5 Jazz Night
- 17 Women's Pioneer Society
- 23 Trafalgar Day Lunch
- 26 Faulty Towers
- 31 Halloween Dinner

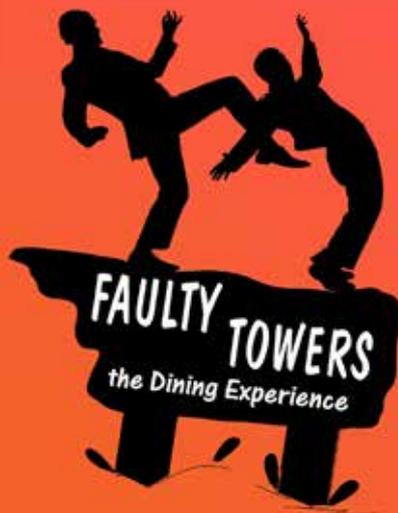
NOVEMBER

- 2 Jazz Night
- 6 Melbourne Cup
- 21 Women's Pioneer Society
- 23 Henschke Black Tie Dinner
- 26 Ladies Committee

THE MADNESS RETURNS

26 OCTOBER 7PM

\$149 (INCLUDES 3 COURSE MEAL & 2 HOUR SHOW)



Faulty Towers: The Dining Experience returns to RACA this October for another performance, after a smash out show last year! Serving up a 70s styled 3 course meal, this will be all forms of entertaining.



PERMANENT PARKING

We currently have a permanent parking spot on offer in a safe, secured garage.

For more information contact Markus Friedler (CEO/Secretary Manager) on 02 8273 2330 or ceo@raca.com.au