



KARRAKATTA CLUB

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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY/MARCH 2019

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Greetings everyone! In this our first newsletter of 2019, we want to share with you our forward planning for the year. As we discussed at the AGM, our finances over recent years have been heading rapidly in a negative direction. This means it is essential to do things differently. We see our club premises as a sanctuary; a peaceful haven in the centre of Perth. While alternative accommodation could certainly be cheaper, we feel what we have here is very special, and we are committed to saving it.

The Strategic Planning exercise carried out in 2016 showed clearly that it was this building that was valued by members. In our deliberations we have kept those recommendations in mind. We feel that it is essential that we aim for excellence in everything we do. We intend to keep improving our dining room; the service, the food, and yes, the coffee! We are broadening our offering, to appeal to a younger membership, and to those who can't come on Tuesdays. We plan to hold a monthly afternoon tea, a monthly Friday Lunch, and a monthly Friday dinner, with a Lyceum type speaker.

We also hope to continue the refurbishment of the premises. While obviously we will retain the traditional features, it is undeniable that some of our decor is looking pretty tired. A coat of paint and some judicious updating of upholstery would work wonders!

As a large proportion of our costs involves staff salaries, it is essential that our business procedures are streamlined. In line with most modern organisations these days, we will be introducing Point of Sale (POS) in our dining room. Yes, this means that you will pay for your meal as you leave the dining room. This will save hours of Janice's and Antonietta's time, and is exactly what you would expect in a top restaurant.

The remaining impetus must come from you. Older members may be finding it more difficult to attend regularly, but you can use the Club for family birthday celebrations, and by introducing a family member to membership you can find yourself benefiting by their transport! We must increase the membership. Unless we do, there can be no guarantee we can stay here. I call on each and every member to introduce at least one new member to the club between now and April.

One exciting initiative by the Moreton club in Brisbane is the formation of Lunch circles. The members decided to invite their friends to the club on a regular basis once a month. They could be simple friendship groups, discussion groups, special interest groups, but each circle committed to a certain day— for example, the 3rd Thursday of the month. They started with about ten circles- now there are over fifty! Their membership has rapidly increased, and people are queuing up to join!

So friends, the challenge is on. Let's make *Save our Sanctuary* our watchword, and make this, our 125th Birthday year the one which sees the regeneration of our club!

Warm regards to you all

Norrine

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2019

President: Dr Norrine Anderson
Vice President: Ms Virginia Ward
Treasurer: Mrs Julie Richardson
Secretary: Dr Lesley Williams
Mrs Lynn Mias
Dr Agatha van der Schaaf
Prof Karen Anderson

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CLUB INFORMATION AND NEWS

Club Opening Lunch, on January 29, was well attended with well over sixty members present. Our special guest, the Hon Judi Moylan AO held us enthralled with her talk 'A Political Odyssey'. It is truly remarkable what one brave, determined woman can achieve. It was a memorable afternoon.

On January 31, we had a very happy group of members and guests to hear Fiona Johnson outline the series of ADFAS lectures for 2019. We enjoyed a superb afternoon tea. Thanks to all who made it such a lovely occasion.

Friday Lunch Initiative The US Consul General is joining us for lunch on Friday 15th February, bookings are now open (pre-dinner drink and 2 courses \$49, bookings now open). In March a new initiative, Friday Lunch Hour, is being introduced. You will be able to come along, enjoy a light lunch (sandwiches/fruit/nuts with self serve tea/coffee), hear a speaker and leave within the hour. Never fear, table service will be on offer if you and your guests prefer your beverages served at table and you are free to stay longer.

New Arrangements—Dining Room Seating for Club Lunches Previously, hospitality staff have needed to spend a considerable amount of time continually altering seating plans for the restaurant to meet members requests. Kindly be advised that to simplify the seating arrangements, as from Tuesday 5 February 2019 the following processes will be introduced for all lunch time functions:

1. Reservations will be taken as usual by email, telephone call or personal booking for all restaurant bookings
2. Reception will organise the head table seating plan.
3. Reservations for Private table bookings will also be recorded by the receptionist
4. No other requests for seat reservations will be accepted by reception,

Members will need to reserve their seat on the day by entering their name on the Table Seating Plan which will be available in the Lady Onslow Room PRIOR to ordering their meal selection. This is important so that hospitality staff know where the member will be sitting to serve the table together. Thank you very much for your assistance in streamlining restaurant seating arrangements.

New Members It is with great pleasure that we welcome the following new members to the Karrakatta Club. Congratulations to Pamela Stephenson and Nicki McLaughlin. Red dots on name badges indicate new membership and helps us make you feel welcome. If you are a relatively new member and would like a red dot please see reception. Red dots can be removed at your discretion.

Separations

In Memoriam— Mrs Wendy Barwood. A member since 2002, Wendy found great pleasure in the Club. With Mrs Elizabeth Davies she ran the travel Lyceum for a number of years. In this as in every aspect of her life, she was friendly, gracious and efficient and made a great success of it. In recent years she suffered the loss of one of her three sons and again the Club provided a haven of tranquillity and friendship. Last year all her family and a wide circle of her friends gathered at the Club to celebrate her 80th birthday, which she enjoyed greatly. She died peacefully on January 17. We have lost a wonderful friend.

In Memoriam—Mrs Margaret Wallace. When Margaret joined the Karrakatta Club in March 2012, she did so whole-heartedly. She was a very regular attender of the functions and took a great interest in things. Margaret had a great deal of life experience and when asked, would give wise counsel and the Club benefitted from her quiet observations. She will be missed by all the members who knew her.

In Memoriam—Mrs Patricia Swift. Friendship and fellowship attracted Trish to the Club when she joined early 2018. Her tastes were literary but she was artistically very creative. A warm and caring lady with a sense of fun, she enjoyed meeting like minded women. We were just getting to know her and feel she was taken too early from us. Sadly missed by members who knew her.

Additional Email Addresses

To help us deal with emails more efficiently, and for emails to remain the record of the Club, we have made the following changes. Your emails can now be directed to the person best placed to answer your queries.

Norrine Anderson at: President@KarrakattaClub.com.au

Antonietta Bertolini at Accounts@KarrakattaClub.com.au

Lesley Williams at Secretary@KarrakattaClub.com.au

Julie Richardson at Treasurer@KarrakattaClub.com.au

Janice Woodcock at HospitalityManager@KarrakattaClub.com.au

Lyceum Convenors

Artistic: Ms Virginia Ward

Literary Mrs Anita Clayton and Mrs Rhoda Chance

Travel: Mrs Anita Clayton and Ms Emily Patterson

General: Mrs Helen Charlesworth

Takeaway Menu

Loaf Cakes	\$15.00
Cheese Biscuits	\$12.00
Meat Pies Small	\$ 8.50
Large	\$25.00
Assorted Mini Quiches	\$10.00
Beef or Vegetable lasagne	\$25.00

Management Committee—Welcome

The committee is pleased to welcome Louise Monte to the Club team. She will be working in Reception from Tuesday to Friday, providing administrative support to Antonietta Bertolini and the Management Committee, helping ensure the smooth running of the Club. Please make her feel welcome

CLUB INFORMATION AND NEWS

Member Update

Members are invited to join Committee members in the Lady Onslow Room at 10.30am on Tuesday March 19. A member update is an informal gathering with the Management Committee.

Upcoming Events Communication of upcoming events will be changed to fortnightly, on a Tuesday to assist you make advance bookings. Members attending Lyceum and Lunch will be able to access a printed copy the same day the emails are distributed. Printed copies will be made available at the flyer table and on the Reception noticeboard.

Lyceum The cost for Lyceum is being held at the same level as last year so that you are encouraged to attend weekly and enjoy companionship in the dining room afterwards.

Piano Two strings were replaced by Russell Park and the piano is now ready for playing!

Flowers Any members who would like to assist with flower arranging or help in the flower room, please leave a message on 089 325 8111 or email reception@karrakattaclub.com.au.

New Circles

Do you find it hard to catch up with friends? Would you like to be able to entertain without having to cook or clean the house? Perhaps you'd love to belong to a group to discuss current events, or films, on a regular basis. Conversations over a regular lunch or dinner are the easiest way to begin a new circle dedicated to a particular topic.

Successful circles have been started elsewhere and include; a Film Circle, a Technology Circle, a Creative Textiles Circle, a Music Circle, a Science and Medical Circle, a Poetry Circle, a Professional Circle, a Language Circle (French conversation over lunch anyone?) and any number of Book Club Circles (Non-Fiction, Auto Biography, History...). Interested to know more? Please contact Lesley Williams Secretary@KarrakattaClub.com.au.

Perhaps you'd just like to be able to meet with friends for a quiet lunch, for friendly drinks, or for morning or afternoon tea. Why not a supper before a concert or opera date?

It's easy! Let Janice know what you have in mind, and she'll have it organised in no time (HospitalityManager@KarrakattaClub.com.au). Better still, make it a regular booking on the day of your choice. Remember, now we have Point of Sale operating means your guests can pay on the spot for their own meals!

In this way you get the very most out of your membership, and we all benefit!

Current Circles

Art Focus Circle

Art Focus will commence on Thursday March 21st. Jean Williams says all are welcome.

We meet at the Art gallery at 10.30a.m.. For an hours visit with a guide and then some adjourn to the club for lunch. Please let the club know if you are attending by the Tuesday before so that the guide has the numbers.

Book Club

Book Club will commence on Wednesday the 13th February with the book, "*The President's Hat*" by Antoine Laurain with Rhoda Chance presenting.

Bridge Circle

The Circle welcomes you! Play is preceded by a welcoming morning tea at 10.15am. We then settle into our bridge hands. Bridge continues until 1pm when we adjourn to the Dining Room for lunch before departing home.

Bookings from members before Tuesday, will ensure the priority of members to play.

Non-members are reminded they may need to stand down in the event that a full complement of members have booked to play and there is not the possibility of making up another table.

Mahjong Circle

The Mahjong Circle meets every Wednesday at 1.30pm in the Lady Onslow Room. New members are welcome. Our reference book is "The Mahjong Player's Companion" by Patricia Thompson and Betty Maloney. Members are invited to meet for lunch before the game at 12 midday in the Dining Room.

Convenor: Jan Musk

LYCEUM SPEAKERS— FEBRUARY



THE KARRAKATTA CLUB

11.30am Morning Tea – Lady Onslow Room
12noon Presentation – Lyceum Room
1.00pm Lunch – Dining Room

LITERARY LYCEUM

Tuesday 5th February 2019
DAVID WHISH-WILSON

The Sydney Coves: how a gang of Australian convicts took control of San Francisco 1849-1855 and how the same roving gold-rush population of the period helped shape modern Australia"



David Whish-Wilson lives in Fremantle and co-ordinates the creative writing program at Curtin University. Author of 'Perth' in the NewSouth city series and the Frank Swann novels, set in Perth.



KARRAKATTA CLUB

Artistic Lyceum with Maggie Baxter

19 February 2019

*Ever wonder about the sculpture at Elizabeth Quay?
Maggie Baxter knows*



Maggie Baxter is an artist, independent curator, and public art coordinator. She will talk briefly about the rise and extent of public art in Western Australia and then focus in more detail on the artwork on Elizabeth Quay.

Karrakatta Club

Presents

The Hon Dr Hendy Cowan

Grandnephew of Edith Cowan

Edith Cowan was the first Secretary of the Karrakatta Club



LECTURE: Hon Dr Hendy Cowan will provide an overview of the development of Edith Cowan University during 13 years as Chancellor.

GENERAL LYCEUM

\$6.50 Members and Guests \$15 Non-Members

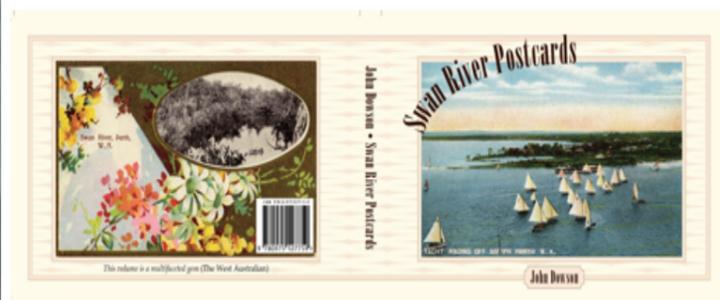
Tuesday 12th February

TRAVEL LYCEUM

TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2019

JOHN DOWSON

SWAN RIVER POSTCARDS



John Dowson is a publisher of photographic history books, public speaker, and international educator with a focus on promoting Fremantle and Western Australian history.

His latest book, *Swan River Postcards* takes a journey down the Swan River, from Guildford to Fremantle, using old postcards to show the history of the river's use. It is both a history of the water-way and a history of the postcard as a form of communication.

Like the river, this volume is a multifaceted gem and is a travel lyceum not to be missed.

LYCEUM PROGRAM

11.30 am Morning Tea
12.00 noon Presentation
1.00 pm Lunch à la carte

For Bookings

Tel: 08 9325 8111

Email: reception@karrakattaclub.com.au

LYCEUM SPEAKERS—MARCH

LITERARY LYCEUM

TUESDAY 5th March 2019

SUSAN MIDALIA

"Love and politics in modern Australia, with a dash of Jane Austen."



Susan Midalia has a PhD in contemporary Australian women's fiction. She has been shortlisted for major literary awards and a judge for the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards. She is an enthusiastic and entertaining speaker, as those who heard her previous presentation on 'why write and read literature' will remember.

Susan is the author of three collections of short stories and had her first novel, 'The Art of Persuasion', published by Fremantle Press last year to great acclaim.

Completely compelling. Here is a rarity; a witty and tender comedy of manners that also has political bite.' Michelle de Kretser



Karrakatta Club
Presents

A Preview of
Black Swan's 2019 Season

Where the Heart Is



Natalie Jenkins, Executive Director of Black Swan Theatre Company will provide an insight behind the new program.

GENERAL LYCEUM

Cost: \$6.50 members and guests
\$15 non-members

Tuesday 12th March



KARRAKATTA CLUB

Tuesday 19 March

Floeur Alder

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Dance artist, **Floeur Alder** turns to her family to help her heal from a random act of violence by a stranger on the streets of Perth. The brutal knife attack a turning point in her life. Her parents, **Lucette Aldous** and **Alan Alder**, are former stars of *The Royal Ballet* and *The Australian Ballet*. **Floeur** immerses herself in a creative dance journey taking her to old childhood haunts and an extended family of ballet celebrities, including **Rudolf Nureyev**, **Margot Fonteyn**, **David McAllister**, **Dame Monica Mason**, **Dame Gillian Lynn** and **Robert Bestonso** who help her to fulfill her dream -before the attack - to dance in Europe. Dreams are not always what they seem however and **Floeur** is pushed to her limits in this quest. Only on her return to Australia does she complete her healing, working with **Ochre Aboriginal Dance Company**. The **Tjuntjuniara** Community help her find acceptance and gratitude for a very different life to the one she'd envisioned.

Floeur Alder is a graduate from WAAPA with an Advanced Diploma and a Bachelor in Performing Arts. She received a Creative Development Fellowship and a Churchill Fellowship to study overseas. She has been a member of **Tasdance** and **Ochre Contemporary Dance** company, where she has worked with over 30 choreographers. She was voted Dancer to Watch and Most Interesting Australian Independent Artist in the Critics survey of *Dance Australia*. **Floeur** was awarded a **WA Ausdance** award for Outstanding Achievement in Choreography for *Rare Earth*.

TRAVEL LYCEUM
TUESDAY 26TH MARCH



Travel to Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in conversation with your friends **Sue Reid**, **Robyn Godley** and **Joyce Young**.

The trio visited the Baltic States in June 2018 and will enjoy sharing with you their experience of these fascinating countries and their history.



LYCEUM PROGRAM

11.30am Morning Tea
12.00noon Presentation
1.00pm Lunch

For Bookings
Tel: 08 9325 8111

Email: reception@karrakattaclub.com.au

CLUB EVENTS

Karrakatta Club
Presents

U.S. Consul General Ms Rachel Cooke



LUNCH HOUR SERIES

Friday 15th February

11.30 am Welcome Drink
12.00 pm 2 course Lunch
Guest address between courses

Cost: \$49 members and guests
Bookings: reception@karrakattaclub.com.au or 08 9325 8111
Address: 4 Sherwood Court, Perth



International Women's Day
DINNER

KARRAKATTA CLUB
presents Club member
Professor Samina Yasmeen AM



Professor Yasmeen's passion has been to educate and inform the community, raise the level of understanding and build trust, tolerance, confidence, safety, respect and security for all. To achieve this, she shares her knowledge with students, government, the WA Police, the Australian Defence Force, the media and community at large.

FRIDAY 8 MARCH 2019

6pm: Welcome drinks
6.30pm 2 Course Dinner
Professor Yasmeen will speak between courses



Karrakatta Club
Presents

Celebrated Speaker From The Writers' Festival

Ross McMullin

Award winning historian and biographer,
Ross McMullin will talk about his latest book
Pompey Elliot at War: In His Own Words.



*Reconsidering Australia's
Commemoration of
World War I*

Club Dinner

Friday 22nd February

5.30: Welcome Drink
6.00: Presentation
6.40: Questions
7.00-10:00 Dinner

Cost: \$49

For Bookings

Tel: 08 9325 8111 Email: reception@karrakattaclub.com

Karrakatta Club Lunch
Friday 22 March 2019

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2019

TUE	LYCEUM DAY	WED	THUR	FRI	
				1	2
5	11.30am Literary 1pm Lunch	6	7	8	9
		10. 15am Bridge 1.30pm Mahjong			
12	11.30am General 1pm Lunch	13	14	15	16
		10.30am Book Club <i>"The President's Hat"</i> by Antoine Laurain.		Club Lunch US Consul General	
19	11.30am Artistic 1pm Lunch	20	21	22	23
		10.15 Bridge 1.30 Mahjong		Club Dinner Mr R. McMullin	
26	11.30am Travel 1pm Lunch	27	28		
		10.15 Bridge 1.30 Mahjong			

MARCH 2019

TUE	LYCEUM DAY	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2
5	11.30am Literary 1pm Lunch	6	7	8	9
		10.15am Bridge 1.30pm Mahjong		Club Dinner Professor Yasmeen AM 6pm Drinks	
12	11.30am General 1pm Lunch	13	14	15	16
		10.30 Book Club 1.30 Mahjong			2.30-5pm High Tea
19	10.30 Member Update 11.30am Artistic 1pm Lunch	20	21	22	23
		10.15am Bridge 1.30pm Mahjong	10.30 Art Focus Meet at the WA Art Gallery	Club Lunch CWA	
26	11.30am Travel 1pm Lunch	27	28	29	30
		10.15 Bridge 1.30 Mahjong			