

# KARRAKATTA CLUB

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**\*~\* SIGNATURE DINNER: WORLD ON A PLATE — STEPHEN SCOURFIELD — THURS 20TH JULY \*~\***

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There is a truism that standing still is going backward and like many platitudes this one contains some truth. Certainly no one could be under the misapprehension that this is the case in the Karrakatta Club this month. On my return from the annual meeting of the International Lyceum (see a report further in the Newsletter) I found the dining room transformed. The new chairs, which the Weld Club have kindly given us, lift the room with their dark timber and soft coloured upholstery, whilst the aboriginal art, kindly lent by members of the Club, fills the room with interest and warmth. I look forward to inviting the President of the Weld Club as our guest to see the chairs in situ, enjoy the artwork and have a delicious meal prepared by his own chef. The Weld Club will take over our Club's catering on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, and I would urge you to come and sample the seriously good food on the menu.

The Half Yearly Meeting was, as expected, a very busy one this year. So much had to be fitted in that we asked our Administrative Assistant to be present to take the minutes. These are now ready to be sent by email to those of you who have given us your email address and are available to read in hard copy in the Club. This is a new initiative which enables the members to read the minutes whilst the meeting is still clear in the mind of those who attended. Members who could not be there, can inform themselves of our plans for the future. These plans are far reaching indeed.

Our new website is up and running and at the Half Yearly Meeting the reaction from the members was very positive. All the images will be used to further update all printed and digital communications from our Club. One of the perennial questions asked at our meetings is the use of the bedrooms and basement flat. The Executive have decided to trial the use of two bedrooms for Airbnb and we will start without further delay.

Following changes in the legislation, the Constitutional Working Party explained the different template we will follow. This means the actual constitution is a standard official document which will be automatically updated when there are further changes to the legislation. Specific protocols for the Karrakatta Club will be in the form of By-Laws and I am especially pleased with the proposal to have a tiered system of annual fees depending on the years of membership. For our long standing members I think this is a very fair way of recognising their dedication to the club.

Please come and join us in this very lively Club.

Joyce Young, President



*Mrs Kathleen Douglas-Smith's 96th Birthday Celebration*

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## LYCEUM SPEAKERS—JULY

### Lyceum - Literary Barbara Sampson



#### Barbara will be referring to **The world of Books and Bookshops**

I grew up here in Perth and graduated from UWA with a BA Hons in politics. My first job in the book industry was at Dymocks Perth in the late 1990s. I then moved to Penguin Books where I was a sales representative for a couple of years before another change took me to ECU and managing the bookshops there. After taking some time out to travel in Europe in 2004 I returned to Perth and worked at The Lane Bookshop for 12 years before moving to Boffins in late 2016. I now take care of all the web orders there. For several years I have reviewed books each week on ABC Radio Perth with Gillian O'Shaughnessy



**Tuesday 4th July**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12:50 pm**

### Lyceum - General Ainslie de Vos



#### **Fremantle Port: operating successfully for 120 years as Australia's principal western gateway to world trade**

Ainslie spent time as a TV Journalist for the ABC in Perth and Channel 9 before working at Sir Charles Gardiner Hospital as Public Affairs Manager.

For the last 20 years Ainslie has worked at The Fremantle Ports as Manager of External Affairs.

Ainslie is married to well-known ABC TV Producer David de Vos and they have 2 sons and 3 grandchildren.



**Tuesday 11th July**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12:50 pm**

### Lyceum - Artistic Virginia Ward



Keeping with our theme of Aboriginal art, our Executive member Virginia Ward will give a talk

'Australian Indigenous Mythology meets Contemporary Abstraction'.



'In the beginning when the world was soft.' Marlene Harold 2011

A journey through time and belief.

This is a story that explores Australian Indigenous Art as a medium that expresses the unmanifested as reality.

**Tuesday 18th July**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12.50pm**

### Lyceum - Travel Mr Barry Downs



Travel Trends  
CLIA Accredited Cruise Specialist and  
Presenter with 6PR Travel Talk

The Bicton Travel Group has been finding the best cruise ship deals since 1998, sharing its passion and expertise in luxury travel and cruising. Barry started his travel career in 1997 in the French Alps and moved to Australia in 2003, joining Bicton Travel Group in 2013. He has been the National Sales Manager for the Holland America Line and has personal experience of most other major cruise lines.



**Tuesday 25th July**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12:50 pm**

## LYCEUM SPEAKERS—AUGUST

### Lyceum - Literary Brenda Walker



Brenda Walker was born in Grafton, NSW in 1957 and is an Australian writer. She studied at the University of New England in Armidale and after gaining a PhD in English (on the work of Samuel Beckett) at the Australian National University she moved to Perth in 1984. Brenda is now Winthrop Professor of English and Cultural Studies at the University of Western Australia. She has been a Visiting Fellow at Stanford University and at The University of Virginia.

Brenda has received numerous awards including the 2006 and 2011 Nita Kibble Literary Award winner for *The Wing of Night*.

**Tuesday 1st August**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12:50 pm**



### Lyceum - General Diana Warnock



#### **City Vision: Has it changed the Cities Face? Yes! Yes! Yes!** **Introducing the New Museum of Perth**

Long time Karrakatta Club Member Diana is a former newspaper and radio Journalist who wrote film reviews for The West Australian and ABC radio. She also presented current affairs programs for ABC, local radio 6PR and the Curtin radio station.

Diana was for many years an activist on behalf of women and minority groups and is still a member of many community organisations.

She spent 2 terms as a member in the WA Parliament.

Her honours include OAM, Australian Humanist of the Year 1999, WA Women's Hall of Fame and a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by the French Government.

**Tuesday 8th August**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12.50pm**



### Lyceum - Artistic Angela McHarrie



Angela McHarrie is a Western Australian visual artist who will discuss the ideas behind her multidisciplinary practice.

Angela studied art history at the University of Surrey in the UK, followed by visual art at the Central Institute of Technology and Curtin University in WA. She has held several solo exhibitions and exhibited in numerous group shows both in WA and nationally. She has also completed a number of public art commissions, often collaborating with Tony and Ben Jones.

**Tuesday 15th August**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12.50pm**



### Lyceum - Travel Mr Nick Melidonis



#### A Traveller's Tale

Nick Melidonis is one of Australia's foremost landscape and travel photographers and has travelled extensively in pursuit of emotive images from some of the world's most scenic and wild destinations. He is a three-time winner of the AIPP Australian Landscape Photographer of the Year and is an AIPP Master of Photography V. In 2016, he won the silver medal from 27 countries in the World Photographic Cup held in Portugal and was a finalist in the 2016 National Geographic Travel Photographer of the Year. 'Journeys' will take you on a personal 'odyssey' through the eyes of a passionate photographer as he explores the people, cultures and wildlife of many diverse and exciting locations.

### 5th Tuesday Lyceum The International Lyceum Visit to Paris



Calling all keen travellers. A report on the Lyceum cultural days held in May in Paris, the trip to West Wycombe to visit the newly renovated grave of Constance Smedley, Lyceum Founder and the Hell Fire Caves. Looking forward to 2018, we will tell you about the program devised by the Oulu Club in central Finland for the longest days of the year in June, and the AALC Conference in Sydney, with a more sedate but no less interesting program planned for August 2018.

**Tuesday 29th August 2017**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12:50 pm**

**Tuesday 22nd August 2017**  
**Lyceum 12.00 Lunch 12:50 pm**



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## LYCEUM NEWS

### INTERNATIONAL LYCEUM— BCI MEETING IN TROYES, FRANCE MAY 15TH AND 16TH, 2017

This annual meeting deals with the international administration of the Lyceum Clubs. In between the BCI meetings the International Secretariat of the President, Secretary and Treasurer, assisted by the two Vice Presidents, look after the affairs of the Club. It is always interesting to note that so many problems are not confined to our Club only. The website, graying of the membership, initiating a review of the constitution, they all come up time and again!

There are at present 17 countries represented in the Lyceum, and with apologies from Greece, Vienna, Cyprus, Russia and UK, all were in Troyes. The meeting decided to accept Rabat, Morocco as the 18th country. We are working hard to establish clubs in Mexico, Estonia and Canada. The new archivist had interesting information about clubs in Istanbul, Warsaw and Sofia. Unfortunately these all closed before or at the outbreak of WW11. The German Clubs also closed in the late 1930s but re-started in the early 1950s.

This year we were represented by the new Australian President, Mrs Hilary Cairns from Sydney as the Australian secretariat moved to NSW after three years in Brisbane. Mrs Marion Jones, the Past President, has made an outstanding contribution to the Lyceum and this year she organised the Service of Commemoration of Constance Smedley, whose grave at St Lawrence's Church, West Wycombe, has been restored by the Lyceum.

Mrs Robyn Godley was present and has some photographs which we will show on July 14th when the Lyceum lecture will be about the BCI, and then the cultural days in Paris, attended by Dr Andrea Jia who has also made some photographs. Lastly I hope to tell you about the wonderful programme planned by the Lyceum Club in Oulu, central Finland in June 2018. Shortly afterwards in August, the Sydney Lyceum will organise the Australian Conference with pre and post conference tours. I will have details about this conference as well.

The next BCI meeting takes place in June 2018 in Finland.

Joyce Young—Vice President for the Southern Hemisphere.

## CLUB EVENTS

### WORLD ON A PLATE Stephen Scourfield

Stephen Scourfield, the West Australian Travel Editor, is hosting a dinner highlighting the food of countries he has recently visited. Before each course Stephen along with musician and composer Steve Richter will take us to each country through their words and music. Each course will be complemented with matching wines.

This will be our first taste of the Weld Club's function capabilities and should be a gastronomic delight.

Guests will, indeed, be served The World on a Plate.

Early booking essential as a full house is anticipated.

**Thursday 20th July 6.30pm**



### FIRST FRIDAY DRINKS

First Friday drinks will be held on **Friday, 7th July** and **Friday, 4th August**. The Club will be open between 5.30pm and 7pm and welcomes members and their guests for drinks and light refreshments in the Lady Onslow Room.

Cost \$18.00 Drinks payable by signed chit

RSVP essential Tel: 9325 8111 Email: [reception@karrakattaclub.com.au](mailto:reception@karrakattaclub.com.au)

Organisers: Beverley Sprague & Helen Chomley

### AFTERNOON TEA Magda Lisek

Magda is a classically trained professional singer with degrees from the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and professional training in Europe. She is passionate about Opera and Musical Theatre .

**Thursday 27th July  
2pm to 3.30pm**



### AFTERNOON TEA Boronia Prison Women's Choir

We are delighted the choir will visit us and urge you to attend this function which is in empathy with the Founders aims for our Club.

**Thursday 24th August  
2pm to 3.30pm**

## CIRCLE NEWS

### BRIDGE CIRCLE

We commence play at 10.15am with a welcoming morning tea of warm scones jam and cream. We then settle into our bridge hands. Bridge continues until 1pm when we adjourn to the Dining Room for lunch before departing home. All players would look forward to welcoming new members even if it is a "test trial" to see if it suits you. The Bridge Circle is very accommodating.

The dates for **August** games are;

**July 5th, 19th, 26th**  
**August 2nd, 16th, 23rd, 30th**

Organiser - **Rewa Boylson**

The Circle welcomes you!



### ART FOCUS

This Circle meets on the **third Thursday of each month**. They meet at The Art Gallery of WA at 10.30am at the main entrance and visit exhibitions or view art works in the collection, with expert guidance, and then return to the Club for lunch. People interested, please notify Reception two days before the visit so that guides can be arranged.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th July at 10.30am** at the Art Gallery. All are welcome to join our guide, Mrs Alice Hood, for a one hour tour of some aspects of the Art Gallery.

The dates for **July and August** are:

**July: 20th**  
**August: 17th**

Organiser - **Jean Williams**



### MAHJONG CIRCLE

The Mahjong circle meets every **Wednesday at 1.30pm** in the Lady Onslow Room. or beforehand at 12.30pm for lunch. New members welcome! Our reference book is *The Mahjong Players Companion* by Patricia Thompson and Betty Maloney. Join members and enjoy lunch before the game in the Dining Room at 12.30pm

The dates for **July and August** games are:

**July: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th**  
**August: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th**

Organiser - **Jan Musk**



### BOOK CLUB

The Book Club meets in the Lady Onslow room at 10.30am on the second Wednesday of each month. The following books have been chosen for July and August.

#### Wednesday July 12th

*Exit West* by Mohsin Hamid

This is a book which deals with the world of mass immigration in an imaginative fashion. It will stimulate thought and discussion about one of the most troubling issues of our time.

Discussion Leader: **Maggie Fuller**

#### Wednesday August 9th

*The Pigeon Tunnel* by John le Carre. Sub title: "Stories of My Life"

It is his first memoir and each chapter is a stand alone account of some part of his adventurous life in British Intelligence and as a writer.

Discussion Leader: **Helen Chomley**

**New Members and Visitors are always welcome.**

Organiser—**Jean Rushton**



## CLUB NEWS

### CATERING CHANGE

From 1st July the Weld Club will be providing the catering for our Club. The quality of the food and the presentation will be first class and should please the most discerning among us. There will be more to say about the menus after the commencement period. Why not be among the first partakers, spread the word, fill the dining room, bring friends and let's make **this a success.**



### Dining Room Chairs for Sale

We are selling our previous dining room chairs for a bargain price of \$5 each. Members have already purchased some and there are about 50 left. There must be folk out there who would love them. Anyone who can use them or know of someone who would benefit please put the word around.

We need the storage space.



### Club Champions

We publish an ongoing list of members or anyone else who gives their time and expertise for the Club who are nominated and approved by The Executive.

Ms Mandi West Fulwood

Mrs Lynn Mias

Mrs Mary O'Hara

Mrs Jenny Corr

Mr Stephen Scourfield

Mrs Freda Irenic

Mrs Julie Richardson

Dr Felicity Morel-EdnieBrown

Ms Sally Dietzler

### Aboriginal Art Focus for Members

On June 15 about 20 members arrived at Ms Mandy Loton's home to see a private collection of Indigenous art works that Mandy has collected over a working life. It was amazing! Tucked into every space and wall area were noteworthy treasures. One wanted to linger longer. This was a worthwhile and wonderful experience. Thank you Mandy.

The following Tuesday the owners of the Aboriginal artworks in the dining room gave a fascinating insight into the provenance of their paintings and why they enjoy them so. Thank you to all of the members who lent their paintings for display in the dining room.

## OUTSIDE FUNCTIONS

### MORNING MELODIES AT HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE

Please join us for MORNING MELODIES at His Majesty's Theatre featuring stars of The Merry Widow, Alexander Lewis and Taryn Fiebig for a morning of delight operettas performed on the brand new set of The Merry Widow, followed by lunch at The Karrakatta Club (optional and at own cost).



Entry: \$35.00 (no refunds)

Please RSVP to The Karrakatta Club (08) 93258111

**Wednesday 5 July**

**10.30am at His Majesty's Theatre—825 Hay Street, Perth**

### TYING THE KNOT WEDDING COSTUMES OF THE COLONY Presented by Jo Pearson

Courtship, marriage and the wedding dress in the 19th century in the Swan River Colony.

An illustrated talk devised and presented by Jo Pearson from letters and writings from the Swan River Colony. The RWAHS Auxiliary invites all members and friends to enjoy a talk on colonial weddings including slides featuring wedding dresses from the Society's collection, followed by morning tea.

Entry: \$25.00

Please RSVP to The Karrakatta Club (08) 93258111

Followed by lunch at the Club at own cost.

**Wednesday, Aug 23**

**10.30am at RWAHS—49 Broadway, Nedlands 6009**

## CLUB INFORMATION

### VALE: MRS LETITIA ANNE SYLVIE LEACH OA

Born 15<sup>th</sup> June 1914, Mrs Anne Leach joined the Club in January 1948 and greatly enjoyed her 69 years of membership. To say we will miss her is a grave understatement, as she embodied all that is good in membership. She was until a few years ago an active participant in Club affairs, often attending the Lyceum lectures with her daughter Susan. As Vice President she took part in the negotiations to move from St George's Terrace to Sherwood Court and she often said to me how pleased she was we moved here. Mrs Leach was greatly interested in our association with the International Lyceum Clubs and she twice featured in the International Bulletin. The first time when the International President sent her congratulations at Mrs Leach's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the Club and the second time some 9 months ago when the Hollywood Hospital named a wing after her. A service of commemoration was held on Thursday 15th June in St. George's Cathedral.

This would have been Mrs. Leach's 103rd Birthday.

I trust her family will draw comfort knowing the affectionate thoughts of the members and staff of our Club are with them.

Joyce Young  
President



#### New Members

Mrs Jennifer Jones  
Mrs Margaret Medcalf

#### Resignations

Mrs Margaret Wilson

#### Suggestion Book

The suggestion book is, as always, on the table with the flyers and guest book. It is available for comments and ideas and we welcome your input. However, if you wish to speak to Mr. McCarthy, he is available after Lyceums on Tuesday.

#### Club Website

The club website is now up and running. Members will be notified with a members login. Visit online at [www.karrakattaclub.com.au](http://www.karrakattaclub.com.au)

## CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW

### Can we have your thoughts?

New Legislation for Incorporated Associations provides us with an opportunity to review our constitution.

Issues of interest to the General Membership include membership categories and the eligibility of members to stand for office, and the terms of office. These were set out in a presentation shown at the Half Yearly Meeting and will be attached to this copy of the Newsletter. Copies will also be available at Reception.

Please think and talk about our Constitution and email your contribution to the debate to [agatha@iinet.net.au](mailto:agatha@iinet.net.au) before 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017. Many thanks for all your ideas!

Agatha van der Schaaf  
Constitution Review Working Party

## CLUB MATTERS



To book for lunches and Functions, please telephone Reception on 9325 8111 or email [reception@karrakattaclub.com.au](mailto:reception@karrakattaclub.com.au) . It is preferable for members to book at least 24 hours in advance.

This ensures the smooth running of the Kitchen and Dining Room.

At least 24 hours' notice of cancellation is required for Function bookings.

## CALENDARS

July 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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