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November 2023

Club Hours

Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm

Friday 3.00-8.30pm

Old Mt. Druitt Hall

87 Mt Druitt Road,

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Rembrandt
Social Club

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ABEL TASMAN
A culture of care

The board, wishes to acknowledge the hard work of our many volunteers and friends that every week help bring the Rembrandt club to life for our members and guests. We have a few big events coming up and lots of work has been done to keep the club operating. We thank our members for their patience on some of our projects that have taken longer than usual to complete. We remind all that we are a volunteer organisation and as such we depend on the good will of many to lend a hand. If you know of any person willing to add to our program, please put them in contact with us as we will endeavour to find them a place in our organisation. With the holiday season upon us we like to reach out to all and offer our hospitality. Come and visit the Club and bring a friend. Let the festive season begin at the Rembrandt.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year



The Rembrandt has a tradition of groups that knew how to make themselves heard, and the Choir was one that had something unique. In an effort to add a little musical noise to the Club we are looking for willing or talented individuals. Come in on Wednesday the 27th November for a cup of coffee and to meet some likeminded people. Please MSG John Battishall on 0400397321 for more information.

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President's report

By Allan Potter

Valued Members, we are moving into that time of year we all look forward to, From October Fest to Sinterklaas and Christmas it is going to be a fun few weeks before we have a well-deserved break. So let's start the festive season and have a ball. Keep an eye out for our Live events and out Friday specials. Put your Christmas orders in with Gerda and fill out the Sinterklaas RSVP for the kids and grandkids. Looking forward to see you all , **Allan J. Potter**

An anonymous man believed to be connected to the theft contacted Brand, wanting to get the 1884 painting - *Spring Garden, The Parsonage Garden at Nuenen in Spring* - off his hands. "I got contacted by somebody who said: 'Mr Brand, I could turn in the van Gogh, but I don't want to get into trouble'," Brand told reporters in Amsterdam after gaining the anonymous contact's confidence, the stolen painting was left in a parcel on Brand's doorstep. The painting was wrapped in bubble wrap, slipped inside a pillowcase and delivered in a blue Ikea bag. Some estimates placed the value of the stolen painting at over €5 million, just shy of \$8.4 million.



The painting was wrapped in bubble wrap, slipped inside a pillowcase and delivered in a blue Ikea bag. After finding the missing painting on his doorstep, Brand brought the parcel inside before opening it and authenticating the artwork in front of a colleague. In a video shared to his Instagram followers, Brand said he would hand the painting back to the director of the Singer Museum in Laren, where the painting was originally snatched from.

RSVP

To help us cater for Sinterklaas and Christmas functions we ask our members and guests to book in.

Sinterklaas is detouring to Sydney after his European trip and will be at the Rembrandt on December the 8th to help cater and prepare for the day, forms are available from Gerda at the Shop as well as via Email for those that cannot drop in prior to the big day.

**For our Christmas function Friday December 15th with live music, the chef has a special treat in store, and needs to make preparations to plan in advance.
Bookings for this can be made at the Club Wednesdays and Fridays.**

For all your Christmas shopping please note our last trading day in Friday 15th December place all your orders in advance where possible as stocks of some items may run low. Special orders may take longer in December please help us to help you.

Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook

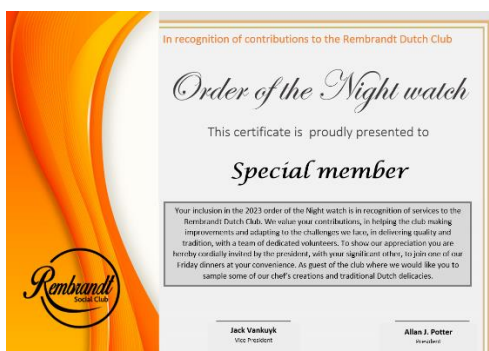
Oct 27th is the good German tradition of October Fest at the Rembrandt come sample some of the special foods with a little live music from 'Dutch Connection'

Nov 3rd is race day at the club. With Melbourne Cup fever running high the fillies at the club are ready to race, come and join this unique race and be part of it.



Nov 10th is Remembrance at the Rembrandt. In a culturally diverse nation, we remember those that gave their all to make our country great. A little reflection on a Friday night with dinner and friends.

Nov 17th Young Readers. Our street library caters for young and old. Come and find your next book from our fabulous selection of English, German and Dutch books.



Nov 24th 'Order of the Night Watch' Rembrandt night of nights where we shine a spotlight on those that make things possible.

Dec 1st Rembrandt Sjoel Cup. If you have not played Sjoelen this is a day not to miss. Game for young and old to test your steady hand and keen eye to keep the points coming in and your chance to win a prize.



Dec 8th Sinterklaas at the Club, this is a very Dutch tradition for young and old, Come and meet up to start the festive season 2023 in style at the Rembrandt.



Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

The doctor gave me one year to live, so I shot him with my gun. The judge gave me 15 years. Problem solved. "My senior relatives liked to tease me at weddings, saying things like, "You'll be next!" They stopped once I started doing the same to them at funerals." **"My husband and I have reached the difficult decision that we do not want children. If anybody does, please just send me your contact details and we can drop them off tomorrow."** Option 1: Let's eat grandma. Option 2: Let's eat, grandma. There you have it. Proof that punctuation saves lives. **For Sale: Parachute. Used once, never opened, small stain.** "It's important to establish a good vocabulary. If I had known the difference between the words "antidote" and "anecdote," one of my best friends would still be alive." **"I tried to warn my son about playing Russian roulette. It went in one ear and out the other."** An old man and a 20 year old are paired together at a golf tournament. They're playing a long par 5 that dog legs around some tall trees. As the 20 year old sets up his tee shot to hit onto the fairway the old man notes "when I was your age we used to hit over the trees - not around to the side." So the 20 year old readjusts and tries to hit over the trees - but can't clear them and loses his ball. He tries again and loses that one too... Then the old man says "of course, when I was your age, the trees were only 6 foot tall." **young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."** The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream parlor. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied: "Because the day I take the dollar the game is over!" This young blond decided she wanted to pay off all her bills. She started going door to door in her neighbourhood asking if anyone needed something done for a little money. She knocks on her first door. An elderly man answers. "Hello. I am trying to make some extra money to pay off bills. Do you have any odd jobs you need done" The old man replies, "Well, you can paint the porch". She jumps for joy and says 'Great! How much will you pay? " " One hundred dollars", said the old man. " The paint, rollers, and brushes are in the garage. Knock on the door when you're done and I'll pay you ". The old man goes back inside as the young blond bounds off to the garage. " Does that poor girl know our porch wraps around the whole house? ", asks the old man's wife. " of course, she does. You've heard too many dumb blond jokes. Just at that moment there was a knock at the door. The old man opens it to find a smiling face, "I'm done. And I had enough paint to give it two coats. By the way mister, that's a Lexus. Not a Porche. **A psychiatrist asks his new client, "What brings you in today?" "Well, my family thinks I'm crazy because I prefer loafers to sneakers,"** the man replies. "That's nothing," scoffs the doctor. "Why, I myself prefer loafers." "Really?" asks the patient eagerly. "Do you like them better grilled or fried?" The chief engineer on a stream train got a new apprentice. "What's your name, son?" the older man barked. "It's Charles, sir," the apprentice replied. "Listen to me, boy!" the engineer shouted angrily. "I have never called an apprentice by his first name! What's your last name, son?" "It's Darling, sir." "All right then, Charlie. Let's start shovelling some coal..." **Sarah and Isaac were lying in bed one night. Isaac was tossing and turning, unable to sleep. Sarah asks him "Isaac, Isaac, why do you fret so? "** to which Isaac replies "Oy vey, Sarah, you know that 20 dollars I owe Ishmael across the way? Well, I have no idea how I will repay him!" Sarah nods her head, gets out of bed, throws open the window and yells for Ishmael "Ishmael! Ishmael! Wake up!" Ishmael opens the window and cries "Sarah, what is the matter? It is the middle of the night!" Sarah replies "Ishmael, you know that 20 dollars my husband owes you?" He replies cautiously "Yes....?" Sarah says "Well, he cannot pay you. Goodnight." And she closes the window . Turning to her husband she says, "There. Now you let Ishmael worry about it."



Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

So, it goes on. I am jumping to the year 2003. The shop was extended and almost every item was available from the shelves that were built by a carpenter/volunteer. On Tuesdays the shoppers were welcome from 10am till 2pm. They could enjoy a free cup of coffee during shopping, while we clean the place. There was always a great team of volunteers, working hard to keep the place spic and span. The Friday nights were very long. The Club would open Fridays at 11am so the (new group) scrabble players could have a game when the place is still quiet. That meant that we would leave home at 9am and go on most Fridays till midnight. One day (maybe not 2003) we were sitting down with our lunch and I mentioned that it would be great to get one more person for the kitchen, so the busy hour would be a bit more relaxed. In walks this beautiful young person Darlene and says: I am doing this course and part of it is volunteer work. I did work at your Festival. Do you think there would be a place on Friday nights? I could not believe it. She came every Friday from then on until after we had to vacate the building in 2019.

Back to 2003, Rembrandt's 25th Anniversary year, all foundation members were invited to our Festival to celebrate. For them it was the first time in many years that they would all be together again. We had purchased boxes full of bottles and designed sticker for this event. Wrap the bottles in cellophane and every member would get an Anniversary bottle. After the event this was written in the magazine; Anniversary souvenir bottle. Every Rembrandt Club member is entitled to one bottle free of charge. To be collected, from the kitchen counter. Bring your valid membership card. 2002-2003. Experiences of the anniversary bottles. Some might think that we want to make 'drinkers' out of you. Not so!!! 1. Master Dirk picked up his bottle and put it in his car, thinking what a very good idea this bottle was. It was very warm and.... The next day he had to pick up the bottle with two hands and throw it in the bin. 2. The daughter of two of our members sneaked her mum and dad's bottles to a party, so she could have a drink... 3. Wiebe (Sparky) is on his way to Holland and during his last (working) visit to the club he asked me for his and Patty's bottles. You see in Holland, there is a friend who collects bottles from all over the world..... 4. "Oh, I love bubbly!!! 5. "I'm not keen on sparkling, but I know someone who is!!! After so many and more comments. LET ME EXPLAIN. The bottle is actually a candle. The stickers are designed for the special occasion. It won't go off and if ever you have a blackout it will come in handy!!! P.s. Dirk's bottle was retrieved from the bin and put on display during the festival. In 2003 Rembrandt also had a Trivia night, which was a new experience for club members. 2006 was the 400 years Rembrandt celebration. This was a busy weekend with a performance by the Rembrandt Male Choir in their famous Rembrandt outfit, a workshop by Dutch Master Painter Dirk Van de Lindt and painting & demonstrating in 'Rembrandt Style'.



2023 Sinterklaas activities form

Child Name 1	Age	gender M / F
Child Name 2	Age	gender M / F
Child Name 3	Age	gender M / F
Child Name 4	Age	gender M / F
Child Name 5	Age	gender M / F
Parent's Name		
Signature	Phone number	
Email	Members No#	

Sinterklaas activities on Friday 8th December at Mount Drutt hall for members and guests. Be part of the celebrations of an old tradition at the Rembrandt Social Club. This is a prepaid event \$25 includes activities – snack – drink – show bag. Payments can be made at the shop Wednesdays and Fridays or via direct deposit to club with description 'Sint <name>'. For more information call Rebecca on 0417696415.

Planning in a covid environment means we have to make some changes to how events are run and participation numbers may be capped. In the eventuality that the event cannot proceed as planned the show bag will be made available for collection and drink and snack voucher will be included for use at later date. All participants and parents agree to abide by rules and regulations from Rembrandt Dutch Club, local council, state government and federal government. Help us make events better and volunteer for Sinterklaas activities.



Sinterklaas is coming Friday Dec 8th

Special orders Apart from a selection of pantry favourites, traditional biscuits, lollies and dropjes we also supply cheeses, Frozen snack foods (frikandel, kroket and bitterballen). Dutch rookworst is another high demand item. We also have smoked 'spek' and 'bakbloed worst'. For dessert we have apple pie or Hollandse vlaai. Stock up for your next party. Join us Wednesday mornings and Friday nights. Call Gerda on 9746 8420

Rembrandt Social Club MEMBERSHIP

By Mia Joosten

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Single	\$20.00
Couple	\$30.00
Pensioner Single	\$15.00
Pensioner Couple	\$20.00

Where one person is a pensioner, his/her partner also pays pensioner fee. Membership year is October 2023 to October 2024



The Rembrandt AGM will be held at the Club on Friday 23rd February at 6:00 PM. The Bar and kitchen are open till 5:45pm and after the meeting only.

For details on events please check



or TXT Rebecca the events secretary.
0417 696 415
Dinners can be pre booked to help our kitchen ladies and chef.

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Rembrandt Calendar

- Fri Oct 27th October Fest**
 - Fri Nov 3rd Race day**
 - Fri Nov 10th Remembrance**
 - Fri Nov 17th Young Readers**
 - Fri Nov 24th 'Night Watch'**
 - Fri Dec 1st Sjoel cup**
 - Fri Dec 8th Sinterklaas**
 - Fri Dec 15th Christmas dinner**
- Wednesday mornings Café & Shop
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