

't Penseeltje

December 2023

Club Hours

Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm

Friday 3.00-8.30pm

Old Mt. Druitt Hall

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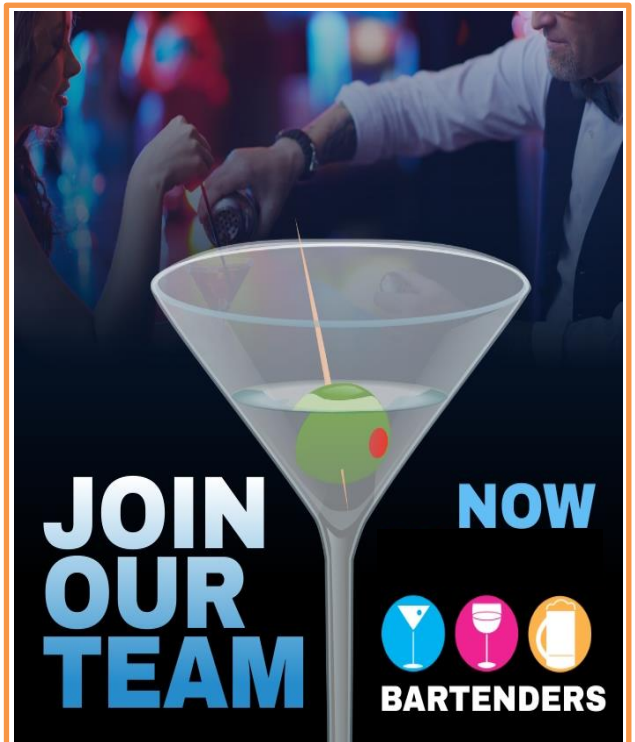
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The board, wishes all members and guests a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope to see you all in 2024 after a well deserved rest. To our volunteers thank you so much for delivering every week. The Rembrandt is a unique place that would not exist without you. We would like to extend our thanks to John Battishall for his many years of service behind the bar at Dunheved and at Mount Druitt. He has decided to pour last drinks on the Christmas party and devote his time to the pursuit of Triominos. The search for a new barman has been ongoing for many months but we have not found the right person just yet. If you think you have what it takes to be the face of Rembrandt behind the bar, please come talk to a board member. The Club will provide the training and required licence. See you all at the Rembrandt.



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President's report

By Allan Potter

Valued Members, from my family to yours we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year. It has been a pleasure seeing you all at our Club and I'm looking forward seeing you all in 2024 after a well-deserved rest. Please take care on the roads and join me on Friday 19th of January for a toast to the New Year at the Rembrandt. Bring a partner, bring a friend and lift a glass of bubbly to health and prosperity. Let's start the Year 2024 together at the Rembrandt club , **Allan J. Potter**

Sinterklaas, often referred to as St. Nicholas, is a traditional figure in Dutch and Belgian folklore who plays a significant role in the celebration of the holiday season. The character of Sinterklaas is based on Saint Nicholas, a Christian bishop from the 4th century, known for his generosity and kindness. The Dutch celebration of Sinterklaas takes place on the evening of December 5th, with gifts exchanged on the following day. Sinterklaas arrives in mid-November, usually by steamboat from Spain. Sinterklaas is typically portrayed as an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a red bishop's robe, a mitre, and a staff. He exudes a kind and gentle demeanour, reflecting the benevolent nature associated with the historical Saint Nicholas. Sinterklaas is the central figure in the Dutch gift-giving tradition. Children place their shoes by the fireplace or a window, and Sinterklaas, accompanied by his helpers, fills them with small gifts, candies, and treats. This occurs on the night of December 5th, and the gifts are discovered on the morning of December 6th. **Sinterklaas Eve:** The evening of December 5th, known as Sinterklaas Eve or "Sinterklaas avond," is a special time for families and friends. They gather to exchange gifts, enjoy festive foods, and participate in various activities. It is a time of joy, laughter, and sharing.

Dear Members, we are heading to the Christmas holidays and new year. We hope you all take time to enjoy the festive season and recharge for 2024. The Board and volunteers have been working on the constitution update for the Rembrandt Club that will be discussed at the AGM on Friday February 23rd.

February AGM agenda

- Presidents welcome
- Chairman's report
- Secretary's report
- Financial report
- Introduction to the new constitution
- Adoption of new constitution
- Amendments to constitution
- 1. Proposed resolution to implement board re-election framework
- 2. Proposed resolution to implement a Rembrandt charter as an attachment to the constitution to provide the board and members over years to come with a guide to how the Rembrandt was established, what it currently is and what it should strive to be in the future.
- 3. Proposed resolution to implement the contingency as previously set out.
 - A. The Queen Wilhelmina Benevolent fund or its successors to be the benefactor of all funds where the Rembrandt club is dissolved.
 - B. Funds to be earmarked for use as per Rembrandt charter.Insertion of legal requirements imposed on Rembrandt before recording new constitution
- Election of Board members 2024

Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook

Dec 15th is the Rembrandt Christmas dinner for Members and guests as always, our chef and kitchen ladies have been busy planning for this festive occasion.

With Dinner comes a LIVE performance of Jimmy Jack on stage. We are looking forward to his Christmas special.

The club is closed over the festive season
We return Friday the 19th January 2024
for the President's toast of the New Year.
All welcome to join and have a glass of bubbly



Jan 26th is Australia day.

We hope to celebrate in style and get a few snags or shrimps on the barbie or what the chef decides on.

The E.D.A.H. shop should be fully stocked, and many items return from a long absence.
Come and stock your pantries.



Feb 2nd is Members day we have an evening of giveaways, raffles and door prizes. All you need to do is be current with your membership and be present when your number comes up.

Member Benefits



Feb 9th is World chocolate day, probably the only day that gets celebrated by most people on the wrong day. We are going to right a wrong and enjoy doing it.

Feb 16th is our Valentines dinner, treat your better half to a great meal. Or bring a friend that shouldn't be alone. Dinner for two is always better than dinner at home.



Feb 23rd is Rembrandt AGM at 6:00 pm at Mount Druitt hall. Please be advised bar and kitchen are closed from 5:45pm till close of meeting.



Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

One day, while strolling down the boardwalk, John bumped into an old friend of his, Rob, from high school. "You look great John, how do you stay looking so young? Why you must be 60 already but you don't look a day over 40!" Rob exclaimed. "I feel like I'm 40 too!" replied John. "That's incredible" exclaimed Rob, "Does it run in the family? How old was your dad when he passed?" "Did I say he was dead?" asked John. "He's 81 and is more active than ever. He just joined the neighbourhood basketball team!" responded John. "Whoa! Well how old was your Grandfather when he died?" "Did I say he died" asked John. Rob was amazed. "He just had his 105th birthday and plays golf and goes swimming each day! He's actually getting married this week!" "Getting married?!" Rob asked. If he's 105, why on earth does he want to get married?! John looked at Rob and replied, "Did I say he wanted to?" **After much nagging from his wife, Sam was visiting the audiologist. Yes, he would need hearing aids and they ranged in price from \$10.00 to \$2,000, was what he was told. "I'll try the \$10.00 pair" Sam said. The nurse placed the hearing aids into his ears and hung a wire around his neck. "Does the wire really have to be around my neck?" asked Sam. "Why of course!" replied the nurse. "You think these things in your ears do anything?! It's the wire around your neck – it makes people talk louder!"** John walks into his 5th floor apartment after a long day of work, he exhaustively sinks into his favourite arm chair, puts up his footrest, turns on the TV, and turns to his wife Hannah, "Honey, please get me a hard drink, I think it's about to start." Hannah rolls her eyes, heads to the kitchen, takes out a beer from the fridge, and brings it to John. "Honey", said John, two minutes later, "please get me another one quickly before it starts." "WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU, YOU LAZY GOOD FOR NOTHING!" Hannah exclaimed, "DO YOU THINK I'M YOUR PERSONAL WAITER!? YOU PLOP YOURSELF DOWN ON YOUR EASY CHAIR AND EXPECT ME TO BE ON YOUR BECK AND CALL!? IS THAT ALL I'M GOOD FOR!?" John sighs, and mutters under his breath, "it started..." "Harry," whined Mary, to her husband of 20 years. "What should I do?! I'm not ready for old age! I'm only 40 years old but I look and feel like I'm over 55! My face is all wrinkly, my back is bent over, and my hair is all thinned out." "Well," said Harry after looking her up and down, "There is one thing about you that still works as good as new." "Oh Harry!" said Mary sitting down next to her husband, "you always know just what to say! What are you referring to?" "Never mind" said Harry looking down. "C'mon Harry, please tell me what you were referring to." "Mary, please don't make me." "Harry I insist." "Well I was going to remark about how your eyesight seems to be just fine!" John, Sam and Abe, would get together every night, rain or shine, to play poker. It was a nice way to pass the time and the men enjoyed it immensely. John's wife wasn't so fond of her husband's poker playing. She thought it was a dirty and low way to fill his time, but she had long ago resigned herself to her fate, although inside of her, there was always a low flame on the back burner waiting to erupt. One Wednesday night, after a few nights of boring games, something exciting happened. Sam watched in amusement as John and Abe, each convinced that they had the better hand, slowly put their life savings into the pot. Things started to get really intense when John, running out of available cash, added his car and house into the pot. When there was no money left to bet they showed their cards. As soon as John saw Abe's cards and realized he had lost, he had a heart attack and died. "Sam," asked Abe "how are we going to tell his wife?" "Don't worry I'll take care of it" Sam said. Abe knocked on John's door. "John just lost all of your life savings in a poker game," said Sam when the door was opened. "He's afraid to come home." John's wife was fuming "HE DID WHAT?!" She screamed. "TELL HIM I DON'T WANT TO EVER SEE HIS FACE AGAIN! TELL HIM TO JUST DROP DEAD!" "Ok," said Sam nodding

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...turns out it's a hair clip.



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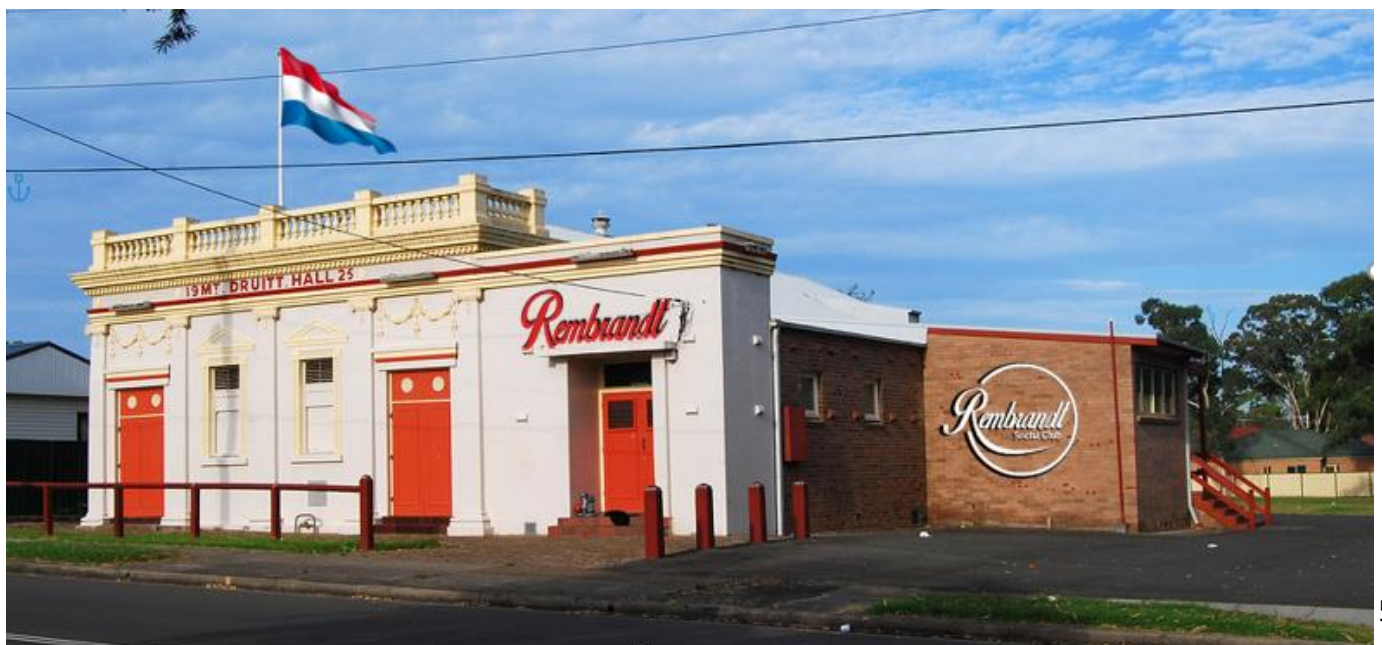
Past and present

By a volunteer

It has been four years since we started the move to Mount Druitt Hall, some things changed but one thing remained. We are still proud migrants and always strive to showcase the best of the old traditions in new ways. From the hard work of salvaging the things the club collected over a great many years, some were sent to storage, some were given to other clubs and organisations. We, however kept what we needed the most. The people and spirit that built the club many years ago is alive and well as we rebuilt with enthusiasm. The start was short lived, an encounter with a foe equivalent to the Spanish flu didn't just stop the club, it stopped the world. For lots of businesses and other organisations this proved to much and many fell at this hurdle.

Our club looked at how to manage such an event and find a way to keep the doors open when allowed. Connection between members was important, important enough to brave this foe that made many sick and claimed countless lives. Covid was hard on the club for a few years, many stops and starts. Lack of stock with disrupted supplies still have not been completely resolved. We improvised, we did what we could, we managed to find ways to keep the club open and entertain the members. We got our bar setup and permit granted after a lengthy process to clear all red tape. This meant we could all enjoy our favourite bebies again. The shop finally got some stock and kept trading, however sourcing products remained an issue. Our butcher moved premises and couldn't manufacture our rookworst, after some negotiations a special batch order was made, and we are once again eating 'Dutch rookworst'. The boat deliveries are still causing ongoing problems with delays and supplies not available we are yet to see a North Sea herring swim our way. The kroketten, bitter ballen and frikandellen were easier as they are made locally. Our Chef and kitchen crew made up where supplies were not available.

Friday nights has become a dinner with friends' night with a new surprise every week. We have sampled a wide variety of dishes from our club kitchen, all home cooked, prepared with love as that special ingredient. While eating and drinking the club has seen a number of fun games played and artists drop in. Sjoelen, tabletop horse racing, two-up, Bingo, Klaverjassen, Triominos, bowling, indoor golf, dart ball, to name a few. The weekly word search has proved a hit, and puzzle, dvd and book club has provided many with a free gift. On stage, we have our resident accordion player Herman and relative newcomer to the club Jimmy Jack do regular performances. Our doors remained open, we were stronger than Covid, most of us moved halfway around the world and call this place home. We welcome all members and guests to enjoy with us what makes the Rembrandt so unique. New challenges will come, and we will embrace them.



Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



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



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Dinners can be pre booked to help our kitchen ladies and chef.

Pizza topping search 18 words

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Rembrandt Calendar

- Fri Dec 15th Christmas dinner**
- We are on holidays*
- Fri Jan 19th Presidents NY**
- Fri Jan 26th Australia day**
- Fri Feb 2nd Members day**
- Fri Feb 9th Chocolate day**
- Fri Feb 16th Valentines dinner**
- Fri Feb 23rd Club AGM**
- Wednesday mornings Café & Shop
Triominos, Cards, Chess & knitting



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