

# 't Penseeltje

January 2022



*From Bondi beach to the Blue Mountains,  
from all of us in Sydney,  
to the rest of the world,  
A very Happy New Year*

## **Club Hours**

**Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm**

**Friday 3.00-8.30pm**

**Old Mt. Druitt Hall**

**87 Mt Druitt Road,**

**Mount Druitt.**



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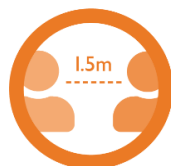
## The Board wishes to advise:

**Dealing with change will be the norm for some time to come. Please check our Facebook page for updates regularly. New South Wales State Government updates to our requirements as well as Blacktown City Council Hall rules apply to the club and need to be observed by all members and guests. We will endeavour to deliver our programs Wednesdays and Fridays as we have done in the past. We ask all to be diligent in looking after each other, please don't attend if you are unwell. Sign in with QR code and in our club register on entry. Thank you for supporting your Rembrandt Club. We hope to see you all soon. Let's make 2022 a good year.**

Members and Guests,

Please be advised that the club operates under State Government and Local Council COVID regulations and needs your help to maintain a safe environment for all. You are required to sign-IN to COVID register on entry. Our COVID marshal will take your temperature. The club provides Alcohol based sanitiser for your convenience. Our volunteers and Council cleaners work hard to keep the hall clean so we can keep operating. Your continued patronage is valued. As one we are working together, on the occasion that you are not feeling well, have a cold, snuffle or cough, look after yourself and others and consult your GP and come visit us another day.

Thank you for your assistance,  
Rembrandt Board



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# President's report

By Allan Potter

## Valued Members,

2021 will be remembered as an eventful year for many different reasons, the club had it's first close encounter with a COVID positive test taken from a child that had attended a gathering at the hall on Monday, council alerted us during our Wednesday meeting forcing us to temporarily vacate the premises for cleaning and forced the Postponement of our AGM. These were minor events in a stop start year. In December, we were blessed with a double treat, firstly Sinterklaas with his helpers made a special appearance entertaining the children and not so young children. As extra treat, we were entertained with a delightful magic show, performed by our own Mr Magic, Sjoerd Rasker. I hope that at a later stage we can persuade Mr Magic for a return appearance. The shop had a great trade leading into Christmas Holidays with a number of items selling out. Our Annual Christmas dinner saw many members turn up to see what our Chef had prepared, and it was outstanding. The night was made even more special with the presentation to our newest 'Order of the night watch' recipients. On the night, the first four awards were bestowed on two people for 2020 and two for 2021. John Battishall for his long-standing dedication to provide a service with a smile from behind the bar. Mark van Gelderen as a CPA for making sure that the club was and is accountable for their finances. Ishmam Kabir is a special volunteer that has helped streamline our financial obligations and been instrumental in navigating our many obstacles the last few years. The final award winner was Anton Mathyi, another long-standing hard working volunteer with a fondness for a big red suit only in early December to help make one of our special occasions that much more special for a great many years. We pride ourselves as a club that we are able to make things work with the help of a great many volunteers. Some do their work away from the club, others are always around, we all band together to deliver for our members and guests. 2022 will be our third year at Mount Druitt Hall and we plan to make it the best we can. Come and join us.

**Allan J. Potter**



**AGM 28<sup>th</sup> January 6:00 PM @ the club.  
Kitchen will close 5:45PM till end of meeting**

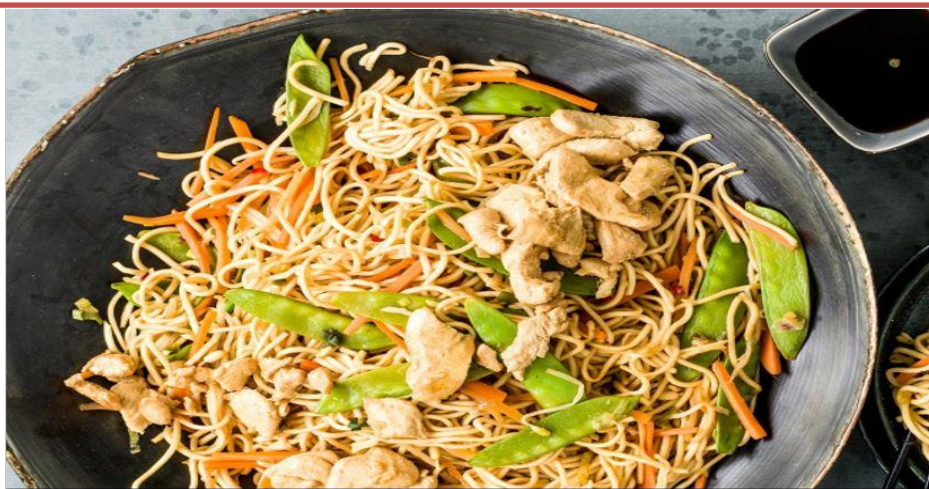
# Kitchen Corner

By Alice Vanderheg

Dutch food has many influences from its long seafaring past where spices and cooking methods were introduced over the centuries.

The connection with Indonesia has seen many dishes made into local variations.

Our E.D.A.H. has many spices and sauces to help you create your own magic at home.



## Chicken bami goreng



*Mie goreng* are traditionally made with yellow wheat noodles, stir fried with chopped shallots, onion, and garlic with soy sauce seasoning, egg, vegetables, chicken, meat or seafood. However, other versions might use dried instant noodle instead of fresh yellow wheat noodle. A common practice in Indonesia is the inclusion of the powdered instant noodle seasonings, along with egg and vegetables. Authentic *mie goreng* uses fresh ingredients and spices, however, bottled instant spice paste might be used for practical reasons.

The **Maluku Islands** or the **Moluccas** are an archipelago in the east of Indonesia. Tectonically they are located on the Halmahera Plate within the Molucca Sea Collision Zone. Geographically they are located east of Sulawesi, west of New Guinea, and north and east of Timor. Lying within Wallacea (mostly east of the biogeographical Weber Line), the Maluku islands have been considered part of both Asia and Oceania. The islands were known as the **Spice Islands** because of the nutmeg, mace and cloves that were exclusively found there, the presence of which sparked colonial interest from Europe in the sixteenth century. The Maluku Islands formed a single province from Indonesian independence until 1999, when it was split into two provinces. A new province, North Maluku, incorporates the area between Morotai and Sula, with the arc of islands from Buru and Seram to Wetar remaining within the existing Maluku Province. North Maluku is predominantly Muslim, and its capital is Sofifi on Halmahera island. Maluku province has a larger Christian population, and its capital is Ambon. Though originally Melanesian, many island populations, especially in the Banda Islands, are now mixed.

## Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

6:00 PM

# AGM

## Rembrandt Club

### 87 Old Mount Druitt Road

### Dinner will be served after meeting closes

The AGM is members only. Guests can remain in the bar area while meeting in progress.

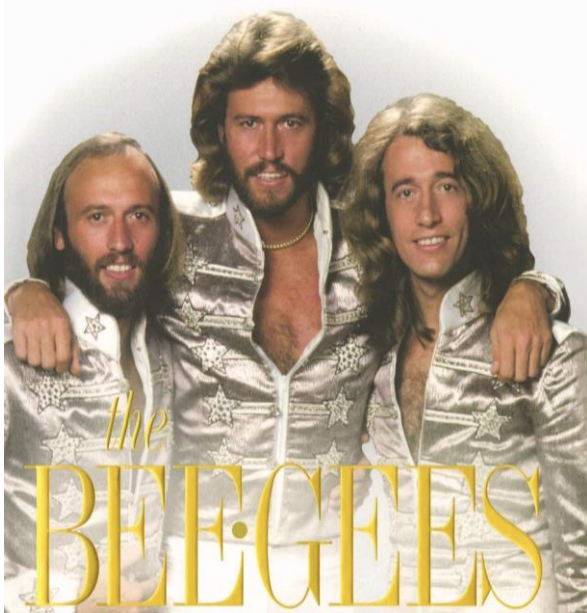
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# Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook

Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> will see in the New Year at Mount Druitt Hall with a glass of bubbly for our members as a special treat with the Presidents toast to 2022. The Kitchen is prepared and ready to bring you that special authentic Dutch/Indonesian delight Mie Goreng, in Holland often called Bami Goreng.



Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> We hope the tunes of the Bee Gees will bring us a little 'Saturday night Fever' after dinner.

Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> is the date for the postponed AGM, as in previous years, the members only meeting will start at 6:00PM and kitchen will be closed from 5:45PM till meeting close to allow our volunteers to participate in this as well. Minutes of last year's meeting will be available on the day. The Board will do a review of the year and it's financials and general business for those present, before handing over to the returning officer to complete the meeting requirements. Upon completion of formalities, the kitchen and bar will reopen as normal.



Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> is our Australia Day, celebrating living in the sunburnt country. The arse end of the world according to one of our former prime ministers. The country that was marked on the map as 'New Holland' centuries ago and where lots of places bare the name of Dutch seafarers and traders. Where you ask your mate to throw another shrimp on the barbie.

The gathering space for our community





# Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

**Bush Intelligence Test** There were the two young Aussie blokes who had arranged to meet down by the river to do a spot of fishing. One of them was running late, so his mate decided to start without him. He was lying back on the riverbank, fishing, with his line in the water and the other end around his big toe. Beside him he had these little black pills and was idly flicking them into the air. Eventually, his mate came along. "G'day, where have you been?" the fisherman asked. "Had to do a couple of jobs for Dad. Hey, what are those little black pills you're throwing in the air?" "Ah, they're Smart Pills," the first bloke explained. "You oughta try some." "What do they do?" "They make you smarter." So the second bloke took one. After a while he said, "They're not making me any smarter." "Well, take a handful" so the second bloke did. He chewed them up until he had black juice running all down his chin. Suddenly he stopped. "Hey, these black pills are just sheep shit!" he said. The fisherman laughed, "I told you they'd make you smarter." **Two nuns were ordered to paint a room in the convent and the last instruction from Mother Superior is that they mustn't get any paint on their habits. After conferring about this for a while the two nuns decide to lock the door, strip off their habits and paint the room in the nude. In the middle of the project, there comes a knock on the door. "Who's there" calls out one of the nuns. "The blind man" replies the voice from the other side of the door. The two nuns look at each other and shrug deciding no harm can come from letting a blind man into the room. They open the door.... "Nice Tits" says the man "now where do you want these venetians?"** I recently purchased a toilet brush long story short I'm going back to toilet paper. **At the age of 92 my grandma started walking 6km every day. She is now 95 and we have no idea where the hell she is.** The other day, my wife asked me to pass her lipstick, but I accidentally passed her a glue stick. She still isn't talking to me. **A woman is feeling unwell, so she goes to her GP. He immediately spots the problem and says to her, "Take this red pill after breakfast with a glass of water." "OK." "Take this blue pill after lunch with two glasses of water." "Ok." "And take this yellow pill after dinner with three glasses of water." "Good heavens," says the woman, "whatever is the matter with me?" "You don't drink enough water."** A man entered a silent religious order where you were only allowed to say two words a year, to the Bishop. At the end of his first year the man was asked by the Bishop for his two words. As he had felt hungry often during the year, he replied "More food." By the end of his second year he had often felt cold so when asked by the Bishop for his two words, he replied "More blankets." During his third year he came to realise that he was not really suited to a silent order, so when he came before the bishop to utter his two words he told the bishop that he had not been very happy these last three years and was leaving the order. The Bishop replied, "You may as well go, you've done nothing but complain since you arrived. James and Stephen go into a sweet shop. James stealthily pockets three bars of chocolate and slips out. Gloating, he challenges Stephen to do something even bigger. "No problem," replies Stephen. "I'll show you the real art of thieving." Re-entering the shop, Stephen approaches a member of staff and asks, "Would you like to see a magic trick?" The staff member nods, so Stephen takes three chocolate bars off the shelf and eats them all. "So, where's the magic?" asks the staff member. "Just check my friend's pocket," Stephen replies, pointing to James. "You'll find all three bars intact." **I've been told that when you meet the right person, you know immediately. How come when you meet the wrong person it takes a year and a half?** I hate people who say that time travel is a stupid idea. It's exactly that kind of attitude that lost us World War Three. I just poured some superglue into a non-stick frying pan. Someone's about to be proved wrong. Send your Jokes to [Rembrandtclub@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Rembrandtclub@optusnet.com.au)



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### Klaverjassen & sequence

Wednesdays 10:00AM till 1:00PM

### Triominos

Wednesdays 10:00AM till 1:00PM

### Scrabble Second and Fourth

Wednesday of the month

10:00 AM till 1:00 PM

### Knitting first and third

Friday of the month

3:30 PM till 5:00 PM

### Book swap every Wednesday

9:30 AM till 1:00 PM

### Puzzle mania second and fourth

Friday of the month

### Ballroom Dancing group Fridays

4:30PM till 5:30PM

### Bingo Fridays on games night



# Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

How it all started. Early in 1978 when we were living in Hoxton Park our friend Frans Klaassen visited us. He was very excited about the fact that a group of friends were starting a new Dutch club.

Q; New? What's wrong with the existing one 'Wilhelmina'?

A; It was the fact that there were poker machines installed and a group of members was totally against gambling.

Q; So, if this new club you are starting does something you don't agree with, will you be starting another club again??

A; No, no, no, it is the gambling we are against. It will be in the constitution of the new club that this is not ever allowed to happen.

We, Jan and I were thinking hard about this answer and left it up to the original group to start the Rembrandt Dutch Club how they wanted it. We did however become members.

The Foundation members were; **K & J Dooms, N & B Boersma, J & A Geluk, J & W Grabijn, W Holmes, F Klaassen, H & A Klijmij, G Langenberg, A & L Maasland, P & B Maasland, W & I Matzer, W & I Matzer jnr, L Pennings and G van Bergen.**

While writing this I also like to reminisce about the Wilhelmina Club. We migrated in 1971 which was well after the Wilhelmina Club settled in Auburn. It was a 'gezellige' club. That is where I met Beppie Boersma during one visit, when we managed to get a baby sitter, and Jan and my Dad, who was here on holidays played billiards. Beppie showed me the card game Solitaire. We became friends with many club goers. One day there was a family night with a singing contest. The Sunrise Choir was also involved. Our 5 year old daughter sang; De Speeltuin. She won a club-souvenir spoon.

Then one day the Wilhelmina Club moved to Rooty Hill, to the old Rooty Hill RSL Club building. Jan helped with the move. (Years later a young man visiting the Rembrandt Club recognised Jan and said: I remember you helped my Opa with moving Wilhelmina. That was a grandson of Koos(je) Dooms.) We visited Wilhelmina in Rooty Hill a few times. The board tried to improve the club, but the noise of the poker machines overruled. We went to our very first Sinterklaas party with friends and children. Sinterklaas arrived by train and his horse was waiting for him. Everyone walked from Rooty Hill station to the club. There were people dressed in Dutch Folkloric outfits. It was all very exciting, especially for the little people. And now we are back to where we started. Decisions were made. Rembrandt was born. The first couple of years the club was at Lee Holm Drive on the other side of Dunheved Industrial Park. The Pennings Brothers rented us (Rembrandt) a unit to help out. The inside of the unit was dressed up with huge paintings of Dutch sceneries, framed and covered with curtains. It was like looking out into the Dutch streets and fields of flowers. The coffee was free for visitors and there was almost always a person playing the piano.

This was an excellent meeting place.





# Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



In clogs you can  
get far, even if you  
can't walk just yet.

Wednesday is our games morning where you can join in a friendly game or start your own. Whatever your passion is come and play at the Rembrandt, have a coffee and make new friends

Become a volunteer and help build a Club that was founded over 40 years ago with the idea that a social environment was something to be proud of. Contact President Alan J. Potter on 0439 758 000

Rembrandt Social Club  
**'Order of the Night watch'**  
Recipients for their volunteer services

Mark van Gelderen

Anton Mathyi

Ishmam Kabir

John Battishall

Sinterklaas 2021



Reading is a passion that is fostered from an early age, Kindles and Tablets give everyone access to more books. Made it even easier to have that new novel or special edition transferred directly into your hands. It sounded all so great that we almost forgot what it feels like to flip a page. If you miss the pleasure of an authentic book join our book club.

# Rembrandt Social Club MEMBERSHIP

By Mia Joosten

## YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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

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Membership year is  
October 2021 to October 2022



Which Flag is this?  
What happened in 1883?  
What is Bahasa?  
Which city was Batavia?

For details on  
events please check



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events secretary.

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pre booked to  
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ladies and chef.

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Answers in Kitchen Corner

## Rembrandt Calendar

**Fri Jan 14<sup>th</sup> New year party**  
**Fri Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 'Saturday night fever'**  
**Fri Jan 28<sup>th</sup> AGM + Australia Day**  
**Fri Feb 4<sup>th</sup> World cancer day**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Valentines Dinner**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Music n Dinner**  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Bingo night**

**Wednesday mornings Café & Shop**



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