

't Penzeeltje

June/July 2022



Club Hours

Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm

Friday 3.00-8.30pm

Old Mt. Druitt Hall

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A culture of care

The Board wishes to advise, in line with NSW regulations we are operating as normal. We want to thank our volunteers and guests for their efforts in keeping the club open when permitted. Now is the time to all return and bring some friends to sample the great food and activities that make the Rembrandt a unique place to socialise and celebrate. With increased cost of living we all need a helping hand therefor the board has decided to absorb the increased cost and keep our Friday special at \$15 for meal and dessert. We hope to see you all take advantage of this.

Activities groups

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

vacation	snowboard	snowman	snowmobile	snowpants	snowstorm	sweater
blanket	coat	cold	December	earmuffs	February	fireplace
freezing	frigid	gloves	Hanukkah	heat	hibernate	hockey
holidays	holidays	ice	ice skating	mittens	New Year's Eve	scarf
jacket	January	Kwanzaa	sled	slippers	snowball	shovel
skating	sled	snowmobile	snowpants	snowstorm	sweater	vacation

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President's report

By Allan Potter

Valued Members, hope you are all well, we have made a few minor changes especially to our Wednesday morning where we are in a more cosy environment with Shop, Café and games all in the front foyer of the Club. Our heaters are on over winter and provide a warm place to meet with friends and grab your groceries. Fridays are as always a great place to sit and talk to everyone. We love seeing new faces, come and say hi. With some of the upcoming Friday specials invite a few friends and make a night of it. Last Friday was a little bit of a farewell party as Chef Alice is going on a Cultural and Culinary discovery tour around the world. Going to Holland for inspiration and Andre Rieu then onto sunny Curacao. In her absence, Bepp, Leny and Christine will provide us with some special meals to keep us warm. **Allan J. Potter**

Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn (15 July 1606 – 4 October 1669), usually simply known as **Rembrandt**, was a Dutch Golden Age painter, printmaker and draughtsman. An innovative and prolific master in three media, he is generally considered one of the greatest visual artists in the history of art and the most important in Dutch art history. Unlike most Dutch masters of the 17th century, Rembrandt's works depict a wide range of style and subject matter, from portraits and self-portraits to landscapes, genre scenes, allegorical and historical scenes, biblical and mythological themes and animal studies. His contributions to art came in a period of great wealth and cultural achievement that historians call the Dutch Golden Age, when Dutch art (especially Dutch painting), whilst antithetical to the Baroque style that dominated Europe, was prolific and innovative. This era gave rise to important new genres. Like many artists of the Dutch Golden Age, such as Jan Vermeer, Rembrandt was an avid art collector and dealer. Rembrandt never went abroad, but was considerably influenced by the work of the Italian masters and Netherlandish artists who had studied in Italy, like Pieter Lastman, the Utrecht Caravaggists, Flemish Baroque, and Peter Paul Rubens. After he achieved youthful success as a portrait painter, Rembrandt's later years were marked by personal tragedy and financial hardships. Yet his etchings and paintings were popular throughout his lifetime, his reputation as an artist remained high, and for twenty years he taught many important Dutch painters. Rembrandt's portraits of his contemporaries, self-portraits and illustrations of scenes from the Bible are regarded as his greatest creative triumphs. His self-portraits form an intimate autobiography. Rembrandt's foremost contribution in the history of printmaking was his transformation of the etching process from a relatively new reproductive technique into an art form. His reputation as the greatest etcher in the history of the medium was established in his lifetime. Few of his paintings left the Dutch Republic while he lived, but his prints were circulated throughout Europe, and his wider reputation was initially based on them alone. He exhibited knowledge of classical iconography. A depiction of a biblical scene was informed by Rembrandt's knowledge of the specific text, his assimilation of classical composition, and his observations of Amsterdam because of his empathy for the human condition, he has been called "one of the great prophets of civilization".

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We are looking for live performers, you have a family member with a special talent in song, dance or stand up comedy we want to know.

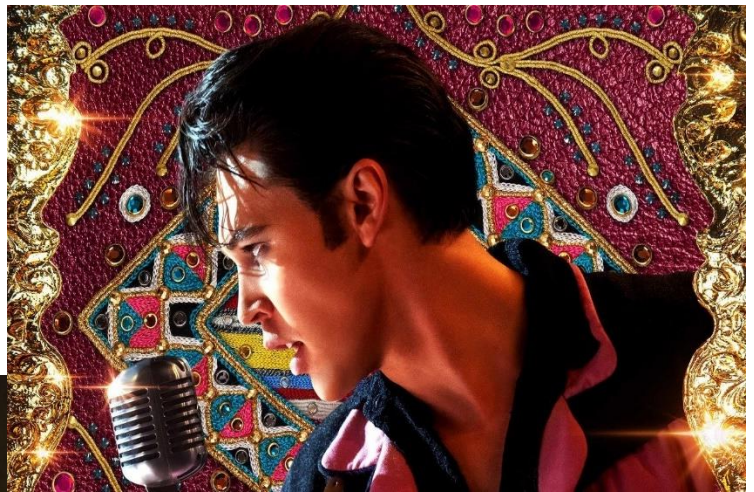
Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook



1st July Italian night starting with lasagne and some special music selected by Sjoerd Rasker. We want to start the second half of 2022 on a big promise and keep you entertained this winter season.

8th July to coincide with the Elvis movie this winter we suggest you find your Blue suede shoes and come down and experience the music of the man that fascinated generations of music lovers.



15th July Rembrandt Party, there is only one colour to celebrate something Dutch in. Rembrandt is a world renowned artist that made some of the best known Dutch master pieces of his era. This publication (Penseeltje = little brush) is a nod to all Dutch painters but to him in particular.

22nd July with wintertime upon us it is Christmas in July. While we cannot promise snow, we can tell you that the kitchen will be pulling out all stops for this special celebration.

Book your table with Gerda.
To make sure we are all in a festive mood Herman Zirkzee will be performing Live all your favourites.

29th July As the last Friday of the month is games night and should provide some entertainment for young and old.



Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date. Husband looks at his wife in surprise, "Wow darling, you look all different and nice today! Is that a new hairdo?" - The wife hisses from behind him, "I'm over here, Arnold!" **What's the difference between spinach and boogers? Kids don't eat spinach.** My old aunts would come and tease me at weddings, "Well Sarah? Do you think you'll be next?" We settled this quickly once I started doing the same to them at funerals. **A son asks his mother: Mom, the kids are laughing at me, they say my teeth are too long!" - Mother replies: "Oh shush, now you've scratched the whole floor again!"** Boy comes up to his father, all angry, "Dad, you remember how you told me to put a potato in my swimming trunks? How you said it would impress the girls?" Father looks up, smiling, "Yeah, did it work?" The boy screams, "You could have mentioned that the potato goes in the front!" **Dentist warns his patient, "This might be a bit painful." Patient: "That's OK, I'll handle it."** The dentist sighs, **"For a while now, I've been having an affair with your wife."** Wife, "Honey, soon there will be 3 of us here! Isn't that great?" - Husband, "Oh darling, that is simply wonderful!!!" - Wife, "I'm so happy you react that way! I did tell my mom you won't mind her moving in!" **I managed to lose my rifle when I was in the army. I had to pay \$855 to cover the loss. I'm starting to understand why a Navy captain always goes down with his ship.** Coco Chanel once said that you should put perfume on places where you want to be kissed by a man. But hell does that burn! **Little Red Riding Hood walks all alone through the deep dark wood. Suddenly she hears rustling in a thick bush. Cautiously she moves the branches aside and finds herself facing the big bad wolf. "Oh, Big Bad Wolf, why do you have such huge red eyes?" - "Go away! I'm crapping!"** My girlfriend asked me to tell her all my previous girlfriends, chronologically. From beginning to end. OK. I probably should have finished when I got to her name. **Husband approaches his wife, "Jenny, I think I have a problem." Jenny smiles at him kindly, "Darling, your problems are my problem also. Trouble shared is trouble halved. Tell me."** "OK," says the husband, **"in that case, we got the neighbor pregnant."** A nurse says to a new father, "Your baby is very pretty." The father looks pleased, "Really? Come on, don't you say this to everybody?" The nurse shakes her head, "No, of course not." The father wonders, "So what do you say if the baby's ugly?" The nurse smiles, "Then I say the baby really takes after its father." **Lena: "Darling, I really think it's time we got another baby."** Charles: **"Oh I'm quite relieved you said that. The one we have is a real pain in the neck!"** I got all sentimental when I saw my husband looking at our marriage certificate for half an hour. Then I found out he's been looking for an expiry date. **My wife and I have been married for quite a few years and my wife asked me recently to get some pills that would make sure I'd be up to some action in the bedroom again. I brought home diet pills. Apparently very much not what she meant.** I got a call telling me my wife's been taken to the hospital. "Oh my Lord, how is she?!" I asked. "I'm sorry to say she's critical," said the nurse. "What the heck is she complaining about again?!" **A little boy looks at his mum at a wedding and says, "Mummy, why is the girl dressed all in white?" His mum answers, "The girls is called a bride and she is in white because she's very happy and this is the happiest day of her life."** The boy nods and then says, **"OK, and why is the boy all in black?"** I got really angry with my car navigation today. I even yelled at it to go to hell. 20 minutes later, it brought me in front of my mother-in-law's house.



Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

How it all started Part 5. It was around 1985 and the club needed more regular visitors. The Friday nights were alright but could be better. The idea came up to start a male choir. The name would be the same as the club. Rembrandt Male Choir St Marys. Looking for interested persons went as far as talking to Sunrise Choir members. Soon there were 8 singers and the beginning of a musical input to the Friday nights. The little side room became the choir practice room and with the choir also came partners and wives. The next thing was a design for an appropriate outfit that would speak for itself. So the Rembrandt outfits were designed and sewed by a few crafty ladies. They even had a mascot, Johnnie, the son of conductor Harry. One Friday night the Choir was going to give a mini concert after a short practice, especially for the Friday night visitors, so they could see and hear how far they had come. One of the big choir fans (not a singer) had the great idea to gift them a snack; Beschuit with chocolate sprinkles. Just imagine you are eating this delicious but very crummy treat, what happens to your voice. Yes they all needed a drink to wash the crumbs down. That was on top of the drink during their break. A bonus. After the Choir practice was finished a few stayed back for a game of "Toepen aan de bar". There was a sign on the bar that says "10 KLOPPEN". Only if you know the game you know what this means. The loser of a game would have to shout a drink to the other players. That was changed when the booze bus was invented. The shout was changed into a round of food; chips, kroketts, bitterballen or even herring. The Rembrandt bar and kitchen did a roaring business.

The very first concert for the Rembrandt Male Choir was for a PHILIPS event in Sydney. A surprise to the event manager when only 8 singers turned up. He was told that 'other members' were sick at home or overseas. It was accepted as an excuse and the concert was a success.

It only took a few years for the choir to grow to 24 members and sing at the Bowral tulip festival, and at concerts in Forbes, Bathurst, Newcastle, Wollongong, Springwood, Sydney Town Hall and the Opera House. The top event was a concert tour to Fiji in the early Nineties.

In 1989 the Rembrandt Male Choir together with Sydney Male Choir and the Melbourne Dutch Choir started the Australian Male Choir Association. The Rembrandt Male Choir was the only one that could sing in seven languages.

Another thing that was happening on Friday nights was a raffle. It was a member's invention. You could buy a timber block like a large domino block. Half was painted in Red, the other half in Blue and the numbers in white. The wheel with corresponding colours and number would be turned and so there would be a price winner. The "domino" blocks were used for many years and I even wrote a song about it; Plankje, Plankje, Plankje. Hahahaha!!



Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



Marian as little red riding hood going on her weekly ATV deliveries to keep everyone stocked up on their favourites.

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 or join us on Wednesday mornings and Friday nights. Call Gerda on 9746 8420 place your orders



Rembrandt Social Club MEMBERSHIP

By Mia Joosten

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP FEES:

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

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his/her partner also pays pensioner fee.
Membership year is
October 2021 to October 2022



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Amsterdam' when virtually un-
explored since then they
discovered bauxite. remained
Dutch till 1974.
Who am I?

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Rembrandt Calendar

Fri July 1st Italian night

Fri July 8th Elvis night

Fri July 15th Rembrandt Party

Fri July 22nd Christmas in July

Fri July 29th Games Night

Fri Aug 5th Dinner & dance

Fri July 12th Rock n Roll

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