

# 't Penseeltje

October/November 2022

Rembrandt  
Social Club

## Club Hours

Wednesday 9:30-1:00pm

Friday 3.00-8.30pm

## Old Mt. Druitt Hall

87 Mt Druitt Road,

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With Our Multiple Function Liquor License comes the option of adding a drink to your meal.

We ask members to consider their options and know the limits. Our RSA certified bar staff and Club Licensee are always available to help you select a suitable alternative.

**Need a helping hand.  
Don't know who to  
turn to for services.  
Contact the team at  
ATV to find out what  
they can do for you.  
Call 02 9645 3388  
info@abeltasman.com.au**



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 therefore 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



# President's report

By Allan Potter

**Valued Members,** we trust you are all well, we welcome the start of the warmer weather conditions that should bring some welcome relief to members suffering from cold and flu ailments. We recently were entertained by Herman Zirkzee who played some great music assisted by Alf Karaoke who surprised us singing a selection of popular songs, well done to Herman and Alf.

On Friday September 23rd we were entertained by The Southern Cross Band who performed a great selection of Elvis gospel songs, their performance was well appreciated by all who attended with many, many members joining in with the vocals. This group has offered the club a return performance their guitar and banjo playing and vocal harmony make this show a "must see". The board is arranging more fine entertainment and I would like to request that when ever possible members support our voluntary entertainers. We thank all our dedicated members, visitors and volunteers that are vital in keeping our club alive.

Stay safe and see you at the Rembrandt. **Allan J. Potter**



Sinterklaas is coming again to the Rembrandt we have been reliably informed that the good man is dropping in for children of all ages on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December to the Club. The booking form is available from Gerda at the E.D.A.H. shop and will be emailed out to all members as well. We hope to see many of the kids and grandkids even some great grandkids of members past and present to keep this tradition alive down under. To all parents, grandparents get the youngsters to the party.

'Haring' or 'Herring' is a north sea fish that gets 'salt cooked' to preserve it. Caught fresh and then packed in traditional wooden barrels after getting filleted on board it gets layered in salt. This creates a unique flavour and texture that allows you to eat it 'fresh'. It gets served on white bread with chopped onion. Or just naturelle where the tail is serves as a handy build in handle.



**Dutch Haring**

**Back down under**

**For Frozen foods call Allan 0439 758 000**  
**For shop items call Gerda 02 9746 8420**  
**For Cheese & Spek call Alice 0412 304 837**

**For your next party have a Dutch party, bite size snacks, biscuits and nibbles from E.D.A.H. will make any party a success.**

*Dutch Haring is back at the Rembrandt come for dinner or order some to take some home.*

# Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook



Following Leidens ontzet on the 14<sup>th</sup> Oct brought us Herring and hutspot then on to the 21<sup>st</sup> Oct brings us October Fest. Come try some traditional fare and a special beer for this Friday evening event. Some live music with good friends.

28<sup>th</sup> Oct is Halloween is a special day for any kid to dress up and have a great time. So all kids young and old are encouraged to dress up in their best costume. Get treated to a fabulous meal and there may even be some candy for the best dressed



4<sup>th</sup> Nov Rembrandt race day is time to get your best frocks out and show off in style. The horses are ready for the big day and we are looking for a few jockeys and trainers to make the event work from start to finish. Don't miss this one.

11<sup>th</sup> Nov is Remembrance Day with a little reflection, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov brings us the Rembrandt car day a social event for enthusiasts. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov brings us to the 2022 AGM where the kitchen and bar will be closed during the Meeting but open before and after

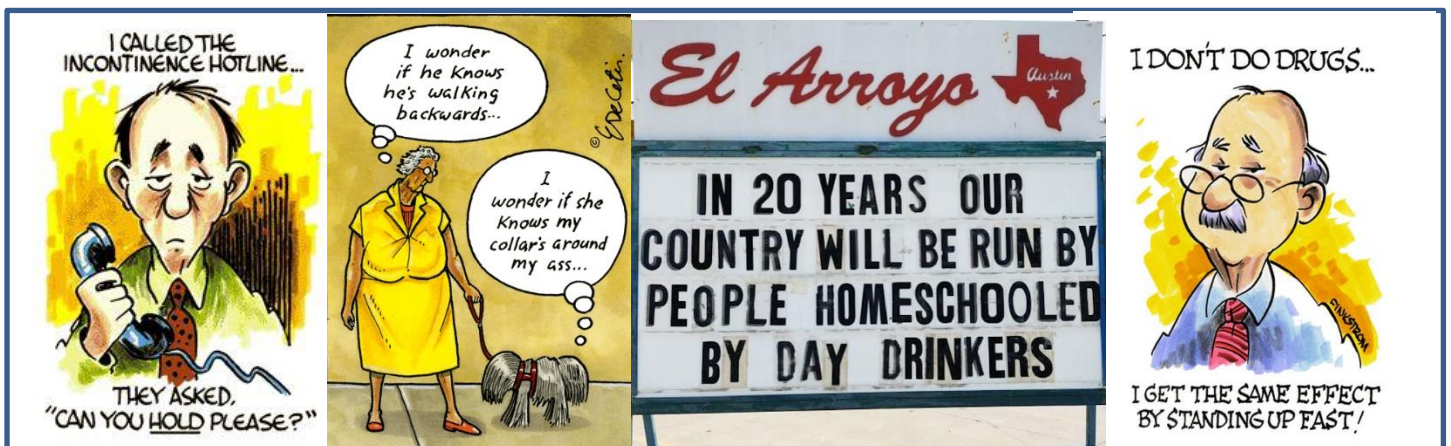


Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> brings Sinterklaas back to the Rembrandt to get involved in this event please register the youngsters ASAP

# Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

**THE LADY KILLAH**, Uncle Sol decided to party, even though he just passed his 90th birthday. The super senior put on his best blue pin-striped suit, Pierre Cardin tie shoes and looked in the mirror. "Eh, Solly you old dog, still a lady killer," he said to himself, putting a carnation in his lapel, as he made his way to the lounge in the Fontainebleau Hotel. Seeing a lovely lady in her late eighties. Sol strolled over, took the stool beside her and ordered a Dr. Pepper. When it arrived, he sipped it slowly, turned slyly to the lady and asked: "So darling, do I come here very often?" Eli, age 92 and Shirley, age 89, were talking wedding plans when they passed a chemist. They walked in and pulled over the pharmacist. "Tell me," asked Eli, "you sell heart medication here?" "Of course," said the pharmacist. "And medicine for circulation?" The pharmacist nodded. "Rheumatism, scoliosis, arthritis?" "Definitely." "What about adult diapers?" asked Shirley. "Of course." "And for memory problems?" The pharmacist again nodded. "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?" "All types." "Perfect!" said Eli. "So where do we register for wedding gifts?" **Grandpa was telling his young grandson what life was like when he was a boy. "In the winter we'd ice skate on our pond. In the summer we could swim in the pond, and pick berries in the woods. We'd swing on an old tire my dad hung from a tree on a rope. And we had a pony we rode all over the farm."** The little boy was amazed, and sat silently for a minute. Finally he said, "Granddad, I wish I'd gotten to know you a lot sooner!" A couple in their nineties are both having some short term memory loss. While in for a checkup, the physician says that physically they're okay, but since they're having trouble remembering things, they might want to start writing things down. Later that evening they're sitting and reading, when the husband gets up. "Would you like anything from the kitchen?" he asks. "Some vanilla ice cream," his wife replies. "Okay." "Shouldn't you write it down so you don't forget it?" she asks. "Don't worry, I won't forget." "Well," she says. "A few raspberries on top would be great. You want to write that down?" "I've got it, honey. A bowl of vanilla ice cream with raspberries on top." "And chocolate sauce, too. Maybe you'll forget that. Want me to write it down for you?" A little miffed, he replies, "I've got it! Ice cream, raspberries and chocolate sauce. I don't need it written down, for gosh sakes!" He waddles out to the the kitchen. A half hour later, he comes back with a plate of ham and scrambled eggs, and gives it to his wife. She stares at the plate a few seconds, then says, "You forgot my toast." **A woman walks out of the shower, winks at her husband, and says, "Honey, I shaved myself down there. Do you know what that means?" The husband says, "Yeah, it means the drain is clogged again."** Three pregnant women visited a hospital to check the gender of their babies. While chatting in the waiting room, one lady said she's sure hers is a boy because she was on the bottom during sex. The second one went ahead to say that hers will be a girl because she was on top. The third one, a blonde remarked "can't wait to see my puppies!" boy oh boy. **A man boards a bus with six kids. When they are all settled in their seats, an old lady across leans towards the man and asks, "are they all your kids?" The man replied, "I work for a condom manufacturing company and these here are customer complaints."** An old guy in his Volvo is driving home from work when his wife rings him on his carphone. "Honey", she says in a worried voice, "be careful. There was a bit on the news just now, some lunatic is driving the wrong way down the freeway". "one? It's much worse than that Honey", he replies, "there are hundreds of them!" When I was a boy, I had a disease that required me to eat dirt three times a day in order to survive... It's a good thing my older brother told me about it.



# Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

1988 was a great year. Not just the by-centennial but also the club's 10th anniversary. A lot had happened in these first 10 years.

The parties were getting bigger and better. Some members celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary which would always mean a full house. Then came many birthdays, 50, 60 and other important ages. But now it was Rembrandt's turn to celebrate. The honour of cutting the cake was to Foundation members Jan and Willy Grabijn. Jan and Willy had moved up north but came down for this special occasion. The cake featured the three subgroups; Billiards, Card, the Choir, and a painters' palette for Rembrandt. This was the first party after the stage was moved and renovations were done. There was another celebration that year. Martin Cinnema who was the owner of 'Martin Shed Hire' held a Christmas party for his workers. Martin fell in love with the club and he became the club's patron. He was a regular visitor on Fridays and had big plans for Rembrandt, but sadly before these plans could come to fruition Martin passed away. The business went to Martins' two daughters and every year for our Festival the portable toilets were donated in honour of him. After the girls sold the business the new owners promised (and they did) to help us out with any festival. The Billiard and Klaverjas groups had their regular competitions and Rembrandt's turn would bring in players from all over Sydney. The Choir was visiting places. One trip by coach went to Forbes, together with the Dutch Folkdance Group. It was an invite by a Rotary member. (Needless to say Bert is Dutch) This was enjoyed by all. People on the bus were billeted to country folks. There was a visit to a winery and the Choir sang in the wine cellar and made the owner cry. Then there was the famous (or not) BBQ in the paddock. It was advised to walk to the river side where the BBQ was located. Some preferred to hop on the coach and got stuck in the mud. Heidi was walking and trying to point out by touching her high pinned shoes that the ground was very soft. The driver thought that she wanted a lift and had a good laugh, but it was too late, the bus sunk wheel deep in the mud. Our host, who had just started to roll the meat patties, went to get his tractor and chain. He tried to pull the bus out but the chain broke. So, he went to his neighbour on the next property and they came with one more tractor and more chains. It was very exciting, the moment the bus was lifted out of the mud. Big cheers for our host and his neighbour. So, we all arrived at the BBQ spot at the river (more like a creek) and Bert, our host, wiped his greasy hands on his pants and went on with his meat patties, saying they need a bit of grease. LOL. Did I mention that there was no toilet or tap? The main event of that weekend was Folk dancing and singing at the local club. The trip back to St Marys was with great entertainment. We were also told by our young lady at the mike that the sign; for sale/ Hooker was about housing. That was one of the many travels done by the Rembrandt Choir.



# Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



Jacky and Judy showing off their craft projects if you are looking for a nice place to hang out and exchange tips and ideas come join these ladies on Wednesday mornings. We like you to bring a friend, come and play cards or dominos. Coffee and cake on a Wednesday. Dinner on a Friday get your dancing partner. Browse for a book or DVD from our 'Street Library'. There is always something to do when you are at the Rembrandt.



## 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 Dutch haring, 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 to 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

Where one person is a pensioner, his/her partner also pays pensioner fee. Membership year is October 2022 to October 2023



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.**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Nomination forms for board members are available from Gerda on Wednesdays and Fridays. Email with forms will be send to all financial members.

All current and previous members will receive renewal forms for memberships via email or can drop in on Wednesdays or Fridays if they prefer a paper copy.

Notice to all members please update your email address if it has changes. Email [Rembrandtclub@optusnet.com.au](mailto:Rembrandtclub@optusnet.com.au)

## Rembrandt Calendar

**Fri Oct 14<sup>th</sup> Leidens ontzet**

**Fri Oct 21<sup>st</sup> October Fest**

**Fri Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Halloween**

**Fri Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Race day**

**Fri Nov 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance**

**Fri Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Car day**

**Fri Nov 25<sup>th</sup> AGM 2022**

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Sinterklaas**

**Wednesday mornings Café & Shop  
Triominos, Cards, Chess & knitting**



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