

# 't Penseeltje

December 2022



## ***Club Hours***

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

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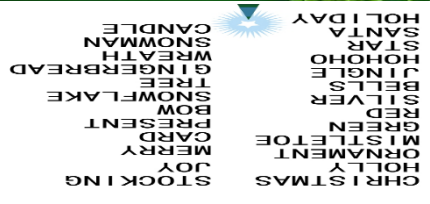


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  - Triominos**  
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  - Scrabble** Second and Fourth  
Wednesday of the month  
10:00 AM till 1:00 PM
  - Knitting** first and third  
Friday of the month  
3:30 PM till 5:00 PM
  - Book swap** every Wednesday  
9:30 AM till 1:00 PM
  - Puzzle mania** second and fourth  
Friday of the month
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4:30PM till 5:30PM
  - Bingo** Fridays on games night

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# President's report

By Allan Potter

**Valued Members,** , we trust you are all well, October and November greeted us with far better weather conditions making our meetings a lot more tolerable. We are pleased to see the smiling faces of members and visitors making a return to sample the clubs Hospitality , we welcome you all. Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, we celebrated Leidens onset members had a taste of good music and fine food including herring and hutspot , OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> we celebrated October Fest some members dressed up Accordingly for the occasion and with the assistance of some good music the scene was set for an enjoyable evening. A special thank you to Robert Brown for organising a number of vintage cars that were proudly displayed and admired by our members and outside curious visitors. The show of vintage cars was well received and as a special treat we have been assured of a return visit by this car club. Our 2022 AGM was well patronised , considering the absence of some sick members we wish to congratulate Beppie and Sjoerd for receiving our Night Watch award for dedicated going service to our club. With the warmer weather and future planned entertainment we look forward to additional patronage of our club "see you at the Rembrandt" **Allan J. Potter**

**Maiden voyage** On 27 October 1628, the newly built *Batavia*, commissioned by the [Dutch East India Company](#) (VOC), sailed from [Texel](#) in the Netherlands for the [Dutch East Indies](#), to obtain spices. They were to use the [Brouwer Route](#), like all ships of the Dutch East India Company. It sailed under commander and senior merchant [Francisco Pelsaert](#), with Ariaen Jacobsz serving as skipper. Pelsaert and Jacobsz had previously encountered each other in [Dutch Suratte](#), when Pelsaert publicly dressed-down Jacobsz after he became drunk and insulted Pelsaert in front of other merchants. Animosity existed between the two men after this incident Also on board was the junior merchant [Jeronimus Cornelisz](#) (30), a bankrupt [apothecary](#) from [Haarlem](#) who was fleeing the Netherlands, in fear of arrest because of his [heretical](#) beliefs associated with the painter [Johannes van der Beeck](#). **Mutiny plot** According to Pelsaert's account, Jacobsz and Cornelisz conceived a plan to [take the ship](#) during the voyage, which would allow them to start a new life elsewhere, using the huge supply of trade gold and silver on board. After leaving the [Cape of Good Hope](#), where they had stopped for supplies, Jacobsz is alleged by Pelsaert to have deliberately steered the ship off course, and away from the rest of the fleet. Jacobsz and Cornelisz had already gathered a small group of men around them and arranged an incident from which the mutiny was to ensue. This involved [sexually assaulting](#) a prominent young female passenger, [Lucretia Jans](#), in order to provoke Pelsaert into disciplining the crew. They hoped to paint his discipline as unfair and recruit more members out of sympathy. However, the woman was able to identify her attackers. **Shipwreck** location near the Western Australian coast Batavia's Graveyard, now known as [Beacon Island](#), in the Wallabi Group, Abrolhos Islands On 4 June 1629, *Batavia* struck Morning Reef near [Beacon Island](#), part of the [Houtman Abrolhos](#) off the western coast of Australia Of the 322 aboard, most of the passengers and crew managed to get ashore, although 40 people drowned. The survivors, including all the women and children, were then transferred to nearby islands in the ship's [longboat](#) and [yawl](#). An initial survey of the islands found no fresh water and only limited food ([sea lions](#) and birds). Pelsaert realised the dire situation and decided to search for water on the mainland. A group consisting of Jacobsz, Pelsaert, senior officers, a few crew members, and some passengers left the wreck site in a nine-metre (30 ft) longboat in search of drinking water. After an unsuccessful search for water on the mainland, they left the other survivors and headed north in a danger-fraught voyage to the city of [Batavia, Dutch East Indies](#), the ship's namesake, to seek rescue. En route the crew made further forays onto the mainland in search of fresh water. In his journal, Pelsaert stated that on 15 June 1629, they sailed through a channel between a [reef](#) and the coast, finding an opening around midday at a latitude guessed to be about 23 degrees south where they were able to land, and water was found. The group spent the night on land. Pelsaert commented on the vast number of [termite](#) mounds in the vicinity and the plague of flies that afflicted them. Pelsaert stated that they continued north with the intention of finding the "river of Jacob Remmessens", identified first in 1622, but owing to the wind were unable to land. Drake-Brockman has suggested that this location is to be identified with [Yardie Creek](#). It was not until the longboat reached the island of [Nusa Kambangan](#) in the Dutch East Indies that Pelsaert and the others found more water. The journey took 33 days, with everyone surviving. After their arrival in Batavia, the [boatswain](#), Jan Evertsz, was arrested and executed for negligence and "outrageous behavior" before the loss of the ship (he was suspected to have been involved). Jacobsz was also arrested for negligence, although his culpability in the potential mutiny was not guessed by Pelsaert

# Talk of the town

By Rebecca Hook



**2<sup>nd</sup> December sinterklaas evening for young and old with the good man coming to visit the Club on a Friday night. Keeping a good old tradition alive and well in the western suburbs of Sydney. As always something to do for your kids or grandkids, get involved and sing a song or two. Who likes 'peppernoten'?**

**December 9<sup>th</sup> is Carols at the Rembrandt with the EVERGREENS choir live on stage.**

**They have been practicing on Wednesdays regularly after a two year Covid Hiatus and have been ready for their overdue comeback. Why not try the Prawn Fettucine with your entertainment.**



**December 16<sup>th</sup> is our fabulous Christmas dinner please book your spot with Gerda at the E.D.A.H shop while you are getting your Christmas goodies. Our Kitchen staff has been busy all year and expecting a full house for the last Friday dinner of 2022. Come and join us for this with Herman Zirkzee on accordion to give us some more Christmas joy**

**January 20<sup>th</sup> Presidents New Year toast  
All members and guests are cordially invited to join for our annual toast to the new year with a complementary glass of bubbly. Our kitchen will be back in action and shop restocked for our shoppers.**



**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

# Laughter is the best Medicine

By YOU

My first job was working in an Orange Juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate. Then I worked in the woods as a Lumberjack, but just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the axe. After that, I tried being a Tailor, but wasn't suited for it, mainly because it was a sew-sew job. Next, I tried working in a Muffler Factory, but that was too exhausting. Then, tried being a Chef - figured it would add a little spice to my life, but just didn't have the thyme. Next, I attempted being a Deli Worker, but any way I sliced it .... I couldn't cut the mustard. My best job was as a Musician, but eventually found I wasn't noteworthy. I studied a long time to become a Doctor but didn't have any patience. Next, was a job in a Shoe Factory. Tried hard but just didn't fit in. I became a Professional Fisherman but discovered I couldn't live on my net income. Managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining. So then I got a job in a Workout centre, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it. My last job was working in Starbucks but had to quit because it was always the same old grind. Tried Retirement and found that I'm perfect for the job!

An old lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat on tight, so that it would not blow off in the wind. A gentleman approached her and said: "Pardon me, madam. I do not intend to be forward, but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?" "Yes, I know," said the lady, "I need both hands to hold on to this hat!" "But, madam, you must know that your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest. The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 85 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!" **I was visiting my granddaughter last night when I asked if I could borrow a newspaper. "This is the 21st century," she said. "I don't waste money on newspapers. Here, use my iPad." I can tell you this. That fly never knew what hit him.** Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter". Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars — and 50 dollars is 50 dollars". One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance." Esther replied, "Morris, that helicopter is 50 dollars — and 50 dollars is 50 dollars". The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word, I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's 50 dollars." Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!" Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know — 50 dollars is 50 dollars." **I've sure gotten old! I have outlived my feet and my teeth. I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license!**



# Past and present

By Mia & Jan Joosten

When this story was started by John (Jan) and me, we tried our best to remember and write down what really happened in the early years. That was and is our side of the story and I asked one of our members to write in her words what she remembers. This is Bernie's story.

Our association with Rembrandt Dutch Club started in 1994. We had been members of the Wilhelmina Club at Rooty Hill for a long time. The first time we walked into the Rembrandt the stage was in a different place. Anton played billiard and it soon became our go to place on Friday nights. After retirement he (Anton) also became the cleaner on Tuesdays, and painter when jobs came up. Then Anton was asked to do Sinterklaas, which he did for years. He and Dirk van de Lindt also planned to repaint the mural outside the club side entrance, where generations had photos taken with the big Yellow klomp. Sadly, Dirk passed away before the mural was done and Anton spent a lot of hours finishing it. The lower parts were the hardest to do and he came home buggered. I was asked to represent the club as NSW Holland Festival entrant. I was then in my early fifties and still working part time. I had also joined a private card group on Tuesdays with Beppie, Ida, Edith and Betty, so I made sure not to work on that day. I had never played any card game in my life and made some mistakes which Beppie did not tolerate well, as she was an experienced player, but the others stood up for me and so harmony was restored again. The time as Festival Entrant I was a sales rep and worked at stores in Sydney. Leny was my offsider ticket seller and when I could, I picked her up and let her loose while I did my job. Another main sponsor had started selling tickets on our clubs behalf and Leny and I dropped in there one day re tickets. We got told that they were sponsoring another person, not us. A kick in the guts. But it turned out well for me, as, for the quest entrants the 1<sup>st</sup> prize was a KLM flight to Holland, and as it happened Anton and I had just been there. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize was a week to the Whitsundays Resort donated by Leichardt Electric, flights included. I came second and we extended the trip by another week at our own cost and had a great time. Later at the Rembrandt Club Anton and I were roped in to work at St Marys Dutch Festival. He at the herring stall and me the outside bar while others did the hard work all over the Club for it to be a success and the Club can run for another year. For most of us who were brought to Australia by our parents it was a connection to our birthplace in a small way. Good memories.

Thank you, Bernie, for your time and words that I am sure many people can relate to. I can relate to the hard work as an NSW Holland Festival entrant, even if I was only the ticket seller for one entrant (1987). I can also relate to the hard work that was done by the many volunteers at the St Marys Dutch Festival, which was the survival for the Rembrandt Club for many years. Thank you again.

To all Rembrandt Dutch Club members and ex members; if you would like to add your part of the Rembrandt story write about your involvement, it would be gratefully appreciated. Your input can be emailed (in Word) to [rembrandtclub@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rembrandtclub@optusnet.com.au) We will endeavour to incorporate it if deemed suitable for publication.



# Rembrandt Gallery

By Kiara VDM



**Our new vintage car club friends showing off their toys for everyone.**



**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 2022 to October 2023



For details on events please check



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**0417 696 415**  
**Dinners can be pre booked to help our kitchen ladies and chef.**

## Christmas search find 25 words

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## Rembrandt Calendar

- Fri Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Sinterklaas**
  - Fri Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carols**
  - Fri Dec 16<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner**
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- ~~Rembrandt club reopens~~
- Fri Jan 20<sup>th</sup> New Years**

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



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