



Club Information

CLUB AIMS

The Western Australian Club is a contemporary club with a rich heritage and an exciting future. With a history spanning 117 years, our aim is to be the most respected and sought after professional person's club in WA. Our Club exudes a warm and inviting ambience, ideal for entertaining business associates, hosting meetings and seminars or relaxing with friends. Our first-class facilities, committed staff and enthusiasm for good service and fostering camaraderie between members are all fine reasons to become a member of our Club.

OUR VISION

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OUR MISSION

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FACILITIES

Our heritage listed premises at 101 St Georges Terrace are beautifully fitted out with a range of facilities for members, including:

- Dining options – The Grand Space provides members and guests with the option of quicker food station service or table service dining.
- The Club Bar.
- The relaxing Club Lounge ideal for coffee, light meals and reading our large range of newspapers and magazines, or for quiet/confidential meetings.
- Function room available for hire.
- Access to over 180 reciprocal Clubs in Australia and overseas (many with accommodation at rates substantially less than those of equivalent rooms at comparable hotels).
- Regular Club events for Members and guests.
- Gymnasium Facility –Members have full access to the Cove Health Club in the City and East Perth.
- Complimentary access to the Vines Golf course for Members and up to three guests.

SOCIAL NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

Regular social events are run by the Club both internally and in friendly competition with other Clubs, including snooker, polo, and golf.

We also hold regular themed breakfasts, lunches and other dinners. Social events that bring Members and guests together in a networking environment.

COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS

The Club produces a regular e-newsletter which enables the Club to keep members informed about upcoming events and other important Club information. Please let us know if you change your email address so we can ensure we keep you informed.

Our website is another useful source of information which is regularly updated, www.waclub.com.au.

We also include a regular newsletter and other important information with the monthly statement mailing to members to let everybody know what is coming up. Members also receive regular updates from the Committee, President and General Manager about broader initiatives within the Club.

MEMBERSHIP

Current Club membership is approximately 900 and comprises professional business people from a broad range of industry sectors including the arts, law, finance, government, small business, IT, the military and agriculture to name a few.

We also have a growing number of younger members (under 35 years old) and female members. This sector now represents more than 30% of the Club demographic.

As many of our members travel widely in their professional and personal lives, a major benefit of membership is the reciprocal agreements we enjoy with over 180 clubs around the world. Dedicated agreements allow members to utilise the facilities at other clubs while they are interstate or overseas. Please see our website for a complete list of our reciprocal clubs.

Approval for Club Membership is a three-stage process which takes approximately 4-6 weeks:

1. Application posted on Club noticeboard for 14 days for perusal by existing Members
2. Application processed and reviewed by the membership sub-committee.
3. Interview with Membership Chairperson arranged.
4. Application formally accepted by the Club Committee at its monthly meeting.

COMMITTEE & MANAGEMENT

Club Committee members are voted into office by Club Members at the Annual General Meeting with positions declared vacant by rotation. The President and Vice-President are also voted into office and serve a maximum two-year term.

The Club Management team comprises a General Manager, Food & Beverage Manager, Executive Chef, Accounts Manager and Personal Assistant.

CLUB OPENING HOURS

Club Dining

A contemporary dining restaurant where quality food and service meet to bring guests an exceptional dining experience. Open Monday – Friday for breakfast 7.30am to 9.00am and lunch from 12.00pm-2.30pm. (Friday– Dinner 6.00pm–8.30pm).

For reservations please phone administration 9481 7000 or book online admin@wclub.com.au.

Club Lounge

The Club lounge is open on Monday – Wed from 7.30am till 7.00pm , Thurs – Fri 7.30am till 10.00pm for light snacks, teas and coffee.

Administration

Monday – Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.

ACCOMMODATION

The Western Australian Club does not have accommodation; however we do have corporate arrangements with two Perth Hotels:

Parmelia Hilton Perth –(08) 9215 2000
14 Mill Street, Perth

Rydges Perth – (08) 9263 1800 (booking code WCL)
Cnr Hay & Kings Street, Perth

Please contact the Parmelia Hilton or Rydges Perth for rates and availability.

ENQUIRIES

For more information about the Club, please contact the Administration team via any of the methods below:

Web www.waclub.com.au Email admin@waclub.com.au

Phone 08 9481 7000 Fax 08 9481 7022

CLUB PREMISES

The Club was founded as the Exchange Club in 1893, changed its name to The West Australian Club in 1897, and then in 1979 adopted The Western Australian Club Inc as its name. For 73 years the Club was situated on the site of the current St Martins Tower office complex on St Georges Terrace. In 1970 the Club moved off the Terrace for the first time in its history to 18 The Esplanade, Perth, where it remained for 26 years.

In 1995 the Esplanade site was sold and the Club relocated to its current premises at 101 St Georges Terrace. The move back to the heart of the central business district heralded a new era for the Club.

CLUB PEOPLE

The following extracts have been obtained from “A Club for All Seasons – A History of the Western Australian Club Inc”, by Caroline de Mori.

Original signatories to The Club were the colony’s leading citizens, among them WA’s first Premier, Sir John Forrest and his brother Alexander. John Forrest worked for the Surveys Department and led expeditions into the interior of WA before he became Premier. He later relinquished the Premiership to take up a position in Federal Parliament where he helped frame the Australian Constitution as part of the group displayed in an original photograph housed here in The Club premises.

In 1897 The Club moved from Samson House and leased next door at 46 St Georges Terrace, from Sir William Loton, a Liberal politician, Mayor of Perth several times, and the only Life Member of the Club at that time. His great grandson is Brian Loton who went onto become Managing Director of BHP. Another Club Member and State Premier Newton Moore, later became Major General Hon Sir Newton James Moore KCMG, raising the first Mounted

Infantry Corp in WA at the outbreak of the Boer War, and served as General Officer Commanding Australian Imperial Forces 1915-1917.

The 10th Light Horse Regiment (the Tenth) had among its ranks the sons of well known pastoralists and farmers in WA, many of them Club Members. These renowned horsemen brought their own horses and saddles to fight for King and Country. They took a prominent part in one of the hardest fought battles in Gallipoli. In pro-rata terms Australian Infantry Forces were awarded more VCs than any other nation in the First World War, and WA earned the highest proportion.

In 1926 the President and Committee resigned as a body over lack of support to purchase either Loton House or a property on the corner of William Street and The Esplanade. A new Committee levied all Members £30 to assist with the purchase of Loton House.

Eventually a special interest loan from JS Duffy helped secure Loton House and the Committee resolved to cease the levy payment.

Other well known members in those early days included Donald Chipper (undertaker and general funeral furnisher), OL Haines (accountant), JB Hardwick (the Swan Brewery), AB Bunning (Bunnings Timber Merchant) and a substantial number of senior public servants. Sir George Shenton, the first Mayor of Perth, was a devout Wesleyan and was instrumental in securing funding to build Wesley Church on the corner of Hay and William Streets. His grand residence on St Georges Terrace was sold and renamed Newspaper House in 1933 and would be the headquarters of The West Australian for the next 70 years.

In 1933-1934, The Club President was Sir Edward Horne Wittenoom, a descendent of one of WA's founding families. He was an MP for 51 years and Minister for Mines, Education, Posts and Telegraphs during the Gold Rush years of 1894-1898. Lewis Bateman, second son of John Wesley Bateman, was our President in 1946-1947. His grandparents established J & W Bateman Ltd, one of the earliest business houses in the state. He also served as Chairman of the Fremantle Harbour Trust and President of the Chamber of Commerce and held farming and pastoral interests around WA.



ENTRANCE FEE

A non-refundable entrance fee applies to all new Members in all categories.

SUBSCRIPTION STRUCTURE

The Western Australian Club offers a range of membership categories and payment options to reflect the diversity of our membership. The table below lists the many options available.

Membership Category	Annual Subscription	Entrance Fee
Metropolitan Over 35's living in the Perth metropolitan area	\$880	\$300
Metro Under 35 Under 35's living in the Perth metropolitan area	\$520	\$150
Metro Under 25 Under 25's living in the Perth metropolitan area	\$264	\$150
Country Those living outside the Perth metropolitan area	\$520	\$150
Associate Partner or under 35 son or daughter of existing Member	\$155	\$100
Absentee Not available to new Members. Applicants must reside outside WA and have been a full fee paying Member for a minimum of 12 months to be eligible for this membership category	\$260	\$150
Retired Substantially retired from the workforce and over 60 years of age	\$260	\$150
Military – Active Service Those actively serving in the armed forces	\$155-\$260	\$0-\$300

- All rates listed above are inclusive of GST
- The above subscription rates apply from 1/07/2009 to 30/06/2010 and are pro-rata for members who join after 1/07/2009.
- Subscription fees are calculated from date of joining until the following 30th June.
- No rebates for unused fees will be issued to members who resign during the year.

