MCC LRW&FS

Chair's AGM Report for 2026.

2026

2026 has been another successful year for our society.

2025 ended on a high note with the members' Christmas lunch in the Long Room.

For the Wait list members, it was a function in the Main dining room with 6 MCC dining venues displaying their wares, plus wines from our cellar.

Your committee

Leaving the committee last November at the AGM, was our Chair Michael Reidy and Ian Maguire as Secretary. Both these gentlemen have contributed many years in a variety of positions from which we have all benefited.

Elected at the AGM were 3 new members to complement the skills sought. They are Ralph Kyte-Powell, Nick Mitchell and Bernie Meehan.

This AGM sees the retirement of Ian Kerville. His contribution spans 20 plus years. One of his achievements was the introduction of the highly successful Old Bottle Day in January of each year. Thank you Ian. More on Ian's involvement in the next report.

Committee procedures have changed markedly with the introduction of monthly meetings, prior to our lunches. These meeting consider the reports from the newly created three subcommittees, being Wine/Food, Secretarial and Finance.

One issue the committee is currently dealing with is the unintended consequences of Incorporation, being that we are now a taxable entity. Ways to minimize this expenditure are being explored.

Wine & Food.

Whilst of course the social side is important we are not just a luncheon Club. We aim for different experiences, further educating members in wine and food with talks by winemakers and chefs. To that end much planning goes into creating each event. The standards achieved at functions are high and reflected by the awards presented at the April dinner.

Waiting List

We continue to explore ways to engage members who are seeking to join the Society.

To that end this year saw the introduction of an “Old Bottle Day” for them. This was a most successful event which is planned to be repeated in 2027.

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This will be the 40th anniversary of the “Luncheon Club that Grew”. Special events planned are for April and May, further details in due course.

David Thwaites

Chair 2025-2026