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Man is still the master in clubland

No women allowed . . . No amenities for women . . . Women must leave the premises by midnight . . . Ladies' Day Lunch . . . Members Bar for men only . . . Ladies' Lounge.

Women are still considered intruders in many of Sydney's social, business, recreation and sporting clubs.

In those instances where women are allowed inside the hallowed premises they are there on sufferance.

Where membership is allowed it is more often than not on an "associate" basis. They have no voting rights and consequently have no say in the running of the club.

While women are becoming accepted as an important part of the workforce, clubs seem to be the last bastion of the old order.

St George Leagues Club. No women members. Visiting women must be escorted and are prohibited from the main bar.

The secretary, Mr Glen Price, said: "In 1969 the committee voted overwhelmingly I don't know why."

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"If they were made members they would never have any voting power."

"It's a man's club. It's got to be run by men."

Mainly Leagues Club. No women members — but they can be signed into the club at any time. Not allowed in members' bar.

Policy of the club

The director, Mr Ken Arthurson, said: "It's the policy of the club not to have women members."

"We don't feel the need for associate members. We like to give our 20,000 male members comfortable facilities. The members would be overcrowded by women members."

Burwood RSL Club. Members of Ladies' Auxiliary and members' wives are honorary members. No other women members. They can be escorted to the club at any time but are not allowed in the billiards room.

The president, Mr Ernest Finnelly, said: "The question of making women full members has not yet arisen. They are not provided for in the constitution."

"Women are quite happy at the moment coming in with their husbands."

Kings Cross RSL Club. Ex-service women full membership. The secretary-manager, Mr H. Lees, said: "We have two ex-service women as full members but no other women."

RSL clubs seldom have women members."

Edfield - Croydon Park RSL. No women members. Women visitors allowed at any time in the mixed lounge.

The secretary, Mr John Ross, said: "I don't know why we haven't got any women members. I don't think anyone has applied."

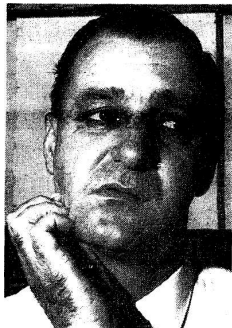
Any returned ex-service woman is entitled to become a member."

Parramatta Returned Ex-Servicemen's Club. Ex-service women are members.

The secretary-manager, Mr Horrie Swan, said: "Our membership is one hundred per cent returned from active service — both men and women."

"We don't have any other members."

Arncliffe RSL Club. No women mem-



Mr Ernest Finnelly, president of the Burwood RSL Club — the question hasn't arisen.



Mr Glen Price, secretary of the St George Leagues Club — It's a man's club.

bers. Women visitors allowed at any time — except in the members' lounge.

Mr Ken Howard, the secretary-manager, said: "We don't have women or ex-service women as members."

"I couldn't say why we don't — the committee decides that. Women are entitled to come into the club — it saves them paying a fee."

Associate members

Turrumorra Bowling Club. Women associate members. Voting rights on the women's committee. Ladies' days are Tuesday and Thursday. Men's days: Wednesday and Saturday. Mixed Friday and Saturday evenings and Sundays.

The manager, Mr F. Jauncey, said: "Women play an integral part in the activities — we couldn't do without them. If the wives don't come on Sundays neither do the husbands."

North Sydney Bowling Club. No women members. Mixed bowls women visitors are allowed at any time. The president, Mr Dick McCaughey, said: "We don't have women members — there is a women's bowling club in North Sydney."

"We have mixed bowls every third Sunday in the month. The men like it — but they want to keep the club a men's preserve."

Double Bay Bowling Club. No women members. Mixed bowls once a month on Sundays.

The secretary, Mr Clurrie Gardner, said: "No, we don't have them as members. We haven't got the amenities."

The subject of women as members hasn't cropped up. I don't know why — it

Women in their place

"Women come under a different golf union with different standards of play. You couldn't have women as full members unless you got rid of the Ladies' Golf Union."

NSW Trotting Club Ltd. No women members. Women allowed in mixed bar at Harold Park.

The secretary, Mr Ted Bone, said: "One of the obstacles is limited membership — we have a waiting list of men wanting to join."

You won't find women members in any racing clubs in Australia. Racing has always been the sport of kings — never queens."

Australian Jockey Club. Widows of ex-members are associate members. There are no other women members.

Women are not allowed in certain parts of the old members stand: the ground floor bar, the first floor buffet bar and a section of the viewing deck. They are also not allowed in a small section of the viewing deck of the new stand.

The secretary, Mr Derek Glasgow, said: "The rules say no women members and that's it. I certainly don't want women members — it's a man's club."

City Tattersalls Club. Associate women members are allowed in their own special gymnasium and sauna on the third floor, in the Laurie Taylor games rooms after 6 pm and in the

dining-rooms. The ground floor is exclusive to men.

The secretary, Mr A. J. Sullivan, said: "We don't call women associate members: we call them visiting members."

"It is not our policy to give them full membership."

"If they were full members they would want the same privileges as the present full members."

"Our men go in the sauna and wear no clothes — we're not that permissive. I believe you've got to keep them separated."

Kabeitcol — a club for graduates, undergraduates and teachers. No women members.

The secretary, Mr Richard Blunt, said: "An increasing number think women should be allowed to become members — but the idea hasn't been accepted by the majority."

Australian Automobile Racing Club. Women and men are equal in every respect.

Mr Geoff Sykes, the secretary, said: "I don't believe in this segregation business — we are delighted to have women as members. They brighten up the scene no end."

The last word comes from the Business and Professional Women's Club of Sydney. No men members. Men often invited to mixed evenings.

The president, Miss Marjorie Thomson, said: "Whenever the question of admitting men as members arises, the committee always votes no."

"Personally I feel that women get much more work done and work harder than men."

"They also work better in a team and are much better organisers. They keep the aims and objectives of the club in mind."

"There isn't as much politeness in a women's club as in a mixed club. — I've never heard such viciousness, small-mindedness and jealousy between men as there is in a mixed club I belong to."

"I didn't realise men could be so petty."

"It's the women who keep the business running in the mixed clubs."

At the moment we don't anticipate making them full members — if it was suggested I think the idea would meet with a lot of opposition. Yachting is a man's sport."

The Journalists' Club. Women journalists can only be honorary members. They are allowed in the first-floor dining-room and during certain hours in the bars.

The district secretary of the Australian Journalists' Association, Mr Gordon Coleman, said: "The club is restricted in amenities for women. These restrictions necessitate a limitation on the hours in which women can use the club."

If we should ever get new premises with adequate facilities the policy of the club could be reviewed."

Warringah Golf Club. Women associate members with voting rights for their own committee. Ladies' day: Tuesday. Men's day: Saturday till 4.30 pm. Saturday evening mixed. About 12 mixed Sundays a year. The president, Mr Wal Hickenbotham, said: "We've got to keep them in place."

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