

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!



"Faulty Towers" ran the show at our Members and Friends Christmas Lunch



Club Member, Thelma Hedger, celebrated her 99th birthday



Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of New South Wales, joined us for morning tea in Cellos



The Board, Management and Staff wish you all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

We sincerely thank you for your support during this challenging year.



BOARDROOM BANTER

We are almost there; saying good riddance to 2020, that is! Looking back over this year, it really was the year for firsts; the first time our trade had been so severely affected by a virus, the first time we had to close the whole Club down, albeit for a short time, and the first time since the 1940's that the whole world literally stopped and closed up shop. However, we have seen a number of positive firsts too. Please read about them in Team Talk on the following page.

It takes more than this to slow us down! We have a number of great new events coming in 2021, plus some favourites returning, and some new initiatives to look forward to. Look out for these as we continue to enhance your Club.

In the meantime, The Board, Management and Staff wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a *Happier* New Year!

MEMBERS' MATTERS

We sincerely thank our Members and Guests for their sensational support at the events we hosted recently. See our gallery of event highlights for a snippet of what we've been up to.

Please keep supporting the Club that supports you; bring a friend along and encourage them to join as a Member and let's grow the Club together in 2021.

1000 Points for New Members

Upon joining, new Members will receive 1000 reward points (redeemable for \$10 value) to spend within the Club.

This offer is available to new Members who join by 31 March 2021.

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY: VALID FOR NEW FULL MEMBERS ONLY. JOIN BY 31 MARCH 2021. POINTS WILL BE ADDED ONCE THE NEW MEMBER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - EVENTS FOR 2021 !

Welcome to 2021 Lunch in Cellos - Friday 12 February 2021
Faulty Towers "The Dining Experience" - Returning in May

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We were grateful to be able to hold our Remembrance Day Commemorative Service, with a beautiful wreath created by our very own General Manager.

TRADING HOURS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Cellos Dining Room will be open for the last Cellos Experience Lunch for 2020 on Friday 18 December 2020 and will re-open on 12 February 2021.

The Lounge is open Monday to Friday until Christmas Eve, 24 December 2020, then re-opens on Monday 25 January 2021.

In the meantime, the Reagh Bar will be open for guests to relax in, with a limited snacks menu supplied through Café Reagh, and beverages available through Reception. Meetings and functions will be catered for. Please note that we will be commencing a light makeover of the foyer in January as well.

We eagerly look forward to demand picking up in 2021 so that we can open for breakfast, lunch and dinner once again.

PAUL'S PUNS

Does anyone know someone called "Leon"? "Leon out there, this could be your package! I ordered it through Amazon but it was meant to spell NOEL. Oh well."



MEMBERS' MATTERS *cont...*

NEWS FROM OUR SUB CLUBS

The NSWMC Touring and Social Club recently enjoyed a 3 day Tour of Historical Bathurst and its surrounds, conducted by Bathurst Tours.

Each day we enjoyed at a relaxed pace with excellent commentary of the Historical areas, stately homes and historical landmarks of Bathurst region including the new Railway Museum, Mt Panorama, Ben Chifley's home, Abercrombie House (51 room mansion circa 1870) where we had a private tour with lunch by the owners and the stunning Sydmore Valley Homestead and farm (circa 1826).

Our sincere thanks go to sub-Club President Margaret Neverly-Grant who arranged everything. The Touring and Social Group meet on the first Tuesday each month and new members are welcome.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We remind you that Membership Renewals are due by 31 December 2020.

Renewals can be made online at www.nswmasonicclub.com.au or by returning the form sent with the Club Magazine.

HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

Occupancy is really picking up now that restrictions have eased, borders are opening and confidence is building.

Get in quick and reserve your night in the City at exceptionally reasonable prices!

Be assured that the safety and wellbeing of our Members and guests is always our top priority so, in addition to NSW Government's Covid-19 recommendations, we are taking additional precautionary measures to maintain a clean and safe environment for you.



TEAM TALK

As mentioned on the previous page, our dedicated team has risen to every occasion and excelled during the Covid downturn, including:

- All Front Desk Staff have completed their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) accreditation, so that we can diversify our team and serve minibar through Front Desk, as we had to remove it from the rooms.
- Various staff have upskilled to take on new roles: Two Housekeeping Staff Members (Sarah and Rita) trained to serve in the Café, Esita from Admin cross-trained on Front Desk and Bill, our Maintenance Manager, learnt how to cook pies, as well as tag and test electrical appliances.
- We have had Housekeeping Team Members diligently welcoming Members and Guests in the foyer, to facilitate our Covid compliance.

We have met the challenges that this year has thrown at us and we kept going. This would not have been possible without the support of JobKeeper and other programs, and financial support offered by the State and Federal Governments for which we are very grateful.

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