

# CLUB CHAT

## NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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### KEY EVENT DATES



**FRIDAYS - 26 FEB, 12 & 26 MAR**

**CELLOS DINING EXPERIENCE - 12.30PM**  
A la carte fine dining experience



**WEDNESDAY - 3 MARCH**

**WINE APPRECIATION LUNCH - 12.30PM**  
2-course lunch and wine tasting



**Un Piano qui chante**  
A Piano that sings

**DINNER SHOW**

**THURSDAY - 18 MARCH**  
AUSTRALIAN CLASSICAL PIANIST  
**ANDREW RUMSEY**

**EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006**

### BOARDROOM BANTER

The New Year comes with new challenges and also new opportunities. Borders may be closed but the Club and Hotel are still open for business, so please call in and see us. This is a quick summary of what is happening at your Club:

The first point of difference you will notice when entering the Club is the 'new-look' foyer. For the first time in many years, a new classical colour scheme has replaced the mustard colour and sky blue. We have uncluttered the foyer, giving Members and Guests a more welcoming arrival experience and we have mixed up the furniture a bit. Let us know what you think. This work has been completely undertaken by the in-house Management Team and other staff Members. Well done to all!

Your Board is finalising plans to commence the double glazing project on the Southern facade. We will replace the frosted chicken wire panels with clear acoustic glass and make the rooms quieter as well as working on other compliance works, in coordination with the City of Sydney Council.



From left: Armindo Lopes (Front Office Manager), Bill Soler (Maintenance Manager) and Peter O'Brien (Operations Manager)

As reported at the AGM in November 2020, the Director's Honorariums were placed on hold from 1 August 2020 to 30 November 2020 (4 months). The majority of the Board decided to pay the Honorariums again from 1 December 2020. However, The President, Bro Stephen Bates, elected not to be paid for the months of December 2020 and January 2021.

### MEMBERS' MATTERS

Rita and Eseta have been busy in the Admin office preparing for the exciting events planned for 2021, booking plenty of functions in our beautiful Covid-safe function rooms and, of course, processing all of the Membership Renewals for 2021.

We have a number of Members still to renew their Memberships so please call in to the Admin office on Level 1 and see us soon, or renew online at [www.nswmasonicclub.com.au](http://www.nswmasonicclub.com.au)

Members enjoy a terrific range of benefits, including 15% off best available accommodation rates, 10% off food and beverage, our reward points program, plus special rates for function and events.

### MEMBERS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

When preparing the Commemoration Services last year, the history of our War Memorial on the ground floor was sought, but we discovered there is very little information on hand.

Club Vice President, Robert Eaglesham, is trying to collate the background history of our War Memorial and, if you can assist with any information, please email him on [rje@iprimus.com.au](mailto:rje@iprimus.com.au) or leave a message with Rita for Vice President Robert to contact you. Thank You.



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## KITCHEN KAPERS

The Club will take over the food and beverage operations from the Asteri Group (Caterers) as from 15 February 2021.

This is the final stage of a plan to bring all services under the Club's operation.

- The Lounge reopened on Wednesday 27th January with an all new enticing menu.
- Café Reagh will receive a makeover in the coming weeks to meet the needs of the public and the construction workers expected to descend on the neighbouring site.
- A new Functions Team is being recruited, lead by Operations Manager, Peter O'Brien.



## PAUL'S PUNS

What happens if you cross  
a pigeon and a General ?  
You get a military coo !

Did you hear about the two  
bedbugs who fell in love ?  
They got married in the spring !

## LOCK IN YOUR 2021 Event Dates



VIDEO CONFERENCING AND  
CATERING BOXES AVAILABLE

## EXCITING EVENTS



### CELLOS LUNCH EXPERIENCE

**WHEN:** 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month  
**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

We're delighted to announce that our Cellos Experience lunches will return in 2021 on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Members and guests can enjoy an exceptional a la carte lunch in the splendour of one of the last surviving grand dining rooms in Sydney.

**Save these dates or book ahead for Friday Lunch:**

**26 February | 12 & 26 March**

**Bookings:** Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email [admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au](mailto:admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au)

### WINE APPRECIATION LUNCH

**WHEN:** 12.30pm Wednesday 3 March  
**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Lovers of fine food and wine will be pleased to hear that our wine-tasting lunches commence in March.

Keep an eye out on our website for further details on which winery we'll be showcasing at the lunch as well as our special guest winemaker.

**Members \$65pp, Non-members \$75pp**

*Includes a 2-course menu and wine tasting. Additional beverages available to purchase.*

**Bookings:** Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email [admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au](mailto:admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au)

### NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

**WHEN:** 5-7pm Monday 8 March  
**WHERE:** The Adam Room

#### BY INVITATION ONLY

New Members to the Club over the past 12 months will shortly receive an invitation to our first new Members' Night of the year.

If you have recently joined the Club and missed the last New Members' Night, or would like further information, please contact Rita or Eseta in the Administration Office on 9284 1006.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH

**WHEN:** 12.00pm Wednesday 17 March  
**WHERE:** Reagh Bar & Castlereagh Lounge

Celebrate the luck o' the Irish this St Patrick's Day with plenty of fun Irish themed food and festivities, washed down with a Guinness in our special promotion.



### FRENCH FESTIVAL DINNER SHOW UN PIANO QUI CHANTE 'A Piano That Sings'

**WHEN:** 6.00pm Thursday 18 March  
**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Get lost in the romance of an evening of classical French music in the art deco charm of Cellos Grand Dining Room.

Renowned Australian classical pianist Andrew Rumsey, with special guest Van-anh Nguyen, will be performing music of some of the most famous French Classical composers of all time; Debussy, Chopin, Saint-Saëns, Ravel, Fauré, Bizet, plus a special tribute to legendary French composer Michel Legrand.

**Tickets \$99 per person**

*Includes a 2-course menu and entertainment, inclusive of GST and Members' discount.*

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## SUB-CLUB STORIES

The Touring Group welcomes all Members to join them on their next adventure to the Botticelli to Van Gogh Exhibition in Canberra.

For further information contact Margaret Neverly-Grant 0400 802 032.

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