

# CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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## NEW EVENT - JUST ANNOUNCED!

### SORCERY & SWING



**SATURDAY 12 JUNE**

**SORCERY & SWING - 7.00PM**

Unique Roaring Twenties Dinner Show  
Featuring Magic & Music - details page 2

## FAREWELL TO A WARRIOR PRINCE

HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, was one of those rare men who knew what needed to be done, how to give advice, leadership and support and at the same time remain a humble man.

His experience in the Navy taught him the benefits of discipline and knowledge, whilst the travel involved introduced him to people in many parts of the world. Australia was not an unknown country to him - he made 21 visits to our cities and towns and made many friends in the different States.

But his biggest role was his support for Queen Elizabeth in their 73 years of marriage and becoming the longest serving Royal Consort. He was her confidant, stepping back as she took the limelight but always by her side when advice was needed, or to ease an awkward situation. Sometimes he spoke out of turn when in public but seemed to enjoy the moment,

especially with a family which would have given any father a headache.

The Duke hated fuss and arranged his own funeral, every element chosen to reflect his many interests and a simple Land Rover in military green to carry the coffin. He was mourned by people around the world in a quiet and moving ceremony. And his parting phrase was "Life's going to go on after me." Prince Philip was a man who observed the Masonic principles of Integrity, Loyalty and Respect and we joined with many others in saying "He lived respected and died regretted."



RW Bro Ted Simmons AM

## EXCITING EVENTS

### WRAP UP OF ANZAC DAY 2021

ANZAC Day allows us to honour those who died or fought in wars before us, and so we were delighted to be able to share this special day with many familiar faces in the Club this year. For a short time we were caught off-guard by the volume of people visiting the Club, as many other places were not open, but we will be well and truly ready in 2022. If you would like to reserve a meeting room or table for lunch, it is never too early to call Rita on 02 9284 1006 and book in early, so that we can look after you on this special day.

### MOTHER'S DAY OPERA HIGH TEA

**Happy Mother's Day to all the Mums, Grand mums and special carers - we thank you for all you do!**

Mother's Day saw the return of Opera Bites, their first event since March 2020.

We were thrilled to welcome back Rae and her talented team and also Jamie, who looked after our Members and Guests, especially for this occasion. Mother's Day sold out very quickly! Luckily, Opera Bites will be returning on Friday 23 July for "Opera, Wine & Dine". Tickets for this event will be available shortly, so keep an eye out for updates or check the Opera Bites and Club websites.

**BOOKINGS:** [www.operabites.com.au](http://www.operabites.com.au)

**Remember:** Club Members receive 10% off Opera Bites performances when entering the promo code "MEMBER".

### AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

On Thursday 27 May wear your 'maddest hat' and join us in the Castlereagh Lounge to raise funds for people impacted by cancer. For every cup of tea or coffee purchased, we'll be donating half of the cost to the Cancer Council.

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**EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006**



## BOARDROOM BANTER

We are taking care of business this month! We are delighted to report that we have been inundated with function and food and beverage bookings. Despite the influx, we still have plenty of availability for groups in the Lounge, located on Level 2, so please book in early if you require a table of 4 or more.

Accommodation bookings are increasing, month on month. April ran at 38% occupancy, the highest we have seen since March 2020.

## MEMBERS' MATTERS

Thanks to all the Members who have brought in their Dine & Discover vouchers to redeem at the Club.

Now there are even more reasons to visit and support your Club as we 'get back on our feet':



Did you know that, if you don't have a smart phone, you can request 2 x \$25 Dine printed vouchers and 2 x \$25 Discover printed vouchers by phoning Service NSW on 13 77 88?

The vouchers are valid only until 30/6/21 and Members, guests or visitors may present their vouchers in the following ways:

- on their mobile as a digital voucher within the Service NSW app.
- as a printed voucher with a QR code and unique voucher code.
- as a PDF with a QR code and unique voucher code.
- as an SMS with a unique code.
- by telling us your unique voucher code.

We are eagerly awaiting the rollout of the NSW Government's 200,000 \$100 accommodation vouchers, to be used on hotel stays in the Sydney City Centre. More details to follow once available.

Another reason to visit the Club is to redeem your Member points for lunch, or take home a bottle of wine from our wine list, starting at \$28 or 280 Member points.



## KITCHEN KAPERS

We are excited to announce that we are participating in the Clubs NSW Perfect Plate Competition. Our Chef has created an amazing signature dish for our entry - Kangaroo strip loin with sweet potato mash, blueberry glaze and florets of cauliflower.



To support our dish simply call in to the Lounge for lunch from Monday to Friday and order our Chef's Signature dish before 21 June 2021. The dish is priced at \$25, perfect for your Dine & Discover voucher! Keep the receipt from your purchase and scan the QR code, available at the counter, for your chance to **win up to \$2500 in vouchers** and score our dish. For more information visit [www.perfectplate.com.au](http://www.perfectplate.com.au).



## RETURNING SOON!

Breakfast on the ground floor will be available once again from Wednesday to Sunday - commencing 14 May 2021.

Reagh Bar After Dark is back every Friday from 5pm. We hope to extend the Reagh Bar to Thursday nights as we get busier.

## PAUL'S PUNS

A man asks a farmer near his field,  
"Sorry Sir, would you mind if I crossed  
your field instead of going around it?  
I have to catch the 4:23 train."

The farmer says, "Be my guest. And if  
my bull sees you, you'll even be able to  
catch the 4:11 one."

## MORE EXCITING EVENTS!

### CELLOS LUNCH EXPERIENCE

**WHEN:** 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Book now for our next lunches on Friday 14 and 28 May from 12.30pm.

### SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DAY LUNCH

**WHEN:** 12.30pm Friday 4 June

**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Enjoy Scotland's finest fayre, whilst our Scottish Highland Dancers perform with the Pipe Band, topped off with the excitement of the Haggis Ritual!

**Members \$70\*, Non-members \$80\***

Includes a 3-course lunch with a beverage on arrival, inclusive of GST

### SORCERY & SWING

#### ROARING TWENTIES DINNER SHOW

**WHEN:** 7.00pm Saturday 12 June

**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Vaudeville brought back to life as you dine in style at our Roaring Twenties speakeasy featuring magic and music - "Sorcery & Swing". Enjoy dinner accompanied by the music of Tin Pan Alley - featuring the captivating crooning of Greg Poppleton and his band, with unique storytelling magic by Bruce Glen, The Gentleman Magician.

**\$125 per person**

Dress Code: 1920s Guys in Ties, Girls in Pearls

Includes a 3-course dinner with 'a sparkling' wine (moonshine) on arrival, inclusive of GST and Member Discount.



### FROM PARIS TO MOSCOW, *with love!*

**WHEN:** 7.00pm Thursday 24 June

**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Be swept away with the luscious harmonies of the French impressionists and the dramatic melodies of the Russian romantics. Combining these contrasting worlds with a beautiful and energetic program, these pieces will be a feast for the ears. Assuage your travel desires and be transported through the streets of Paris and Moscow with piano and clarinet duo, Andrew Rumsey and Thomas Azoury as your tour guides.

**\$109 per person**

Includes a 2-course dinner with a sparkling on arrival, inclusive of GST and Member Discount.

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