

CLUB



CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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Celebrating 130 Years 1893 - 2023

SEPTEMBER 2023

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!



12.30PM FRI 15 SEPT



12.30PM TUES 7 NOV



12.30PM WED 6 DEC

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1007

BOARDROOM BANTER

Greetings Members and guests, I am pleased to bring good news from your Board of Directors. The club is fairing very well with much activity underway. Many shows and functions are being delivered including the 130th Anniversary of the foundation of the Club, as well as the President's Dinner later this month. Shows including the Fringe Festival theatre are currently under way.

Improvements to our building have now solidly commenced, with inclusions of new video and screens for Cellos, as well as the upgrade of Level 9 of the hotel. Further improvements for the building services are also well underway.

All in all, the Club is alive and active! I thank you all for your patronage and urge all our Members and guests to utilise the great dining and functions available to you.

Peter Zeilic

President of the Board of Directors

HOTEL HAPPENINGS

While our General Manager enjoyed some well deserved annual leave during August, our management team busied themselves with keeping the Club and hotel running as smoothly as ever.

The Food and Beverage Team launched a new cocktail menu in the Reagh Bar with a fresh layout and spring menu in the Lounge, while event enquiries have kept the Administration and Functions Teams on their toes. Our Hotel Reception reported an excellent level of hotel occupation due to the exceptional performance of the Matildas in the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup, reaching their August budget halfway through the month! Well done team!

IT'S OUR 130TH ANNIVERSARY!

Arising from the Australian Masonic movement was the formation of the NSW Masonic Musical and Literary Society on 15th September 1893 - **130 years ago** - by 12 enthusiastic Masonic musicians whose objects were espoused by the tenet 'formed by Freemasons, for Freemasons and directed by Freemasons'.

The founding Masons who first conceived the idea of our Club could hardly have imagined the incredible journey they and their successors were about to embark upon!

The spirit of the Masonic, Music and Literary activities remain strong to this day with regular special events for Members to attend, as we proudly move with the times without losing our sense of history.

On Friday 15 September 2023, we held a special Anniversary Lunch in Cellos to celebrate the remarkable history of our Club.

TAKE YOURSELF ON A SELF-GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF SYDNEY

We're always looking for new ways to enhance our hotel guests' stays with us. Recently we have created a selection of FREE self-guided tours with freguides.com. The tours can be accessed by scanning the QR code below.

Members are also very welcome to enjoy the tours too - why not take yourself on the "Boutique Gems Walking Tour" or embark on a delectable journey of hidden "Foodie Hot Spots". One of our favourites is the "Expedition Sydney Tour" exploring Sydney's rich culture and uncovering some hidden gems!



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FOUR WEEKS OF THE UTTERLY UNBELIEVABLE



During September we have once again partnered with the Sydney Fringe Festival as hosts of the Cabaret Club. Bursting with vocal, comedy and cabaret talent, you'll find legends of cabaret as well as the best new faces on the scene!

There are an incredible 150+ shows in the Reagh Bar and Castlereagh Lounge this month, bringing thousands of new faces into our Club! If you enjoy a little edgy entertainment, head on over to sydneyfringe.com.au and book a show.



KITCHEN KAPERS

An exciting new cocktail menu has arrived in the Reagh Bar! Our cocktail bartenders, Wendell and Jaques (pictured above) are looking forward to welcoming you for an evening or after-work drink from 5pm to late on through Tuesday to Friday.

In the Level 2 Castlereagh Lounge we have an exciting new spring menu available. Join us Monday to Friday for a drink or a meal - the kitchen is open from 11.30am to 2pm and while not essential, bookings are highly recommended!

EXCITING EVENTS

OPERA WINE & DINE WITH "OPERA BITES" MEDIEVAL BANQUET

WHEN: 7pm, Friday 13 October

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room
Indulge in an evening of operatic splendour with "The Merry Wives of Windsor", performed by Sydney's favourite boutique Opera company "Opera Bites".

Tickets \$150* per person + booking fee

Bookings: www.operabites.com.au

Includes 3-course meal with a glass of bubbles on arrival.

HOT OF THE PRESS!!

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER "HALLOWEEN SPECIAL"

WHEN: 6:30pm, Tuesday 31 October

Join us for a hilarious evening of interactive intrigue, with the team from "Host a Murder". Come as a single, couple or group - ideal event for a pre-Christmas team-building event!

TICKETS ON SALE SOON!

Pre-book a table by calling 9284 1007

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH

WHEN: 12:30pm, Tuesday 7 November

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room
It's Melbourne Cup Day lunch in Cellos! Catch all of the racing action on huge TV screens, try your luck in the sweeps, and as always, we'll be awarding a prize for the most magnificent hats and ties.

Members \$95* pp + booking fee

Non-Members \$105 pp + booking fee

Includes 3-course lunch with a glass of bubbles on arrival.

The Level 2 Castlereagh Lounge will also be joining in the festivities and bookings are essential!

REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH

WHEN: 12:30pm, Saturday 11 November

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room
Join us for Remembrance Day Lunch in Cellos followed by a Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar from 2pm.

Tickets \$80* pp + booking fee

Includes 2-course set lunch with a beverage on arrival.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH with "FAULTY TOWERS"

WHEN: 12:30pm,

Wednesday 6 December

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Watch out - Basil, Manuel and Sybil are gate crashing our Members and Friends Christmas Lunch for what's sure to be an afternoon of absolute mayhem!

Grab a table of friends and join us for a raucous afternoon of laughter and Christmas cheer with the talented team

from "Faulty Towers The Dining Experience."

Members \$99* pp + booking fee

Non-Members \$110 pp + booking fee

Includes 3-course Christmas lunch with a glass of bubbles on arrival.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

WHEN: 12:00pm, Monday 25 December

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Spend a magical Christmas Day in the heart of Sydney! Sit back and enjoy a relaxing afternoon indulging in a decadent lunch with plenty of Christmas cheer!

Members \$170* pp + booking fee

Non-Members \$180 pp + booking fee

Includes 3-course Christmas Lunch with bubbles on arrival.



EVENT & FUNCTION ENQUIRIES

Call 9284 1007 or email functions@thecastlereagh.com.au

Booking for all special events visit www.thecastlereagh.com.au

*Price includes GST & Members' discount, online booking fees additional.

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TALK TO OUR TEAM TODAY

The only limit is your imagination!

CHRISTMAS PARTY BOOKINGS FILLING FAST!

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