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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

The previous President's Message came to you from our

beloved late President, Bill Wright. That message was received by most of you just before Christmas.

When Bill wrote his last message to you he was still confident of returning to lead and guide this Club in 2005. His words were "I look forward to meeting up with you in the New Year".

In another part of this magazine you will be reminded of some of Bill's professional and personal history and his place within this Club.

Our rules do not foresee such a tragic event as the death of a President whilst in office and there is no provision to appoint a President in the circumstances. The Board Members unanimously asked me to act in the role of President until the next elections. I was Vice-President.

I will continue to apply the same principles as Bill did in the running of your Club.

Like all other members, I feel the loss of Bill most deeply. He believed that our Club was the best in Sydney for atmosphere, value for money and friendliness. Let us honour his memory by living up to his beliefs.

Apart from the loss of Bill, our Club has suffered further losses; the mother of Rita Surio, Don Fox, the treasurer of the Veterans' Association and Jim McIlvride a former director and life member.

On behalf of the Board, our members and staff I extend condolences to the three families.

FREE LUNCH OFFER

HOW DOES THIS OFFER WORK?

Just successfully introduce and nominate a

'member of your family or a close friend'

to join as a Member of the NSW Masonic Club and

'we will buy you both lunch'

in Cello's Restaurant.

The Club will also provide a complimentary bottle of Stony Peak Chardonnay or Shiraz for you both to enjoy during your lunch.

CONDITIONS APPLY

Members may nominate new members in conjunction with this offer more than once!

Although our trading figures over the Christmas and January period were down, our hotel occupancy has been particularly good over recent weeks and we hope for a continuation of this trend.

I encourage you to use on a regular basis the facilities of your Club.

Kind regards,

Graham L. Berry

Acting President

DONATIONS & MEMORABILIA

Following the recent restoration of the Boardroom, the Club is keen to collect memorabilia to place on display.

Any member who wishes to donate or loan memorabilia please contact Lee Nettelbeck, Operations Manager, on 02 9284 1000.

MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS

Thank you to those members and groups that submitted material for the Club Magazine. If you would like something considered for inclusion in the Magazine please contact Rita on 02 9284 1006 or email the Club at: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Well hello everyone, I hope you all had an opportunity over the Easter break

to enjoy some time off and relax a little. In the previous edition of this magazine I reported that our then President Mr T.W (Bill) Wright was in hospital and that his imminent recovery was expected.

This, unfortunately, and most tragically, was not the case as Bill's condition deteriorated and he has since passed away. The passing of our President Bill Wright is reported in more detail in this magazine. Our sincere condolences go to Bill's wife of forty seven years, Joan, and his children Robert and Greg, his immediate family and his many friends, he will be sadly missed.

The passing of Bill Wright required a reshuffle of the Board of Directors and the vacancies created with Bill's passing have been filled by the former Vice President Mr Graham Berry who was elected and elevated to the role of Acting President. Mr Stephen Wearne was nominated and accepted for the vacant position as a Director on the Board.

We were most fortunate on Tuesday the 15th of February to host a luncheon for the Royal Commonwealth Society. Their President, Mr Frank Gartrell, his enthusiastic committee and Professor David Flint are to be congratulated for organising such an enjoyable luncheon.

Special guests attending on the day were the British Consul Mr Tim Holmes and his Croatia counterpart in Australia Mr Goroslav Keller and Mrs Sonda Keller.

Christmas in July is fast approaching and as is always the case tickets for this special occasion will be in demand so I would suggest that Members and their guests that would like to attend should be quick so as not to be disappointed. Tickets are available at reception located on the first floor at Administration or contact Rita Surio on 9284 1000.

Anzac Day on April 25th is before us once more and a very special day has been planned at the NSWMC to commemorate our fallen. Details are available by contacting Administration at the Club on 9284 1000.

The ReaghBar in the reception foyer has just undergone a wonderful transformation and I would encourage Members and Guests to pop in and take a look at this refurbishment. The inclusion of tasteful leather Chesterfield lounges, new tub chairs and tables and other quality period pieces in this area can only be described as dramatic.

I have received numerous letters from our Club Members praising our Reciprocal Club Program. There is a great deal of interest displayed by our Members in this facility and an editorial component in this magazine has been set aside to provide further information.

I would like to welcome our latest Reciprocal Club on board the Commercial Club in Albury. We are very pleased that we have now formed an affiliation with this prestigious Club of 30,000 Members and look forward to a long and fruitful relationship. You will find the Commercial Club featured in the Reciprocal Clubs segment in this magazine

Late News Item: It is with extreme regret that at the time of printing this Members magazine I have to announce the passing of former Director and Life Member Mr Jim McIlvride on Tuesday March 15th 2005. The contribution that Jim provided for this Club will be featured in the next edition of this magazine. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jim's wife Joyce and their children Douglas, Peter, Raymond, Laurice, Jan and their many friends for their loss.

Warren Lewis
General Manager

New South Wales Masonic Club ANZAC DAY SERVICE Monday 25th April 2005



Memorial at ANZAC Cove near the site of the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps dawn landing - 25th April 1915.

The ReaghBar and Castlereagh Lounge will be open from 10am.

Please assemble in Castlereagh Street from 2.45pm.

NSW Masonic Club Acting President Graham Berry and RSL Sub-Branch President Lindsay Payne will lead Members from Castlereagh Street into the ReaghBar accompanied by the members of the Clan McLeod Pipe Band.

Father Jim Boland will conduct the ANZAC Remembrance Service.

Our Bugler will be Tim Crow.

The service will be followed by light refreshments in the ReaghBar.



Vale

Thomas William (Bill) Wright



It is with a great deal of sadness that we formally acknowledge the sad passing of our late President T. W. (Bill) Wright in the early hours on Tuesday morning on December 21st 2004. Bill was a long serving Member of the NSWMC, a Director on the Board and more recently President of this Club. Bill was a sincere man of great integrity who will be sorely missed by us all here at the NSWMC who had the pleasure to know him.

As this is our first Members' magazine printed since Bill's passing I would like to précis Bill Wright's history as it is one of great personal achievement.

10th September 1929 – 21st December 2004

Thomas William (Bill) Wright was born on the 10th September, 1929, the second son of three siblings, Lionel (deceased) and sister Gail.

He was raised and educated in the St. George district and played grade schoolboy tennis in the district.

He decided on a Pre-Apprenticeship Carpentry and Joinery Trade Apprenticeship and during it transformed from private to the NSW Department of Public Works where he stayed for 42 years.

Completing his trade certificate, he gained a Clerk of Works Certificate and became a Senior Technical Officer with the Government Architect.

He met and married Joan, a Pharmacist's daughter and a fellow St George educated girl in 1957. They had two sons, Gregory and Robert, who have provided them with six grandchildren.

Always interested in architecture, he decided to matriculate and succeeding gained a Public Service Scholarship, and entered university faculty of architecture as a mature age student in 1964.

In 1966 he was awarded the first Francis J. Feledy Award for outstanding student.

He graduated Bachelor of Architecture (Hons) equal first in 1970.

The Government Architect shortly afterwards appointed him to a senior role as Government Accommodation Architect which involved the new concept of upgrading existing and new government departments into a new level of modern office buildings in Sydney CBD, Parramatta and North Sydney (including the new Police Headquarters in College Street).

The Government sponsored him on a fact-finding world investigation in 1972,

into the latest developments in this field and in the restoration and preservation of historic buildings, which were included in his responsibilities in Sydney eg, Government House, Parliament House and the Law Courts. He was Honorary Architect for the Anzac War Memorial, Hyde Park for 15 years.

Whilst overseas he presented a paper at an International Architectural Design Conference in Stockholm, Sweden.

In 1977, the Government Architect appointed him Project Manager of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Redevelopment, a project second only in size to the Westmead Hospital Project and which was successfully completed in 1983.

He was then appointed as Regional Architect for the Hunter in charge of the second largest government architects office outside Sydney, covering a territory from Kempsey in the North; Wyong in the South and West to Merriwa. During this period of five years several large projects were planned and built including Royal Newcastle Hospital; Newcastle TAFE Food School and the John Hunter Hospital.

He was awarded the NSW State Premier's Commendation in 1986.

In 1986, he moved to TAFE as Director of Buildings and Equipment and was involved in developing several new TAFE campuses and buildings. He retired in 1988.

Following an extensive overseas holiday with Joan, he was approached by the NSW Chapter of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects to become the Executive Director. He occupied this position until 1991.

He "retired" to continue a private

practice and assist the NSW Board of Architects in assessing overseas-qualified architects seeking recognition of their qualifications and also monitoring candidates for examination by the Board.

He was President of Liverpool Lions Club and Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor of Sydney.

Master of Lodge True Service in 1973, he was recently honoured by the M.W. Bro Tony Lauer and Grand Lodge having conferred on him the rank of Past Junior Grand Warden.

A member of the NSW Masonic Club since 1965 he was elected to the Board in 1996 becoming President in 2001. He was also Vice President of the Australasian Association of Masonic Clubs.

During his time on the Board, he exercised his professional experience, together with the Secretary/Manager of the Club to expedite the total rehabilitation and restoration of the second floor, the total restoration of the buildings, Castlereagh Street façade and the restoration of the Board Room and Lobby.

He was made a Life Fellow of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects for his services to Architecture in 1991.

As you can see Bill enjoyed a wonderful and full life. Our thoughts and best wishes are extended to Bill's great support and partner in life Joan, their sons Robert and Greg, his immediate family and their many close friends – "gone dear friend but not forgotten", thankyou.

THE BOARDROOM RESTORATION



In the previous issue of the Club Magazine we reported on the opening of the boardroom restorations. This project was the final restoration work to be carried out in this Club and entailed the demolition of a large coolroom in the vestibule; the false ceiling and redundant air-conditioning duct work and lighting in these areas; the restoration of the ornate plaster ceilings, new discrete air-conditioning; appropriate new lighting and electrical upgrading; restoration of timber panelling, fittings and window joinery; new window drapes; specially designed and woven carpets; the restoration of the 1900 era original boardroom table and chairs and new incidental furniture appropriate for this area.

The lobby floor revealed the original masonic symbolic terrazzo floor which was restored and in part permanently revealed.

The building is a fine example of the art deco architectural movement popular between World War I and World War II. Its aim was to develop and use craft as art, ie timber work, ceramics, plaster works and furniture in often a symbolic form and in our case masonic symbols to embellish the building and you must agree we have fine examples in the building of classical, revival dining-room and exterior which are also rare, remaining examples of this style in Sydney.

The Membership should be proud of its place in Sydney's history and CBD fine clubs and endeavour to visit and inspect this shining example of the past in the present.

Any Members who would like to inspect the boardroom should register their interest at the administration office on level one or phone 9284 1006.



NEW MEMBERS

October 2004 - February 2005

Mr F. Ahmad, Engineering Student
 Mr J. Archer, Director
 Mr A. Armsden, Journalist
 Mr J. Artis, Retired
 Mr L. Atkins, Investment Banker
 Mr A. Bailey, Entrepreneur
 Mrs V. Ball, Retired
 Mr T. Barnes, Ministerial Adviser
 Ms H. Bartleson, Teacher
 Mrs D. Blackhall, Retired
 Mr G. Boulton, Sales Manager
 Mrs J. Bray, Retired
 Mrs F. Brogan, Art Teacher
 Mr P. Brogan, Company Director
 Mrs M. Brown, Home Duties
 Mr E. Bruce, Retired
 Mrs J. Buckingham, Retired War Widow
 Mr G. Caruana JP, Retired
 Mr A. Clarke, Retired Bank Manager
 Mr G. Clarke
 Mrs L. Cole, Retired
 Mrs B. Collier, Retired
 Mrs H. Cook, Teacher
 Ms V. Cooper, Retired
 Mrs C. Cornford, Librarian
 Mrs E. Craig, Retired
 Ms P. Cranley, Personal Assistant
 Mrs E. Curry, Retired
 Mrs B. Davis, Retired Teacher/Secretary
 Mrs L. Dawe, Real Estate Principal
 Mrs A. De Brabander
 Mrs A. Dooley OAM, Retired School Teacher
 Mr J. Duane, Lawyer
 Miss P. Dugan, Retired
 Mr I. Dymock, Retired
 Mrs R. Edmondson, Company Director
 Mrs V. Ferrier, Retired
 Prof D. Flint, Professor
 Mrs B. Fowler, Home Duties
 Mr R. Franklin, Retired Engineer Draftsman
 Dr M. Galloway, Geoscientist
 Mr R. Gane, Retired
 Ms G. Genee, Textile Conservation Nga
 Mr N. Gibbs, Accountant
 Mr D. Giron, Property Investor
 Mr J. Gist, Chartered Accountant
 Mrs N. Gleeson, Company Director
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 Mrs S. Gregory, Retired Physiotherapist
 Mr E. Harkness, Retired
 Mr S. Henkes, Chief Adviser
 Mrs G. Hodges, Fashion
 Mrs A. Holroyd, Retired
 Miss D. Hone, Retired School Teacher
 Mrs J. Hook, Retired
 Mrs J. Hooker, Retired
 Mrs J. Ilsley, Retired
 Mrs L. Ippolito, Child Care Director
 Mr G. Ireland, Transport Mgr
 Ms F. Janson, Director
 Mrs E. Jelks, Retired
 Mr C. Jennings, Survey Drafting
 Mr B. Jobson, Retired Chartered Accountant
 Mrs J. Kelly
 Mr W. Kingsford-Smith
 Mrs M. Kingston, Retired Solicitor
 Mr K. Knell, Retired
 Ms M. Kolotas, Banker
 Mrs D. Largo, Receptionist

NEW MEMBERS

October 2004 - February 2005

Mr J. Larsen, Retired Manager
 Mrs R. Launder, Board Of Studies Head Teacher
 Ms M. Leaney, Private Investor
 Mrs H. Leaney, Pre School Assistant
 Mrs Y. Lewin Cairns, Retired Retailer
 Ms W. Li, Self-Employed
 Mr J. Maimone, Retired Bank Manager
 Mrs K. Malcolm, Farmer
 Mr W. Mast, Retired
 Miss M. McColl, Retired Bank Officer
 Ms L. McCotter, Executive Assistant
 Mrs H. McInnes, Retired
 Mr K. McInnes, Retired
 Dr Y. McIntyre, Editorial Cmt Freemason Magazine
 Mrs L. McLeod, Retired
 Mrs M. McSweeney, Registered Nurse
 Mrs E. Miller, Retired
 Mr J. Mitchell, Retired
 Mr R. Moller, Sales Rep
 Mrs D. Molloy, Retired
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 Ms H. O'Shanessy, Clerk
 Mrs B. Offner, Retired
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 Miss G. Peoples, Retired
 Mrs C. Perkins, Home Duties
 Mr A. Perry, Retired
 Mrs P. Perry, Retired
 Mr J. Pretty, Retired Ambulance Officer
 Mrs M. Robinson, Retired
 MS D. Rockey, Retired
 Mr P. Rogers, Retired Solicitor
 Ms P. Rogers, Health Management Consultant
 Mr R. Rowling, Retired
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 Mr A. Scott, Retired Ambulance Paramedic
 Mrs J. Scott, Company Director
 Mrs E. Seabrook, Retired Importer
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 Mrs H. Skellam, Retired
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 Mrs I. Smith, Civil Marriage Celebrant
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 Mr J. Sutton, Solicitor
 Mr D. Swallow, Retired
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 Mr P. Tocchini, Solicitor
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 Mr G. Walker, Retired
 Mrs E. Walker, Retired
 Mr R. Walker, Farmer
 Mrs M. Wedgewood, Retired
 Mr D. White, Retired Accountant
 Mrs C. Wieland, Co Director
 Mr I. C. Wright, Operations Mgr Telstra
 Ms J. Wright, Event Coordinator
 Mr M. Wright, Performance Mechanic
 Mr J. Wright, University Student
 Miss K. Wright, Uni Student
 Mr J. Yeo, Retired

MEET OUR RECIPROCAL CLUBS

Our members continue to enjoy ongoing benefits of Reciprocal Clubs and we were delighted recently to receive some great comments from one of our Members Mrs Wendy Taylor.

When in Melbourne enjoying the Australian Open Tennis Mrs Taylor stayed at the RACV in Queen Street. Mrs Taylor commented that the Club provided a great location that had parking for their car, courteous staff and made them feel very much a home. The Club was also in walking distance of the Melbourne CBD.

Two new Reciprocal Clubs join us in this magazine, Graduate House - University of Melbourne and The Commercial Club Albury which is featured on the following page. There are several other Reciprocal Clubs that we now have a relationship with and they will be featured in the next magazine.

For further information or to obtain a letter of introduction call Rita in the administration office on 02 9284 1006.

Please contact the Reciprocal Clubs directly to make your booking.

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SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

STAFF REUNION

Ex-staff member Mas Naveshima enjoyed a get together with former colleagues when he holidayed in Sydney. Many members would remember Mas who held the position of Head Chef at the Club for 25 years until his retirement in 1991 when he moved to Queensland.



Above Left (L to R): Nellie Wilkens, Una Thompson, Mas Naveshima, Grace Boucher, Lindsey Graham (Director) and George Roussos. Above Right: Mas Naveshima and Club Director Iris Morgan (also a former staff member)

OKTOBERFEST LUNCH

The Oktoberfest Lunch proved to be a huge success for the second year running with guests enjoying a lively performance from the piano accordionist. Watch out for the date of this special luncheon in our next magazine.



Above Left: Elsie Robinson together with Camille Swadling (right) and her daughter-in-law (centre) Above Right: Joan Wright and Zona Maguire

ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Club members enjoy the festivities at the Associates' Christmas Lunch.

Photo (L to R): Margaret McAdam, Joan MacKenzie, Joan Wright, Thelma Hedger and Chris Jennings.

ANNUAL BOARD LADIES DINNER

Left: Lindsey Graham & Iris Morgan (directors) attending Annual Board Ladies Dinner



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Joan Mackenzie, President of the Wine and Dine Committee, enjoyed a special celebration for her birthday in The Adam Room last December with Club members and friends. Joan (left) is pictured here with Kathlyn McKenzie.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Wednesday 4th May

As you can see from the list of new members in this magazine our next New Members' Night is shaping up to be a big event.

This is a terrific opportunity for our newest members to meet the Board of Directors and get to know their fellow members. Guided tours through the Club will also be available.

All new members since September 2004 are invited to attend. If you joined in 2004 prior to September, and were unable to attend the last New Members' Night, please contact Rita on 9284 1006 if you would like to come.

Venue: The Adam Room, Level 4

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Price: FREE

ANZAC DAY LUNCH

Monday 25th April

Three course set menu featuring traditional ANZAC biscuits served with tea and coffee.

Menu

Potato and Leek Soup

Parmesan Crusted Crumbed Lamb Cutlets with Saffron Potatoes, Onion Relish and Seasonal Vegetables

Assorted Australian Cheese Plate

Tea, Coffee and ANZAC Biscuits

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon

Price: \$42 (includes member discount & gst)

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DAY LUNCH

Wednesday 15th June

This is one of the most popular events on the Club's social calendar and features the very popular Scottish Highland dancers. To avoid disappointment please ensure that you book early.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$40 Non-member \$45

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

Wednesday 20th July

Join us for the Club's annual Christmas in July Lunch featuring all the festive trimmings. This is another very popular event so why not get a group of friends together and reserve your table early.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$36 Non-member \$40

HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST - SYDNEY OPEN 2004



The NSW Masonic Club were delighted to be selected by the Heritage Houses Trust as one of the properties for their Sydney Open Day on Sunday the 4th of November 2004. Over 300 visitors toured the Club on the day with the most frequent comment being that the Club was "one of Sydney's best kept secrets". Many visitors applied for Membership and were surprised at its affordability and that women were actually allowed.

Our photo shows directors Lindsay Payne (left) and Ron Maguire (2nd from right) explaining the history of the Club's Board Room which has recently undergone a complete refurbishment, securing its position as the best heritage listed Board Room in Sydney.

CLUB DONATION TO THE CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL - WESTMEAD



Warren Lewis and Joan Wright presenting a donation cheque to Ms Gilly Paxton (Deputy Director of Community Relations of the Childrens' Hospital - Westmead)

MEET OUR RECIPROCAL CLUBS

COMMERCIAL CLUB - ALBURY

The Commercial Club stands for quality and professional service.

One of the busiest function centres in the district, the Commercial Club has a variety of member facilities including a selection of dining experiences, friendly bars & entertainment and sporting groups.

Now it boasts 'The Finest Golfing Alternative' with the Commercial Albury Golf Club.



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LUNCH WITH THE BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL

Members of the NSW Masonic Club were delighted to attend the Royal Commonwealth Society's lunch with special guest Mr Tim Holmes the British Consul General.

Mr Tim Holmes became the new British Consul-General for Sydney in August 2004.

Other special guests included Consul-General for Croatia Mr Goroslav Keller and Mrs Sonda Keller.

The next Royal Commonwealth Society Luncheon is coming up in June when they celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

Photo to Right (L to R) Sonda Keller, Heather Payne, Lindsay Payne (NSW Masonic Club director), Robin Joseph, Goroslav Keller, Louis Shubitz



Above (L to R) Warren Lewis (General Manager NSW Masonic Club, Royal Commonwealth Society President Frank Gartrell, British Consul Tim Holmes, Graham Berry (Acting President NSW Masonic Club), Professor David Kirk



Historical Feature

A private marine, 55th Company, by the name of John Easty journeyed to NSW on Scarborough, one of the eleven ships of the First Fleet. (For the sailor-type members of the Club Scarborough was of 430 tons, length of 111 feet and beam of 30 feet.)

He was a remarkable man of his time by proving a chronicler of the life and times of the new Colony of NSW. He kept a journal of events and personalities for practically the entire period of his journey from Portsmouth to his return to England on Atlantic.

The following is an extraction from his journal which he called 'Easty's memorandum' by John Easty, Private Marine, 55th Company, 1787 - 1793

In tortured spelling, his record is one of the most valuable covering the voyage of the First Fleet and the early years of the Colony.

Wedensday Decbr the 3d 1788 *this day James Dealey A convict was Executed for Roberrey*

Munday Decbr the 29th 1788 *this Day Jno Easty and Thos Brimage was tryed by a courtmartial for Leaveing the Camp without Leave for which we was Sentanced 50 Lashes Each but the Corrt M Recommend us to the Commanding officer for Mercy and we was forgiven*

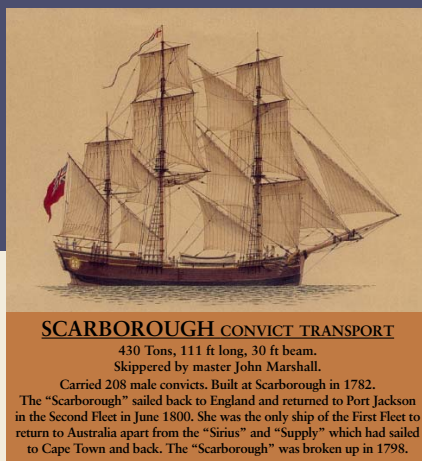
Sataday Janry the 10 1789 *this Day Thos Saunderson A Convict was tryed by A Crimanal court for Robing the Store house and Absconding from Quarters and was out Lawed on Christmas Eeve and Recd Sentanced of Death and was Excuted this Evining*

Munday Febry the 2d 1789 *this Night att 10 oclock Captn John Shea of Marines Departed this Life after a Long illness of a Concumtion and was Buried the next Day in Miliantary form very Neat and handsome*

Friday March the 6th 1789 *this Day as a party of Convicts were going to Botaney Bay the Natives attackted them in a great Number and killid one of them and Wounded Sevaral others in a Daingourous manner and them which Came home where Confined and Punishd with one Hundred and fifty Lashes Each*

Wedensday March the 18 1789 *this Day a key was found Broke in one of the Locks att the Publick Store house for Which Joseph Hunt a marine was confined who was after taking as the kings Evidince and impeached upon Luke Hines Richd asque James Baker James Brown Richd Dukes and Thos Jones Privt Marines who had been with him in Robing the Store house*

Wedensday Thursday March the 25th & 26th 1789 *this Dai Luke Hines James*



Baker James Brown Richd asque Richd Dukes and Thos Jones Marines was tryed by A Criminall Cort for Robing the Storehouse when on the 26 about 1/2 Past 2 oclock thay all Recd Sentanced of Death and the Galleows was Erected before the Sentance was Cast upon them

Friday March the 27th 1789 *this Day att 10 oclock Luke Hines James Baker James Brown Richd Asque Richd Dukes and Thos Jones was Excuted between the 2 store housees when thay all Said that Joseph hunt was the ocation of all thier Deaths as he was the first that bagan the Said Roberry but he Recd a free Pardon thare was hardly a marine Present but what Shed tears offacers and men*

Wedensday April the 1st 1789 *this Day Wm Wall a marin Departed this Life after a Long Lingering illness and was Buried in Milierty form*

Thursday April the 30th 1789 *this Day about one oclock in the after noon Edward odges Michell Towlien Marines which belonged to Rose hill and was doing Duty thare went out a Shoting and was Lost in the Woods and wear heard of Since although Search was made for 3 or 4 Days after them.*

This extract gives a clear picture that there were no begging of pardons in the issuing of punishment for offences of any kind. Easty records on March 8 1788 at Sydney Cove he was confined 'for bringing a female convict into camp', for which he received 150 lashes.

STOP PRESS !

In addition to our regular social calendar events, members are invited to attend the following functions.

LONG LUNCH

Members have long been enjoying a relaxing 'Long Lunch' in Cello's each Friday afternoon whilst being entertained by Ces Dorcey on piano. Cello's is now offering a variety of special events to compliment Ces, so make a note in your diary for the following "Long Lunches".

Friday 15th April

Wine tasting with Southcorp Wines.

Friday 20th May

A special guest artist joins Ces Dorcey for 'A taste of jazz'.

Friday 8th July

Lunch with the classic ensemble.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

Early June

The Royal Commonwealth Society are once again extending an invitation for members and guests to join them at their annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon.

Bookings can be made by contacting Rita on 9284 1006.

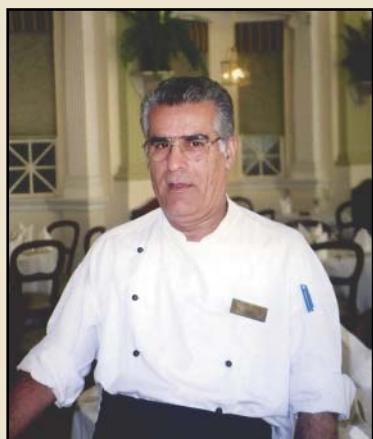
Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 11.45am to 3pm

Dress: Lounge Suit

Price: TBA

Meet THE STAFF



Chafic Tahan Chef - Kitchen

When did you start working at the New South Wales Masonic Club?

1970

What do you do in your spare time?

Spend with family and friends

Your favourite meal to cook at home?

Barbecue

What is the secret to a great cook?

Having a Lebanese background, we love our food and with all the experience with food I have, I bring out the secret ingredients in all the food I make. Also, to be a good chef, is to have a good team, and at the Masonic Club I have a great team which helps me relax and focus on making the perfect dishes.

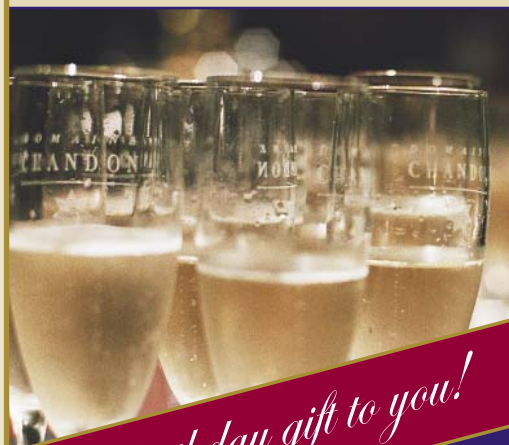
Does your wife ever do any of the cooking?

Yes – she does cook.

SUB CLUBS AND PROMOTIONS

CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB

CLUB	CONTACT	PHONE
Dine and Wine functions	Joan Mackenzie	9979 1569
Touring Group functions	Neville Adam (meet 1st Tuesday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9558 5035
NSW Masonic Sub Branch RSL functions	Ron Neave (meet 3rd Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9153 7678
NSW Masonic Bowling Club	Ray Little (meet 1st Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9519 8276
NSW Masonic Veterans Association	Stan Hing (meet 4th Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9349 6795
The Castlereagh Probus functions	Jan Hackett	9624 3501
Solo Group	Moira McGovern (meet every Thursday 10.30am) - New Members Welcome	9664 2227
Sydney Birthday Club	Stan Hing	9349 6795



Our birthday gift to you!

At the beginning of the year our COMPLIMENTARY CHAMPAGNE birthday promotion was introduced.

All Club members were sent a birthday voucher in the 2004 Christmas newsletter entitling them to a free bottle of champagne in the month of their birthday.

To participate in this promotion members must take their voucher to the administration office for validation after which, it can be presented at the bar to claim a free bottle of champagne.

Any member who did not receive their voucher or has misplaced it may collect a new voucher from the administration office on level one.

Please Note: Free champagne is not available for 'take-away' and must be consumed within the Club.

MARKET DAY

2nd Wednesday of every month



Tickets \$1 each (ten numbers per ticket) Bonus ticket for every \$5 spent. Over 40 terrific gourmet prizes. Come along and join us!

Venue: Castlereagh Lounge, Level 2

Time: 2pm

PREFERRED PARTNERS

5%-10% at Hyde Park Jewellery

169A Castlereagh St, Sydney

10% at Foto Direct

171A Castlereagh St, Sydney

15% at Hairstyling For Men, David Jones Men's Department

1st Floor, 65-77 Market St, Sydney

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2005

Please book all club functions with Rita

Phone 02 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

APRIL 2005

Friday	15	Long Lunch - Wine tasting with Southcorp Wines	
Monday	18	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	19	Sydney Birthday Club Lunch	
Wednesday	20	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Monday	25	ANZAC Day Lunch	Member and Non-Member \$42
Every Thursday		Solo Group meeting	

MAY 2005

Tuesday	3	Touring Group meeting followed by Mothers' Day Lunch in Cello's	
Tuesday	10	Probus Club meeting	
Wednesday	11	Market Day	
Monday	16	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	17	Sydney Birthday Club lunch	
Friday	20	Long Lunch - A taste of jazz with Ces Dorcey	
Monday	23	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Tuesday	24	Touring Group trip	
Every Thursday		Solo Group meeting	

JUNE 2005

Tuesday	7	Touring Group AGM	
Wednesday	8	Market Day	
Tuesday	14	Probus meeting	
Wednesday	15	Scottish Highland Day Lunch	Member \$36 Non-Member \$40
Monday	20	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	21	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon	
Monday	27	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Every Thursday		Solo Group meeting	

JULY 2005

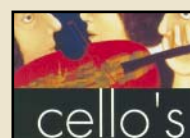
Tuesday	5	Touring Group meeting	
Friday	8	Long Lunch - A taste of jazz with Ces Dorcey	
Tuesday	12	Probus meeting	
Wednesday	13	Market Day	
Monday	18	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	19	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon	
Wednesday	20	Christmas in July Lunch	Member \$36 Non-Member \$40
Monday	25	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Every Thursday		Solo Group meeting	

Tickets will only be released upon final payment.

Telephone bookings will be accepted providing full payment is made within 7 days.

All major credit cards accepted.

OPENING HOURS



CELLO'S RESTAURANT

Buffet & Full Breakfasts

7am - 9am Daily

A la carte Dining or

Business Lunch

12noon - 2.30pm

Monday to Friday

Dinner

6pm - 8.30pm

Monday to Friday



REAGHBAR

11.30am - 8pm

Monday to Friday



CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE

10am - 10.30pm

Monday-Saturday

5pm - 8.30pm Sunday

PARKING

Parking is available for members and guests visiting the Club or staying at The Castlereagh. Parking vouchers are on sale at the foyer Reception Desk.

WILSON'S GOULBURN ST PARKING

PH. 9212 1522

Operating Hours

Monday to Thursday 7.00am to Midnight

Friday 7.00am to 1.00am

Saturday 7.00am to 1.30am

Sunday 9.00am to 11.00pm

Rates

\$17.00 Voucher

Valid: 24 hours - Monday to Sunday

Weekends

Pay direct to parking station or purchase 24hr voucher

PICCADILLY CAR PARK

PH. 9264 1467

Operating Hours

Daily 7.00am to 1.00am

Rates

\$40.00 Voucher

Valid: All Day Monday to Friday

\$11.00 Voucher

Valid: 24 hours Saturday & Sunday only (expires 9am Monday)

\$15.00 Voucher

Valid: 5.00pm to 9.00am weekdays

DRESS REGULATIONS

Club members and their guests are asked to observe the following dress regulations which have been approved by the Board to preserve the dignity of the Club.

Members and their guests attending "Cello's" after 6pm should be suitably attired. For gentlemen, a collared shirt with trousers or slacks is acceptable. A tie is not compulsory. For ladies, smart casual attire is acceptable, including tailored slacks. Slacks or tailored shorts with long socks and shoes, tailored shirt with short or long sleeves, is acceptable in all other food and beverage areas.

The Castlereagh hotel guests, as Temporary Members, are expected to observe the above dress regulations when availing themselves of the Club facilities.

The Club Management reserves the right to refuse any person not suitably attired admission to the Club.

THE Castlereagh

Boutique Hotel ★★☆☆

Exclusive Member Offer!

\$95 PER NIGHT

double/twinshare/single

*inclusive of continental buffet breakfast
and morning newspaper*

*Conditions: This rate is per room per night and exclusive to NSW Masonic
Club members only. Inclusive of member discount and GST.*

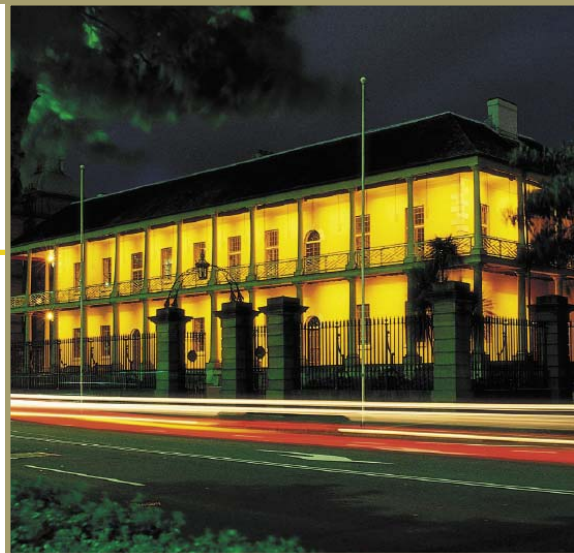
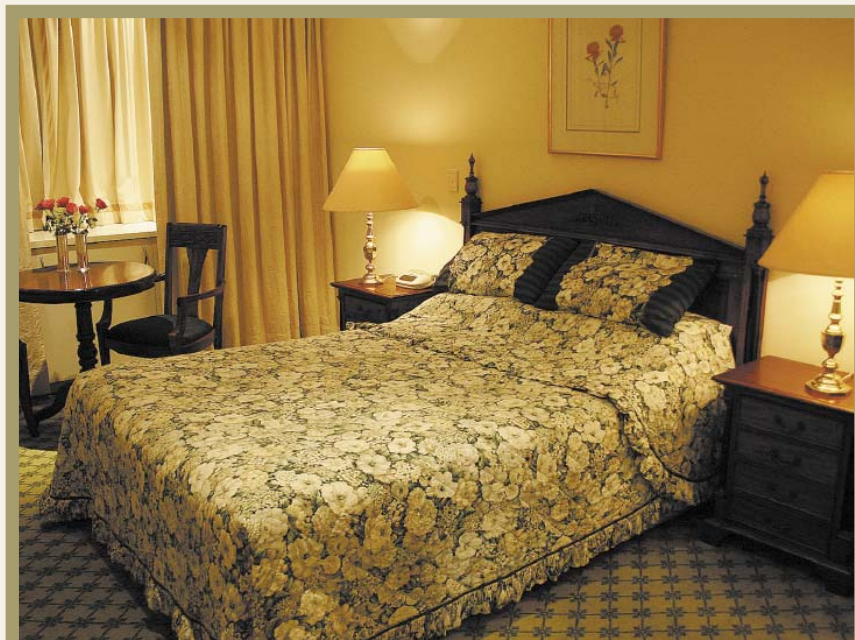
Rate is valid for the months of May and June and is subject to availability.

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THE MINT

The cover of this edition of the Club Magazine features The Mint in Macquarie Street, Sydney.

Built between 1811 and 1816, The Mint was originally the southern wing of the Rum Hospital; the north wing is now the Houses of Parliament.

The building was commissioned by Bro Governor Lachlan Macquarie and became the Australian branch of The Royal Mint from 1853 to 1901 after Bro Edward Hargraves discovered Gold in 1851. After Federation in 1901 it became The Australian Mint until 1926 after which it was used as Government offices until it became a museum in 1982.

The Mint was transferred to the Historic Houses Trust in 1998 and the Coin Factory now houses the Historic Houses Trust head offices.

THE MINT 150TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY

Saturday 14th May 2005

On 14 May 1855 Governor Sir William Denison officially opened the Royal Mint, Sydney. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of The Mint there will be tours of the historic buildings and HHT head offices. A team of experts will be on hand to appraise your coins or medals and to provide advice on caring for your collection. Displays will include coins and medallions, images of the goldfields and even moneyboxes.

Where: The Mint, 10 Macquarie Street Sydney

Time: 10am – 5pm

Cost: Free entry

Bookings not required. For further information phone 02 8239 2288.