



NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

Magazine

Famous Masons Series

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Fellow Members,
Since my last report much has happened in the

life of our Club.

The Board elections conducted in November saw two of our directors, Iris Morgan and Warren French, not offering themselves for re-election. I thank them on your behalf for their wholehearted contribution over past years to the successful running of the Club. Their places have been filled by Doug Cumming and Charles Lucre.

The Board elected Vice President, Lindsay Payne and our Treasurer, Stephen Bates, as Convenors respectively of the House, Supply & Staff Committee and the Finance Committee. I look forward to working closely with both of them and with our ubiquitous General Manager, Warren Lewis.

Our Annual General Meeting was conducted on 28th November in Cello's Restaurant with 54 members in attendance including our Patron Tony Lauer. I thank all those whose contributions ensured a prompt and efficient dispatch of the business to be conducted.

All of our Christmas functions were well attended, well conducted and well received.

Our membership continues to grow. As at 7th December it stood at 3228 with 1232 Mason members and 1996 Associate members. Twice during 2005 our monthly applications

for membership reached 80. You will appreciate that increased membership and use of our Club facilities brings benefits for us all. I encourage you to nominate a relative, friend or business associate for membership.

Our luncheon for long serving Club members was conducted recently and proved very successful. This event was the result of an idea put forward by our long serving director and past president, Lindsey Graham.

With this edition of our magazine you will receive a questionnaire prepared by the General Manager. It is in two parts. By completing and returning it to the Club promptly, you will assist us to improve our service to you. The name of one lucky member who participates will be drawn by lot as the winner of the detailed worthwhile prize. Your positive response will be greatly appreciated. Finally, I am delighted to advise you that our General Manager Warren Lewis is on the 20th of April to receive a National Training Legends Award for his services to the Hospitality Industry.

The Award is being made by Tourism Training Australia, this award will be presented at a function at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel and our sincere congratulations go to Warren Lewis.

I wish you well for the coming year.

President
Graham L. Berry

THE CASTLEREAGH LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE!

The Club is pleased to announce that new websites were launched for The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel and the NSW Masonic Club prior to Christmas last year.

The Castlereagh website features general hotel information, room rates and specials, on-line reservation bookings, an email newsletter registration, plus a facility to compare and book rental cars.

The number of visits each month to The Castlereagh website has increased from an average of 2,500 in July 2005 to a tremendous 4,500 in February 2006, contributing not only to the popularity of the hotel facilities, but also a significant increase in function bookings.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Welcome to the initial edition of the Members magazine for 2006 and firstly

I would like to thank our dedicated staff as they were so important in producing another strong result during 2004 / 2005.

We are very fortunate here to have such a loyal and dedicated group of people that are our staff. It does not matter what area of the Club they work in albeit housekeeping, the laundry, reception, food and beverage, or administration and reception they have all displayed the same commitment to this Club and its Members for many years.

The Christmas and New Year period is traditionally a quiet time of the year for us here and this year was no exception. We have planned our second stage room's upgrade program during this time. I am now pleased to report that the Stage 1 upgrade has been completed on time and under budget.

This second stage of this program has commenced and should be concluded in mid May with significant changes in the décor and services provided in all our hotel rooms for our Members and our hotel Guests.

During 2005 we were fortunate to have our hotel operation reassessed from a 3 ½ star rated property to that now of a 4 star property and this is a significant opportunity now delivered for this Club and its Members.

During the month of November this Club held general elections and I

would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the President Graham Berry, the Vice President Lindsay Payne, Treasurer Stephen Bates and their fellow Directors Lindsey Graham, Ron Maguire, Steve Wearne on their successful re election to the Board of the NSWMC for 2005-2007.

There were also three new Directors elevated to the Board as a result of the election conducted in November and they are, John Barron, Douglas Cumming and Charles Lucre I am sure their contributions will prove most beneficial over the next two years of their elected terms.

This coming year will present many opportunities, with a positive and cohesive Board and dedicated staff, 2006 will prove another year of development. I would like to specially welcome on behalf of all our Members Adrian Pilton Sydney Rotary, and David Pell Sydney Lions.

These groups both now conduct their meetings and luncheons here with us and will continue to do so throughout 2006 and beyond, welcome to you and your Members.

I would like to thank all our Members for your support during 2005 and look forward to your valued patronage and commitment continuing through 2006.

Warren Lewis
General Manager

MEMBER & GUEST QUESTIONNAIRE

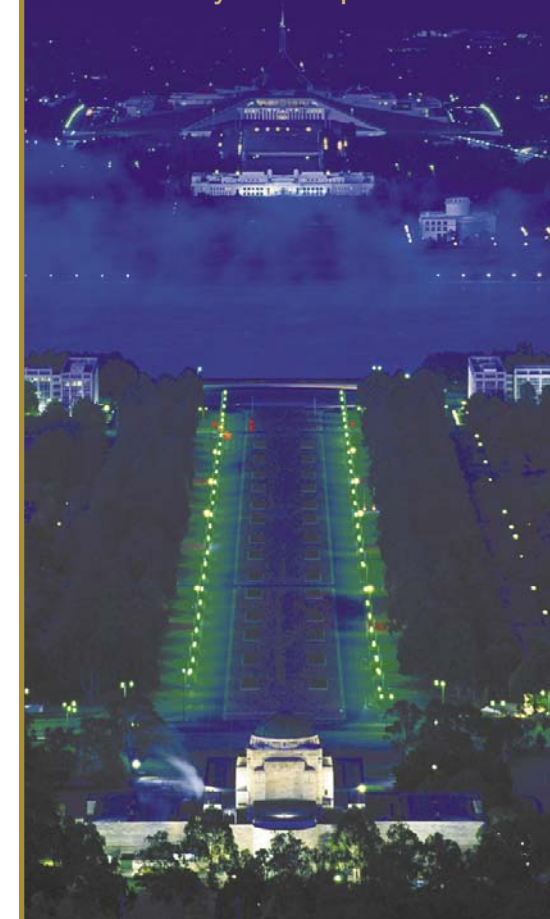
Members and guests are invited to participate in the questionnaire on page six of this edition of the Club Magazine. The questionnaire is designed to provide the Board and Management with valuable feedback on the level of service and facilities of the Club and hotel.

Please return your completed questionnaire to the Club Administration Office no later than 30th April, 2006. One lucky respondent will receive a night for two at The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, however, you may submit your questionnaire anonymously if you wish.

New South Wales Masonic Club

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Tuesday 25th April 2006



Night view of the Australian War Memorial and New Parliament House, Anzac Parade, Canberra.

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

Please assemble in Castlereagh Street from 2.45pm.

NSW Masonic Club 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.

NEW MEMBERS
October 2005 - February 2006

Miss E. Ahearn, Retired
Mr E. Allan, Contract Administrator
Ms L. Allan, Nursing Sister
Mr R. Allman AM OBE, Retired Opera Singer
Mr D. Almond, Retired
Mr M. Ash, TV Producer
Mr S. Ayling, Marketing Consultant
Ms P. Bailey, Teacher
Miss Z. Balenzuela, Retired
Mrs D. Ball, Retired
Mrs M. Bear, Retired
Mr A. Beck, Labourer
Mrs J. Becker, Home Duties
Mr J. Berne, Sales Manager
Mrs M. Bignall, Retired
Mr J. Birse, Sales
Mr J. Booker, Marine Engineer RAN
Mrs B. Boorn
Mrs M. Bower, Yoga Teacher, Administrator
Mr J. Braidwood, Credit Manager
Dr W. Brazil, Tutor/Research
Miss M. Breen, Retired
Mrs C. Brown, Retired
Mrs L. Brown a’ Court, Retired School Principal
Mr H. Brunner, Jeweller
Mrs J. Burtland, Retired
Mr J. Cairns, Retired
Mrs G. Calligeros, Housewife
Mrs M. Campbell, Teacher
Mrs M. Campbell, Retired
Ms S. Charwood, Administration Mgr
Mr R. Cheadle, Retired Banker
Mrs D. Cobcroft, Retired
Miss J. Coleman, Retired
Mr H. Conaghan, Retired
Mr H. Condon, Public Servant
Mrs L. Conn, Retired Nurse
Mr J. Conomos, Barrister
Mr D. Cook, Retired
Mrs J. Cook, Retired
Mrs D. Cooney, Retired Teacher
Mrs P. Copley, Retired
Mr R. Copper, Retired
Mrs C. Cotte, Personal Assistant
Mr K. Couch, Retired
Mrs P. Coverdale, Registered Nurse
Ms L. Cowled, Retired
Mr B. Cox, Retired
Mrs M. Cull, Director
Mrs P. Curtis, Retired
Mrs C. Daley, Retired
Mr A. Dash, Director
Mrs M. Davids, Secretary
Mrs M. Davidson, Retired Public Servant
Cpt M. De Meaune, Marine Surveyor
Mrs J. Declercq, Children Entertainment
Ms P. Degens, Retired
Miss V. Dei Rossi, Retired
Mrs J. Delaney, Retired
Ms C. Dettmar Chard, Nursing Sister
Mrs E. DiFrancesco, Company Director

A Royal Affair!



Frank Gartrell (President of NSW Branch of The Royal Commonwealth Society) and colleague, Albert Ross, had the rare opportunity of attending this year's Commonwealth Day Celebrations with HRH Queen Elizabeth II during her recent visit to Sydney.

This is an extract from Frank Gartrell's account of Commonwealth Day, Monday 13th March 2006. His full account can be read on The NSW Masonic Club website...

“Frank, are they serving Dom Perignon!”
“Really, I don’t believe it!” “There are bottles of it over there!” “Well, I’ve just been served a glass of white!” “Bad luck old man”.

The Prime Minister Mr John Howard shook hands with us and we proceeded to the large marquee lined with white silk to mingle with 1000 or so guests, Diplomats from the Commonwealth, Leaders from all walks of life with affairs of Commonwealth.

The marquee was close by Admiralty House on top of the rolling lawns that rolled down the slope around the trees and shrubs to the little wharf and to the rocks and harbours edge, the water shone and sparkled and splashed, and the ferries tooted in the early afternoon sun. What a magical place for a Royal Reception - Sydney, Sydney you looked beautiful!

An anticipated hush slowly crept across the marquee - glasses tinkled and we waited.

A Fanfare of Trumpets!!!

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

“Her Majesty The Queen.”

The Prime Minister led Her Majesty to the Dias, His Royal Highness the Duke Of Edinburgh and Janet Howard followed, and Prince Edward stood quietly by.

Our little group of Royal Commonwealth Society (RCS) members (14 invites only) gathered in the foyer of the Masonic Club Sydney before walking around to St Andrew’s Cathedral for an observance for Commonwealth Day.

This was the greatest Commonwealth Day we would ever have in Sydney,

the first time the Queen has celebrated Commonwealth Day away from London. It is usually held in Westminster Abbey. Vanessa and I had good seats, half way down on the right side of the isle and on the right side of the fan. Cheers drifted in from the west door, “She is here!”

The grand organ and orchestra played, the choir filed past and then the magnificent procession of Commonwealth Flags, 55 of them carried by students from St Andrew’s Cathedral School, marched by.

Please Stand
Then the Official Procession...

A Fanfare of Trumpets!!!
The organ, the orchestra, the choir and the congregation all sang “God Save The Queen” most heartily, followed by Advance Australia Fair in the same hearty manner.

Anthony Callea expressed his need for divine protection, safety and salvation in Prayers and the orchestra gave it all they had, rather loudly.

The Queen’s Commonwealth Day Message was replayed and then followed six affirmations of Church Leaders; Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and others and The Honourable Don McKinnon responded followed by the lessons and hymns. ▶

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The Royal Commonwealth Society are inviting Club members to celebrate Her Majesty's 80th Birthday at their annual Queen's Birthday Luncheon.

CELLO'S RESTAURANT
Thursday 22nd June

Price: \$46 Members & Non-Members
(includes complimentary arrival & departure beverage)

Bookings and Enquiries:
Phone Rita on 9284 1006

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Sir James Hardy and Masonic Club Vice President, Lindsay Payne ‘do the honours’ - drawing the lucky winners of the Club's Annual Christmas raffle.



CELLO'S PLAYS HOST

The Australasian Association of Biochemists recently enjoyed a Christmas function in the popular Cello's Restaurant.

A SPECIAL DAY AT THE CASTLEREAGH

Petra and Joshua Braidwood celebrated their wedding day at The Castlereagh on the 18th February - the first of many weddings already booked in the hotel this year. They are pictured here on the balcony of the Club's Boardroom.

▶ A ROYAL AFFAIR CONTINUED

“Praise to the Lord” - this great German Hymn was a fitting conclusion - followed by The Recessional by Saint Saens.

The Royals departed and we filed out to the peel of bells and we agreed that the service was most uplifting. We boarded fleets of buses in the hope we will meet Her Majesty and the Royal Party at Admiralty House over the Bridge to Kirribilli.

We parted to make way for the Queen; the lucky ones received a handshake, others a word of two and the Great Lady mingled with the guests accompanied by the Prime Minister. His Royal Highness went to the other end of the Marquee and Prince Edward followed The Queen.

In the evening at the Sofitel Wentworth Hotel, The Commonwealth Day Council hosted a Cocktail party for 186 guests in honour of the Queen and to award the Tom Harvey Award for Excellence for work in another Commonwealth Country. This year the winner was Melissa Hurd for Volunteer work in Bangladesh.

Her Excellency Marie Bashir AO., CVO presented the award and a very busy Commonwealth Day had come to a highly successful and happy conclusion.



The word Commonwealth (Common Wealth) goes back in history to the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries in England. The word means exactly what is says, Common Wealth alluding to and meaning the Common Wealth of the people – all the people – the workers, the artisans, the clerks, the clergy and the nobles and rulers of the country – all the people of country to share equally the riches of the land, the trees, the assets of the country indeed all those items that one that make up the whole nation.

These were the early thoughts and ideals and objects of the idealists and political thinkers and religious idealists of the day. These movements gradually joined together, broke apart, then rejoined names like: diggers, ranters and levellers Baptists, Quakers, Presbyterians, all played their part in these great movements.

It all culminated in the Civil War of 1645 Parliament or the King! The great Commonwealth was founded and our great democratic ideals were founded. The great democratic ideals founded centuries ago have spread across the globe and have become a great force for all mankind.

The Royal Commonwealth Society was founded in 1868 in London under the name of The Colonial Institute. Its function was perceived as keeping alive a knowledge and interest in British overseas colonies and possessions. A Royal Charter was granted and the name became the Royal Colonial Institute then later changed to the Royal Empire Society. The society was founded in Australia 1921. Following upon two great wars particularly that of World War II (1939-1945) one of the most extraordinary happenings occurred, the transition of the Empire in a relative few brief years into the British Commonwealth of the free and independent nations now numbering 55. Some of the countries are Republics some are independent Kingdoms but all regard Queen Elizabeth II as Head of the Commonwealth.

Courtesy the NSW Branch of The Royal Commonwealth Society

NEW MEMBERS
October 2005 - February 2006

Mr S. Donney, Computer Analyst
Mr S. Donovan, Manager
Ms S. Doran, Social Worker/Researcher
Sr L. Doyle OAM, Retired
Mr W. Duffy, Retired Manager
Mr R. Dunlop, Retired
Dr R. Durie, Scientist
Ms D. Ekin, Registered Nurse
Mr A. Ellis, Graphic Designer
Mr M. Emerson, Solicitor
Mr J. Ewing, Accountant
Mrs F. Farrington, Classical Musician
Mr M. Ferguson, Retired
Ms A. Finlayson, Retired
Mr P. Fischer, Electronic Engineer
Mrs J. Fitzpatrick, Retired
Mr G. Foley, Travel Writer
Mr R. Foote, Retired
Mrs Y. Forsyth, Retired Grazier
Mrs I. Foster, Retired
Ms P. Fouracres, Tour Guide
Mrs S. Fraser, Company Director
Mr D. Fraser, Company Director
Mr M. Gage, Architect
Mrs C. Giess, Retired
Mr J. Gill, Travel Agent
Mrs H. Gill, Retired
Ms E. Gillott, Ocularist
Mr H. Gordon, Office Administrator
Mr B. Green, Aviation Consultant (Retired)
Mrs I. Green, Retired
Prof. L. Green, University Professor
Mr I. Gudgeon, Sales Mgr
Mr J. Gulbis, Arbitrator
Mrs B. Gunther, Retired
Mrs L. Guttentbell, Retired
Mr H. Hackfath, Coach Operator
Ms M. Haley, Retail
Mr B. Hanna, Systems Analyst
Ms J. Hansen, Pharmacist, Board Director
Mr J. Hansen, Grazier
Mr G. Hansen-Tarrant, Grazier
Mr P. Hargrave, Solicitor
Mrs A. Hayson, Musician/Teacher
Mrs M. Heery, Physician
Dr P. Heery, Surgeon
Ms V. Hehir, Teacher IT
Mr L. Henley, Retired
Mrs R. Hepburn, Home Duties
Mr S. Heriot, Agriculturist
Mrs M. Hetherton, Retired Social Worker
Mrs J. Hickey, Retired
Mr H. Hiscutt, Retired
Mr D. Hobbs, Self Employed
Mr A. Hope, Geologist
Mrs S. Hope
Mrs L. Howell, Retired Trained Nurse
Mrs B. Hudson, Retired
Mr S. Hughes, Barrister
Mr J. Hunt, Retired Grazier/Farmer
Mr D. Hunt, Retired Businessman

Member & Guest Questionnaire

Please rate each area of the Club and Hotel operations by circling your response below or ticking the appropriate boxes. RATINGS 1 = POOR 2 = ADEQUATE 3 = VERY GOOD 4 = EXEMPLARY

Reception - Ground Floor

Courtesy of staff	1	2	3	4
Presentation of staff	1	2	3	4
Efficiency of staff	1	2	3	4
Telephone service	1	2	3	4
Accuracy of booking	1	2	3	4
Presentation of area	1	2	3	4

ReaghBar - Ground Floor

Courtesy of staff	1	2	3	4
Presentation of staff	1	2	3	4
Service	1	2	3	4
Variety of beverages	1	2	3	4
Room presentation	1	2	3	4
Comfort	1	2	3	4
Atmosphere	1	2	3	4

Castlereagh Lounge - 2nd Floor

Courtesy of staff	1	2	3	4
Presentation of staff	1	2	3	4
Service	1	2	3	4
Variety of beverages	1	2	3	4
Menu variety	1	2	3	4
Value for money	1	2	3	4
Room presentation	1	2	3	4
Comfort	1	2	3	4
Atmosphere	1	2	3	4

Cello's Restaurant - 4th Floor

Courtesy of staff	1	2	3	4
Presentation of staff	1	2	3	4
Service	1	2	3	4
Quality of food	1	2	3	4
Quality of wine	1	2	3	4
Menu variety	1	2	3	4
Value for money	1	2	3	4
Room presentation	1	2	3	4
Comfort	1	2	3	4
Atmosphere	1	2	3	4

Hotel Facilities

Presentation of rooms	1	2	3	4
Cleanliness of rooms	1	2	3	4
Value for money	1	2	3	4
Room service (if used)	1	2	3	4
In-room facilities	1	2	3	4

Club Operation

Magazine/newsletter	1	2	3	4
Social activities	1	2	3	4
Members benefits	1	2	3	4
Direction of Club	1	2	3	4

Administration - 1st Floor

Courtesy of staff	1	2	3	4
Presentation of staff	1	2	3	4
Efficiency of staff	1	2	3	4
Accuracy of booking	1	2	3	4
Presentation of area	1	2	3	4

Function Facilities (if used)

Quality of facilities	1	2	3	4
Function organisation	1	2	3	4
Equipment available	1	2	3	4
Value for money	1	2	3	4
Presentation of event	1	2	3	4
Service at event	1	2	3	4

How often do you visit?

Hotel

- ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly
☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually
☐ Other (Please comment)

Club

- ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly
☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually
☐ Other (Please comment)

Purpose of most recent visit?

Hotel (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Pleasure
☐ Business
☐ Government business
☐ Member

Club (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Enjoy facilities
☐ Meet with friends
☐ Entertainment
☐ Came for lunch
☐ Other (Please comment)

Are you a:

- ☐ Masonic Member
☐ Associate Member
☐ Hotel Guest

Which age group do you belong to? (Optional)

- ☐ 18 - 39
☐ 40 - 65
☐ 65 +

What would you like to see changed or initiated?

- ☐ Club ☐ Hotel

Additional suggestions:

WIN A WEEKEND FOR TWO!

Submit this questionnaire and go into the draw to win a weekend for two at The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel including breakfast daily, dinner for two and theatre tickets.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Please return by 30th April 2006

ON THE ROAD WITH THE TOURING GROUP

Yulefest at Yass

Contact Neville Adam - 9558 5035

Day 1 - Tuesday 25th July 2006

Leaving at 9am today we travel to the Nepean Dam for morning tea before continuing our trip past Goulburn on our way to Collector for lunch at the lemon and Onion Café. After lunch we go to Gundaroo and Murrumbateman for wine tasting at Doonkuna Estate and then to Yass and the Sundowner Motor Inn for two nights accommodation and dinner.

Day 2 - Wednesday 26th July 2006

Today we meet our local guide for a tour of Yass before morning tea at the Yass and District Museum, which tells the story of the wool industry and its effects on the town and district. We then go to Burrinjuck Waters State Park for our picnic lunch before visiting Crisp Galleries to see the working artglass gallery of Peter Crisp, one of the world's finest glass artisans. Returning to Yass there will be free time in town and a chance to visit the Yass Valley Information Centre before we go back to the motel for 'Yulefest' dinner.

Day 3 - Thursday 27th July 2006

Today we leave at 9.30am to visit Cooma Cottage, the former home of the overland explorer Hamilton Hume, between 1839 and 1873, for a guided tour and morning tea in the cottage. We then travel to Gunning and through Breadalbane to Goulburn for lunch at the Ex-Servicemen's Club, own expense, before we return to Sydney.



Departs: 9.00 am from NSW Masonic Club
Cost: \$364 per person for 20 to 28 people twin share (includes GST)
\$64 per person single supplement (includes GST)

Included: Accommodation at Yass Sundowner Motor Inn - Phone 6226 3188
All meals except lunch on Day 3
Morning teas
All entries, tours, inspections
Fully escorted and commentated
Coach travel



Members of the Touring Group on their recent trip to Port Macquarie

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY LUNCH

Tuesday 25th April

Three course set menu including local beer and wine.

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: \$50 (includes member discount & gst)

NEW MEMBERS' COCKTAIL PARTY

Wednesday 31st May

All new members since September 2005 are invited to attend. If you joined in 2005 prior to September, and were unable to attend the last New Members' Cocktail Party, please contact Rita on 9284 1006 if you would like to come.

Venue: The Adam Room, Level 4

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Price: FREE TO NEW MEMBERS

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DAY LUNCH

Thursday 29th June

One of the highlights of the social calendar featuring the Scottish Highland Dancers. To avoid disappointment please book early.

Price inclusive of drinks package.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$55 Non-member \$60

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

Wednesday 19th July

The annual Christmas in July is a very popular event which books out quickly. Featuring all the trimmings this is a truly festive occasion. Please be sure to make your reservations early.

Price inclusive of drinks package.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$48 Non-member \$55

CELLO'S LONG LUNCH

Last Friday of very month - Book with Cello's

April 28th: Celtic Harpist Mark Davies

May 26th: Celtic Harpist Mark Davies

June 30th: A Taste of Jazz with Paige MacGregor accompanied by Ces Dorcey on Paino

July 28th: Entertainment to be confirmed

NEW MEMBERS
October 2005 - February 2006

- Dr J. Hunt, Medical Practitioner
- Mr R. Hyman, Manager
- Mr C. Imseis, Milk Vendor
- Ms C. James, Administrative Officer
- Ms S. Jenkins, Clerk
- Ms C. Job, Teacher
- Mrs B. Johnson, Retired
- Mrs J. Jones, Retired
- Mrs I. Kenny, Retired
- Mr S. Kent, Editor
- Mr R. Kerr, It Manager
- Mrs B. Kirby, Live In Nurse
- Mr H. Lake, Retired
- Mr G. Last, Farmer
- Ms T. Law, Retired
- Dr A. Lawrence, Equities Researcher
- Ms S. Lehane, Retired Registered Nurse
- Mrs J. Lemme, Home Duties
- Mrs L. Lewis, Retired Teacher
- Ms K. Lightfoot, Account Mgr
- Mr P. Logue, Finance/Administration
- Mr B. Long, Retired
- Mr G. Lown, TAFE Teacher
- Mrs M. Lynch, Retired
- Mr N. MacMahon, Retired
- Mr B. Maher, Mining Engineer
- Mr C. Maiden, Retired
- Ms A. Mainsbridge, Solicitor
- Mr S. Marriot, Advocate
- Miss A. Marskell OAM, Clerk, Bookkeeper
- Mr M. Martinez, Hydrogeologist
- Mr A. Massingham, Retired Mgr/Military Officer
- Mr N. McDonald, Retired
- Mr A. McDonald, Chartered Accountant
- Mrs A. McFarland, Grazier
- Mrs N. McNervey, Retired Registered Nurse
- Mrs M. McNervey, Retired
- Mr R. McIntyre, Retired
- Mr F. McPherson, Public Servant Mgr
- Mr D. McVean, Retired
- Mr K. Minchin, Farmer
- Mr B. Molloy, Retailer
- Mr B. Morris, Construction Consultant
- Mrs J. Munns, Home Duties
- Mrs H. Mustapic, Director
- Mr A. Naiutou, Retreat Police
- Mr B. Nathan, HR Consultant
- Mr J. Natherson, Loans Officer
- Mrs N. Neeson, Retired School Teacher
- Ms C. Newton, Personal Assistant
- Mrs D. Nicholson, Retired
- Mr G. Niven, Barrister
- Mrs K. Orman, Secondary School Principal
- Mr M. Pajor, Dry Cleaner
- Mrs H. Peetz
- Mr C. Pentecost, Technical Sales
- Mrs K. Pentecost, Accounts/Admin
- Mr J. Petterson, Retired Chartered Accountant
- Mrs M. Pettit, Accountant
- Mr E. Phillips, Retired
- Mrs S. Pickler, Retired

CELLO’S AUTUMN RECIPES

Salmon
On The
Grill With
Lemon
Butter



Ingredients

- 8 salmon steaks
- Olive oil
- 1/4 c. butter, melted
- 2 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 tbsp. chopped parsley
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. ground pepper

Brush salmon fillets with oil. In bowl, combine remaining ingredients. Place salmon in well oiled tin foil and lay on hot grill. Baste salmon with lemon butter mixture and cook 5 minutes. Then turn and continue cooking 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. Baste with lemon butter several times during cooking.

Serves 8

SOME REMARKABLE STATISTICS TO
PONDER ON ANZAC DAY

TOTAL MERCHANT SHIP LOSSES – SEPTEMBER 1939 TO AUGUST 1945

Table with 3 columns: Region (North Atlantic, UK Waters, Mediterranean, Indian Ocean, South Atlantic, Pacific Ocean) and Ship Losses (ships of, tons).

The above shows a loss of 5,145 British, Allied and neutral ships of 21,570,000 tons: ie 300,000 per month.

Table with 2 columns: Category (Submarines, Aircraft, Mines, Other causes, Raiders, Warships, Coastal forces) and Losses (ships of, tons).



LEE NETTLEBECK - RESIGNATION

It is with regret that that I announce the departure of our Operations Manager, Lee Nettlebeck, on April 21st. Lee has been with this Club for three years and in this time he has conducted himself in a thoroughly professional manner. Originally from Adelaide, Lee has elected to return there and has accepted an offer to manage a five star property for the Oaks Hotels & Resorts Group. The last three years here has been a period of broad transition and Lee has been instrumental in that process. He moves on and leaves us all the better for his loyal and dedicated service to this Club, our many thanks and our sincere best wishes go with him. Thank you Lee and good luck.

MEMORIES ARE ALWAYS THERE

The heading may appear to be worn out hackneyed, but at certain times of the year a trite reminder spurs the recollection of decades past when times were less certain than today.

When everyday happenings were a threat and an adventure, each day a life to be lived with hope.

Club member James Alexander ‘Jock’ Auld, well-known to most of us, chief steward of the Vets Association, had received The Russian Federation Certificate to the Commemorative Medal ‘The 60th Anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War 1941-1945.’ This naturally led to the following conversation with Hon. Ed. which I now relate to you ...

Ron - Now further to that brief conversation I had with you at the Vets is little I can say that we who took part in those awful Russian convoys be they sailors, soldiers or airmen were sent this commemorative medal to mark the end of World War II.

This medal was airmailed by registered envelope and I had to sign a receipt from the postman and the citation was included, a photocopy is enclosed. You’ll note this medal is purely a keepsake and is NOT TO BE WORN unlike the two previous ones we all got to mark the fortieth and fiftieth years since the termination of the fierce struggle.

At this point I should explain because of the political climate in those years we were not supposed to wear those medals but a strong push from admirals down - men who had participated in the Arctic convoys - forced a change in the views of the British Government.

At all events, the 8th and 10th May which marked the VE Day was a very big event in Moscow and two well-known Masons attended those celebrations. One was our Governor-General and the other was R.S.L. President Don Rowe, whom no doubt you will know. As a matter of fact Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh visited St Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) in 1995 as did many veterans.

My little part in those long-gone days was on a tanker loaded with high-octane spirits along with twenty ducks for the Army and special steel cradles which they rested on and were securely lashed to.

Like all those convoys we

had our moments but on our arrival off Murmansk we were instructed to go to a place 15 miles east of Archangel. Being early January we were soon trapped in a blanket of ice some four feet thick and there we remained until the first week m February when an ice breaker arrived and she forced a passage out of the White Sea and along with about six other vessels we arrived at Murmansk about a week later and sadly, although the weather was mild for those parts and the sea smooth, HMS Blue Bell was torpedoed and sunk with only one survivor. One should mention Murmansk is an ice-free port per courtesy of the Gulf Stream but was under constant aerial bombardment during the conflict and the front line was a mere 30 miles away at Petsamo. After one night at anchor in Murmansk when morning came a few destroyers came around and deposited 12 men of all ages who a couple of days previously had been taken from the Norwegian island of Soray, another 300 including women and children were spread around other vessels. It seems the Germans had burnt down their homes and taken the majority of fit men and women to labour camps. The convoy then took off for Scotland and needless to say the enemy lined their subs and planes for an attack.

Well on rounding the north cape we were in a force 8 gale which in a couple of days had increased to force 12 so with subs and planes unable to operate in such weather enemy action was nil except for one occasion when a Liberty ship with some women and children on board had engine trouble and broke down so was left behind by the convoy.

This vessel was spotted and bombed and sunk but the American crew of the Henry Bacon were brave and helped the unfortunate women and children into a lifeboat and were saved. Some 25 of the crew virtually sacrificed their lives which was indeed chivalrous.

On reaching the Firth of Clyde some ten days later when abeam of a place called Tumberry where Greg Norman won a British Open we got a message to say one of the ladies on the Liberty ship had given birth to baby girl. What became of those Norwegians I never knew. I never knew at any rate the VE Day was but four months away.

Well Ron do what you can with that mishmash that appears above but I should say although no Australian vessels were involved in Arctic operations I know a fair few Australians did take part in it.



NEW MEMBERS
October 2005 - February 2006

- Mrs N. Picot, Retreat
- Mr G. Pinfold, Financial Adviser
- Mrs P. Poland, Retired
- Mrs E. Prineas, Retired
- Mrs I. Procopiadis, Retired
- Mr K. Ralph, Retired
- Mrs P. Rees, Retired
- Mr S. Robson, Manager (Health)
- Mrs G. Rozdal, Retired
- Dr J. Saleam, Document Analyst
- Mrs S. Salverda, Accountant
- Mr P. Sanderson, Area Mgr
- Mrs E. Santolin, Manager
- Mr A. Scarcella, Retired
- Mrs N. Scott, Retired Reg. Nurse
- Mr S. Seckold, Retired
- Mr D. Segal, Corporate Marketing Manager
- Mr D. Shalders, Retired
- Mr E. Shaw, Retired
- Mr A. Shiel, Accountant
- Mr W. Shoebridge, Retired
- Mr B. Simmons, Retired
- Mr F. Simpson, Retired
- Miss M. Simpson-Lee, Retired Secretary
- Ms R. Single, Retail Fashion Shop Owner
- Mr C. Skepton, Managing Director
- Mrs D. Sly, Accountant
- Mr R. Smith, Solicitor
- Mr G. Smith, Retired
- Ms D. Smith, Retired
- Mr P. Spring, Ex Plumbing Contractor
- Mr P. Stephenson, Electrical Engineer
- Mr K. Stoermer, Nurse
- Mrs M. Straker, Retired
- Mrs A. Stuart, Retired Snr Asst Principal
- Mr N. Symon, Company Director
- Mrs M. Taubman, Home Duties
- Mr M. Taylor, Retired Office Mgr
- Mr S. Taylor, National Mgr
- Mrs P. Taylor, Retired Sales
- Ms S. Thompson, Retired
- Mr A. Thurgate, Retired Bank Mgr
- Mr M. Tisdell, Risk Manager
- Ms A. Umali, Retired Dressmaker
- Mr R. Underwood, Retired School Teacher
- Ms V. Van Ryswyk, Retired Teacher
- Mrs M. Veith, Retired
- Mr J. Vitanza, Retired
- Mr J. Wall, Public Servant
- Mrs G. Wasserman, Retired
- Miss E. Watson, Health Info Mgr
- Mr B. Webb, Retired
- Mr H. White, Management Consultant
- Mrs M. Willis, Retired Receptionist
- Mrs J. Wilson, Journalist
- Miss B. Wilson, Retired TAFE Educator
- Ms K. Wilson, Natural Therapist
- Ms J. Wing, Office Manager
- Mr A. Winterton, Retired Principal Telecom
- Mr N. Wood, Retierd QLD Gov. Photographer
- Miss J. Wu, Assistant Mgr of Beauty Spa
- Mrs D. Young, Retired

Meet THE STAFF



Martin Setiawan

When did you start at the NSW Masonic Club?

I began at the Club as a casual in 1992 and became a permanent employee six months later.

What position do you hold in the Club?

I have several roles within the Club – a storeman, cellarman and a barman. Basically I go wherever I am needed in the Club and help out as best I can. It's a good thing to have several responsibilities as any one day isn't the same and I get a lot of variety in my work.

What is the best part of your job?

Being able to fulfil all the section's supply requirements. If they have the necessary equipment, it contributes to the efficient and pleasant running of the Club. Consequently, the members get the best customer service because of this.

What do you do in your spare time?

When my wife isn't asking me to fix this or fix that, I like to potter in my garden, watch tennis and basketball and visit the grandkids.

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	Bill Jenkins (meet 3rd Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	0421 165 290
NSW Masonic Veterans Association	Stan Hing (meet 4th Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9349 6795
The Castlereagh Probus functions	Joy Bee	9251 7540
Solo Group	Moira McGovern (meet every Thursday 10.30am) - New Members Welcome	9664 2227
Sydney Birthday Club	Peter Shilton	9328 1493 0419 013 483

BIRTHDAY VOUCHERS

COMPLIMENTARY SPARKLING WINE

It's on again! Join us on your birthday for our 'BOTTLE OF SPARKLY' birthday promotion.

Each month complimentary vouchers will be sent out to members with an upcoming 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 sparkling wine.

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

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



PREFERRED

PARTNERS

5%-10% Hyde Park Jewellery

169A Castlereagh St, Sydney

10% at Foto Direct

171A Castlereagh St, Sydney

15% Hairstyling For Men

David Jones Men's Department

1st Floor, 65-77 Market St, Sydney

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.

Venue: Castlereagh Lounge, Level 2

Time: 2pm

FREE LUNCH OFFER

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'

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!

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2006

Please book all club functions with Rita
Phone 02 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

APRIL 2006			
Tuesday	4	Touring Group meeting - Pies & Peas Lunch	
Tuesday	11	Probus Club meeting - 10.30am	
Wednesday	11	Market Day at 2pm	
Monday	17	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Tuesday	18	Sydney Birthday Club Lunch - 12 noon	
Monday	24	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11am	
Tuesday	25	ANZAC Day Lunch in Cello's	Member and Non-member \$50
Friday	28	Long Lunch with Celtic Harpist Mark Davies	Bookings directly with Cello's
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

MAY 2006			
Tuesday	2	Touring Group meeting	
Tuesday	9	Probus Club meeting - 10.30am	
Wednesday	10	Market Day at 2pm	
Monday	15	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Tuesday	16	Sydney Birthday Club lunch	
Monday	22	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Friday	26	Long Lunch with Celtic Harpist Mark Davies	Bookings directly with Cello's
Wednesday	31	New Members' Night - 5pm, Adam Room	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

JUNE 2006			
Tuesday	6	Touring Group meeting	
Tuesday	13	Probus Club meeting - 10.30am	
Wednesday	14	Market Day at 2pm	
Monday	19	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	20	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon	
Thursday	22	Queen's Birthday Luncheon - hosted by The Royal Commonwealth Society	Member and Non-Member \$46
Monday	26	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Thursday	29	Scottish Highland Day Lunch - Cello's Special Event, includes drinks package	Member \$55 Non-Member \$60
Friday	30	Long Lunch - A Taste of Jazz with Paige MacGregor accompanied by Ces Dorcay on piano	Bookings directly with Cello's
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

JULY 2006			
Tuesday	4	Touring Group meeting	
Tuesday	11	Probus Club meeting - 10.30am	
Wednesday	12	Market Day at 2pm	
Monday	17	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	18	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon	
Wednesday	19	Christmas in July Lunch - Cello's Special Event, includes drinks package	Member \$48 Non-Member \$55
Monday	24	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Friday	28	Long Lunch in Cello's	Bookings directly with Cello's
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

\$20.00 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.

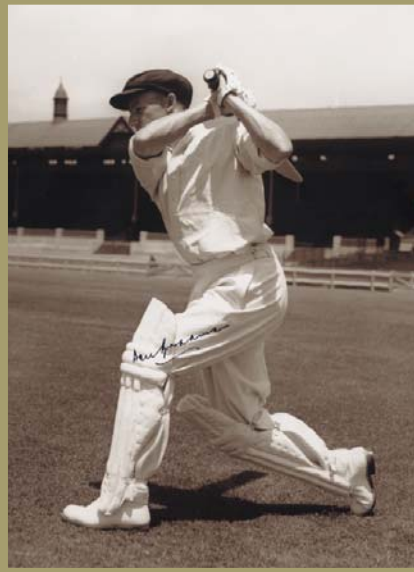
Members and their guests attending "Cello's" after 6pm should be suitably attired. For gentlemen, a collared shirt with trousers or slacks is acceptable. A tie is not compulsory. For ladies, smart casual attire is acceptable, including tailored slacks. Slacks or tailored shorts with long socks and shoes,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

Famous Mason Series II

Sir Donald Bradman 1908 - 2001



Arguably the most brilliant cricketer the world has produced, Sir Donald Bradman was also a long and committed Mason. He was initiated at Lodge Tarboltan No12 United Grand Lodge of New South Wales on November 25th 1929 at the age of 21.

Sir Donald was born at Cootamundra in New South Wales on August 27th 1908 and grew up in the Southern Highlands town of Bowral also in New South Wales.

Sir Donald Bradman is an Australian sporting hero, his achievements on the cricket field from 1928 to 1948 are legendary and still among the world's best at the highest level.

He's the only Australian ever knighted

for services to the game of cricket.

Don Bradman left school when he was fourteen and didn't start playing cricket seriously until he was sixteen and it wasn't long before the New South Wales cricket selectors wanted Donald Bradman in their team.

In 1928, he was selected to play for Australia against England, he had just turned twenty. At twenty-four Don married Jessie Menzies, a girl from his home town of Bowral in New South Wales.

In 1932, England toured Australia and desperate to stop Bradman scoring so easily, they came up with the nastiest tactic cricket had yet seen, 'Bodyline'.

In 1936 Don Bradman was made Australian Captain and when World War Two broke out his brilliant cricket career was halted.

When the war was over, Don Bradman was soon back in England and it was here that he played his last test innings, he was out on the second ball. Sir Donald Bradman retired with a test cricket average of 99.94.

After being knighted in 1949, Sir Donald Bradman wanted and lived a very private life. He'll be long remembered for his sporting skill, gentle manner and good humour.

Sir Donald Bradman died of pneumonia at his home in Adelaide on 25th February 2001 at age 92, truly a famous cricketer, truly a famous Mason.

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Note: Change of address for City Club
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Phone: 9944 8888 Fax: 9944 8299
Email: cityclub@racv.com.au
Website: www.racv.com.au

University House - Canberra

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Website: www.waggarisl.com.au
Wagga RSL Motel - Phone: 02 6971 8888

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