

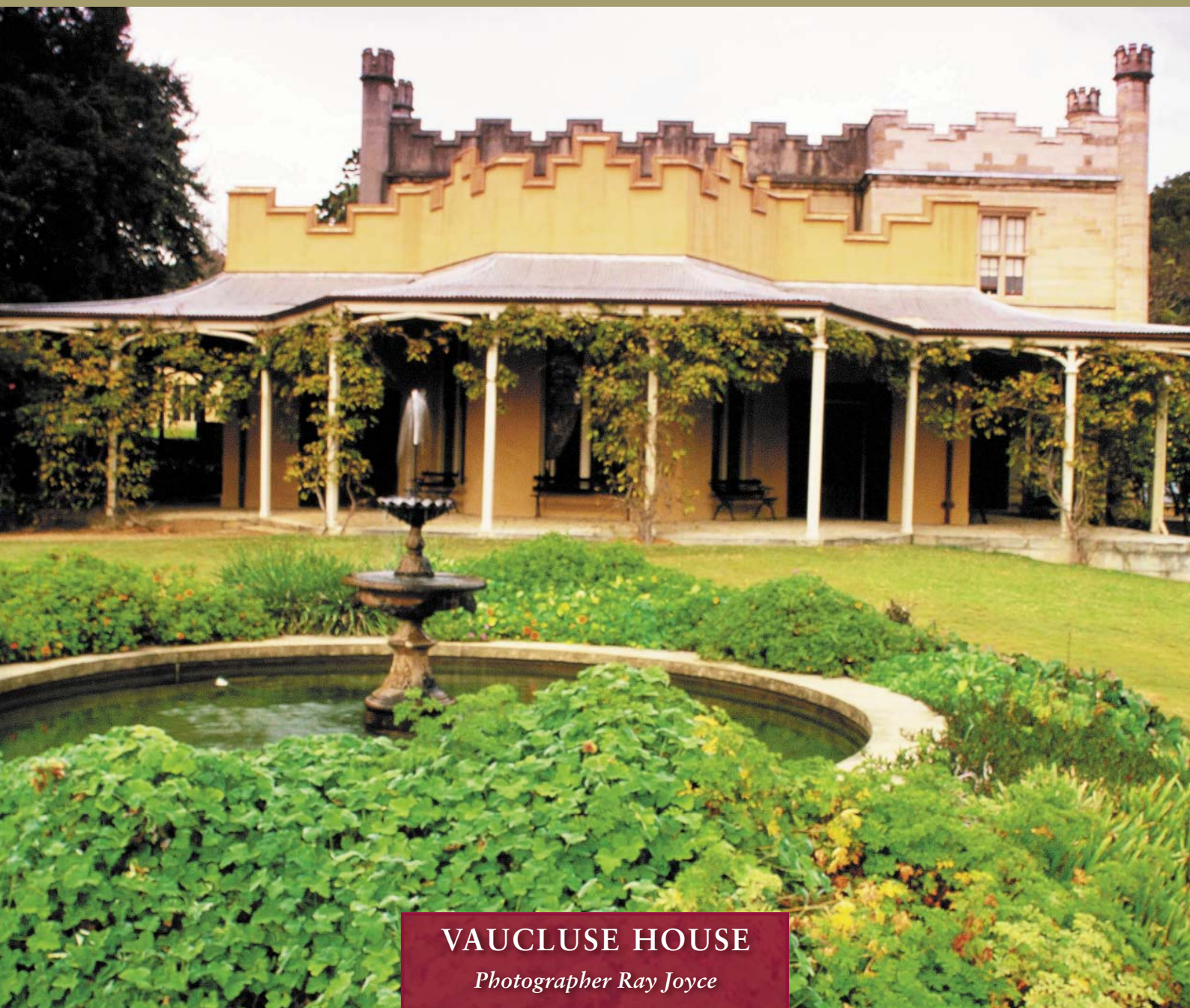


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members,
Since I last reported to you, much has

happened in the life of our Club.

Firstly our hotel has been upgraded from category 3.5 star to 4 star.

This not only reflects our improving standards but also brings us into a more lucrative market and your Board looks forward to increased income from our hotel business.

To keep pace with our new category the Board approved and the Chief Executive Officer has carried out in an efficient, timely and cost efficient way the upgrading of 40 of our 83 bedrooms (together with the corridors) as Phase 1 of our hotel refurbishment program. The second phase is being prepared and costed for Board approval. In addition, new cabling will be installed to improve television reception in the rooms.

Our social program proceeds apace.

Recent highly successful and well-attended functions included Anzac Day, the Scottish Highland Day Luncheon and the Queen's Birthday Luncheon which, conducted in conjunction with the Royal Commonwealth Society of NSW, was attended by Her Excellency the Governor of NSW and Sir Nicholas Shehadie.

I commend to your patronage our

regular Long Luncheons conducted at regular intervals on Fridays and featuring our wonderful in-house pianist Cec Dorsey and visiting artists who provide a mellow accompaniment to the fine wine, food and ambience of our famous Cello's Restaurant.

The figures for the recently ended financial year are being prepared and a healthy profit is expected.

I commend to your attention the article in the Magazine concerning our growing list of reciprocal Clubs and urge you to make use of their facilities as appropriate. Further information can be obtained from the Club Office.

Your Board on 9th July conducted a Strategic Planning Conference to put in place decisions which, it is confidently expected, will ensure the continued profitability of the Club, the improvement of our high standards of service and the provision of appropriate amenities for you the Members and your guests.

You can play your part by using the Club as often as possible.

My continued thanks go to my fellow Board Members, our CEO Mr Warren Lewis and all of his hard working staff.

Acting President
Graham L. Berry



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I can now report to

all Members and guests that, we here at the New South Wales Masonic Club have achieved a rare milestone in this industry that being our recent elevation and upgrading of the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel to that of a ★★★★★ star hotel, previously rated a three & half star property.

AAA Tourism the governing body that coordinates these assessments throughout 11,000 accommodation properties within Australia visited this site and conducted their audit of our property in May of 2005.

This prestigious elevation in status to that of a four star property is the culmination of efforts from many individuals made over many years; their considerable contributions are mentioned further in the special editorial feature in the centre of this edition of the magazine.

Many things have happened here at the NSWMC since our last edition. The Board has now instructed me to initiate Stage 1 of our room upgrade program. It will be concluded in the later part of July 2005.

A more comprehensive second stage is in the process of development and is currently before the Board for their consideration, certainly an exciting time for Members, Guests and all the staff here at the NSWMC.

The financial year is soon upon us again and at this late stage we are close to our budgeted forecasts for the 2004 / 2005 financial period. This last financial year has certainly had its highs and sadly lows. The

lows were clearly evident with the passing of our late President T. W. (Bill) Wright in December 2004 and his fellow long time Club Director & friend Mr Jim McIlvride who passed away in March 2005 after a short illness.

There is a special feature included in this edition that focuses on Jim's contributions over the many years as a Member of the Board and the help and assistance provided by Jim to many of the Members of the NSWMC. Bill Wright's contributions were detailed in the last edition of this magazine.

Membership is an area that we have prioritised and worked hard to improve on here in recent months and I'm pleased to report that lagging Membership renewals and recruitments are now back on track to achieve our target of 3000 for 2005. At the time of going to press we currently have 2950 financial Members.

There is also further exciting news here at the NSWMC and that is, that our Club's Directors have committed over many years major funding for the upgrading of building and restoration works within the NSWMC. Their ultimate goal was preserving and maintaining the original features of this wonderful building. This has now been achieved.

It was also anticipated that at some stage there would be a distinct opportunity that would allow this Club to be eligible for a Heritage Floor Space Award by City of Sydney Council.

This award has since been approved by Council and the Club can now on-sell this allocation of "air space" in Sydney's CBD.

This allows the NSWMC a real opportunity to recover a sizable

part of our long-term financial commitment for these restoration works done throughout this building over many years.

A new Wine List and a new Menu for Cello's Restaurant will be available from July and there is definitely a little something there for all our discerning Members and Guests, I'm sure it will be well received by all who dine in Cello's.

The Queen's Birthday Lunch conducted in Cello's by the Royal Commonwealth Society on June 24th was a great success and Mr Frank Gartrell and his hard working committee should be congratulated for a wonderful day. Their special guest on this day was Professor Marie Bashir AC Governor of the State of New South Wales and Sir Nicholas Shehadie.

There is a major feature in this edition that focuses on the reciprocal Clubs that we were not able to feature in the last edition of this magazine I'm sure you will enjoy reading this article with interest as the reciprocal Clubs program at the NSWMC has been well received by all our Members.

Warren Lewis
General Manager

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

Please note that this Cello's Special Event is now fully booked.

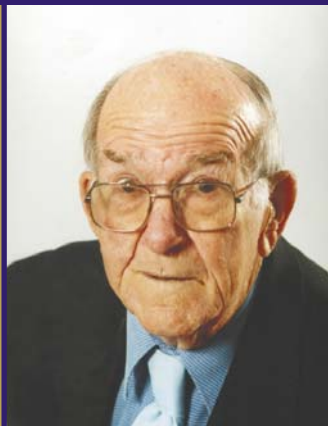
Reservations are now being accepted for Melbourne Cup Day November, 2005.



Vale

James Henry McIlvride

6th November 1919 – 14th March 2005



*He hath borne himself beyond the promise of his age:
doing, in the figure of a lamb, the feats of a lion.*

- Much Ado About Nothing

James was a member of the NSW Masonic Club since 1968. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1986 and served as a member until 2004 when deteriorating health enforced his retirement from the Board. His Board activities saw him actively engaged in the administration of the House, Staff and Supply Committee and the Finance Committee. Jim's thirty-seven years on the Australian Postal Commission served him in

good stead for these pursuits. Life Membership of the Club was presented to James on 22 January 2005.

These Committee positions were not enough to fulfil his desires to serve the Club; he was a foundation member of the NSW Dine and Wine Society and the Probus Club. Market Days, function raffles and promotions were his forte. Participation in the Veterans Association and the RSL Sub-branch were natural targets.

James Henry McIlvride's masonic career commenced when he was initiated in Lodge Clermont 661 on 18 February 1964. He called off 15 August 1995 when he affiliated with Lodge Parramatta City Daylight 1014, remaining a member until his death 14 March 2005.

A loving husband who devoted 65 years to wife and helpmate, Joyce, and a caring father of five children, a mentor in his own inimitable style offering words of wisdom and advice, never 'telling you' but subtly indicating he felt 'it's not right' and ending by saying 'really; it is your decision.'



Historical Feature

CLUB MEMBER CREATES SOME HISTORY WITH P&O LINE

The P & O shipping line created Australian cruising history when RMS Strathaird sailed from Sydney on 23 December 1932 for the first cruise which operated in Australia.

Well-known Club member James Spencer went a' cruising and this is his report of the event:



'I was a passenger on this cruise accompanied with my friend Frank Tarran (Frank was a member of our Club and the Veterans' Association.) The Strathaird issued a list of passengers together with the ship's officers and other details. I have a copy of this publication. When I informed my travel agency of this list and that I was 93 years of age they communicated this information to the P & O office, which appeared to be very interested.

'I booked a passage for my daughter and myself in a stateroom with balcony on Deck No 5, on the Pacific Princess. On arrival at the terminal I was approached by a young lady officer of the ship who informed me that I was a special passenger and she would escort me aboard and that I had been upgraded to a suite. This was a large suite with a large balcony; and a bottle of champagne awaited us.

'This special treatment was apparent throughout the entire voyage. At the initial function, a floor show, I was introduced, by the cruise director, as

the oldest passenger on the ship and probably the only living person who was aboard Strathaird in December 1932 on the first cruise. He also asked whether it would be in order to call me Jim. Therefore I was known as Jim by most of my fellow passengers.

'The Pacific Princess is a great ship, only five years old, with most of the accommodation having balconies. The entertainment and amenities were first class. The ship's staff was most efficient and courteous, and the food left nothing to be desired.

'The captain invited a limited number of passengers to a cocktail party, my daughter and I received invitations. At this function the captain stated he was delighted to welcome me on his ship after first cruising 72 years ago. He then presented me with a bottle of champagne. This was photographed by the ship's cameraman and presented to me.

'All in all it was wonderful adventure and something my daughter and I will cherish for the remainder of our lives.'

Remember, this could happen to you!

EXTENDED ENTERTAINMENT BRINGS STANDING OVATION FROM MEMBERS AND GUESTS

The ReaghBar welcomes Ben Lairing a classical guitarist, who is currently playing every Thursday and Friday night from 5.30 pm .

Cello's has started a Long Lunch on the last Friday of each month which has proven to be a great success. Members and guests can enjoy a variety of entertainment accompanied by the new menu and wine selection. Accomplished jazz singer, Paige MacGregor joins us in August and September accompanied by Ces on Piano.



NEW MEMBERS

March 2005 - May 2005

Mr G. Acheson, Retired
Mrs V. Adamson, Retired
Mr R. Alldritt, Retired
Mr P. Anderson, Retired
Dr J. Bacik, CEO Charity
Mrs D. Barling, Retired
Mrs G. Bate, Tai Chi Instructor, Director
Mr F. Beasley, Retired Engineer
Mrs S. Beattie, Retired
Mr L. Bennett, Retired School Principal
Mr P. Benwell, Company Director
Ms S. Beresford, Retired
Mrs F. Best, Retired Secretary
Mr C. Bischoff, Entertainer
Ms C. Black, Retired Teacher
Mr R. Boreham, Risk Manager
Mr A. Broome, Real Estate Agent
Mr R. Brown, Retired
Mrs S. Bruderlin, Company Director
Mr M. Brumfield, Director/Trainer Skillvance
Mrs W. Buddle, Medical Secretary/Nanny
Mrs H. Burlinson, Retired
Mr J. Carney, Retired
Mrs N. Carpenter, Retired
Mr R. Carroll, Self Employed
Mr R. Castle, Retired
Mr E. Chaffer, Retired
Mr A. Cheeseman, Retired
Mr S. Cheshire, Cafe Manager
Mr T. Cheshire, Builder
Ms C. Clancy-O'Hehir
Mrs I. Clifton, Retired
Prof R. Clough, Retired
Mr B. Collier, Retired
Mrs K. Conlay, Sales/Marketing
Mr D. Cooper, Mechanical Plumber
Mr J. Corrigan, Student
Mrs J. Coulson, Retired
Mrs B. Davies OAM, Retired
Mrs A. Dooley OAM, Retired School Teacher
Mr H. Dyer, Retired
Mrs R. Edmondson, Company Director
Dr H. Evans, Medical Practitioner
Ms M. Evans, Customer Services Medibank
Mr J. Ewan, Retired
Mrs M. Fenwick, Retired
Prof. A. Firouzabadi MD, Medical Practitioner, Pathologist
Mrs J. Fitness, Teacher
Ms P. Frances, School Teacher
Mr B. Freeman, Accountant
Mr P. Fynmore, Retiree
Mr M. Gerrish, Butler
Mr S. Gibbeson, Training Mgr Aust Comm.
Ms C. Grenville, Training Coordinator
Mrs J. Guihot, Retired Farmer
Mrs A. Guild, Retired Company Secretary
Mrs R. Hager
Mr J. S. Hill, Manager
Mr M. Hill, Retired Company Director
Mr H. Hotchner, Retired
Mrs F. Howard, Secretary of Police Academy
Dr R. Hyslop, Retired Medical Practitioner
Mrs L. Killey, Teacher
Mr W. Kirkpatrick, Retired
Mr J. Leishman, Public Accountant
Mrs J. Lewis, Retired
Mrs M. Lewis, Retired Accountant

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PAST SECRETARY MANAGER DELIGHTS IN THE CASTLEREAGH'S ACHIEVEMENT

In the 1980s New South Wales Masonic Club General Manager Mr Alan Eckford was instrumental in the development and installation of the Club's commercial hotel operation. Once the de-licensing of the Club's accommodation rooms was granted he then set about modernising the bedrooms. This was to be the first of many improvements during his 25 years as Secretary Manager. These included the refurbishment of the Club's dining room Cello's, the Club bar and entrance foyer, the second floor lounge as well as many modifications to the Club's operational areas.

Prior to the official announcement of The Castlereagh's newly found 'four star status', Mr Warren Lewis, current General Manager, enjoyed a moment with Mr Alan Eckford reflecting on this proud achievement.



**Clockwise from top: Cello's Restaurant;
The Castlereagh's elegant and
comfortable hotel rooms; 2nd floor
Castlereagh Lounge; the recently
restored Club Boardroom**

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AN OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

On 12th September 1927, the architect handed the key to the club to the President Bro. H. L. Askey, he opened and threw wide the doors which admitted the Members of the NSW Masonic Club into possession and occupation of their future home....

In the years since it was built the New South Wales Masonic Club has had many memorable moments, one of the most significant being the opening of the Club's accommodation to the public in 1984. The building transformation and operational changes required for this difficult assignment completed, the commercial hotel opened under the banner of the Castlereagh Inn. The New South Wales Masonic Club's Members owe a great debt of gratitude to the foresight of the previous General Manager Mr Alan Eckford, the then President Mr Harry Piper and his Board of Directors.

A dramatic shift in this Club's core business activity to hotel accommodation has since provided a solid foundation for this four star hotel in the centre of Sydney. Now named 'The Castlereagh' the hotel's potential appears endless.

Photo Above: New South Wales Masonic Club Acting President, Mr Graham Berry, congratulates General Manager, Mr Warren Lewis, on The Castlereagh's outstanding achievement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEN LAIRING ON GUITAR

Every Thursday and Friday

Enjoy ambient entertainment featuring Ben Lairing, a Classical Guitarist, in the new look ReaghBar which has recently received a stunning makeover.

Venue: The ReaghBar, Ground Floor

Time: 5.30pm

Price: FREE



NEW MEMBERS' COCKTAIL PARTY

Wednesday 7th September

All new members since May 2005 are invited to attend. If you joined in 2005 prior to May, 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

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Tuesday 1st November

This is one of the most popular events on the Club's social calendar featuring lucky door prizes, sweeps and plenty of fun. Enjoy a delicious three course luncheon and with wine included.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon

Price: Member \$55 Non-member \$65

MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday 7th & Wednesday 14th December

Join us for the annual Christmas lunch festivities.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$35 Non-member \$40

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Sunday 25th December

Four course luncheon package which is inclusive of selected wines. Please remember to make your bookings early to avoid disappointment.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$95 Non-member \$110

NEW YEARS EVE

Sunday 31st December

Members and guests are advised that the Castlereagh Lounge will be open for dinner - reservations only.

NEW MEMBERS

March 2005 - May 2005

Mrs S. MacNeil, Practice Manager
Mr R. Maddern, Company Director
Mrs U. Madill
Mrs P. Mahony, Retired
Mr F. Makin, Retired Business Executive
Dr H. Marsh, Medical
Mr H. Maschke, Managing Director
Mrs E. A. Mason, Academic
Mrs V. Mathers, Retired
Mr W. McCabe, Mediator
Mr B. McKay, Farmer
Miss T. Mierendorff, University Student
Mr B. Miller
Mrs S. Moore, Retired Teacher
Mrs B. Moran, Retired
Mr M. Mote, Retired
Mrs M. Mounsey, Home Duties
Mr G. Muir, Senior Executive
Mr G. Munford, Electrical Technical
Ms J. Murdoch, Semi Retired/Investor
Dr R. Murray, Medical Practitioner
Mrs P. Nelson, Retired
Mrs M. Norrie, Home Duties
Mrs S. O'Connor, Retired
Mr J. O'Sullivan, Barrister
Mr L. Parry
Mr R. Peattie, Barrister, Dpty Grd Master
Mrs E. Perkins, Retired
Mrs J. Pilone, Retired
Mrs B. Randall, Retired
Mrs P. Rentell, Retired Bank Officer
Mrs J. Richards, Retired Executive
Mr P. Robinson, Lawyer
Major W. Robinson OAM, Manager
Mrs M. Russell, Grazier,
Mrs C. Ryan, Retired
Dr J. Scanlan, Journalist
Mr S. Sethi, Computer Consultant
Mr M. Shaftsbury-Brooks, Managing Dir.
Mr B. Sharp, Automotive Technician Mgr
Mr W. Sherman, Retired
Mr B. Smith, Retired
Mr J. Sparks, Teacher
Mr N. Spinks, Retired
Mrs B. Stasenka, Bookkeeper
Mr R. Stevens, Retired Chartered Acct
Mrs B. Stubbings, Medical Secretary
Mrs A. Swann, Retiree
Mrs M. Sweeny, Retired
Ms S. Taylor, Chairman-Children's Charity
Mr R. Thomas, Company Director
Mrs J. Thomas, Company Director
Mr L. Thornton, Hotelier
Mr D. Tsiros, Social Educator
Dr E. Wells, Retired
Mr M. Whitehouse, Retired Administrator
Mrs M. Wilkinson, Retired
Mr P. Williams, Retired Training Superint.
Mrs N. Wilson, Retired
Mr R. Wilson, Self Employed
Mr M. Wons, Retired
Mr L. Young, Entertainer/Director

MEET OUR RECIPROCAL CLUBS

For further information or to obtain a letter of introduction call Rita in the administration office on 02 9284 1006 or email your enquiry to admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

Please contact the Reciprocal Clubs directly to make your booking.

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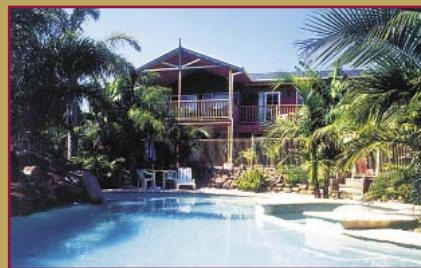
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ON THE ROAD WITH THE TOURING GROUP

Coonabarabran

Day 1 - Saturday 8th October 2005

Leaving today at 8.30 am. We travel to Blackheath for morning tea before continuing our trip to Mudgee for lunch at the Soldier's Club, own expense. After lunch we go through Gulgong, Dunedoo and Mendooran on our way to Coonabarabran and the El Paso Motel for three nights accommodation and dinner.

Day 2 - Sunday 9th October 2005

Today we leave at 9am to visit Siding Spring Observatory where our guide will explain what professional star gazers do and take us to the Trig Point Lookout, the 3.9 metre telescope and the Siding Spring Observatory. We then have morning tea before we go to the Warrumbungle National Park for a short walk to White Gum Lookout and to see the Warrumbungle National Park Visitors Centre. We then have our picnic lunch at the Canyon Picnic Area, you can also go on the nature walk, before we return to Coonabarabran through Toorawenah.

Day 3 - Monday 10th October 2005

This morning we go to Crystal Kingdom to see the display of Warrumbungle minerals and to find out about the geology of the area before morning tea and a visit to the Coonabarabran Orchard. We then visit the Wattagan Estate Winery for wine tasting and lunch before we return to Coonabarabran and the Newcastle Hat Company on our way to the motel.

Day 4 - Tuesday 11th October 2005

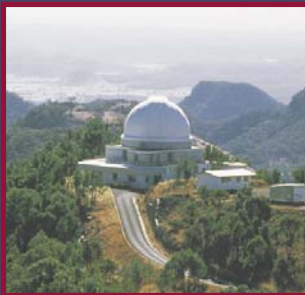
After breakfast we leave Coonabarabran at 8am and travel to Mudgee for morning tea and Lithgow for lunch at the Workers Club, own expense, before continuing our trip back to Sydney arriving at about 5pm.

Departs: 8.30 am

Returns: about 5 pm

Cost: \$442 per person for 20 to 28 people twin share (includes GST)
\$105 per person single supplement (includes GST)

Included: Accommodation at the El Paso Motel
All meals except lunch on Days 1 & 4
Morning teas
All entries, tours, inspections
Fully escorted and commentated
Coach travel



Meet

THE STAFF



Sofie
O'Keefe
Hotel
Reception

When did you start at the NSW Masonic Club?

I started working at the NSW Masonic Club that many moons ago, I try not to admit for fear of giving away my age.

Which departments have you worked in to take you to where you are today?

My first position was as a casual waitress/bar person and worked my way up in the Club to position of dining room supervisor.

Twelve months later I was offered a position as a receptionist and as this was the career I wished to pursue I took the job and have been there ever since.

What is involved in you job as Receptionist?

I love the challenge of the job always trying to keep up with all the modern day techniques, and everyday trying to better myself in public relations and in hospitality.

The best part of your job?

Over the years I have been fortunate to make lots of friends and meet the most interesting people from all over the world and from all walks of life; so I would say this is the highlight of my job.

What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I like to cook, I suppose this might come from my Greek heritage, and also I like to play with my cat, Tom.

Where is your favourite holiday destination?

For relaxation and holidays, I like to go anywhere where there is sun, surf and plenty of shops and restaurants.

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	4341 6593
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	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

INTER-MASONIC
BOWLS TOURNAMENT

September or October

The Inter Masonic Bowls tournament is now being arranged for September or October. Any interested members please contact Ray Little 9519 8276.

BIRTHDAY VOUCHERS

COMPLIMENTARY CHAMPAGNE

At the beginning of the year our COMPLIMENTARY CHAMPAGNE birthday promotion was introduced and each member has been sent a voucher.

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.

Venue: Castlereagh Lounge, Level 2

Time: 2pm

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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

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'

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!

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2005

Please book all club functions with Rita

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

AUGUST 2005

Friday	15	Long Lunch - Wine tasting with Southcorp Wines	
Tuesday	2	Touring Group meeting	
Tuesday	9	Probus Club meeting	
Wednesday	10	Market Day at 2pm	
Monday	15	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting followed by combined lunch in Cello's with the Burma Star Association - VP Lunch (Victory in Pacific)	
Tuesday	16	Sydney Birthday Club Lunch	
Wednesday	17	Clubs within the Club Lunch	Member \$36 Non-Member \$40
Monday	22	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Friday	26	Long Lunch - "A Taste of Jazz" Paige MacGregor accompanied by Ces Dorcey on paino	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

SEPTEMBER 2005

Tuesday	6	Touring Group meeting followed by Fish and Chips Lunch on Level 2	
Tuesday	13	Probus Club meeting followed by lunch in Cello's	
Wednesday	14	Market Day at 2pm	
Thursday	15	Solo Group Champagne Lunch	
Monday	19	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	20	Sydney Birthday Club lunch	
Friday	20	Long Lunch - A taste of jazz with Ces Dorcey	
Monday	26	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Friday	30	Long Lunch - 'All Things Irish' with special guest artist	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

OCTOBER 2005

Tuesday	4	Touring Group meeting	
Tuesday	11	Probus meeting	
Wednesday	12	Market Day at 2pm	
Thursday	13	The Getaway barbie to Dural - sponsored by the Wine and Dine Club - inclusive package and transport	Member \$36 Non-Member \$40
Monday	17	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	18	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon	
Monday	24	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Friday	28	Long Lunch - Oktoberfest	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

NOVEMBER 2005 - Special Events for your Diary

Tuesday	1	Melbourne Cup Lunch - Cello's Special Event	Member \$40 Non-Member \$45
Monday	28	NSW Masonic Club AGM - Cello's 2pm	
Friday	26	Long Lunch - Paige MacGregor accompanied by Ces Dorcey on paino at Christmas	

Clubs Within The Club events will be scheduled during November as usual

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.



Vaucluse House

Photographer Ray Joyce

The place name has one of the most interesting and somewhat surprising histories. It was originally the home of Sir Henry Browne Hayes, an Irishman from Cork, who reached Sydney in 1802 as one of His Majesty's more unpredictable 'guests'.

Five years earlier the baronet kidnapped Miss Mary Pike, a wealthy young heiress. He returned her unharmed after a mock marriage, and was outlawed with a price on his head. It seemed unfair then, that the poor girl was obliged to move to England in the face of public opinion, while Browne Hayes quietly resumed his special position in Cork. In 1800 Hayes actually offered to stand trial in England. He was a popular figure, and evidently expected acquittal. Instead, he was found guilty, condemned to death, and the sentence commuted to transportation for life.

Hayes travelled in Atlas, and managed great personal comfort despite the resentment and objections of Surgeon-General elect Thomas Jamison. In 1802, after six months imprisonment, Hayes was given a ticket of leave and sent to Parramatta with orders to remain there indefinitely. He returned to Sydney, however, and despite the Governor's refusal to his application to form a masonic lodge, he went ahead and did so.

Time and again Hayes managed to avoid uncomfortable sentences, despite brief trips to the Newcastle coalmines and to Norfolk Island.

At this time Sir Henry lived in Chapel Row later Camden Street and what is now Castlereagh Street in Sydney. On

22 August he bought two farms near South Head and built Vaucluse House, much to everyone's amusement, surrounding it with turf that he had imported from Ireland as a deterrent to snakes. St Patrick had promised!

During the Corps rebellion in 1808, Hayes supported Captain Bligh, which brought him into collision with George Johnston during his administration, and resulted in another trip to Newcastle coalmines.

Bligh had been preparing a free pardon for Hayes, who for several years had been turning the proverbial new leaf. Governor Macquarie now confirmed it, and in 1812 after surviving the wreck of the Isabella on Falkland Islands during the homeward voyage, with a not very praiseworthy action in stealing a ship's boat and endangering others, Hayes reached Ireland in 1814 and lived in retirement near Cork until his death in 1832.

Captain John Piper bought(?) Vaucluse House and it was sold to Mr William Charles Wentworth in 1829. Wentworth extended it, and his home was to see yet more history with the first Cabinet meeting held there in 1856, after Wentworth's long fight for responsible government had at last won British consent.

VAUCLUSE HOUSE

A property of the Historic Houses Trust

Wentworth Road, Vaucluse NSW 2030
Telephone 02 9388 7922

Admission:

Adult \$7 | Concession \$3 | Family \$17

THE ADAM ROOM: CONTINUES TO BE THE PREFERRED PRIVATE DINING ROOM FOR SPECIAL EVENTS



The Australian Chapter of the Explorers Club held a Dinner Meeting in the Adam Room recently for 40 Members and Guests.

There were two Guest Speakers on the night, both Fellows of the Explorers Club, Professor Patricia Vickers-Rich from the School of GEO Sciences at Monash University and Dr Tom Rich, who spoke on the ancient fossils of Australia.

Mr Dick Smith also a fellow of the Explorers Club attended the evening, pictured above.

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT



New members attending the New Members night commented on what a great opportunity to see first hand the unique facilities the Club could provide and had the opportunity to view our Executive Suite which features a spacious Deluxe Bedroom, together with elegant lounge and dining area.

The next New Members night is on Wednesday September 7, 2005.

