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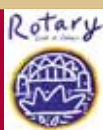
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members,

When I last reported to you we were in the midst of voting for the new Board to serve you until November 2009. As a result of the election, Lindsey Graham, Charles Lucre and Douglas Cumming were replaced on the Board by Graham Byrne, Ross Delaney and Andrew Colls.

At our Annual General Meeting I made specific mention of the work done by the three outgoing Board members and I thank them again for all they did during their respective tenures.

The new Board members are proving active in their participation in our deliberations.

At the time of writing some 284 members have yet to renew their membership. A final reminder has been sent to them and I trust all will return to the fold and continue to enjoy all that our Club has to offer.

Our Christmas Season was, as usual, very busy with those special Club luncheons and a host of private functions held in the Club. I thank the Club members involved for their support.

By April the front part of floor 5 will, after refurbishment, again be available for meetings organised by Club members and meetings of sub clubs and other organisations.

In following months some inconvenience to Club members and their guests may be experienced whilst building works take place to the north of our building. Please be assured that your Board and Management will be vigilant to ensure that such inconvenience is kept at acceptable levels. Our Club is situated in the heart of an expanding City Business District and we must expect these problems from time to time.

Further on the subject of building works, your Board will be embarking in future months on work within our own building to upgrade air conditioning for the benefit of members and hotel guests.

This work will be carefully planned to ensure minimum inconvenience.

Easter will shortly be upon us and I take this opportunity to wish you all a holy, happy and safe celebration of this most important time.

Graham L. Berry

President

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello everyone and welcome to the first edition of our magazine for 2008. I am pleased to announce that a recent inspection from AAA Tourism sees the hotel element of our operation rated at four stars for another twelve

months.

I would like to thank the Board for their support in developing and authorising a number of upgrade programs throughout the year. The assets throughout the building have improved noticeably and we are collectively committed to continue further down this path.

I would like to also make a special mention of the staff whose continued involvement in developing this Club and Hotel continues, thank you all. I have received a number of complimentary endorsements about our Christmas Day lunch. I am pleased to report that it was an overwhelming success and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed by all who dined in Cello's on the day.

During the 2008 year we have a number of projects scheduled for completion and they are as follows:

- A complete restoration of the marble flooring at reception / foyer
- Bathroom upgrade and improvements in all accommodation rooms
- Complete repaint of all eighty three accommodation rooms
- Repainting of all the common areas throughout the building
- Upgrade of the rest rooms on Levels 3, 4, & 5
- Upgrade air conditioning on Levels 8, 9, 10 & 11

As you can see we are firmly committed to a number of key projects that can only improve what the building has to offer, not only for Members, but for all who will visit us throughout the year.

Our successful monthly long lunch series in Cello's has now been increased due to popular demand. We originally

started with these lunches on a quarterly basis with four (4) and last year due to their success they were increased to twelve (12), all being conducted on the last Friday of the month. We will however this year be conducting these long lunches (all with live entertainment) every three calendar weeks on a Friday taking the total to seventeen (17) during 2008.

We have scheduled a wonderful array of talent for these long lunches with Mark Davies (Celtic Harp), Carlos Alberto (Classical Spanish Guitar), Ian Bloxson Trio (Modern Jazz) and Rachelle Medley (Jazz Classics) featured throughout the year. Ces Dorsey our resident pianist will be playing on all other Fridays, please see the full entertainment listing for your information in this magazine.

Our special Famous Mason Series continues in this magazine and we are featuring Sir Alexander Fleming, a Scottish bacteriologist who in 1928 discovered penicillin in London.

I would also like to welcome our three new Board Members for the 2008 – 2010 term; Graham Byrne, Andrew Coll and Ross Delaney who will, I'm sure, make their presence felt during the next two years of their tenure and beyond.

I would also like to thank the outgoing Board Members Lindsey Graham, Charles Lucre and Doug Cumming for their collective input and support in past years, it was certainly appreciated.

Sydney Rotary has, as part of their fundraising for 2008, an Art Union with three (3) wonderful prizes on offer. Details are listed on the previous page, with all monies raised from their fundraising activities going to their charitable and humanitarian projects.

Warren Lewis

General Manager

NSWMC & Castlereagh Boutique Hotel



Queensland National ANZAC Memorial, Brisbane

New South Wales Masonic Club

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Friday 25th April, 2008

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 Anderson 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.

Cello's Long Lunches

Join us in Cello's every third Friday for a fantastic array of guest artists. Full a la carte menu and wine list available. Please book directly with Cello's Restaurant, phone 9284 1014



Rachelle Medley Singer/songwriter

Rachelle Medley has been singing most of her life. At the age of only 15, Rachelle attracted the attention of Sony music and secured a record deal as part of a three girl pop group. The group toured the country to promote two chart topping singles and video clips which aired on rage, video hits and made the Pepsi charts.

At 18, she then discovered the world of live music and became the lead singer for the 30-piece NSW Army Reserve Band, performing all over Sydney. This was followed by a two-year stint with the ever popular, eight piece, covers band, Wonderbrass.

Since then she has expanded her artistic skills to song writing and session singing for producers in Sydney and at such studios as 301. During this time Rachelle has also made guest appearances in such bands as grooving with G, Funkstar, Everyday people and Pappa groove, Secret Images and The Sydney Big Band.

Winning an ABC song competition, Rachelle released a CD in December, 2004. Around this time, she was also busy performing as back-up singer for Ursula Yovich at ABC studios and in an SBS documentary aired on TV.

In 2007 she secured a regular weekly jazz night at Credo Bar in Cammeray and for the last 4 years, Rachelle has been performing at Sydney's Observatory Hotel, singing jazz and contemporary classics. Recently reunited as the lead singer for Wonderbrass singing pop classics, traveling the country and overseas has kept her professional singing life very busy.

Ian Bloxsom Jazz Trio

Ian Bloxsom, Peter Locke and Ashley Turner are three of the most in-demand jazz musicians in Sydney, together they form an impressive brew. Their smooth, relaxed renditions of classic compositions by the likes of George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Richard Rogers and Frank Loesser make them popular at weddings, corporate functions and many jazz venues.

The Ian Bloxsom Trio is also a favourite at the Friday Long Lunch. For a copy of our CD, The Power of Three, go to bigbeatmusic.com.au or come and see us at a gig.



Mark Davies - Harpist

Mark has been a freelance professional musician for 20 years in Sydney, performing in the past on Lutes (Arminius Ensemble), Classical/Spanish Guitar, Celtic Harp and Flamenco guitar.

As well as performing, Mark also gives private lessons for all of the instruments mentioned above.

But the talent doesn't stop there! Mark also designs and makes his own harps from native Australian Rosewood. (*fallen timber, not felled*)



NEW MEMBERS

October 2007 - February 2008

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 Mr P. Young, Solicitor



Carlos Alberto Perez

Carlos started his musical studies at the Conservatorium of Vigo, in Spain. From there he moved to Madrid, Barcelona and London, for studies under Gilbert Biberian, always obtaining the highest qualifications.

There is a string of accomplishments to his credit, including awards for his musical studies and prizes taken at international music competitions.

- 1st prize in the first guitar competition by Radio Popular Spain.
- 2nd prize in the international contest "City of Orense," Spain.

In recent years Carlos has given concerts in Spain, Britain, Mexico, Italy, Portugal, Israel, Greece, Austria and Australia. He has recorded programs for radio and created music for theatre. He has held positions in a number of instrumental formations and orchestras including first Guitar in the L'Hospitalet Chamber Orchestra in Barcelona.

Within the world of music, Carlos attracts respect from fellow musicians, outside of this, Carlos has attracted a following of admirers through showing people the wonders of classical and Spanish music.

His repertoire include styles ranging through Classical, Flamenco, Latin and Country music.

COMING UP

**Friday Long Lunches in
Cello's Restaurant 12-3pm**

NOTE: March 20 Long Lunch is on a Thursday due to Good Friday being on the 21st

Mar 20 Rachelle Medley

April 11 Carlos Perez

May 02 Ian Bloxsom

May 23 Mark Davies

June 13 Rachelle Medley

July 04 Carlos Perez

July 25 Ian Bloxsom Trio

Aug 15 Rachelle Medley

Sept 05 Mark Davies

Sept 17 Rachelle Medley

Sept 26 Ian Bloxsom Trio

Oct 17 Carlos Perez

Oct 31 Ian Bloxsom Trio

Nov 14 Mark Davies

Dec 05 Rachelle Medley

Dec 24 Ian Bloxsom Trio

Regular Friday Artist

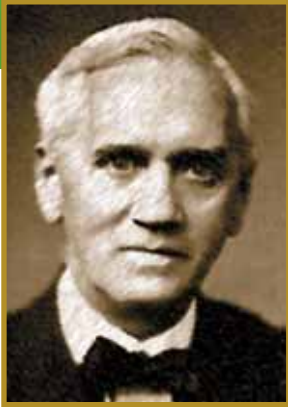
Ces Dorcey

Looking for an excuse to make every Friday a Long Lunch?

Join us on the Fridays that don't feature a guest artist, to enjoy Mr Ces Dorcey our regular pianist.

Ces is well known around the Club and also entertains at our Special Event lunches in Cello's.

Famous Mason Series VIII



Sir Alexander Fleming 1881 - 1955

Sir Alexander Fleming was born at Lochfield near Darvel in Ayrshire, Scotland on August 6th, 1881. He attended Loudon Moor School, Darvel School, and Kilmarnock Academy before moving to London where he attended the Polytechnic.

He spent four years in a shipping office before entering St. Mary's Medical School,

London University. He qualified with distinction in 1906 and began research at St. Mary's under Sir Almroth Wright, a pioneer in vaccine therapy.

He gained M.B., B.S., (London), with Gold Medal in 1908, and became a lecturer at St. Mary's until 1914. He served throughout World War I as a captain in the Army Medical Corps, being mentioned in dispatches, and in 1918 he returned to St. Mary's. He was elected Professor of the School in 1928 and Emeritus Professor of Bacteriology, University of London in 1948. He was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1943 and knighted in 1944.

Early in his medical life, Fleming became interested in the natural bacterial action of the blood and in antiseptics. He was able to continue his studies throughout his military career and on demobilization he settled to work on antibacterial substances which would not be toxic to animal tissues.

In 1921, he discovered in tissues and secretions an important bacteriolytic substance which he named Lysozyme. About this time, he devised sensitivity titration methods and assays in human blood and other body fluids, which he subsequently used for the titration of penicillin. In 1928, while working on influenza virus, he observed that mould had developed accidentally on a staphylococcus culture plate and that the mould had created a bacteria-free circle around itself. He was inspired to further experiment and he found that a mould culture prevented growth of staphylococci, even when diluted 800 times. He named the active substance penicillin.

Sir Alexander wrote numerous papers on bacteriology, immunology and chemotherapy, including original descriptions of lysozyme and penicillin. They have been published in medical and scientific journals.

Fleming, a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (England), 1909, and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London), 1944, has gained many awards. They include Hunterian Professor (1919), Arris and Gale Lecturer (1929) and Honorary Gold Medal (1946) of the Royal College of Surgeons; Williams Julius Mickle Fellowship, University of London (1942); Charles Mickle Fellowship, University of Toronto (1944); John Scott Medal, City Guild of Philadelphia (1944); Cameron Prize, University of Edinburgh (1945); Moxon Medal, Royal College of Physicians (1945); Cutter Lecturer, Harvard University (1945); Albert Gold Medal, Royal Society of Arts (1946); Gold Medal, Royal Society of Medicine (1947); Medal for Merit, U.S.A. (1947); and the Grand Cross of Alphonse X the Wise, Spain (1948).

He served as President of the Society for General Microbiology, he was a Member of the Pontifical Academy of Science and Honorary Member of almost all the medical and scientific societies of the world. He was Rector of Edinburgh University during 1951-1954, Freeman of many boroughs and cities and Honorary Chief Doy-gei-tau of the Kiowa tribe. He was also awarded doctorate, honoris causa, degrees of almost thirty European and American Universities.

In 1915, Fleming married Sarah Marion McElroy of Killala, Ireland, who died in 1949. Their son is a general medical practitioner.

Fleming married again in 1953, his bride was Dr. Amalia Koutsouri-Voureka, a Greek colleague at St Mary's.

In his younger days he was a keen member of the Territorial Army and he served from 1900 to 1914 as a private in the London Scottish Regiment.

Fleming died on March 11th in 1955 and is buried in St Paul's Cathedral.

Extract from Nobel Lectures, Physiology or Medicine 1942-1962, Elsevier Publishing Company, Amsterdam, 1964

Sir Alexander Fleming was initiated into Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682, London in 1909

Member: Misericordi Lodge No. 3286, London

Past Junior Grand Warden, UGLE: 1942



Above left: Penicillium mould, spore production, SEM, Scanning electron micrograph of Penicillium mould producing chains of spores. Above Right: Petri dish culture penicillium notatum, Penicillin mould.

Photos by David Gregory & Debbie Marshall, Wellcome Images

Although Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin, it took a team of people led by Australian Scientist, Howard Florey, to develop it so it could be used to fight bacteria in infections.

At first penicillin was made using old dairy equipment. (pictured)

Hospital bedpans were also used to grow mould. Liquid containing penicillin was drained from beneath the growing mould and filtered through parachute silk on bookshelves.



Timeline of Penicillin

July 1928

Alexander Fleming discovered the antibacterial properties of *Penicillium notatum*.

June 1929

Alexander Fleming published his research in the British Journal of Experimental Pathology. By 1932, Fleming had abandoned his work on penicillin. He would have no further role in the subsequent development of this or any other antibiotic.

May 1935

Howard Florey became Professor of Pathology at Oxford University and worked at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology. He became interested in lysozyme. Florey began to build a team of scientists to work with him on investigating antibacterial substances.

1938

Florey and Ernest Chain read about Fleming's paper and began investigating and testing *Penicillium notatum*.

March 1940

Ernest Chain injected the raw, brown, impure powder obtained from the *Penicillium notatum* into mice. They showed no ill-effects from the powder even though it was 99% impure. The team continued to work on the difficult task of extracting the penicillin from the mould.

May 1940

Florey and his team first experimented on mice. The mice were given lethal doses of bacteria and then injected with penicillin. The treated mice survived, the untreated mice died. The team put all their effort into increasing yields and production of penicillin.

February 1941

Penicillin was first used on a human with severe infections. Albert Alexander, a policeman, began to improve rapidly, however he died because the penicillin ran out before the bacteria were totally destroyed.

June 1941

Florey and Norman Heatley went to The United States of America to ask for assistance to enable them to make enough penicillin to begin clinical trials.

Late 1941

In the United States corn steep liquor was found to increase the yield of penicillin tenfold. The American Government and companies began the commercial production of penicillin.

1943

The British Government agreed to fund the production of penicillin. The first supply of penicillin was given to the British army.

March 1944

Penicillin was manufactured in Australia and there was enough produced to supply the civilian population as well as the army. This was the first time in the world it was made available to the general population.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANZAC DAY LUNCH

Friday 25th April

2 course lunch inclusive of local beer & wine

Succulent lamb rump with saffron roasted vegetables on creamy mash served with rosemary jus

Chocolate Barvarian with fresh berries & Baileys cream

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon

Price: \$50 (includes member discount & gst)

DINE & WINE AUTUMN WINE TASTING

Wednesday 7th May

2 course lunch with complimentary wine tasting. Organised by the Dine & Wine Club.

Venue: The Adam Room, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon

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

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DAY LUNCH

Wednesday 4th June

One of the highlights of the social calendar featuring the Scottish Highland Dancers. Price includes 3 course lunch with two drinks.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

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

CHARITY BANQUET AUCTION

Saturday 14th June

Black Tie Event co-hosted by the Lions Club of Sydney and NSW Masonic Club. (Refer to page 9)

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 7pm *Saturday Evening

Price: \$100 (includes member discount & gst)

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH

Wednesday 18th June

Price includes 2 course lunch with glass of wine.

Hosted by the Royal Commonwealth Society with guest of honour, Governor of NSW, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: \$45 (includes member discount & gst)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Wednesday 16th July

Price includes 3 course lunch with two drinks, Ces Dorsey on piano and Christmas carol singing.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

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



MEET THE STAFF

William Chen

Tell us about yourself and your hospitality background?

I arrived from China in 1989 for better opportunities in both education and career prospects. Having gained experience in a small motel for two years, I applied for a position at NSWMC. During this time I have worked in every department from the laundry to F & B and onto to reception where I am currently.

What are your current job responsibilities?

My current responsibilities at reception include projecting a professional image and ensuring that our 4 star standard is upheld. My main tasks are providing a seamless reservation, check-in and check-out process.

What do you enjoy most about your current job?

I love having a chat with our regulars and welcoming new members and guests to the hotel. I also enjoy the ambience and harmony I experience at work very much.

Do you have any favourite hobby? Tell us what do you do in your spare time?

Being a keen philatelist since 14 years of age, I want to spend time organising my collection, but realistically it will probably be at retirement age. In my spare time I enjoy life by relaxing and catching up with family members from overseas via the internet.

FOUR STAR ACCREDITATION

Every twelve months we go through a rigorous on site inspection and assessment process that determines what category the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel actually sits within, and we rated accordingly. AAA Tourism as an independent organisation is responsible for these assessments and inspections and they certainly leave no stone unturned when it comes to conducting their inspections.

AAA Tourism Pty Ltd as an independent organisation operates the official STAR Rating scheme in Australia and the STAR Rating definitions depend on the accommodation category.

As a result of an inspection conducted in early January I am pleased to announce that we have maintained our four star accreditation for the next twelve months. The newly approved accreditation is in no small part attributable to this Clubs Board of Directors for its ongoing commitment to improve and maintain wherever possible the heritage elements and features of this building.

This commitment is not only seen from a strong cultural standpoint but it is also well supported and funded by the Board of Directors to deliver the necessary and noticeable improvements wanted and expected from all stakeholders.

The following categories and basic definitions are supplied by AAA Tourism Pty Ltd for hotels:

- ★ Basic standard. Simply furnished. Resident manager.
- ★★ Well maintained with an average standard: average furnishings, bedding and floor coverings.
- ★★★ Well appointed with a comfortable standard of accommodation: above average furnishings and floor coverings.
- ★★★★ Exceptionally well appointed with a high level of facilities: quality furnishings and a high degree of comfort, presentation and guest services provided.
- ★★★★★ International standard with a high degree of facilities: outstanding appointments, furnishings and décor and an extensive range of first class guest services. A number and variety of room styles and/or suites, choice of dining facilities, 24 hour room service, housekeeping, valet parking.

The Australian STAR Rating Scheme

AAA Tourism has developed this Scheme into one of the world's leading accommodation quality certification schemes. Over 500 criteria are used to assess a property and determine its rating between one and five STARS.

Compliance is audited on-site by highly trained Accommodation Assessors using state of the art hand held Personal Digital Assistants (PDA) that record and transmit data directly to AAA Tourism's central database.

AAA Tourism's Trademark Registration means that only properties joining the Australian STAR Rating Scheme are licensed to use a STAR Rating. This also allows AAA Tourism to act against unauthorised use of STAR Ratings. Properties are assessed on a 12-18 month assessment cycle.

What Happens During an Assessment

On arrival at a property, the Assessor will verify all information to make sure the AAA Tourism database listing is up to date and then review any consumer feedback (complaints or commendations) AAA Tourism has received.

our STAR Rating is based on the most common room type at your property and the Assessor will need to view several of each room type on offer to ensure consistency of facilities and the level of maintenance and cleanliness across the property.

The Assessor will select one room on which to conduct the detailed assessment. In some properties, it is necessary to view and assess a wide variety of accommodation and facilities and the Assessor will request access to view selected sections of the property.

The Manager will be invited to accompany the Assessor during this time. Assessments can take between 45 minutes to several hours, depending on property size and type.

To ensure consistency and quality, all Assessments of Compliance undertaken by an Assessor are audited by AAA Tourism before being officially approved. As a consequence, the Assessor will initially issue a 'Provisional STAR Rating Certification' to the operator at the conclusion of the assessment.

The official Assessment Report and STAR Rating will then be issued after the audit process is complete, usually within 3 days of the Assessment of Compliance. Any change to a STAR Rating is effective from the date of the Assessment Report.

Your information and STAR Rating is then uploaded to AAA Tourism's database and website so that it is available within 24 hours for consumers the auto clubs and travel services.

Information supplied by courtesy of AAA Tourism Pty Ltd

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS & EVENTS



PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The annual President's Dinner was a tremendous success, demonstrating once again what a magnificent venue Cello's Restaurant is for all special events and functions.

Top Row L-R: Robyn Joseph & Vice President, Lindsay Payne; President, Graham Berry & Club Patron, Tony Lauer **Middle Row L-R:** Operations Manager, Paul Chapman, & Tomoko Tamura; Ron Mathews & Thelma Hedger **Bottom Row L-R:** Dr Ray Hyslop & Joan Mackenzie; Helen Hyslop, Joan Wright & Charles Lucre

CHARITY AUCTION BANQUET - June 14, 2008

The NSW Masonic Club joins with the Lions Club of Sydney to help Sydney Hospital.

A defibrillator/monitor is needed for the Emergency Department of Sydney Hospital so that it can better serve the Sydney community.

Our club will join with the Lions Club of Sydney as co-sponsors to hold a **Black Tie Banquet Auction on Saturday June 14th** to raise funds for the machine. The goal is to raise \$20,000 to purchase this state-of-the-art equipment.



VP Lindsay Payne said, "the Banquet Auction is being held in Cello's Restaurant and members can book tables at \$100.00 per head which includes a three course meal with beverages and entertainment. There will be a great selection of goods and services to be auctioned during the evening and members who appreciate the valuable service provided by Sydney Hospital are invited to support this special charity event."

Lions President David Pell added that, "the Lions Club of Sydney has been supporting Sydney Hospital for many years as we consider it provides an essential service to Sydney. We are very grateful to join with the NSW Masonic Club as a co sponsor for this event."

Bookings can be made through Rita Surio in the office on the first floor and members are encouraged to consider booking a table of 10. VP Lindsay said, "It is a chance for our club to help Sydney Hospital which we may need at any time in case of an emergency involving our members, staff and guests to the club." "I strongly recommend we get behind this activity to help make it a success" he said.

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Website: www.ftmsc.com.au

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Website: www.graduatehouse.com.au

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Website: www.nmclub.com.au

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Email: enquiries@oesc.com.au
Website: www.oesc.com.au

Royal Automobile Club of Victoria

501 Bourke Street Melbourne VIC 3000
Phone: 03 9944 8888 Fax: 03 9944 8299
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Singapore Masonic Club

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Ulladullah Guest House

39 Burrill St, Ulladullah NSW 2539
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Reservations (Toll Free) 1800 700 905
Email: ugh@guesthouse.com.au
Website: www.guesthouse.com.au

The Union Club of British Columbia

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Website: www.unionclub.com

United Service Club

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Email: enquiries@unitedserviceclub.com.au
Website: www.unitedserviceclub.com.au

University House - Canberra

1 Balmain Crescent Acton ACT 2601
Phone: 02 6125 5276 Fax: 02 6125 5252
Email: accommodation.unihouse@anu.edu.au
Website: www.anu.edu.au/unihouse/

University of Tasmania

Locked Bag 1367, Launceston TAS 7250
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Email: accommodation.launceston@admin.utas.edu.au
Website: www.utas.edu.au/accommodation

Wagga RSL Club

Dobbs St, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
Phone: 02 6921 3624 Fax: 02 6921 5305
Email: theclub@waggarsl.com.au
Website: www.waggarsl.com.au
Wagga RSL Motel - Phone: 02 6971 8888

The Western Australian Club (Inc)

101 St Georges terrace, Perth WA 6000
Phone: 08 9481 7000 Fax: 08 9481 7022
Email: admin@waclub.com.au
Website: www.waclub.com.au

Birthday Promotion

Invite your friends to celebrate your birthday in style by enjoying a complimentary bottle of red, white or sparkling wine at your club.



Each month complimentary sparkling wine 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.

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: Offer is not available for 'take-away' and must be consumed within the Club.

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	Maira McGovern (meet every Thursday 10.30am) - New Members Welcome	9664 2227
Sydney Birthday Club	Peter Shilton	9328 1493 0419 013 483

Other regular meetings held at the NSW Masonic Club

please contact the following persons if you are interested in joining their activities

CLUB	MEETINGS	CONTACT DETAILS
Rotary Club of Sydney	Meet every Tuesday in Cello's at 12.30pm	www.sydneystrotary.com
Sydney Lions Club	Meet 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the Adam Room at 12.30pm	David Pell email: dgpell@bigpond.com
Royal Commonwealth Society	Meet 3rd Thursday of the month in The Adam Room - Special Guest Speaker	Faye Lansley email: lansfaye@bigpond.com

FREE LUNCH OFFER

Successfully introduce and nominate friends or family 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



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize - Superior Christmas Hamper
Robert Paterson

2nd Prize - Deluxe Christmas Hamper
Charmaine Giess

3rd Prize - Weekend Accommodation for two at The Castlereagh with dinner
Melanie Weeden

4th Prize - Gift Hamper
Diana Ekin

PREFERRED PARTNERS

Discounts for Club Members

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

FOOD & BEVERAGE DISCOUNT

Club members are entitled to receive a discount of 10% off food and beverage within the Club

Conditions:

Discount applies only to the member and up to 3 accompanying guests. It is not applicable to groups or function bookings which exceed this limit. Please note Special Event Luncheons have a special member's rate - no further discounts apply.

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2007

Please book all club functions with Rita

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

MARCH 2008

Tuesday	4	Touring Group meeting at 11am	
Monday	10	Probus Meeting at 10am	
Wednesday	12	Market Day at 2pm	
Thursday	13	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon - The Adam Room	
Monday	17	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Tuesday	18	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11.30am	*Date change due to Easter Holidays
Thursday	20	Cello's Long Lunch - with Rachelle Medley	Bookings directly with Cello's
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

APRIL 2008

Tuesday	1	Touring Group meeting at 11am	
Wednesday	9	Market Day at 2pm	
Thursday	10	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon - The Adam Room	
Friday	11	Cello's Long Lunch - with Carlos Perez	Bookings directly with Cello's
Monday	14	Probus Meeting at 10am	
Monday	21	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Friday	25	ANZAC Day Lunch in Cello's	\$50 includes Member discount & gst
Monday	28	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11.30am	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

MAY 2008

Friday	2	Cello's Long Lunch - Ian Bloxson Jazz Trio	Bookings directly with Cello's
Tuesday	6	Touring Group meeting at 11am	
Wednesday	7	Dine & Wine Autumn Lunch with wine tasting	\$35 Members \$40 Non-members
Thursday	8	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon - The Adam Room	
Monday	12	Probus Meeting at 10am	
Wednesday	14	Market Day at 2pm	
Monday	19	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Friday	23	Cello's Long Lunch - with Mark Davies	Bookings directly with Cello's
Monday	26	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11.30am	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

JUNE 2008

Monday	2	Probus Meeting at 10am	
Tuesday	3	Touring Group meeting at 11am	
Wednesday	4	Scottish Highland Day Lunch - Cello's Special Event	\$55 Members \$60 Non-members
Wednesday	11	Market Day at 2pm	
Thursday	12	Sydney Birthday Club Luncheon - The Adam Room	
Friday	13	Cello's Long Lunch - with Rachelle Medley	Bookings directly with Cello's
Saturday	14	Lion's Club Black Tie Charity Auction Banquet	\$100 per person
Monday	16	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Wednesday	18	Queen's Birthday Luncheon	\$45 per person
Monday	23	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11.30am	
Tuesday	24	Touring Group Afternoon Tea - 2pm, Level 2	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

JULY 2008

Book early for this popular major event coming up in July

Wednesday	16	Christmas in July Lunch - Cello's Special Event	\$55 Members \$60 Non-members
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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

Discounted parking vouchers are available for the following hours and are on sale at the foyer Reception Desk.

Parking tickets must be purchased prior to exiting the car park. The Piccadilly parking Station is not staffed after 11.30pm.

PICCADILLY CAR PARK - Ph 9264 1467

Operating Hours - 7.00am to 1.00am

Stockland Centre, 133 Castlereagh St, Sydney (Next to David Jones men's store)

Rates

\$45.00 Voucher	24 Hour Rate Monday to Friday
\$20.00 Voucher	Overnight Rate - In after 5pm, out before 9am Monday to Friday
\$15.00 Voucher	Evening Rate - In after 5pm, out before 11.30pm Monday to Friday
\$15.00 Voucher	Weekend Rate - 24 hours Saturday & Sunday Expires 9am Monday
Weekdays	Please note that the 1-3 hour weekday rate is no longer available

These discounted parking options are offered by The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel to all guests as a service, however, it is ultimately the responsibility of guests to ensure that they adhere to the entry/exit conditions that apply.

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.

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CHICKEN KEBABS

Ingredients

10 chicken thighs
2 stems lemon grass
5cm piece fresh ginger, finely grated
3 garlic cloves, crushed
1 red onion, finely chopped
Zest and juice of 2 limes
3 tbsp rice vinegar
3 tbsp brown sugar
3 tbsp olive oil

Method

Place 12 wooden skewers in water to soak. Cut the chicken into cubes and set aside.

Remove the tough outer skin from the lemon grass and roughly chop. Place the lemon grass, ginger, garlic, onion, lime zest and juice, rice vinegar, sugar and olive oil in a processor and blend until smooth.

Place the marinade in a large bowl, add the cut chicken thighs, mix until coated. Cover and chill for 2 hours.

BBQ the chicken on a high heat for about 15-20 minutes, turning occasionally.

Serve with salad and lime wedges, drizzled with sweet chilli sauce.

Sweet Chilli Sauce

2 tbsp fish sauce
3 tbsp freshly squeezed lime juice
2 garlic cloves
2 tablespoons palm sugar (can be substituted with brown sugar)
1 small red onion finely diced
3 bird's eye chillies finely diced (to taste)
1 chopped fresh coriander root
Pinch of salt

In a large mortar and pestle, crush the garlic with the salt, add the coriander and chillies and roughly pound. Stir in the sugar, fish sauce, lime juice and finely diced onion.

Quality & Style



World class shopping, dining and theatres, those special occasions, a weekend away - your club offers affordable, quality accommodation in the heart of it all.

Sydney is at your doorstep - so, when planning that next getaway look no further than The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel.

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- Family friendly adjoining rooms
- 24 hour reception
- In-room personal safes available
- High Speed Wireless Internet Access - Own laptop & network card required
- Air conditioning in all rooms
- Secure access to all accommodation floors



RESERVATIONS - 1800 801 576

Or make your booking online @ www.thecastlereagh.com.au

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