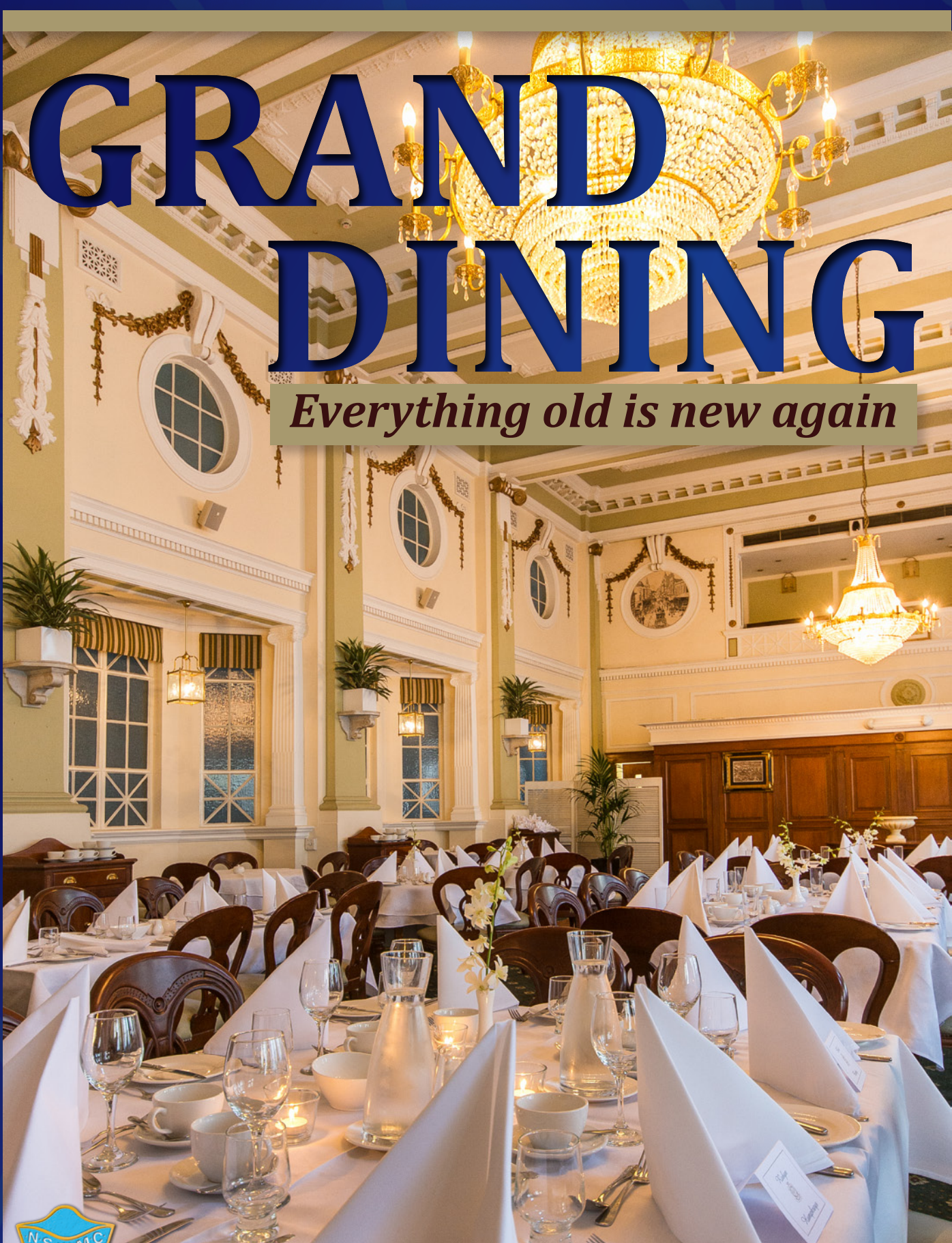


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*Club Founded 1893*



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow members,

Welcome to the winter edition of our magazine. It is a pleasure to report to you again about our Club and its concerns.

The 43 floor office tower to our north and west continues its growth ahead of schedule. Current expectations are that ANZ will be in occupation by 30th June 2013 and Freehills by 31st July. It is our understanding that these two will occupy over 80% of the lettable space. A new 3 storey building to be known as 167 Castlereagh Street will be erected to our immediate north. Its roof line will be below the window level of our magnificent dining room, and sunlight will be retained from that level up to our roof.

The earlier demolitions exposed parts of our northern wall which, together with our rear or western wall, will be repaired, rendered and painted (after unnecessary ducting has been removed) at no cost to your Club. I thank the General Manager for his valuable assistance to me in achieving this result.

We will continue to watch closely over the Club's interests as they relate to the tower, including obtaining a further dilapidation' report when all work is finished, so that any slight damage to our building is fully made good. Our building is, of course, our second most important asset after our members.

The financial and other challenges to which I alluded in my last report have materialised and this Club along with other Clubs offering accommodation (and with city hotels) has seen a continued drop in accommodation figures. Some Sydney hotels have closed. Your Board is monitoring the situation and will take such steps as it deems appropriate. Your Club is debt free and I have no doubt that it will remain that way.

Our extensive refurbishment programme for our hotel has been concluded and has earned praise from our members and travellers who have experienced our new levels of comfort and décor.

Some weeks ago Mark Mitchell took up the position as Catering Manager for this Club and I now welcome Mark and his new team. You will notice a great improvement in our dining facilities and the offerings. Hot breakfasts are again being served and high teas are available by arrangement. Those who have arranged special events in recent weeks have been delighted. We are considering reopening the dining room on Mondays for lunch and some nights, but this will only be possible if you, as our members, use our facilities and bring your friends on a regular basis. Please remember we have special parking arrangements and our friendly staff will be only too happy to assist in making your visit or function a pleasant one.

On 1st January, new legislation concerning Workplace Health and Safety came into operation. The Act and its regulations are voluminous. Some Codes of Practice have been issued and others are being drafted. These Codes will not take their final form until all of the States have passed appropriate legislation.

In the meantime, onerous obligations are placed on Directors and Managers and duties are placed on Club employees. Our Club is fortunate in that one of our directors, Graham Byrne, has recognised expertise in this difficult field and he has been of great assistance to the Board and General Manager in setting up appropriate documentation, procedures and records.

Directors and the General Manager are attending seminars to improve their knowledge of this important subject. Staff members will undergo training as and when appropriate.

The next edition of the magazine will include the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2012.

With best wishes,

Graham L. Berry  
President



## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello everyone and let me start my report with an apology. I am sorry for the delay in getting this magazine out to all members we have been pre occupied over the last two months with an

Information Technology installation and a major rooms upgrade. I am now pleased to report that both these objectives are now completed.

The rooms upgrade is particularly interesting with new carpet, mahogany sleigh beds & bathroom tiling all features of this upgrade. These improvements add further to our previous upgrades and will be of additional benefit for all Members and Hotel guests for some considerable time to come. I would like to thank the Board who have been instrumental and supportive throughout this difficult process. The improvement noted here is considerable.

I would like to send our best wishes to Lindsey Payne the former Vice President of this Club. Lindsay has had a torrid time especially over the last three months with a number of serious health issues. I am now pleased to report that Lindsay is on the road to recovery and on the mend. Lindsay who was last year recognised in the Queens Honours list for his charitable contribution during the last five decades is a worthy recipient of such an award is certainly a man of both warmth and integrity.

Over the past few months we have looked very closely at the catering operation and decided there was a need for some change. The changes made are dramatic and were necessary and you will see a full feature in this magazine on the new catering team led by Mark Mitchell; Gavin Berrecloth, Head Chef, Joel Roche, Patissier Extraordinaire and Jamie Bain, Restaurant Manager. With this team of talented individuals I am very confident that we will all enjoy a quality of catering that will suit our requirements well into the future, a warm welcome is extended to all the new team members.

I am pleased to report that Sydney Rotary's outgoing President Ned Boyce has just completed a very busy schedule of fundraising during his twelve month term and has now relinquished the reigns. He will now be replaced by James Allen who has a very ambitious fundraising program planned and I wish him every success for the next twelve months.

The City of Sydney is well under way with upgrading of the footpaths outside the Club and they are also improving infrastructure along Castlereagh Street that has caused some problems for us all. I have contacted the City of Sydney and they inform me that we will have further disruptions for some six to eight weeks before these major works are concluded.

I would like to thank you all for your loyal patronage during the last twelve months as we draw to a close on this financial year and look forward to further improving this Club for all to enjoy.

Kind regards,

Warren Lewis  
General Manager  
NSWMC & The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel



On Tuesday 13th December, Lodge Verity became the first Lodge to hold an installation ceremony at the NSW Masonic Club.

Meeting in the Club's fifth-floor Conference Room, Lodge Verity's ten-year old brand of Freemasonry is based on replicating the tavern-style meeting places where Freemasons first held their meetings in the 18th century. The venue was transformed into a Lodge Room prior to the meeting, displaying the necessary Masonic furniture found in all Lodge Rooms. The venue was thoroughly enjoyed by members and visitors, including Past Grand Master and Club Patron, Most Worshipful Brother Tony Lauer.

Positively described as intimate and raw in nature, visiting Brethren participated in a two-part Installation: after the first half of the ceremony was completed, the meeting was suspended and the Brethren moved to the Club's second-floor Bistro for dinner. They were joined by prospective members of the Lodge who regularly dine with the Brethren as they get to know more about the Craft before deciding if they want to become Freemasons. After dinner, all Brethren, including the Grand Lodge delegation, returned to the Conference Room, where the second part of the ceremony of Installation was carried out.

The evening was completed in the Club's ground floor Bar, where customary Toasts were proposed, including those to the Lodge and to Brethren who had participated in the ceremony. The evening was a further step in the continuing rejuvenation of Lodge Verity.



Most Worshipful Brother Tony Lauer,  
Braith Tomlinson & Paul Fletcher

Lodge Verity meets in the NSW Masonic Club at 6:30 pm, on the second Tuesday of every month, except January. Visiting Brethren are most welcome.

Visit [www.lodgeverity.com.au](http://www.lodgeverity.com.au) or email [secrets@lodgeverity.com.au](mailto:secrets@lodgeverity.com.au) to join the mailing list for Lodge Verity notice papers.

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## GRAND DINING

### *Everything old is new again*

Recent moves have heralded some exciting changes within the kitchens of the Club and Hotel. A new approach to our food and menus has been developed by the recent arrival of Head Chef, Gavin Berrecloth, Pastry Chef, Joel Roche, and Catering Manager, Mark Mitchell and their extended kitchen team. Together they will ensure a consistent and seasonal menu with some exciting new and expanded offerings across the entire club and hotel operation.

The unique skills of the individuals on the team, have

seen the return of in-house baking daily, through to the use of fresh and unique produce. All this allows for a unique and spectacular offering coming out of the kitchens for our members and your guests.

All three have extensive experience with food, Gavin having spent much of his culinary career in the kitchens of restaurants and most recently with production of the first class in flight offerings for Qantas. His return to our kitchen, gives us the benefit of his considerable culinary skill

and talent. His keen menu planning and development will see our new menus commence in September.

Joel commenced his career in France where he honed his considerable pastry skills, after immigrating permanently to Australia 10 years ago he has served his desserts and pastry selections to some of Sydney's finest establishments and patrons, most recently Joel was Westpac's Pastry Chef for its head offices in Sydney.

Mark who is well known to the Management and Board, has been working with us to develop our overall 'customer experience' and bring the larger team together as one



Head Chef - Gavin Berrecloth

to deliver the next stage of this culinary journey. Mark has a solid background in operations and a very healthy appetite, he has most recently been working with KPMG nationally and has extensive food service experience having worked both locally in Australia and Shanghai.

Gavin, Joel and Mark will join the already well experienced, knowledgeable and respected front of house team, including our Functions Manager Marsina, Restaurant Manager, Jamie and Jenny, Gail, Denisa, Wendy and Louise, all who are well known personally to many of you.

Work is already well under way with the introduction of the new Castlereagh Lounge menu. Some of the old time favourites have made a return such as traditional Bangers and Mash, Barramundi and juicy tender Scotch Fillet Steak. From the pastry kitchen comes a daily Quiche special and some mouth-watering cakes, to complement our winter soups, all of which have been warmly welcomed.

Up in the main grand dining room on Level 4 will soon see the introduction of Gavin's new a la carte luncheon menu available from Wednesday to Friday. This menu also includes an extensive new functions menu and a new High Tea offering which is currently being developed to further tempt those attending the many club and private functions in the coming month.

Finally the long awaited return of daily Hot Breakfast has seen a steady stream of satisfied patrons starting their day in the surrounds of the beautiful Adam Room with an impressive Continental and Hot Breakfast selection. The Full English breakfast and Lambs



Restaurant Manager - Jamie Bain



Fry have proved an instant hit and a great way to start the day, all faithfully served by Louise who is well known to most.

The entire team look forward to welcoming you when you're next in the club, be it for nice cup of tea and pastry, or a la carte long lunch with the live performances each Friday or High Tea. If you would like to use the dining facilities of the club or discuss any requirements you may have please contact Rita to see how we can assist.

## GRAND DINING ROOM

**Sydney's Finest Dining Room – 4th Floor**

**Wed – Fri From 12 Noon – 4 pm**

- Also known as Cellos Restaurant
- Majestic Surroundings
- Fine A La Carte Food Selection
- High Tea served Wednesday to Friday
- Live Piano & Jazz Each Friday

## REAGH BAR

**Public Bar – Ground Foyer**

**Mon – Fri from 11.30 am**

- Chilled Beer & wines
- Great counter food

## CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE

**Public Lounge – 2nd Floor**

**Saturday 12 Noon – 8.30 pm**

- Warm Surroundings
- Fresh Sandwich & Bistro Menu
- Morning & Afternoon Tea Selection
- Mon – Fri From 10 am – 8.30 pm

## FUNCTIONS

**Good Selection Of Multi Use Spaces Across The Venue**

- Adam Room – Private Dining
- Grand Dining For 120
- Wedding Parties
- Accommodation Packages





## July

### 27 Friday

#### Long Lunch - Carlos Perez, Spanish Classical Guitarist

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Enjoy a nice long lunch with the live sounds of acclaimed Spanish Guitarist, Carlos Perez.



## August

### 1 Wednesday

#### Roast Trolley

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

The old Club Roast Trolley has been dragged out of retirement, to be filled with some spectacular assorted meats from the Chefs Larder

### 16 Thursday

#### Bledisloe Cup of Wines - Whites vs Reds

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 3pm  
**Price :** \$60pp for 3 courses & 2 drinks  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Wine themed lunch to coincide with the first game of the 2012 Bledisloe Cup. Whites vs Reds, who has the best in each variety!



### 24 Friday

#### Long Lunch - Elizabeth Geyer, Jazz Vocalist

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Come and enjoy A la carte luncheon and the amazing talents of Elizabeth Geyer and her Jazz vocals, mixed with her famous trumpet solo's.



### 29 Wednesday

#### High Tea

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 3pm  
**Price :** \$35pp extra for alcoholic drinks  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Enjoy a selection of fine Tea from Whittard of Chelsea to accompany your stand of finger sandwiches, delicious petit savouries and to die for cake selection.



## September

### 2 Sunday

#### Fathers Day Luncheon

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Price :** \$60pp - 3 course lunch, children under 14 years \$30pp  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Bring your Father, or your son along for a celebratory three course Fathers Day lunch with the family.

# 2012 events calendar

### 5 Wednesday

#### New Members' Cocktail Party

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 6pm - 7pm  
**Bookings :** By invitation only  
Come and tour your new club, meet the staff, and sample the food and wine in the spectacular Grand Dining Room.



### 22 Saturday

#### Puttin' on the Ritz - Dinner Dance

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 6pm  
**Price :** \$90pp for dinner & dance & drinks  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Dinner and dancing with a 4 piece Jazz ensemble, featuring the original menu from 1939, beautifully matched Australian Wines & ice cold beer.



### 28 Friday

#### Long Lunch - Ian Bloxsom Jazz Trio

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Come and enjoy and nice long lunch with the live sounds of The Ian Bloxsom Trio.



## October

### 3 Wednesday

#### Dine & Wine Tasting Luncheon

**Level 4 :** The Adam Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 3pm  
**Price :** \$50 per person  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Showcasing Western regions wines from Chasing Clouds & Five Friends, with matched entrée and main course.



### 26 Friday

#### Long Lunch - Carlos Perez, Spanish Classical Guitarist

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Bookings :** 9284 1025

Enjoy a nice long lunch with the live sounds of acclaimed Spanish Guitarist, Carlos Perez.

## November

### 6 Tuesday

#### Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 3pm  
**Price :** Member \$60, Non-member \$65  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

One of the highlights of the social calendar featuring a three course menu with one glass of sparkly on arrival. Catch all the excitement of the race on our giant TV screens and have a flutter on the sweeps available on the day!



### 23 Friday

#### Long Lunch - Elizabeth Geyer, Jazz Vocalist

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 4pm  
**Bookings :** 9284 1025

Come and enjoy A la carte luncheon and the amazing talents of Elizabeth Geyer and her Jazz vocals, mixed with her famous trumpet solo's.

### 26 Monday

#### NSW Masonic Club AGM

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 1pm

## December

### 5 Wednesday

#### Members & Associates 1st Christmas Lunch

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 3pm  
**Price :** Member \$60, Non-member \$65  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Three course lunch with two drinks, featuring Ces Dorcey live on piano.

### 12 Wednesday

#### Members & Associates 1st Christmas Lunch

**Level 4 :** Grand Dining Room  
**Time :** 12pm - 3pm  
**Price :** Member \$60, Non-member \$65  
**Bookings :** 9284 1006

Three course lunch with two drinks, featuring Ces Dorcey live on piano.



## BLEDISLOE CUP OF WINES

### - WHITES vs REDS

**\$60 pp 3 course menu and 2 drinks**

**Thursday 16th August 12 - 3pm**

This inaugural event pits New Zealand against Australia in the ultimate Trans-Tasman battle of the wines! Our Aussie wines take on the Kiwis in the Bledisloe Cup of Wines.

**Book with Rita on 9284 1006**

Conditions: Members 10% discount is not eligible for this offer. Bookings essential, event subject to change.



BOOK NOW!

## PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ - DINNER DANCE

**\$90pp for dinner, dancing & drinks**

**Saturday 22nd September 6pm - late**

Return to the Golden Days of 1939 with a glamorous evening of fine dining and dancing in the Grandest Dining Room in town!

Enjoy a sumptuous dinner and dancing with a 4 piece Jazz ensemble. Our chef will be featuring the original menu from 1939 with beautifully matched Australian Wines & ice cold beer.

**Book with Rita on 9284 1006**

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## NEW MEMBERS

October 2011 - May 2012

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Mr T. Allanson, Student  
Mr A. Atkins, Federal Govt  
Mrs G. Bennett, Retired  
Mrs J. Benson, SMH Dymocks Organiser  
Mrs A. Biddulph, Farmer  
Mrs J. Blake, Retired  
Mr A. Boland, Director  
Mr J. Bone, EMR Supervisor  
Mr T. Boom, Retired Master Builder  
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Mr R. Bullock, General Manager  
Mr R. Burns, Retired Merchant Navy  
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Mr K. Dighton, Engineering Surveyor  
Mr J. Dirou, Retired  
Mr A. Douglas, Retired  
Mr K. Duffin, Cook  
Mr D. Dunkerley, Retired  
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Ms P. Floyd, Wedding Celebrant  
Mrs J. Gayton, Legal Secretary  
Mrs D. Gilbank, Secretary  
Mr G. Greensmith, Retired  
Mr K. Hamence, Storeman  
Prof J. Hamilton, Ret Physician  
Dr A. Hamilton, Physician  
Mrs F. Happ, Ret University Administrator  
Mr A. Happ, Ret Civil Engineer  
Mr R. Hart, Land Access Mgr  
Mr A. Hewitt, Retired Uni Lecturer  
Mr J. Hitchen, Retired Chemist  
Mr J. Hoang, Director Property Agent  
Mrs M. Howell, Retired  
Dr A. Jeri, Doctor ( GP)  
Mr H. Johnson  
Mr N. Johnstone, Police Recruit  
Mr S. Jovanovic, Clerk  
Mr T. Kelly, Business Devlp Mgr  
Mrs H. Kenny, Retired Journalist  
Mr A. Khalessi, Dentist  
Mr P. King, Photographer  
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Mr P. Lawrence, OHSR Manager  
Mr J. Leah, House Washing Contractor  
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Mr M. Lorkin, Lawyer  
Mr M. Lumsdaine, Trainer & Executive Coach  
Mrs J. Mack, Solicitor/Grazier  
Mr G. Mack, Retired Grazier  
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Mr B. Muddle, Retired Patrolist  
Mr J. Naqvi, Managing Director  
Ms P. Neate, Retired Paralegal  
Mr D. Newland, Retired

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS & EVENTS

Throughout the year Members and guests have the opportunity to attend a wonderful array of event luncheons.

On Wednesday 8th June the New South Wales Masonic Club conducted its annual Scottish Highland Day Luncheon with 90 members, guests and dancers in attendance. The magnificent dining room was filled with the swirl of the pipes, provided by member, Wor. Bro Sam Young, who is an international judge of pipe bands. Dancing was provided by Elizabeth Munro, and two of her associates. Elizabeth is an international judge of Highland dancing.

The Selkirk grace heralded typical Highland fare which began with the haggis.

The ceremony of piping in the haggis was performed with due pomp, as was the address to the haggis.



**Top Row:** (L-R) Margaret Neverley-Grant & Pauline Foisy ; R W Bro. Lord John Couper, R W Bro. Neville Carpenter, V W Bro Peter Kennedy, R W Bro Graham Berry (Club President) & Wor Bro Sam Young at the Scottish Day Lunch ; Terry Milling & Margaret Neverley-Grant **Middle Row:** (L-R) Royal Commonwealth Society High Tea ; Patricia Watts & Peter Dunn ; Solo Group celebrate Robert (Bob) Ryeland's 99th birthday **Bottom Row:** (L-R) Queen's Jubilee Luncheon ; David Beale ; Guests enjoy the Queen's Jubilee Luncheon ; Frank Gartrell & friend.

Mr D. O'Sheedy, Group IT Mgr  
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Mr G. Quinn, Finance Mgr  
Mr M. Quinnell, Retired  
Rev I. Ransom, Clergyman  
Mr C. Ray  
Mr S. Reed, Solicitor  
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Miss D. Reid, Retired  
Mr V. Robertson, Retired  
Mr E. Robinson, Army Officer  
Mr M. Rochester, Secondary Teacher Qld Ed  
Mr R. Saunders, Ret General Manager CBA

Mrs D. Schwartz, Teacher  
Mr P. Senzio, Contract Chef  
Mr R. Shore, Retiree  
Mr J. Siczek, Horticulturalist  
Mr M. Sprague, Retired NSW Probation Offer  
Mr D. Stewart, Retired  
Ms G. Stone, Retired  
Mr L. Swan  
Ms J. Sweeten, Librarian  
Ms M. Swift, Barrister  
C. Tarleton, Retired  
Mrs J. Taylor, Retired Librarian (Teacher)  
Mrs C. Thomas, Retired  
Mr M. Thurston, Retired  
Mrs C. Tonkin, Company Secretary  
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Mrs L. Tredinnick, Retired Teacher  
Mrs M. Tunica, Ret Ex School Inspector  
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# Famous Mason Series XVII

## Harry S Truman 1884 -1972



### FREEMASONRY

On February 9, 1909, Harry Truman was initiated into Freemasonry in the Belton Lodge, Missouri.

In 1911, he helped establish the Grandview Lodge, and he served as its first Worshipful Master.

In 1940, Harry Truman was elected the 97th Grand Master of the Masons of Missouri.

In 1945, he was made a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General and an Honorary Member of the supreme council at the Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Southern Jurisdiction Headquarters in Washington D.C. In 1959, he was awarded the 50-year award.



The White House, Washington DC, featuring the Truman Balcony

Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, was born on May 8, 1884 in Lamar, Missouri. In 1890, the year the Little White House was built, the Truman's moved to Independence, Missouri.

His poor eyesight prevented Truman from participating in sports but led him to two of his greatest passions, reading and music. An avid reader, he was proud of the fact that he had read every book in the Independence Public Library. Truman was also a fine musician, playing the piano.

An excellent student, Truman's parents were unable to afford college for Harry and his eyesight prevented him from attending West Point. Following his high school graduation in 1901, Truman worked at a variety of jobs including farming, oil drilling and banking. In 1917, with World War I in full force, Truman joined the Army. He served in France and left the army as a captain in May of 1919. One month later, he married Elizabeth Wallace.

After failing in the haberdashery business, Truman ran for county judge (the title for a county commissioner) in

Jackson County, MO. In 1924, he ran for re-election and lost, the only election he ever lost. In 1926 he was again elected judge, a post he held until 1934 when he ran for the U.S. Senate and won. During World War II, Senator Truman headed the Truman Commission that investigated fraud in defence contracts. Truman was responsible for saving the government several million dollars. He remained in the Senate until President Franklin Roosevelt tapped him as his running mate for his fourth term in 1944.

On April 12, 1945, less than three months as vice president, Harry S. Truman was sworn in as the 33rd President of the United States following the unexpected death of Roosevelt. Truman faced some of the most complex issues to ever face any world leader. Internationally these decisions included the decision to drop the atomic bomb to end World War II, the daunting task of re-building both Europe and Japan, the changing of American foreign policy.

The creation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and National Security Council (NSC), the recognition of the State of Israel, the response to

the Cold War and our involvement in the Korean War were also decisions that Truman faced.

Domestic issues proved equally challenging with issues of labor unrest, expansion of the GI bill for returning veterans, a proposal for national health care and the issuing of four civil rights executive orders made Truman not particularly popular during his terms in office. Yet today, Truman is thought to be one of the best presidents in U.S. history. On December 26, 1972, Harry S. Truman died in Kansas City, MO at the age of 88. In the year 2000, a C-Span Poll ranking of all U.S. Presidents was conducted by 58 presidential historians and scholars. Harry S Truman ranked 5th behind Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington and Theodore Roosevelt.

Source: Truman Little White House

### TRUMAN'S NOTABLE QUOTES

"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen."  
"The buck stops here."  
"The absence of war is not peace."  
"If you cannot convince them, confuse them"



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Nestled in the foothills of the Great Diving Range and only a 75 minute drive from Melbourne is RACV Healesville Country Club. We are delighted to offer members of New South Wales Masonic Club reciprocal privileges at the Country Club. Enjoy a drink in the Sports Bar or dine in our new Blue Tree Grill or Terrace Café, with spectacular views of Mount Ridell. Play a round of golf on either our 18-hole course or four-hole short course; work up a sweat in the Fitness Centre; cool down in our 25m indoor swimming pool; relax and unwind in One Spa; or visit the Library and indulge in a good book.



**Reciprocal Club rates are inclusive of full buffet breakfast and golf green fees. Rates start from \$232\* per room, double/twin share.**

Our reservation team can help you make the most of your Yarra Valley break with a package or tour from one of our regional operators including the world class Healesville Sanctuary, which is fun for adults and children alike. Visit TarraWarra Museum of Art, Australia's first significant privately funded, publicly owned art gallery featuring works from the 1950s to the present day. Take a trip through one of the many wineries with Grape Escape Tours and fly high above the scenic Yarra Valley with Global Ballooning.

**As a special offer for NSW Masonic Club guests, all accommodation bookings receive two complimentary tickets to the Tarrawarra Museum of Art. Simply quote promo code NSM at time of booking.**

Whether you're looking for a relaxing break or a more adventurous experience contact the team at the Healesville Country Club on **03 5962 4899** or via email **Healesville@racv.com.au**

\*Subject to change, valid until 30/06/2012.

RECIPROCAL CLUBS

AUSTRALIA

Commercial Club

618 Dean Street, Albury NSW 2640  
Phone: 02 6021 1133 Fax: 02 6021 4760  
Email: info@commclubalbury.com.au  
Website: www.commclubalbury.com.au

Forster-Tuncurry Memorial Services Club

Strand St, Forster NSW 2428  
Phone: 02 6554 6255 Fax: 02 6554 8069  
Email: enquiries@ftmsc.com.au  
Website: www.ftmsc.com.au

Graduate House - University of Melbourne

224 Leicester Street, Carlton VIC 3053  
Phone: 03 9347 3438 Fax: 03 9347 9981  
Email: sec@graduatehouse.com.au  
Website: www.graduatehouse.com.au

Orange Ex-Services Club

231-243 Anson Street, Orange NSW 2800  
Phone: 02 6362 2666 Fax: 02 6361 3916  
Email: enquiries@oesc.com.au  
Website: www.oesc.com.au

Public Schools Club Inc.

207 East Terrace, Adelaide SA 5000  
Reservations: 08 8340 4443  
Email: smithpsc@bigpond.com  
Website: www.publicschoolsclub.com.au

Royal Automobile Club of Victoria

501 Bourke Street, Melbourne VIC 3000  
Phone: 03 9944 8888 Fax: 03 9944 8299  
Email: cityclub@racv.com.au  
Website: www.racv.com.au

Ulladulla Guest House

39 Burrill St, Ulladulla NSW 2539  
Phone: 02 4455 1796 Fax: 02 4454 4660  
Reservations (Toll Free) 1800 700 905  
Email: ugh@guesthouse.com.au  
Website: www.guesthouse.com.au

United Service Club

183 Wickham Terrace, Brisbane QLD 4000  
Phone: 07 3831 4433 Fax: 07 3832 6307  
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  
Phone: 03 6324 3917 Fax: 03 6324 3915  
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

INTERNATIONAL

Royal Over-Seas League

Over-Seas House, Park Place,  
St James's Street, LONDON SW1A 1LR  
Phone: +44 20 7408 0214  
Fax: +44 20 7499 6738  
Email: info@rosl.org.uk  
Website: www.rosl.org.uk

The Union Club of British Columbia

805 Gordon Street, Victoria,  
British Columbia, CANADA, V8W1Z6  
Phone: +1 (250) 384-1151  
Email: info@unionclub.com  
Website: www.unionclub.com

Singapore Masonic Club

Freemasons' Hall, 23A Coleman Street  
SINGAPORE 179806  
Phone: +65 6337 2809 Fax: +65 6336 5806  
Email: admin@masonicclub.com  
Website: www.masonicclub.com

The Windsor Club

100 Quellerie Ave, 14th Floor, Windsor, Ontario  
CANADA N9A 6T3  
Phone: +1 519 258 1465 Fax: +1 519 258 1466  
Email: winclub@mnsi.net  
Website: www.windsorclub.com

**If you would like to visit a reciprocal club, it is important that you read the following instructions before contacting any reciprocal club:**

1. Contact the reciprocal clubs directly for a specific list of the services and rates offered at the proposed time of the your visit, and to find out if your Letter/Card of Introduction must be faxed to them prior to your arrival. Members desiring overnight accommodation at reciprocal clubs should request reservations in advance and should advise that they are members of NSW Masonic Club.
2. Ensure you take your NSW Masonic Club membership card whilst visiting a reciprocal club.
3. Obtain a Letter of Introduction: Please contact Administration to obtain a letter of introduction on phone 02 9284 1006 or email: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au



*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 wine vouchers will be sent out to members with an up coming 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 DIRECTORY

INTERNAL CLUBS

DINE & WINE CLUB

Regular events held throughout the year.

**Contact:** Joan Mackenzie  
**Phone:** 9979 1569

TOURING GROUP

Tours, day trips and inhouse events held throughout the year. New members welcome.

**Contact:** Margaret Neverley-Grant  
**Phone:** 9388 0419  
**Event:** Tuesday 4th December – High Tea in the Adam Room at 2pm  
**Meetings:** 1st Tuesday of the month - 11am

August 7th  
September 4th  
October 2nd  
November 20th - date moved due to Melbourne Cup Day

NSW MASONIC SUB BRANCH RSL

New members welcome.

**Contact:** John Moore  
**Phone:** 9758 7620  
**Meetings:** 3rd Monday of the month - 11am

August 20th  
September 17th  
October 15th

NSW MASONIC VETERANS ASSOCIATION

New members welcome.

**Contact:** Russell Robertson  
**Phone:** 9876 1159  
**Meetings:** 4th Monday of the month - 11.30am

August 27th  
September 24th  
October 22nd

THE CASTLEREAGH PROBUS CLUB

Meetings and activities held throughout the year.

**Contact:** Linde Jobling  
**Phone:** 9818 5523  
**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of the month - 10am

August 13th  
September 10th  
October 8th

SOLO GROUP

If you want a fun day out with great company each Thursday, why not join the Solo Players at the Masonic Club.

If you would like to renew your interest in Solo, come along & we will help you. Both male & female players are welcome.

**Contact:** Moira McGovern  
**Phone:** 9797 8369  
**Meetings:** Every Thursday - 10.30am

SYDNEY BIRTHDAY CLUB

Monthly meetings, lunch and networking. Gentlemen only.

**Contact:** Peter Shilton  
**Phone:** 9328 1493, 0419 013 483  
**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 12noon  
August 9th  
September 13th  
October 11th

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY

As a major service club, The Rotary Club of Sydney is actively engaged in the raising of funds for worthwhile community causes.

**Phone:** 9231 7557  
**Website:** www.sydneyrotary.com  
**Meetings:** Every Tuesday in the Grand Dining Room at 12.30pm

SYDNEY LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Sydney welcomes visitors to attend our lunchtime meetings that are held each month at the NSW Masonic Club.

We hope that guests will consider becoming Lions once they experience the satisfaction of serving the community while making new friends and having fun together.

**Contact:** David Pell  
**Email:** dgpell@bigpond.com  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Adam Room

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

Monthly meetings with guest speakers and special event luncheons held throughout the year.

**Contact:** Barbara Jones  
**Email:** rcsnsw.bj@gmail.com  
**Meetings:** 3rd Thursday of the month in the Adam Room

SYDNEY '76 IONIANS

Monthly meetings with guest speakers and special events held throughout the year.

**Email:** sydney76sec@hotmail.com  
**Meetings:** 4th Wednesday of the month, morning tea on level 2 at 10am followed by meeting at 10.30am and lunch in the Grand Dining Room.



2012 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS

**1ST PRIZE** - Mrs Haneford  
**2ND PRIZE** - Mrs Y Muriel  
**3RD PRIZE** - Mr/s Walkey

FOOD & BEVERAGE DISCOUNT

Club Members are entitled to an individual discount of 10% off Food & Beverage purchased within the Club.

Conditions:

- The discount applies to a Member & their accompanying spouse or partner.
- The discount does not apply to group or function bookings.

The discount does not apply to functions where a special Members rate applies.

PREFERRED PARTNERS

DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

**5%-10% Hyde Park Jewellery**  
169A Castlereagh St, Sydney

15% Hairstyling For Men

David Jones Men's Department  
1st Floor, 65-77 Market St, Sydney

PARKING

Discounted parking vouchers for the Hilton Secure Carpark are on sale at the hotel reception desk.

Collect a parking ticket from the machine upon entry to the carpark. Purchase a prepaid Secure Parking voucher from hotel reception prior to exiting. Submit prepaid voucher and parking ticket on departure from the carpark.

*Hourly Rate/s - vouchers not available - only available from Secure Parking*

**Late checkout penalties do apply.**

HILTON SECURE CARPARK - 24 hours

259 Pitt Street, Sydney CBD

**Access:** Turn left into the Hilton Hotel entrance from Pitt Street – access via the 2nd driveway Secure Parking.

Rates

**\$50.00 Voucher**  
Mon - Fri

**Day Voucher**  
**Single entry / exit**  
*Valid for entry after 9am, vouchers expire at 9 am the following day. NOT 24 hours from the time of entry.*

**\$20.00 Voucher**  
Mon - Fri

**Evening/Overnight Rate**  
**Single entry / exit**  
*Valid for entry after 6pm exit by 9am the following day*

**\$25.00 Voucher**  
Sat - Sun

**Weekends**  
**Single entry / exit**  
*Valid for entry after 9am exit by 9am the following morning.*

The discounted parking options are offered by the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel to all guests as a service, however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the guests to ensure that they adhere to the entry/exit conditions that apply. This information is correct at the time of print and subject to change.

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.*



# HIGH TEA



## INAUGURAL MEMBERS HIGH TEA 29TH AUGUST - BOOK NOW!

### The grand tradition of HIGH TEA returns to Club

Recent changes to the kitchen team have seen our kitchens roar back into their former culinary life, under the talented & awarded eye of our new Head Chef, Gavin Berrecloth and his team.

To further compliment this offering, Joel Roche has also joined the team to bring his amazing French pastry skills for us to share.

Daily delights are now hand made in our kitchens, and are showcased with HIGH TEA, served by our long standing

Maitre d, Jaime & his floor team.

**Wednesday to Friday from Noon – 3:30pm**  
**HIGH TEA will be served in the**  
**GRAND DINING Room on Level 4**  
**\$35.00 per guest**

#### ACT I

*A selection of Fine Teas from Whittard of Chelsea &  
Douwe Egbert Coffee*

#### Act II

*Finger Sandwiches*

#### Act III

*Chef's Savoury Selection*

#### ACT IV

*Pastry Selection*

PLEASE CONTACT RITA on 9284 1006 for Bookings or further details  
Or visit our website [www.thecastlereagh.com.au](http://www.thecastlereagh.com.au) for further details,  
menu's or to sign up to our email newsletter.

## CLUB'S PASTRY KITCHEN



### *The old pastry kitchen is new again !*

It is great excitement that we bring back fresh pastry production to the kitchens of the Club & Hotel.

As part of the exciting new changes within our kitchens that have been taking place, we are now very pleased to welcome Joel Roche, Patisser on board. Not for many years has the club produced its own personalised pastry within our own kitchens. In 6 short weeks, word has quickly spread - not only is there an amazing new range of pastry and cake being sold within the club, but the exclusive new range on offer have everyone's taste buds dancing !

A wide selection of daily changing french pastries and cakes are on offer in the Level 2 Lounge each day. These include delicate pear & raspberry tarts, lemon meringues, bread & butter pudding, mouth watering black forest cake and profiteroles to name a few. These are complimenting the exciting new fresh sandwich offerings and tasty new menu being produced by the greater kitchen team. If you have not had the winter beef pot pie yet, you are in for a real treat. So well received have the sweets in the cake stand been received, that members have resorted to taking home something different for desert ! - one even bought a dozen to serve as desert at their recent dinner party !

Joel, who trained in France, where his traditional skill and technique were mastered in Nice, has also worked extensively in the US and for the past 5 years here in Australia, most recently within the corporate kitchens of Westpac. Joel and his team are part of the new changing of the guard in your club's kitchen, that have lead to great menu improvements to the food offering across the clubs venue's. If you have not already, make sure you make a beeline for the Level 2 lounge for Coffee and Cake or a meal finished with a delectable desert or book in for petit treats with High Tea on Level 4.

