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NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB MAGAZINE

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Cover Photo: Artist Impression of 161 Castlereagh Street - Grocon Development



Do we have your e-mail address?

About one third of members have supplied an e-mail address which provides an easy and effective way for the Club to keep you informed of activities.

If you have not already done so please email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au and ask us to add you to the e-mail list.

Survey of Members

The Club is preparing a survey questionnaire which will be sent to all members shortly. The aim of the survey is to obtain the views of members on many issues concerning the Club. These views will assist the Board in its strategic planning.

You will receive a copy of the questionnaire in the mail and it will also be available to complete on-line.

We urge you to take the time to complete the questionnaire (about 15 minutes), so that we obtain the views of as wide a range of members as possible.

There will be prizes for some lucky members!!



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members,

In my last report I referred to the development to the immediate north and west of our premises I told you that the Board would use its best endeavours to protect the Club's best interests and the comfort and convenience of our members, their guests and hotel guests.

Since December last we have been in negotiations with the Grocon Group of Companies about a Neighbourhood Deed encompassing this and other pertinent matters. Finally, on 30 July after seven and a half months of hard work, the Deed was signed. One of the terms involved a structural engineer of our choosing to make regular inspections of the work and not at our expense. Another important term involves sensitive electronic monitors being installed in our premises to check and report on the noise and vibration.

The demolition phase is complete and as I write this, excavation is well under way. I acknowledge gratefully the support I have received from the Vice President, our General Manager and the Board as a whole.

The General Manager and I have in recent weeks, accepted invitations to attend social events conducted by other CBD clubs. In like fashion, our President's Dinner, conducted on 4 September provided our Club with an opportunity to welcome official guests, to thank those who have assisted the Club over the past year and to return hospitality. The event went smoothly and was a great credit to the management and staff.

On 1 September the Board entertained members of the staff for morning tea. The occasion was to celebrate the continuing contribution made by those members giving service to the Club for periods ranging from 10-38 years. Such an event says much for the mutual respect and loyalty between the Board and management on one side and the staff on the other. Appropriate presentations were made.

This edition of the magazine contains the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2010. I am pleased to report that as a result of the efforts of many, but principally the General Manager, the Club traded profitably at a time when many clubs are, unfortunately, closing or amalgamating because of financial difficulties. Your Board will continue to pursue a policy of fiscal responsibility to ensure that we remain strong and stable.

This magazine also contains a notice about our Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday, 22 November at 1.00pm in Cellos Restaurant. At this meeting important decisions about our Club will be made and I invite you to be present to vote.

There is published in this magazine a letter from Mr Ken Gulline, a Club member. It relates to the Reagh Bar on our Ground Floor and it is published and slightly amended with his consent. I urge you to read it carefully.

Finally, might I suggest that you make a point of using our facilities on every possible occasion.

I complete this report by thanking the Board, the General Manager and the staff for their continued support.

Graham L. Berry - **President**



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Hello Members and welcome to the October edition of our quarterly

Members magazine for 2010. There are a number of points of interest in this magazine that I would like to highlight and that I hope you find interesting in this edition. Firstly I will review the last twelve months trading results, I will then provide you with an update of the new and exciting Grocon Development at 161 Castlereagh Street (adjacent to the Club) and detail a very special presentation conducted in the Board room on September 1.

FINANCIAL YEAR ANALYSIS 2009 / 2010

We were fortunate this year that our trading outcome returned to a very position this year based on a "one off" sale of our Heritage Floor space to Grocon Pty Ltd and better operating conditions seen in our hotel operations. This is in stark contrast to the previous years negative result and a profit for the financial year just concluded is posted at \$773,711 The improved operating profit was derived from the "one off" sale of Heritage Floor Space of \$1,052,896 see further details of our new development below.

161 CASTLEREAGH STREET GROCON SITE LAUNCH - AUGUST 25

A ground breaking ceremony was conducted at 161 Castlereagh Street with Managing Director Daniel Grollo from Grocon Pty Ltd, John Morshel Chairman of the ANZ Bank, Gavin Bell from Freehills Lawyers, Ian Mackie from the La Salle Group and Michael Cameron from GPT Office Fund.

The ANZ Bank along with Freehills Lawyers will both be the major tenants here in this landmark building it is scheduled for completion in mid 2013. There were a number of guests in attendance on the day and Graham Berry, Club President, and I were invited to represent the NSW Masonic Club at this ground breaking ceremony.

This forty three level premium office tower of 54,000 sqm is ninety per cent leased and will be occupied in 2013. Please see a broader outline of 161 Castlereagh Street featured below where there are a number of striking images of this dynamic building.

LONG SERVING EMPLOYEES CEREMONY - SEPTEMBER 1

There was an official ceremony conducted on Wednesday October in the Board room on Level 1 that recognised the numerous long serving employees of this Club. These valued employees were served tea, coffee and cake by the Directors prior to a number of official presentations. Their collective years

of service number approximately 263 a marvellous achievement for these valued, committed employees. Please see in greater detail the feature on page 5 of this magazine.

THE YEAR AHEAD

This upcoming year will be contested fiercely by all our competitors in the central business district of Sydney, "as usual". The Club industry has been under severe pressure from all directions for some years and that will continue and is within the confines of the city of Sydney. A determined focus on our core business activities will be our business strategy during the upcoming year. It will not be easy, but a positive outcome is expected, and achievable. My personal thanks are extended to our current Board of Directors who have been supportive in all the initiatives undertaken during the year just completed. I would like to also thank our loyal Members and hotel Guests, your continued support it is noted, welcomed and appreciated, thank you.

Warren Lewis

General Manager
NSWMC & Castlereagh Boutique Hotel

Footnote: NSW Masonic Club Annual General Meeting – November 22 @ 1.00pm on Level 4, Cellos Restaurant.

OFFICIALS & COMMITTEES

Patron

MW Bro AR (Tony) Lauer, APM, JP

President

Graham L. Berry

Vice President

Frank M. Deane

Honorary Treasurer

Stephen G. Bates

Directors

John W. Barron

Graham W. Byrne

James G. Henningham

John J. Moore

Steve C. Wearne

Peter Zeilic

General Manager

Warren Lewis

OFFICIALS & COMMITTEES

House, Supply & Staff

Frank M. Deane (Convenor)

John W. Barron

James G. Henningham

John J. Moore

Finance

Graham W. Byrne (Convenor)

Stephen G. Bates

Steve C. Wearne

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"161 Castlereagh Street is the newest premium grade office tower that seamlessly redefines the Sydney skyline and sets an unrivalled benchmark in premium office accommodation."

(Top L to R): 163 Castlereagh Street Frontage; Piazza from North; Looking North from Castlereagh Street (Above L to R): Ground Breaking ceremony August 25, Michael Cameron (Chairman GPT Fund), Daniel Grollo (Grocon Chief Executive), Ian Mackie (CIO La Salle), Gavin Bell (CEO Freehills) & John Morshel (ANZ Chairman); Daniel Grollo (Grocon Chief Executive); Graham Berry (NSWMC President) & Warren Lewis (NSWMC GM)

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2011 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Membership subscriptions are now due for renewal by 31/12/10. Please fill in your membership details on the form below and forward it promptly to the Club with cheque or credit card payment.

IMPORTANT: if your card has a due date of 2011 or beyond, your membership for 2011 has already been paid and is not due for renewal.

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS !

Membership renewals can also be made by visiting the club website. For online renewals you will need to provide your name, membership number, a daytime contact telephone, a valid email address and valid credit card details.

www.nswmasonicclub.com.au

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

Please complete this section and return with payment. Your number and membership type can be found on your card.

Full Name:

Due Date	Member Number	Member Type	Amount Due
31/12/10			
Masonic (lodge member)		Type 1	\$40.00
Masonic (unattached)		Type 2	\$50.00
Associate		Type 3	\$50.00

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT DETAILS

Cardholder Name:

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Return this form and your payment to:

PO Box A1160, Sydney South NSW 1235
Ph 02 9284 1000 Fax 02 9284 1999



TOUR OF VIETNAM & CAMBODIA

R.W. BRO Peter Court PJGW invites you to join him on a 21 day tour of Vietnam and Cambodia in January 2011.

Cost: \$5,150 pp - Includes airfares, boat fares, transport, gratuities. Entry and departure taxes, accommodation, transport and most meals.

For further details please ring (ph) 9284 2854 or (m) 0423 707 383



November 11 is a day we remember

A special Remembrance Day event will be held at the New South Wales Masonic Club including a Remembrance Ceremony followed by dinner.

Date: 11/11/10

Service to start 6pm

Pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner.

Ticket: \$75

In attendance and laying a wreath will be:

MW Bro Tony Lauer Patron of the NSW Masonic Club together with RW Graham Berry (President).

RW Bro Derek Robson AM will be program master and guest speaker.

W Bro Sam Young piper and VW Bro Ian Cox bugler.

RW Bro Major General Ray Sharp to lay wreath together with RW Bro Kevin McGlinn Grand Secretary.

RW Bro Derek Robson AM to lay wreath for National RSL with Bro Doug Grigg president of FMA.

For more information and bookings please contact:

Dr Yvonne McIntyre on 02 9284 2844
or email yvonnem@freemasonsnsnswact.org.au



LONG SERVING STAFF MEMBERS FUNCTION



A Long Serving Employees Ceremony was held on September 1st to honour the following employees for their service to the Club.

Photos: (L to R from top of page)

Group photo of Staff Members

Virginia Hodge 10 years,
Joined 2000 - Painter & Decorator

Paula Yan Ling He 10 years,
Joined 2000 - Housekeeping

Mary Ming Yu Shi 12 years,
Joined 1998 - Housekeeping

Maree Waterhouse 13 years,
Joined 1997 - Front Office

Lilia Garcia 13 years,
Joined 1997 - Accounts/Payroll

Gail Carroll 14 years,
Joined 1996 - Lounge Staff

Rita Surio 18 years,
Joined 1992 - Administration

Martin Setiawan 18 years,
Joined 1992 - Cellarman/Lounge Staff

Jenny Gonzales 20 years,
Joined 1990 - Lounge Staff

Luis Visconti 20 years,
Joined 1990 - Maintenance

William Chen 20 years,
Joined 1990 - Front Office

Louise Watts 21 years,
Joined 1989 - Breakfast

Georgina Likouresis 26 years,
Joined 1984 - Housekeeper

Bob Patterson 33 years,
Joined 1977 - Front Office

Sophie O'Keefe 38 years,
Joined 1972 - Front Office



NEW MEMBERS

March 2010 - September 2010

Mr H. Affolter, Teacher/Consultant
Mr T. Allan
Mr M. Alves, University Lecturer
Mr D. Beale, Engineer
Mr P. Benson, Management Consultant
Mr M. Blenkins, Executive Teacher
Mrs Y. Boettcher, Retired Secretary
Mrs J. Bourke, Retired
Mr W. Breese, Porter
Dr R. Brittain, Scientist/Lawyer
Dr M. Champion, Medical Practitioner
Mr R. Carswell, Security Officer
Mr M. Cherrie, Sales Professional
Mr I. Coleman, Retired
Mrs P. Coombs, Retired
Mr T. Cripps, Entertainer
Mr T. Crow, Musician
Mr M. Cupri, Retired
Mr J. D'Souza, Retired
Mr M. Dalton, Rtd Cmwealth Public Servant
Mrs N. Dart, Retired
Mr JRS Davis JP, Soldier
Mr A. de Carne, Media Analyst
Mr P. Dunn, Chartered Accountant
Mrs R. Ellis, Retired Publican
Ms C. Farlow, Retired Trained Nurse
Mr G. Farrar, Industrial Advocate
Mrs M. Filmer, Retired Grazier & Nurse
Prof A. Fish, Professor
Mr J. Fisher, Co Director
Ms J. Forrester, Media Consultation
Mr C. Goldsmith, Director
Mrs N. Goudie, Retired
Mr L. Greenwood, Company Director
Mr R. Hardwick, Law Clerk
Mr J. Hatfield, Network Engineer
Mr C. Higgs
Mr T. Hogan, Airline Crew
Mrs M. Howard, Administration
Mr G. Johnson, Accountant
Ms T. Joscelyne, Retired
Mr S. Kerlander, Public Servant
Mr G. Landel, Guard/Concierge
Mr J. Lee, Business Intelligence Consult
Mr E. Leggett, Retired
Mrs C. Leigo, Senior Teacher
Mr R. Lesslie, Retired Funds Mgr
Mrs T. Malpass, Biochemist (Retired)
Mr T. Marks, Audio Engineer
Mr D. Martin, Retired
Mr D. McCarty, Manager/Government
Mr J. McCreanor, Accountant
Mrs J. McDonald, Remedial Message Therapist
Mr R. McMeeking, Retired
Mr R. Mense, Manufacturer
Ms I. Merrells
Mr A. Muir, Retired
Mr B. Murray, Retired
Mr D. Najjar, Teacher of Design
Mrs M. Noble, Retied
Miss F. Ong, Student
Mr R. Phillips, Chartered Accountant
Miss S. Pointon, Museum Registrar
Mr M. Pountney, Communication Advisor
Mr A. Raysmith, Jeweller
Mr J. Richardson, Retired Bank Manager
Mr P. Robertson, Salesman
Mr T. Ross, Teacher
Maj Gnr R.J Sharp, Retired Major General
Mrs C. Slattery, Retired
Mr D. Slattery, Farm Manager
Mr N. Slayton, Public Servant

CELLO’S CHRISTMAS MENU

Canapé on arrival

Entrée

Roasted pinenuts coated chicken fillet on fragrant jasmine rice,
mango chilli salsa (mild)

or

King prawns salad on wild rocket, Roma tomatoes, desiree potatoes,
finished with refreshing raspberry vinaigrette.

Main Course

Roast Christmas turkey and ham with roast vegetables, steamed
greens, cranberry sauce and rosemary jus

or

Grilled Tasmanian Salmon fillet on creamy potato mash, steamed
broccolini topped with roasted almond - lemon butter.

Dessert

Warm Christmas pudding topped with Brandy Anglaise, fresh
whipped cream and vanilla bean ice cream

or

Chocolate wrapped individual mud cake with chantilly cream &
strawberry garnish

Freshly brewed coffee or tea

COST

Member	Non Member
2 course \$45.00	2 course \$50
3 course \$50.00	3 course \$55

Available for bookings under 20 people only
Pre ordered set menu for bookings over 20 people

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS & EVENTS



Photographs from the Scottish Day Luncheon and Christmas in July

Top Row: (L-R) Cello's staff Jamie, Ana & Patricio ; Touring Group members enjoying Christmas in July lunch ; Elizabeth Munro (the head of the Scottish dancers) at the Scottish Day Luncheon
Bottom Row: (L-R) Pat Watts & Thelma Hedger ; Dorothy McCormack (foreground) & Club Members enjoy the Christmas in July Luncheon ; Albert Ross

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 118th Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Masonic Club will be held in the fourth floor Dining Room on Monday 22nd November 2010 at 1:00pm.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Item No 1

Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd November 2009.

Item No 2

To receive and consider the Report of Directors, the Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 30th June 2010 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

Item No 3

Members will be asked to consider and if thought fit, pass the following Special Resolution and Ordinary Resolutions.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

That the constitution of the Club be amended as follows:

(i) By deleting from Article 39(d) the words and figure "six (6) consecutive years" and inserting in lieu "eight (8) consecutive years".

(ii) By deleting from that article the words and figure "six (6) years" and inserting in lieu "eight (8) years"

FIRST ORDINARY RESOLUTION

This Annual General Meeting approves of the Board negotiating for and entering into leases for up to ten (10) years (inclusive of an option for renewal) in respect of each of the following, being part of the premises of the Club:

- (i) The third (3rd) floor or part thereof
- (ii) That part of the ground floor known as 169 A Castlereagh Street Sydney
- (ii) That part of the ground floor known as 171 A Castlereagh Street Sydney

SECOND ORDINARY RESOLUTION

Pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act the Members hereby approve and agree to the expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$45,000, together with GST, until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club for the following activities of Directors:

- (i) The reasonable cost of a meal and beverages for each Director immediately before or immediately after a Board or Committee meeting on the day of that meeting when that meeting corresponds with a normal meeting;
- (ii) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in travelling to and from Directors meetings or other duly constituted committee meetings approved by the Board from time to time on production of invoices, receipts or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure;
- (iii) Reasonable travel, accommodation and other out of pocket expenses incurred by Directors in relation to such other duties including attendances at official functions on behalf of the Club in New South Wales and interstate, entertainment of special guests of the Club and promotional activities performed by Directors providing all such activities and expenses relating thereto are approved by the board on production of receipts, invoices or other proper documentary evidence;
- (iv) An annual President's Dinner with the persons in attendance to comprise the Directors and their partners and other persons (with their partners) as chosen by the President;
- (v) An annual Board Ladies Dinner in appreciation of their support.

THIRD ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act the

members hereby approve and agree to the expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$9,000, together with GST, for the professional development and education of Directors until the next Annual General meeting and being:

- (i) The reasonable cost of Directors attending the Registered Clubs Association's Annual General Meeting;
- (ii) The reasonable cost of Directors attending seminars, lectures, trade displays and other similar events as may be determined by the Board from time to time;
- (iii) The reasonable cost of Directors attending other registered clubs for the purpose of viewing and assessing their facilities and methods of operation provided such attendances are approved by the Board as being necessary for the betterment of the Club.

FOURTH ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act the members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club of the following benefits for Members:

- (i) That the President be allowed to order food and beverages in the Club at a cost of \$8000.
- (ii) (a) That the Convenor (Chairman) of each of the House Supply & Staff Committee and the Finance Committee be allowed to order food and beverages in the Club at a cost of \$4,500;
- (b) That the other Members of the Board be allowed to order food and beverages in the Club at a cost of \$4,500.
- (iii) That the allowances for food and beverages referred to earlier in this resolution shall include allowances for items consumed:
 - (a) on the day of and/or the day before and/ or the day after any of the events specified in the First Resolution where travelling arrangements and/or the duties of a Director make the consumption reasonable;
 - (b) on such other days when a Director is in attendance at the Club in the discharge of his/her duties and the consumption is approximate in time to those duties and reasonable.
- (iv) That the Members of the New South Wales Masonic Club Veterans Association be entitled each month to receive meals at such reduced price as may be determined by the Board from time to time, provided such meals are taken at a function organised in the Club for that Association;
- (v) That the Board of the Club make such donations as it considers fit to each of the duly constituted social and sporting sub-clubs within the Club having regard to the needs and expenditure of those sub-clubs and without being required to maintain equality of expenditure between such sub-clubs.

FIFTH ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act the members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club of the following benefits for members:

- (i) That the President be paid an Honorarium of \$15,000 until the next Annual General.
- (ii) (a) That the Convenor (Chairman) of the House Supply & Staff Committee and the Finance Committee be paid an Honorarium of \$6000 until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club;
- (b) That in the event that the Honorary Treasurer is not also Convenor (Chairman)

of the Finance Committee he / she be paid an Honorarium of \$4000 until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

- (iii) That each other Director be paid an Honorarium of \$3,000 until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club.

SIXTH ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act the Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club of the following benefits for Members:

- (i) That a room in the hotel be set aside for the exclusive use of the President as an office and for accommodation until the next Annual General Meeting of the Club;
- (ii) That free overnight accommodation be provided to those Directors whose normal place of residence lies outside a radius of sixty (60) kilometres from the Club on either the night before or after any of the following:
 - (a) A Board Meeting
 - (b) A Committee Meeting
 - (c) The President's Dinner
 - (d) The Board Ladies Night
 - (e) Such other occasion as the Board may determine is appropriate and reasonable

Notes for Members

The Special Resolution is self explanatory. It is designed to allow a President to hold office for (8) eight years consecutively. It is the view of the Board that the interests of the Club would be best served by continuity in representation of the Club in relation to the ongoing massive development to the immediate north and west of the Club's building and the protection of the Club's interests until November 2013. At this time it is anticipated that the work will have been completed. The first Ordinary Resolution if passed will authorise the Board to arrange for new tenants of the third floor and Shop 171A Castlereagh Street and a fresh lease for the present tenant of Shop 169 A Castlereagh Street. The leases may be for less than ten (10) years inclusive of an option for renewal.

The Remaining Resolutions are to approve various benefits for Directors and Members of duly constituted Social & Sporting Clubs within the Club which should be approved by the Members each year as they are not offered equally to all Members of the Club. Expenditure proposed in the resolution has been assessed having regard to sums approved at last years Annual General Meeting for these benefits.

PASSING OF RESOLUTIONS:

The Special Resolution requires a three quarters majority of Masonic and Life Members present and voting at the meeting. The Ordinary Resolutions require a simple majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

Item No 4

Meeting of the Club to transact any other business which may be brought forward before the meeting in conformity with the Club's Constitution.

By order of the Board
Warren Lewis – General Manager

Dated: 7th October 2010

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DIRECTORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

Your directors present their report on the New South Wales Masonic Club (the "Club") for the financial year ended 30 June 2010.

The names and qualifications of the directors in office at any time during, or since the end of, the year are:

Graham Leonard Berry

Elected to the Board in 2001.

Vice President in 2003. Acting President from 6 October 2004.

President since 28 November 2005.

Occupation: Practised as a Solicitor in Sydney from 1960 to 2005. Retired.

Stephen George Bates, B.Bus, CA.

Elected to the Board in 1996.

Occupation: Director, Watson Erskine & Co Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants.

Special Responsibilities: Treasurer; Member, Finance Committee.

John William Barron

Elected to the Board on 3 August 2005.

Occupation: Property Consultant.

Special Responsibilities: Member, House, Supply and Staff Committee.

Graham William Byrne

Elected to the Board on 26 November 2007.

Occupation: Management Consultant.

Special Responsibilities: Convenor, Finance Committee.

Frank Mervyn Deane DipLaw

Elected to the Board on 26 November 2007.

Occupation: Retired Solicitor.

Special Responsibilities: Vice President; Convenor, House Supply and Staff Committee.

Ross Jordan Delaney

Elected to the Board on 1 August 2008. Term as director ended on 23 November 2009.

Occupation: Teacher/Education Administrator.

Special Responsibilities: Member, Finance Committee.

John Joseph Moore

Elected to the Board on 2 July 2008.

Occupation: Public Relations Consultant & Authorised Marriage Celebrant.

Special Responsibilities: Member, House Supply and Staff Committee.

Stephen Caldwell Wearne FCA

Elected to the Board on 2 March 2005.

Occupation: Director, Boroughs Australia Pty Ltd, Chartered Accountants.

Special Responsibilities: Member, Finance Committee.

James Grant Henningham B.Ec (Hons)

Elected to the Board on 1 July 2009.

Occupation: Consultant.

Special Responsibilities: Member, House Supply and Staff Committee.

Peter Zeilic

Elected to the Board on 23 November 2009.

Occupation: Architect.

Special Responsibilities: Member, Finance Committee.

Directors have been in office since the start of

the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, each of the Board of Directors, the House, Supply and Staff Committee and the Finance Committee met on twelve occasions and the Strategic Planning Committee once. The number of meetings attended by each director during the year out of the total number possible were:

	Board	Committees
GL Berry	12/12	25/25
SG Bates	10/12	11/12
SC Wearne	11/12	12/12
JW Barron	7/12	9/12
FM Deane	12/12	13/13
GW Byrne	12/12	12/12
JJ Moore	12/12	9/12
JG Henningham	11/12	10/12
P Zeilic <i>(elected 23 November 2009)</i>	6/7	6/7
RJ Delaney <i>(term ended 23 November 2009)</i>	4/5	5/5

Company Secretary

Mr Stephen George Bates, director, also held the position of company secretary throughout the year.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Club during the year were to operate a boutique hotel, and to provide Members with amenities and facilities usually associated with a Licensed Social Club. No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Operating Results

The profit for the year amounted to \$773,711 (2009 loss \$243,083) after allowing for income tax expense of \$307,961 (2009 benefit \$23,287). The result was significantly impacted by the gain on sale of heritage floor space amounting to \$737,027 after allowing for income tax expense.

Review of Operations

Despite increasing competition across the industry during the year the Club achieved a substantial increase in occupancy rates. This was partially offset by lower average room rates and resulted in an improvement in the contribution made by the accommodation segment to the

Club's overall results. The contribution achieved from all of the Club's operational areas was \$196,000 higher than the previous year. Whilst investment and other revenue was \$39,000 lower than the previous year, cost reductions of \$138,000 enabled the Club to improve its operating profit before tax and one-off items by \$295,000 compared to the previous year.

After Balance Date Events

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affected or may affect the operations of the Club, the result of those operations, or the state of affairs of the Club in future financial years.

Future Developments

The need to maintain the 4 star rating and keep pace with our competitors will necessitate ongoing material capital expenditure on the hotel. Other potential issues concerning the operations of the Club and the consequent financial impact in future years, have not been included in this report, as such information would potentially result in unreasonable prejudice against the Club.

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

Other than matters referred to elsewhere in this report, there were no significant changes in the state of affairs of the Club during the year.

Environmental Issues

The Club's operations are not regulated by any significant environmental regulation under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory.

Proceedings on behalf of the Club

No person has applied for leave of Court to bring proceedings on behalf of the Club or intervene in any proceedings to which the Club is a party for the purpose of taking responsibility on behalf of the Club for all or any part of those proceedings.

The Club was not a party to any such proceedings during the year.

Indemnifying Officer or Auditor

The Club has not, during or since the end of the financial year, in respect of any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the Club or a related body corporate:

- Indemnified or made any relevant agreement for indemnifying against a liability incurred as an officer, including costs and expenses in successfully defending legal proceedings; or
- paid or agreed to pay a premium in respect of a contract insuring against a liability incurred as an officer for the costs or expenses to defend legal proceedings;

with the exception of the following matter:-

During or since the end of the financial year the Club has paid premiums to insure all directors and officers against liabilities for costs and expenses incurred by them in defending any legal proceedings arising out of their conduct while acting in the capacity of officer of the Club, other than conduct involving a wilful breach of duty in relation to the Club.

Membership

At 30 June 2010 total members numbered 2,587, comprising 977 Mason Members, 1,584 Associate Members and 26 Honorary Members.

Core Property

The Core Property of the Club as at 30 June 2010 was the property known as 169-171 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

As at that date the Non-Core Property of the Club was nil.

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration as required under s 307C of the Corporations Act 2001 is set out below.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors:

GRAHAM L BERRY
(President)

STEPHEN G BATES
(Treasurer & Director)

Dated: 6th day of October 2010

AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE
CORPORATIONS ACT 2001
TO THE DIRECTORS OF
NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2010, there have been:

- no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

MEAGHER, HOWARD & WRIGHT
Ken Wright

Date: 6th day of October 2010

Suite 505, Level 5
55 Grafton St
BONDI JUNCTION NSW 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday 2nd November

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!

MENU

Fresh prawns on organic tomato and wild rocket salad, dressed with fine raspberry vinaigrette

Corn fed chicken breast served on roasted sweet potato mash, steamed asparagus finished with thyme & mustard jus

Lemon meringue tartlet, served on wild berry coulis, chantilly cream and mango gelato



Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$60 Non-member \$65

Tickets must be pre-paid. Phone Rita Surio 9284 1006

REMEMBRANCE DAY DINNER

Thursday 11th November

Pre dinner drinks followed by dinner

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: Service to start 6pm

Price: \$75 pp (members & non-members)

Information & Bookings - contact Dr Yvonne McIntyre on 9284 2844 or email yvonnem@freemasonsnswnact.org.au

MEMBERS & ASSOCIATES CHRISTMAS LUNCH

1st Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 1st December

2nd Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 8th December

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

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$60 Non-member \$65

Tickets must be pre-paid. Phone Rita Surio 9284 1006

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Saturday 25th December

4 course Traditional Christmas Lunch inclusive of a 3 hour drinks package



MENU

Fresh Prawns on creamy potato and avocado salad, dressed with refreshing raspberry and lime Vinaigrette

Lemon sorbet

Roast Christmas turkey and ham with roast vegetables, steamed greens, cranberry sauce and rosemary jus.

Warm Christmas pudding topped with fine brandy custard, chantilly cream and Vanilla bean ice cream

Freshly brewed coffee or tea

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$105 Non-member \$115

Tickets must be pre-paid. Phone Rita Surio 9284 1006

SEPARATE INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010			
	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Revenue	2	3,320,614	3,496,612
Other income	2	1,052,896	-
Changes in inventories		(6,178)	13,073
Raw materials and consumables used		(457,033)	(404,189)
Employment benefits expense		(1,624,026)	(1,673,808)
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment		(294,038)	(295,200)
Occupancy expense		(453,880)	(519,670)
Other expenses		(456,683)	(883,188)
Profit/(loss) before income tax expense		1,081,672	(266,370)
Income tax (expense)/benefit	4	(307,961)	23,287
Profit/(loss) for the year		<u>773,711</u>	<u>(243,083)</u>
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010			
Profit/(loss) for the year		<u>773,711</u>	<u>(243,083)</u>
Other comprehensive income: Net gain/(loss) on revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets	2	<u>17,033</u>	<u>(36,178)</u>
Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax		<u>17,033</u>	<u>(36,178)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year		<u>790,744</u>	<u>(279,261)</u>
Total comprehensive income attributable to: Members of the Club		<u>790,744</u>	<u>(279,261)</u>
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2010			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	5	403,733	138,526
Trade and other receivables	6	94,935	100,758
Financial assets	7	1,728,600	621,675
Inventories	8	35,991	42,171
Other assets	9	45,691	81,671
Deferred tax assets	12	<u>29,181</u>	<u>38,892</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,338,131</u>	<u>1,023,693</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	7	527,300	489,324
Property, plant and equipment	10	18,253,065	18,488,938
Deferred tax assets	12	<u>-</u>	<u>21,721</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>18,780,365</u>	<u>18,999,983</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>21,118,496</u>	<u>20,023,676</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	11	440,994	429,595
Current tax liabilities	12	270,154	(18,950)
Short-term provisions	13	101,039	105,132
Other liabilities	14	<u>64,408</u>	<u>65,299</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>876,595</u>	<u>581,076</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liabilities	12	8,368	-
Long-term provisions	13	<u>79,108</u>	<u>78,919</u>
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>87,476</u>	<u>78,919</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>964,071</u>	<u>659,995</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>20,154,425</u>	<u>19,363,681</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY			
Reserves		14,008,791	13,991,758
Retained earnings		<u>6,145,634</u>	<u>5,371,923</u>
TOTAL MEMBERS' EQUITY		<u>20,154,425</u>	<u>19,363,681</u>

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010					
	Retained Earnings	Capital Reserve	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Financial Asset Reserve	Total
Balance as at 30 June 2008	5,615,006	266,492	13,701,466	124,580	19,707,544
Profits/(Losses) attributable to members	(243,083)	-	-	(64,602)	(307,685)
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	(36,178)	(36,178)
Balance as at 30 June 2009	5,371,923	266,492	13,701,466	23,800	19,363,681
Profits attributable to members	773,711	-	-	-	773,711
Total other comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	17,033	17,033
Balance as at 30 June 2010	6,145,634	266,492	13,701,466	40,833	20,154,425

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010			
	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from members and guests		3,514,936	3,378,187
Payments to suppliers and employees		(3,366,492)	(3,744,350)
Rent received		178,345	201,820
Dividends received		22,130	31,153
Interest received		28,482	82,201
Income tax refund/(paid)		<u>13,642</u>	<u>(36,572)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		<u>391,043</u>	<u>(87,561)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of Heritage Floor Space		1,068,953	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		(74,222)	(917,312)
Proceeds from sale of investments in listed securities		-	191,300
Purchase of investments in listed securities		(13,642)	(7,509)
Proceeds from/(funds invested in) term deposits		<u>(1,106,925)</u>	<u>448,325</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		<u>(125,836)</u>	<u>(285,196)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
Repayments of borrowings		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash held		265,207	(372,757)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the financial year		<u>138,526</u>	<u>511,283</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the financial year	5	<u>403,733</u>	<u>138,526</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010	
These financial statements and notes represent those of the New South Wales Masonic Club (the “Club”).	
NOTE 1: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES	
Basis of Preparation	
The Club has elected to early adopt the pronouncements AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements for the annual reporting period beginning 1 July 2009.	
The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board and the Corporations Act 2001.	
Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.	
The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.	
Accounting Policies	
(a) Income Tax	
The income tax expense (revenue) for the year comprises current income tax expense (income) and deferred tax expense (income).	
Current income tax expense charged to the profit or loss is the tax payable on taxable income calculated using applicable income tax rates enacted, or substantially enacted, as at the end of the reporting period. Current tax liabilities (assets) are therefore measured at the amounts expected to be paid to (recovered from) the relevant taxation authority.	
Deferred income tax expense reflects movements in deferred tax asset and deferred tax liability balances during the year as well as unused tax losses.	
Current and deferred income tax expense (income) is charged or credited outside the profit and loss when the tax relates to items that are recognised outside the profit and loss.	
Deferred tax assets and liabilities are ascertained based on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets also result where amounts have been fully expensed but future tax deductions are available. No deferred income tax will be recognised from the initial recognition of an asset or liability, excluding a business combination, where there is no effect on accounting or taxable profit or loss.	
Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated	
at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period. Their measurement also reflects the manner in which management expects to recover or settle the carrying amount of the related asset or liability.	
Deferred tax assets relating to temporary differences and unused tax losses are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the benefits of the deferred tax asset can be utilised.	
Current tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists and it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where a legally enforceable right of set-off exists, the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities, where it is intended that net settlement or simultaneous realisation and settlement of the respective asset and liability will occur in future periods in which significant amounts of deferred tax assets or liabilities are expected to be recovered or settled.	
(b) Inventories	
Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value.	
(c) Property, Plant and Equipment	
Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.	
Property	
Freehold land and buildings are shown at their fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction), based on periodic valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.	
Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to a revaluation surplus in other comprehensive income. Decreases that offset previous increases of the same asset are charged against revaluation surpluses directly in other comprehensive income; all other decreases are charged to the statement of comprehensive income.	
Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.	
Plant and Equipment	
Plant and equipment are measured on the cost basis less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.	
The carrying amount of plant and equipment is reviewed annually by directors to ensure it is not in excess of the recoverable amount from these assets. The recoverable amount is assessed on the basis of the expected net cash flows that will be received from the assets' employment and	
subsequent disposal. The expected net cash flows have been discounted to their present values in determining recoverable amounts.	
Repairs and maintenance are charged to the statement of comprehensive income during the financial period in which they are incurred.	
Depreciation	
The depreciable amount of all fixed assets including buildings and capitalised lease assets, but excluding freehold land, is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the asset's useful life to the Club commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use. Depreciation is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.	
The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:	
Class of Fixed Asset	Depreciation Rate
Buildings	1% – 2.5% PC
Plant & Equipment	6% PC – 40% DV
Leased Plant & Equipment	18 – 36% PC
The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.	
An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.	
Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.	
(d) Financial Instruments	
Initial Recognition and Measurement	
Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Club becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the Club commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted).	
Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transactions costs, except where the instrument is classified 'at fair value through profit or loss', in which case transaction costs are expensed to the statement of comprehensive income immediately.	
(i) Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	
Financial assets are classified at 'fair value through profit or loss' when they are either held for trading for the purpose of short term profit taking, derivatives not held for hedging purposes, or when they are designated as such to avoid an accounting mismatch or to enable performance evaluation where a group of financial assets is managed by key management personnel on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy. Such assets are subsequently measured at fair value with changes in carrying value being included in profit or loss.	

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

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	2010	2009
	\$	\$
NOTE 10: PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT CONT.		
(b) Plant and Equipment		
Plant, furniture and equipment – at cost	5,754,107	5,717,043
Accumulated depreciation	(3,867,265)	(3,644,302)
	<u>1,886,842</u>	<u>2,072,741</u>
Capital works in progress	<u>5,328</u>	<u>7,262</u>
Total plant and equipment	<u>1,892,170</u>	<u>2,080,003</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u>18,253,065</u>	<u>18,488,938</u>

Movements in carrying amounts

The movement in the carrying amounts for each class of property, plant and equipment between the beginning and the end of the current financial year:

	Freehold Land	Buildings	Plant and Equipment	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance as at 30 June 2008	9,500,000	6,980,135	1,386,691	17,866,826
Additions	-	-	917,312	917,312
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	(71,200)	(224,000)	(295,200)
Balance as at 30 June 2009	9,500,000	6,908,935	2,080,003	18,488,938
Additions	-	23,035	51,187	74,222
Disposals	-	-	(16,057)	(16,057)
Depreciation	-	(71,075)	(222,963)	(294,038)
Balance as at 30 June 2010	9,500,000	6,860,895	1,892,170	18,253,065

NOTE 11: TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Current

Unsecured liabilities:		
Trade payables	100,491	53,887
Sundry payables and accrued expenses	125,316	157,415
Employee benefits	<u>215,187</u>	<u>218,293</u>
	<u>440,994</u>	<u>429,595</u>

Financial liabilities at amortised cost classified as trade and other payables:

Trade and other payables		
Total current	440,994	429,595
Total non-current	-	-
Less employee leave entitlements	<u>(215,187)</u>	<u>(218,293)</u>
Financial liabilities as trade and other payables	<u>225,807</u>	<u>211,302</u>

Credit standby arrangements with banks

Credit facility	750,000	750,000
Amount utilised at balance date	-	-

Unused credit facility	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>
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The facility is a \$750,000 thirty three month variable rate bill discount facility. The bank holds a charge over the Club in relation to this facility.

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
NOTE 12: TAX Liabilities		
Current		
Income tax payable/(recoverable)	<u>270,154</u>	<u>(18,950)</u>
Non-Current		
Deferred tax liability comprises:		
Revaluation adjustments taken directly to equity	17,500	-
Provisions	<u>(9,132)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,368</u>	<u>-</u>

Assets

Deferred tax assets comprise:		
Provisions and accruals	29,181	48,002
Carried forward losses	-	3,429
Capital losses carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>9,182</u>
	<u>29,181</u>	<u>60,613</u>

Current	29,181	38,892
Non-current	<u>-</u>	<u>21,721</u>
	<u>29,181</u>	<u>60,613</u>

NOTE 13: PROVISIONS

	Long-term Employee Benefits	Audit Fees
	\$	\$
Opening balance at 1 July 2009	164,851	19,200
Additional provisions raised during the year	22,636	17,300
Amounts used	<u>(27,340)</u>	<u>(16,500)</u>
Unused amounts reversed during the year	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 30 June 2010	<u>160,147</u>	<u>20,000</u>

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Analysis of total provisions		
Current	101,039	105,132
Non-current	<u>79,108</u>	<u>78,919</u>
	<u>180,147</u>	<u>184,051</u>

A provision has been recognised for employee benefits relating to long service leave for employees. In calculating the present value of future cash flows in respect of long service leave, the probability of long service leave being taken is based upon the historical data. The measurement and recognition criteria for employee benefits have been included in Note 1(f).

NOTE 14: OTHER LIABILITIES

Current

Subscriptions received in advance	53,966	58,155
Advance booking deposits	<u>10,442</u>	<u>7,144</u>
	<u>64,408</u>	<u>65,299</u>

NOTE 15: RESERVES

(a) Capital Profits Reserve

The capital profits reserve records profits on sale of non-current assets.

(b) Revaluation Surplus

The revaluation surplus records revaluations of non-current assets.

(c) Financial Assets Reserve

The financial assets reserve records revaluation of financial assets.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

NOTE 16: CAPITAL AND LEASING COMMITMENTS

(a) Finance lease commitments

There are no commitments (2009 – nil).

(b) Operating lease commitments

There are no commitments (2009 – nil).

(c) Capital expenditure commitments

There were no capital expenditure commitments contracted for at the reporting date (2009 – nil).

NOTE 17: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following benefits were provided to directors and their guests under the terms of the Club's constitution:

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Meetings – food and beverages	11,129	9,571
Accommodation and travelling	1,756	7,944
Club entertainment and promotion	8,010	2,260
President's dinner	7,070	7,395
Board ladies night	1,359	892
Professional development	2,656	4,468
Food and beverage allowance - directors	14,675	20,627
Directors fees paid or payable to all		
Directors of the Club	<u>52,708</u>	<u>34,208</u>

	No.	No.
The number of directors whose income from the Club fell within the following band:		
\$0 - \$10,000	10	9

Related Party Transactions

No related party transactions occurred during the year.

NOTE 18: FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Club's financial instruments consist primarily of deposits with banks, local money market instruments, short-term investments, accounts receivable and payable, listed securities and leases.

Totals for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

Financial Assets

Cash and cash equivalents	403,733	138,526
Loans and receivables	1,823,535	722,435
Available-for-sale financial assets, at fair value:		
Listed investments	<u>527,300</u>	<u>489,324</u>
Total Financial Assets	<u>2,754,568</u>	<u>1,350,285</u>

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade and other payables	<u>225,807</u>	<u>211,302</u>
Total Financial Liabilities	<u>225,807</u>	<u>211,302</u>

NOTE 19: MEMBERS' GUARANTEE

The Club is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. If the Club is wound up, the memorandum of association states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$4 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the Club. At the reporting date the number of members was 2,587 (2009 – 2,751).

NOTE 20: SPECIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Registered Clubs Act (as amended) requires the Club to include the following information in its annual report to members in relation to the financial year:

- (i) Number of employee remuneration packages equal to or more than \$100,000:
Band:
\$170,000 and \$180,000 1
- (ii) Financial interest acquired in a hotel declared as required. Nil
- (iii) Purpose and details of overseas travel by a director, secretary or manager of the Club. Nil
- (iv) Total profits from gaming machines in the Club during the 12 month period ended 30 November in the financial year to which this report relates. \$84,427
- (v) Amount applied by the Club to community development and support during the 12 month period ended 30 November in the financial year to which this report relates. Nil
- (vi) Loans made to employees of the Club. Nil
- (vii) There was no contract approved under Section 41M of the Act which was entered into by the Club.
- (viii) No consultant to the Club was paid in excess of \$30,000.
- (ix) Total consultancy fees paid. Nil
- (x) There was no settlement made with a member of the governing body or employee as a result of a legal dispute.
- (xi) No legal fees were paid on behalf of a member of the governing body or an employee.
- (xii) There are no employees of the Club who are close relatives of a top executive as defined by Section 41B(1) of the Act.
- (xiii) The Core Property of the Club as at 30 June 2010 was the property known as 169-171 Castlereagh Street, Sydney. As at that date the Non-Core Property of the Club was nil.

DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

The directors of the New South Wales Masonic Club (the "Company") declare that:

- The financial statements and notes are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2010 and performance for the year ended on that date of the Company,
- in the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



GRAHAM L. BERRY
(President)



STEPHEN G. BATES
(Treasurer & Director)

Dated: 6th day of October 2010

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010						
	Note	2010	2009			
		\$	\$			
Income						
Trading profit		1,440,678	1,232,855			
Poker machine profit (excluding depreciation)		68,923	64,126			
Members subscriptions		112,256	106,315			
Donations		-	409			
Rent received		151,430	201,820			
Room hire		42,999	53,050			
Interest received		51,482	72,119			
Dividends received		22,130	31,153			
Sundry income		936	13,115			
Profit (loss) on sale of investments		-	(64,602)			
Profit (loss) on sale of plant and equipment		1,052,896	-			
		2,943,730	1,710,360			
Expenses						
Indirect trading expenses		265,648	305,271			
General overhead expenses		406,341	532,710			
Administration expenses		597,466	546,062			
Bad debts		-	5,259			
Auditors' remuneration						
Audit fees		9,822	16,500			
Accountancy, secretarial and taxation services		2,500	6,200			
Donations		5,500	273			
Social amenities and activities		56,350	80,598			
Directors and related persons' benefits	17	64,087	62,192			
Directors fees		52,708	34,208			
Depreciation						
Plant and equipment		222,963	207,469			
Building		71,075	71,200			
Rates and taxes		107,598	108,788			
		1,862,058	1,976,730			
Profit/(loss) before income tax		1,081,672	(266,370)			
Income tax (expense)/benefit	4	(307,961)	23,287			
Profit/(loss) after income tax		773,711	(243,083)			
TRADING ACCOUNT						
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010						
	ACCOM	REAGH	CELLOS	LOUNGE	TOTAL	TOTAL
		BAR		BAR	2010	2009
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME						
Sales	2,530,214	83,503	188,877	73,696	2,876,290	2,747,240
EXPENSES						
Cost of Sales	-	31,206	47,389	26,234	104,829	101,676
Gross Profit	2,530,214	52,297	141,488	47,462	2,771,461	2,645,564
Direct Labour Expenses	697,939	46,075	62,483	136,732	943,229	1,021,676
Direct expenses	362,451	327	23,946	830	387,554	391,033
	1,060,390	46,402	86,429	137,562	1,330,783	1,412,709
TRADING PROFIT (LOSS)	1,469,824	5,895	55,059	(90,100)	1,440,678	1,232,855

POKER MACHINE OPERATING ACCOUNT		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2010		
	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Net takings	63,092	80,091
Less direct expenses		
Depreciation/amortisation	5,536	16,531
Repairs and maintenance	1,595	6,000
Market Day prizes and raffles	(675)	(1,122)
Sundries	-	2,043
Transitional GST funding	(6,751)	(7,487)
	(295)	15,965
Trading profit	63,387	64,126

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

Abridged Version

We have audited the accompanying financial report of New South Wales Masonic Club (the "Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2010, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the directors' declaration of the Company at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, provided to the directors of New South Wales Masonic Club on 6 October 2010, would be in the same terms if provided to the directors as at the date of this auditor's report.

Auditor's Opinion


In our opinion the financial report of New South Wales Masonic Club is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, including:

- i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2010 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards - Reduced Disclosure Requirements (including the Australian Accounting Interpretations) as described in Note 1 and the Corporations Regulations 2001.


Name of Firm: Meagher Howard & Wright

Name of Partner: Ken Wright

Address: P O Box 653
Bondi Junction NSW 1355

Signed: 

Dated this 6th day of day of October 2010.



Friday Long Lunches

Cello's Restaurant Friday 12-3pm

Oct 29 Ian Bloxsom Jazz Trio

Nov 19 Elizabeth Geyer - Vocalist

Dec 10 Ian Bloxsom Jazz Trio

Regular Friday Artist

Ces Dorcey on piano

Excerpts of a Letter from Reagh Bar Patron Mr. Kenneth Gulline to the Club President:

Mr. Graham L. Berry
President NSW Masonic Club

Dear Mr. Berry,

Your letter did give me pause to consider the question of what are attractions of the Reagh Bar?

For my part, I still get the same sense of peace now that I had when I first patronised the Bar about ten years ago. The high ceiling and the quietly stated decor continue to provide a perfect haven from the noise and general hurly-burly of the city. This has become more noticeable with the seemingly incessant building projects near the Club premises. However, none of the pollution, noise or grime, intrudes into the Reagh Bar.

The gentle ambience is enhanced by photographs of old Sydney and the comfortable and practical furniture although, as you know, my preference is to stand at the bar. It is common to find patrons completing crosswords, word puzzles and the like whilst sitting at the bar enjoying a quiet drink after work. Thinking is possible because one's senses are not being assaulted by noisy groups or by unwanted music being blasted at one. Indeed, serried ranks of television screens and overwhelming background music are appreciated by their absence.

It is a practical place to meet because one can hear companions even when in a large number and the Bar is well patronised. I organise regular meetings for a social group and the comments here are always the same of how grateful they are that it remains as it is. Many of the group were regular patrons before work moved them from the city. Importantly, female members of the group are entirely comfortable using the Bar either by themselves or in a group. None is ever bothered in any way and all are most appreciative for its continued existence.

I introduce overseas visitors inevitably invoking envious comments that such a, quiet, peaceful and civilised facility should remain in this day and age, especially in Sydney all wonder why it is so poorly patronised. A visit dovetails beautifully between a gentle walk through older buildings such as the QVB and the Strand Arcade and an evening meal. One couple from England reminded me whilst I was visiting them last year of how pleasant they had found the setting and retained very fond memories of relaxing and enjoying a refreshing drink after a day exploring Sydney. They added that it was a privilege to be taken there as this Bar is a refuge, a haven, an oasis of civilisation and civility.

It is a peaceful enclave though very under utilised by Club members and the public. Whilst selfishly I would like to see it continue in that vein, the lack of patronage contributes to its closure from Christmas until after Australia Day. In my view, Club members carry

a responsibility to ensure that the level of custom throughout the year supports nothing more than a couple of weeks' closure. The growing patronage on Friday evenings is proof positive that it is possible to have a vibrant but relaxing environment meeting the needs of young and old(er), female and male in a civilised setting.

These are not the views of a cantankerous patron determined to protect peace and quiet at any cost. Rather I understand that the service provided in the Reagh Bar has to be better utilised to ensure that it continues. The article in the last Club Magazine was welcome publicity and hopefully will increase patronage. Long may it continue to provide the service that it does and I am perfectly happy for this letter, or an edited version, to be placed in the Club magazine.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,
Kenneth Gulline



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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		

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 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.

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

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.

CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB

CLUB	CONTACT	PHONE
Dine and Wine functions	Joan Mackenzie	9979 1569
Touring Group functions	Judith Rock (meet 1st Tuesday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9476 1975
NSW Masonic Sub Branch RSL functions	Bill Jenkins (meet 3rd Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	0421 165 290
NSW Masonic Veterans Association	Russell Robertson (meet 4th Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9876 1159
The Castlereagh Probus Club functions	Linde Jobling (meet 2nd Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9818 5523
Solo Group	Moira McGovern (meet every Thursday 10.30am) - New Members Welcome	9797 8369
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.sydneyrotary.com
Sydney Lions Club	Meet 3rd Tuesday of the month 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 Phone: 9451 7008
Sydney '76 IONIAN	Meet 4th Wednesday in Level 5 Meeting Room at 10.30am, followed by lunch in Cello's	Email: sydney76sec@hotmail.com <i>Guest Speaker each meeting</i>

Neville Adam

Neville took out membership in the NSW Masonic Club in 1946. He is now in his 64th year of membership.

The Minutes of the meetings of the NSW Touring Group record that on March 3rd 1998 Neville was elected Acting Vice Chairman.

Three months later, on June 2nd 1998 Neville was formally elected Vice Chairman.

Then one year later, on June 1st 1999, Neville was elected to the position of Chairman of the NSW Touring Group.

He wholehearted fulfilled this position throughout our entry into the 21st Century, and right up to the beginning of this year, 2010, when indifferent health caused him to submit his resignation from the position of Chairman.

At that time, he assured us he would be retaining his position as a member of the Touring Group, and would be attending meetings and outings whenever his health permitted it.

Neville is also member of the NSW Veterans Association and a loyal attendee in Cello's Restaurant & Club functions.

Neville, your continued efforts over many years are certainly noted and appreciated by all our Members, thank you.



NEW MEMBERS

March 2010 - September 2010

Mr D. Sloan, DVA TPI
Mr D. Sollom, Company Director
Mr W. Sprockreeff, Retired
Mr J. Stanley-Critchlow, Chartered Accountant
Mr J. Steadman, Retired Optical Dispenser
Mr J. Stewart, Company Director
Mr D. Stewart, Customs Broker
Mr E. Stronach, Maintenance Coordinator
Mr A. Taylor, Osteopath
Mr R. Thompson, Retired Aviation Executive
Mr A. Thornton, Retired
Mrs E. Thurgate, Retired
Mr G. Tihanyi, Builder Stone Mason
Mr W. Tobin, Accountant
Mr D. Trinne, Musician/Teacher
Mr S. Tutton, Retired
Dr R. Wade, Retired
Mrs M. Warren-Smith, Retired Teacher
Mr S. Wheeler, NSW Police
Mr D. Williams, Retired
Dr K. Wong, Retired Medical Practitioner
Mr A. Uner, Company Director
Dr R. Wade, Retired
Mr R. White, Lawyer

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2010

Please book all club functions with Rita Surio

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

OCTOBER 2010

Thursday	14	Sydney Birthday Club in The Adam Room - 12noon	
Monday	18	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Monday	25	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11.30am	
Friday	23	Cello's Long Lunch - Ian Bloxsom Jazz Trio	Bookings directly with Cello's Ph 9284 1029
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

NOVEMBER 2010

Tuesday	2	Melbourne Cup Luncheon - 12 noon in Cello's - 3 course lunch with a glass of sparkling wine on arrival	\$60 Members \$65 Non-Members
Tuesday	2	Touring Group Melbourne Cup Lunch in The Castlereagh Lounge - 2pm	Contact: Judith Rock Ph 9476 1975
Monday	8	Probus Meeting - 10.15am	
Thursday	11	Remembrance Day Service & Dinner - 6pm in Cello's - Pre-dinner drinks followed by dinner	\$75pp Bookings Yvonne McIntyre Ph 9284 2844
Thursday	11	Sydney Birthday Club Lunch - The Adam Room 12noon	
Monday	15	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Tuesday	16	Touring Group meeting at 11am	
Friday	19	Cello's Long Lunch - Elizabeth Geyer, Vocalist	Bookings directly with Cello's Ph 9284 1029
Monday	22	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch - 11.30am	
Monday	22	NSW Masonic Club 118th AGM in Cello's at 1pm - followed by light refreshments in the Reaghbar	
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	

DECEMBER 2010

Wednesday	1	1st Members & Associates Christmas Lunch in Cello's, 3 courses with 2 drinks inclusive	\$60 Members \$65 Non-members
Tuesday	7	Touring Group Christmas Afternoon Tea in The Castlereagh Lounge - 2pm	Contact: Judith Rock Ph 9476 1975
Wednesday	8	2nd Members & Associates Christmas Lunch in Cello's, 3 courses with 2 drinks & a gift for everyone	\$60 Members \$65 Non-members
Thursday	9	Sydney Birthday Club Lunch - The Adam Room 12noon	
Thursday	9	NSW Masonic Veterans Association Christmas lunch in Cello's	
Friday	10	Cello's Long Lunch - Ian Bloxsom Jazz Trio	Bookings directly with Cello's Ph 9284 1029
Monday	13	Probus Meeting at 10.15am	
Monday	20	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting - 11am	
Saturday	25	Christmas Day Lunch in Cello's - 12noon to 3pm 4 course Traditional Christmas Lunch & 3hr drink package	\$105 Members \$115 Non-members
Friday	31	Membership Renewals are Due for 2011 Renew online: www.nswmasonicclub.com.au	Contact: Rita Surio Ph 9284 1006
Every Thursday		Solo Group players in Level 2 Card Room	



CHRISTMAS CHARITY RAFFLE

Drawn 21st December at 1pm

1ST PRIZE - Superior Christmas Hamper

2ND PRIZE - Deluxe Christmas Hamper

3RD PRIZE - One night accommodation for 2 at The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel with continental breakfast included

TICKETS \$2 EACH or 3 FOR \$5

on sale at office, all bars & reception

OPENING HOURS



CELLO'S RESTAURANT

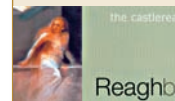
Continental Buffet
Breakfast

7am - 9am Daily

**A la carte Dining or
Business Lunch**

12noon - 2.30pm

Wednesday to Friday



REAGHBAR

11.30am - 8pm

Monday to Friday



CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE

10am - 8.30pm Mon - Fri

12noon - 8.30pm Sat

Closed Sunday & P/Holidays

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

\$20.00 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.

Famous Mason Series XV

William Clark Gable 1901-1960



Clark Gable

Raised October 31, 1933 in Beverly Hills Lodge No. 528, California



From Top: Clark Gable and Carole Lombard in *No Man Of Her Own* - 1932
Clark Gable and Mamo Clark in *Mutiny On The Bounty* - without his famous moustache! - 1935
Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh in *Gone With The Wind* - 1939
Montgomery Clift, Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable - 1961

William Clark Gable was born on February 1, 1901 to oil well driller William H. Gable and his wife. His mother passed away when Gable was just 10 months old and Gable lived with his father and stepmother until dropping out of high school in his junior year and moving to nearby Akron, Ohio to do factory work. It was in Akron that Gable saw his first stage play and, from that point on, he was hooked. Although he was forced to work with his father on the oil fields for a time, Gable used an inheritance from his grandfather to launch a theatrical career. He moved to Oregon, working in theatres across the country when he could, and finally got in on the ground floor of a new theatre group that was forming. The group was run by Josephine Dillon, who was nearly 15 years older than Clark. She took him under her wing and coached Gable in speech and movement, paid to have his teeth fixed, and became the first of his five wives in 1924. She suggested that he drop his first name and use Clark Gable as his stage name. Gable soon became disillusioned with Dillon and went to New York City, where he hoped to find more success. It was during this time that Gable met second wife Ria Langham, who was 17 years his senior. She continued to groom him in the same manner wife Josephine had, and used her many connections to introduce Clark to some very influential social crowds. Gable and Langham eventually returned to Hollywood, and after an impressive performance in the play *The Last Mile*, he was signed to a contract with MGM Studios.

During his lengthy tenure with MGM

Studios, Gable was loaned out to Columbia Studios and appeared in their low budget film *It Happened One Night*, which became a box office smash and earned five Oscar nominations, including a nod to Gable for Best Actor.

He was prompted to take arguably his most famous role of Rhett Butler by Carole Lombard who he was having an affair with at the time. Lombard was the one and only true love in Gable's life. The couple married in 1939, but in 1942, Lombard perished in a plane crash.

After losing Lombard, Gable joined the Army Air Forces, and flew in five combat missions. He was discharged from the military honorably with the rank of Major.

In 1949 he married for the fourth time to Lady Sylvia Ashley, the widow of actor Douglas Fairbanks. The marriage was a disaster, and they divorced less than two years later.

In 1955, after 13 years in an on-again, off-again affair, Gable married Kay Spreckles, a former fashion model and actress and was thrilled to learn in 1960 that Kay was pregnant with his child.

Just a few months before the birth of his son, John Clark Gable, he passed away due to coronary thrombosis aged just 59. At the time he had just completed filming *The Misfits* with Marilyn Monroe.

Gable was buried, after a funeral attended by more than 200 of Hollywood's most famous people, in a crypt next to his beloved Carole Lombard.



It is believed that Bug Bunny cartoonist, Friz Freleng's unpublished memoirs mention that "*It Happened One Night*" (Clark Gable & Claudette Colbert) was one of his favourite films, and that it contains at least three things upon which the character "Bugs Bunny" was based:

The character Oscar Shapely's personality - The manner in which Peter Warne was eating carrots and talking quickly at the same time - An imaginary character mentioned once to frighten Oscar Shapely named "Bugs Dooley."