



# NSW MASONIC CLUB

## CLUB CHAT

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## EXCITING EVENTS

The first Dine and Wine Tasting event of 2017, held in Cello's on 1st March, was a resounding success. 72 members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch, accompanied by some Tyrrell's wines and an intriguing story told by Bruce Tyrrell of the history, present, and future of Tyrrell's Wines.

Don't miss out on the next **Dine and Wine Tasting luncheon**, to be held on **Wednesday 3rd May** – book early!



The first of three Trivia Nights, held earlier this month, was an outstanding success! Teams pitted their wits against each other in a gruelling battle of the minds, whilst mouth-watering tapas and cocktails flowed!

Our next two **Trivia Nights** will be held on **Thursdays 6th April and 4th**

**May.** Teams can pre-register on the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel website to secure their table.

**Happy Hour will be held from 5.30-6.30pm** and the **Trivia Quiz will start at 6pm**, with tasty tapas available throughout the night.

There will be commemorations and celebrations galore at the Club on its biggest day of the year, **ANZAC Day, on Tuesday 25 April.**

The Club will be serving breakfast from 6am in the Castlereagh Lounge on Level 2.

Our **ANZAC Day Luncheon** will be held in **Cello's from 12.30pm.** Reservations for lunch are essential so please ensure you book early. Luncheon is \$60pp\* for a 2-course set menu with a glass of wine.

Fully costumed comic opera and a 3-course meal. What could be a better night out?

**Friday 5th May Opera Bites presents "A Night in Paris".**

Experience Opera Bites, Sydney's favourite boutique opera company, in Cello's dining room, complete with a stunning bespoke menu and

select fine wines to match.

Tickets cost \$150pp\* (+ booking fee) and include the show, 3-course meal and wine.

Book now [www.operabites.com.au](http://www.operabites.com.au)



**Mothers' Day** is just around the corner on **Sunday 14th May** so make sure you book early. Cello's will be serving High Tea at \$50pp\* which includes a glass of sparkling wine on arrival.

**EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006**



## MEMBERS' MATTERS

ANZAC Day – the "one day of the year" and the Club's biggest day of the year! Please reserve your table in Cello's early because there will be a "full-house", as usual.

After lunch participate in the traditional Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar, with the Pipes and Drums of the City of Sydney Highland Band, and stay on as a guest of the Club for refreshments to follow.



### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY VOUCHERS

We are pleased to advise Members that from April 2017, a personalised Members' Birthday Voucher will be sent to you, via email, in the month prior to your birthday. (Previously a voucher came via mail.) If you do not have an email address registered with us, you can simply visit Rita, in the Administration Office, during the month of your birthday to collect your voucher. The Administration Office is located on Level 1 of the Club and is open Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

## METRO MOVES

Plans are in top gear now for the demolition of the building adjoining the NSW Masonic Club. This is the first phase of clearing the Castlereagh, Park and Pitt Streets site for what will be called the "Pitt Street North Sydney Metro (underground) Station".

We are now meeting with Transport for NSW Project and

Communications Teams weekly, to gain updates on the demolition process of our next-door neighbour, 175 Castlereagh Street. Early demolition planning works will begin on the site on 20 March 2017. We are very conscious to ensure that the Club building is protected at all times, that we are compensated for the various licences required, and disturbances are monitored and minimised wherever possible.

We will provide further updates through this newsletter as more details come to hand.



## YOUR DIRECTORS' YARNS

Joining the Board in January 1996 to fill a casual vacancy, I was immediately appointed Treasurer, a role I continued to undertake until November 2015. I was by far the youngest member of the Board back in 1996, and the then Board was concerned that I might not be re-elected by the members because of my age. However, I was lucky enough to top the list at the election late in 1996, with the highest number of votes for a director.

Being a qualified accountant, the role of Treasurer was where my expertise lay, and I really enjoyed

the challenges that that role presented me with over the years. My current role of President requires an even greater commitment, for which I have been well prepared.

**Stephen Bates** - President

Apart from my personal membership of some years, my family has been associated with the Club and the Hotel for over forty years. Our eldest daughter held her wedding reception in Cellos Restaurant, and many wonderful photos were taken in the building, covering great backdrops, with many guests staying in the hotel

and favourably commenting on the grandness of the building and the quality of the reception.

Before Patricia and I were married, my father-in-law-to-be, who was a Mason who worked in the city, used to meet his daughter (my future wife), also working in the City, for a quiet drink after work on Friday before heading home.

As a Director of the Board, and Convenor of the House Supply & Staff Committee, I am proud of the advancements and improvements in the quality and service that our staff is providing to members and guests, including this newsletter.

**Allan Ezzy** - Convenor,  
House Supply & Staff Committee

## STAFF STUFF

On 21st March each year, our multi-cultural team at the NSW Masonic Club come together to share their culture through their

food. Known as "Harmony Day", this is a very popular celebration of Australia's cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia "home". The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. The message for Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs' and the Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. The pride

in our staff is amazing as they talk about and share their food and culture with other staff. This image is from Harmony Day last year.



### Paul's Puns

A woman is on trial for beating her husband with his guitar collection. The Judge says, "First offender?". She says adamantly, "No, first a Gibson, then a Fender!"



## CASTLEREAGH Boutique Hotel

### EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS FOR CLUB MEMBERS

Members receive 15% off  
the Best Available Accommodation rates.

Members receive 10% discount\* on Food and Beverage  
for themselves and their partner throughout the Hotel.

\*Conditions apply for Club functions

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