



NSW MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

You are receiving a printed version of this publication because we do not have an email address for you. Email allows us to communicate with you more regularly, providing the most up to date information and latest Members' offers, plus it saves the Club a significant amount in printing and postage costs.

TO REGISTER: Send your email address to admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au or join through our website.

EXCITING EVENTS

Once again, ANZAC Day at the Club was a truly memorable event, from early morning through to the very moving Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar, in the afternoon; Mothers' Day High Tea was also a success; record numbers attended both of these events.

The event you've all been waiting for, **Scottish Highland Day Lunch**, one of the most high spirited and entertaining events on the calendar. The Scottish Highland Dancers, The City of Sydney Pipes and Drums plus the Haggis Ritual are all on the agenda!

Be quick to secure your table for **Wednesday 7th June**, commencing at 12.30pm.

\$60 Members, \$65 Guests
Includes a 3-course set menu with two beverages.

Ladies and gents, dust off your most lavish and dapper attire

for the **Alice in Wonderland High Tea Party** on **Saturday 24th June**, commencing at 12 noon.

Cellos Grand Dining Room will be transformed into a magical Mad Hatter's Tea Party, with some unique characters to serve you whilst you dine! The cost is \$50pp* which includes a sumptuous high tea and a glass of sparkling wine on arrival. *Includes Members' discount



Friday Long Lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room with feature **Kym Parrish, May 26** and **Carlos Perez June 9**, plus our A la carte menu.

DIARY DATE: The Club's formal Annual Services' Dinner, **The Battle for Australia Dinner** is to be held on **Friday, 1 September**. The Dinner links with the formal Battle for Australia Commemorative Service to be held at the Cenotaph, Martin Place, in the following week.

The Dinner is open to all serving and former serving members of the Australian Defence Force and their partners.

The Guest Speaker at this year's Dinner will be historian and author, Neil McDonald, who has recently launched his latest book, "Valiant for the Truth: the life of Chester Wilmot, War Correspondent". Chester Wilmot was arguably the finest War Correspondent of World War II, and Neil McDonald has chosen a controversial aspect of his story – The Blamey Affair, Chester Wilmot V the Commander-in-Chief, as his topic for the Dinner.

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

YOUR DIRECTORS' YARNS

I was first attracted to our Club following lunch invitations from friends in our hidden gem, Cellos. The late Roger Gregory, my good friend and a Club Director from 2013 to 2015, was nearly always amongst those at our jovial table. Roger and I sparred, good naturedly, on many social topics but, on the Club, we agreed it was an institution that added value to our great city of Sydney and Freemasonry in this state.

It was Roger who suggested that I consider standing for the Board. He saw I would bring a different perspective as well as my business acumen to the benefit of the Club. Since being elected to the Board my focus has been on improving

the results, making them sustainable and how to turn some of that good fortune to Members' benefits.

Peter Read - Director
Finance Committee Member

The past year has been a rewarding and informative one for me, as a new Director on the Board. In addition to Board and Committee work, I have also involved myself with ClubsNSW training and regional activities to keep abreast of matters pertaining to Registered Clubs.

Initially nominating for the Board following my concern at seeing two consecutive years of Club Trading Losses, I am pleased to have contributed to the profitable turnaround that we see today.

The NSWMC Board comprises members who are very experienced in their vocations and who give freely and extensively of their time to the Club in a "hands on" manner, without which our Club would incur substantial professional costs. This year we have been fortunate to have 'a woman's point of view' in our deliberations from newly appointed Director, Kate Foot.

I consider it a privilege to work with such a talented group of fellow Directors and our General Manager, Paul Brasch, and I thank the members for allowing me the opportunity to assist the Board in meeting the many current and ongoing challenges before us.

Robert Eaglesham - Director
Finance Committee Member



METRO MOVES

Demolition works are about to commence next door to the Club building. We are very pleased to announce that The President, Stephen Bates, General Manager, Paul Brasch and with the assistance of Director, Peter Zeilic, negotiated a very beneficial Adjoining Owner Agreement with Transport for

NSW on behalf of the Club. The settlement agreed to was significant and includes payments for access fees, compensation towards double glazing of windows to reduce external noise and a contribution towards any loss of business that may be due to the scaffolding works over the next 11 months. The first item to be demolished in May will be the awning over 175 Castlereagh Street.

HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

Make sure to book your accommodation with us now for the VIVID Spectacular, which will run from 26 May to 17 June.

VIVID is the multi-award-winning festival of light, music and ideas held in Sydney over 23 days.

Last year, the festival attracted 2.31 million visitors to the City - it is the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas.

Remember, Club Members receive a 15% discount on the Best Available Accommodation Rate in the Club's Hotel.

Phone 02 9284 1000 or email reservations@thecastlereagh.com.au



Paul's Puns

A person checks into a hotel for the first time in his life, and goes up to his room. Five minutes later he calls the Front Desk and says, "You've given me a room with no exit. How do I leave?"

The Front Desk Clerk says, "Sir, that's unusual. Have you looked for the door?"

The guest says, "Well, there's one door that leads to the bathroom. There's a second door that goes into the wardrobe and there's a door I haven't tried yet, but it has a 'do not disturb' sign hanging on it."

KITCHEN KAPERS

"Waffle On..."

Cellos Grand Dining room has recently launched an exciting new breakfast menu and you simply have to try the house-baked waffles!

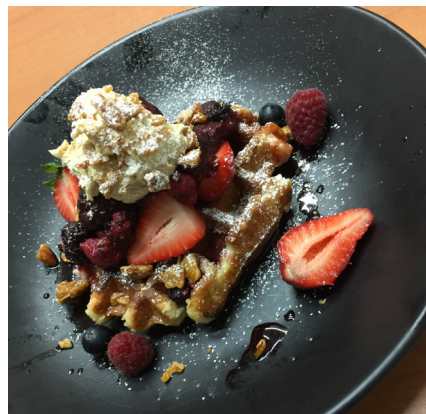
With breakfast served from 7am to 9.30am and items starting from \$11.25 through to a full breakfast at \$22.50 for Members, this is the

perfect way to start the day. The special Members' price for the Leige Waffles drizzled with whipped maple butter, pecan praline and berries is only \$14.50.

Member and Guest bookings are always welcome on 9261 0774, whether staying in-house or just calling in. Meet you under the chandeliers and let's waffle on!

View the full breakfast menu at :

www.thecastlereagh.com.au



CASTLEREAGH Boutique Hotel

MEETING AND FUNCTION ROOMS AVAILABLE IN THE HEART OF THE SYDNEY CBD

Affordable rates for ½ day, full day hire. Full Food & Beverage services available, on-site audio visual equipment.

Please contact Rita on 9284 1006 to book your dates or to request function packages information today.

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB, 169 Castlereagh Street, Sydney NSW 2000

Phone: 02 9284 1000 | Fax: 02 9284 1999 | Email: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

WWW.NSWMASONICCLUB.COM.AU ♦ WWW.THECASTLEREAGH.COM.AU