



NSW MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

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BOARDROOM BANTER

The Boardroom is full of busy-ness right now, with many issues under consideration, including:

- ❖ the President is involved in negotiations with Transport NSW to guarantee the safety and security of the Club's building during the pending construction of the new train

station next door;

- ❖ Peter Zeilic is leading a team developing new fit-outs for the hotel rooms;
- ❖ other Directors are working away in their special areas of expertise, in support of staff and contractors improving services

for Members;

- ❖ the Board is nearing the completion of details for a roll out of a Members' benefits Program, and
- ❖ the upgrading of the Club's IT systems is under consideration.

These are a few of the challenges currently occupying the Directors' minds.

EXCITING EVENTS

The recent **Scottish Highland Day Lunch** was once again a huge success with over 100 bookings. Enthralled by the swirling of the Scottish Highland Dancers and the commanding tones of the Pipes and Drums of the City of Sydney, everyone agreed it was a "must attend" diary date to add to their calendars again next year!



Friday Long Lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room will feature our new classical guitarist, **Dennis Van Rooyen, July 14** and, talented pianist, **Beverley Kennedy, July 28**, plus our A la carte menu.

Escape the winter chill at our **Christmas in July Lunch** complete with all the trimmings!

Enjoy a festive menu of three delicious courses, complete with



two complimentary beverages.

Special guest artist and "Long Lunch" regular, Kym Parrish, will be treating us to some wonderful entertainment on piano, including all of your favourite Christmas carols!

This is one of the most popular events of the year so places are filling fast. To avoid missing out, secure your table to the lunch which will be held on **Wednesday 19 July** in Cellos Grand Dining Room, commencing at 12.30pm.

\$65.00pp (Includes Members' discount)

Experience Opera Bites, Sydney's favourite boutique opera company, in Cellos Grand Dining Room, complete with a stunning bespoke menu and select fine wines to match.

Friday 21 July - "Medieval Banquet"

Tickets cost \$150pp* (+ booking

fee) and include the show, 3-course meal and wine.

Book now www.operabites.com.au

WHAT'S NEW? A lavish 1920's dinner party with live music, swing dancing and pop up performances - **The Gin Mill Social**.

Enjoy a 5 course banquet dinner with food inspired by hotel banquets of the era. Music is loud and lively, and pop-up performances punctuate the night.

Friday 29 July

\$119 per person (+ booking fee)

Ticket includes 4-course meal and a night of music and performances. To book phone Slide on (02) 8915 1899 or visit:

www.slide.com.au/shows/ginmill

Don't miss out on the next **Dine and Wine Tasting Luncheon**, to be held on **Wednesday 2 August**.

Continuing our popular format, the winter lunch will feature a magnificent two-course menu and wine tasting selection.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Ben Hughes, "Head of Liquids" for the Australian Wine & Beer School. (AWBS)

\$55.00pp (Includes Members' discount)

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006



METRO MOVES

Preparation for the demolition of 175 Castlereagh Street, our adjoining building, is in top gear. The awning has been completely removed and scaffolding is due to be built up the southern side of our building, commencing early July. We are

pleased to report that Transport NSW staff have been very proactive in considering sensitivities about our heritage building. Behind the scenes, planning for the double glazing of our windows is moving along nicely, and this work will ensure protection of the business that everyone has worked so hard to build.

YOUR DIRECTORS' YARNS

It is indeed an exciting time for the New South Wales Masonic Club, as our General Manager, Paul Brash, supported by his staff and contractors, is busily building the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel into a successful and income-generating hotel supporting the Club, whilst also expanding opportunities and activities for Club Members and their guests.

I feel honoured to be serving Club Members in the capacity of a

Director on the Board. The Club has supported me with training opportunities through Clubs NSW and this has increased my understanding of, and commitment to, the Club. With my background in communications, I have enjoyed contributing to the Club in this area over the past eighteen months.

Kate Foot - Director
House, Supply and Staff
Committee Member

Paul's Puns

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young candidate fresh out of University. "And what starting salary are you looking for?"

The candidate replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks leave, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Mustang?"

The candidate sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

The interviewer replies, "I sure am, but you started it!"

MASONIC MESSAGES

Attention: All serving and former serving members of the Defence Force!

There is a long-established Masonic Sub-Branch of the RSL which calls the NSW Masonic Club "home". As a serving, or former, Defence Force person, you would be most

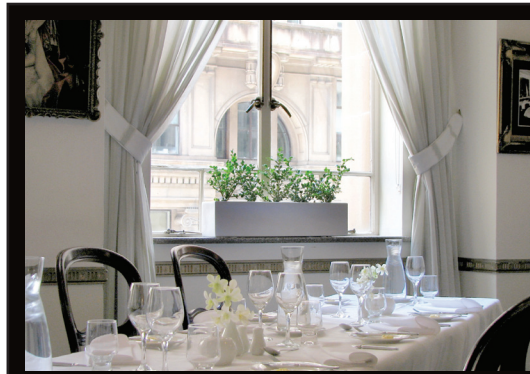
welcome to join the Masonic RSL Sub-Branch.

The Sub-Branch meets at 11.00am on the third Monday of each month, with camaraderie at lunch to follow. Please contact the secretary, who is the Masonic Club Vice President, John Moore, either via the Club, or at moore1936@dodo.com.au

STAFF STUFF

New uniforms are on their way! This is an exciting time for the Staff, Supervisors and Managers who have been wearing their own clothes for several years. A lot of thought has gone into the fabrics, colours and style of the uniforms. We hope to roll out some images, once the selections have been

finalised, in the next edition. It is with sadness but also happiness that we farewell our longest-serving current staff member, Georgina Likouresis. After 31 years' service as a Housekeeping Room Attendant, Georgina will retire in early July to spend more time with her family. We sincerely thank Georgina for her dedicated years of service to the Club and her wonderful positive nature.



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