



NSW MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

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EXCITING EVENTS

NSWMC 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Join us on **Tuesday 12th September** to celebrate **90 years** since our wonderful Club officially opened the doors of its Castlereagh Street home!

The 90th birthday festivities will run for 90 minutes, **commencing at 1pm with the official ceremony** and cutting of the birthday cake. Canapés and a glass of bubbly will follow in the Reagh Bar.

For the 12th September Members will be offered a special room rate of \$90 per person* plus Members' discount of 15%.

Bookings must be made directly on 02 9284 1000 and availability is limited.

*Single rooms are \$90, Double and Queen rooms \$180 and Queen + Single are \$270.

Friday Long Lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room will feature classical guitarist, **Dennis Van Rooyen, 8th September** and, talented pianist, **Ces Dorcey, 22nd September**, plus our delicious A la carte menu.



The **Gin Mill Social** returns on **Saturday 16th September**. Enjoy a banquet dinner with food inspired by hotel banquets of the era.

\$139 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

Opera Bites' "Turkish Delight" will be held on **Friday 22nd September**. The evening will feature a stunning bespoke menu, with select wines.

Tickets are \$150pp (+ booking fee), includes the show, 3-course dinner and wine.

Book now at: www.operabites.com.au

Club Members receive a 20% discount. Simply enter the promo code "MEMBER" when booking.

Don't miss out on the next **Dine and Wine Tasting Luncheon**, to be held on **Wednesday 4th October**.

\$55.00pp (Includes Members' discount)

Featuring a guest speaker, two-course menu and wine tasting selection.

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

Save the dates!
Melbourne Cup Day Lunch,
Tuesday 7 November
Members' and Associates'
Christmas Lunch,
Wednesday 6 December

HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

The Hotel rooms continue to sell like 'hot-cakes' every day in the very robust Sydney occupancy market. Be sure to check availability and daily rates with our friendly Front Desk Team on 02 9284 1000, giving as much notice as possible. Make sure you ask for your 15% Member Discount when booking your accommodation.

The Interior Design Master Plan is moving along nicely. The Designer and Architect are finalising their designs for the two most common room types (Double and Queen rooms) with some very innovative features. The Board can't wait to share these concepts with you when they have been finalised.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

Masonic Members are reminded that the **EGM** will be taking place on **Monday 11 September 2017** and is open to all current Financial Masonic Members. The meeting will be held as per the notice circulated.

On **Monday 27 November** the **AGM** will be held in Cellos Grand Dining Room at 1.00pm. In the lead up to the AGM, nominations will be called for and voting will take place for the election of the Board of Directors for 2017-2019. Voting is open to all current Financial Masonic and Associate Members.

We are excited to launch a new incentive to try lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room.

This exciting offer is available to all

Members and hotel guests. Cellos is open for lunch Wednesday to Friday from 12 noon. Please make your bookings by calling 9284 1000, press 5 for Cellos or email:

functions@thecastlereagh.com.au

Please present this voucher.



METRO MOVES

The demolition of 175 Castlereagh Street is now progressing at full speed ahead. The daily 'rumblings' of removing plant

from the roof and pulling down the concrete exterior walls is at times disturbing during the day but will be short-lived. Sydney Metro expects the whole building to be demolished to ground level by January. Only three businesses

remain open and trading on the corner of Castlereagh, Park & Pitt Streets next to our building. We continue to meet frequently with the Sydney Metro team to address any operational issues.

YOUR DIRECTORS' YARNS

I have been a Director of the Club for the past 6 years, sitting on the HS&S Committee, and I enjoy contributing and advising on aspects relating to the building, facilities, maintenance, upgrade and operations of the Club, on most days of the week.

My many years of experience with top level, award winning and landmark projects has helped me contribute to the protection of our building and the Club's interests during the recent construction of the ANZ headquarters on our northern side. I am also protecting

the Club's interests, and our building, during the demolition, design and future construction of the Sydney Metro Pitt Street Station project on our southern boundary. This project is now well under way.

Currently, I am guiding the Board and assisting the General Manager with the Masterplan and refurbishment of all levels of the Club and Hotel. In particular, I am assisting with Stage 1 of the works, this being the design, prototyping and construction refurbishment of all the Hotel rooms. This will be followed by the upgrade of

the entry and public areas of the building which, when completed, will provide a very exciting future for our Club and its facilities – all for the benefit of our Members.

When I'm not playing Architect or Director, I love to be outdoors sailing, skiing and enjoying our beautiful Sydney. I have a long bucket list yet to fulfill, which includes extensive overseas travel to keep up my professional development, and to support my son in his ski racing endeavours.

Peter Zeilic - Director

Member of House, Supply & Staff Committee

KITCHEN KAPERS

Fresh out of the kitchen is a new menu for the Reagh Bar and the Castlereagh Lounge for you to try. There are plenty of tasty new dishes, including the popular Pan-Fried Salmon with lemon dressing, served with potato puree and seasonal vegetables for \$23. Don't forget that Members receive a 10% discount on food and beverage.

We also have a delicious new cocktail menu in the Reagh Bar with daily Happy Hour specials from 5pm to 6.30pm, Tuesday to Friday.

Cocktails are \$10 and schooners

\$4.50 during Happy Hour.
No further discounts apply.



Paul's Puns

Did you hear about the guy whose whole left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but I soon realised that toucan play at that game.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!

I used to be a banker but I lost interest.

I couldn't quite remember how to throw a boomerang, but eventually it came back to me.



CASTLEREAGH Boutique Hotel

CHRISTMAS PARTY DATES ARE FILLING FAST!

Book your staff parties and Christmas functions today in one of our beautifully restored 1920s Art Deco functions rooms or bars.

Select a package or 'build your own' unique celebration.
You're only limited by your imagination!

Call our Events Coordinator on 9261 0774 to secure your date!

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