



NSW MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

The latest news from your Club !

Watch out in October for the next exciting edition of your Club Magazine !

BOARDROOM BANTER

At the recent Extraordinary General Meeting of Masonic Members all seven special resolutions proposed were passed (only financial, Master Mason Members are permitted to vote on Special Resolutions according to the Club's Articles of Association). Changes include the appointment of President and Vice President (both of whom must be Masonic Members) by the Board

of Directors, two new classes of Members called "Country Member" and "Provisional Member", reduced quorums for AGMs and EGMs, the introduction of a Disciplinary Committee providing members with a right of appeal, optional electronic voting and a minimum 3 years Membership of the Club for Members seeking election as a Director or to nominate another

Member.

We acknowledge the valuable contribution from our Masonic Members in responding to the Board's letter seeking feedback about the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association and the enormous amount of time and effort put in by the Constitution Sub Committee for the benefit of the Club.

Stephen Bates
President

EXCITING EVENTS

The Club's Annual Services Dinner, the Battle for Australia Dinner, was held in the elegant Cellos restaurant on Friday 1st September. The event coincides with the commemoration of the critical events of 1942 – a time of great peril for our nation.

Reflecting the traditions of a formal regimental dinner, the table settings, renditions by the Pipe Major, Club Member Sam Young, and the traditional whisky ceremony, were embellished by the wonderful ambience of the dining room.

Guest Speaker, author and historian Neil McDonald, presented a scenario detailing the circumstances leading to a significant clash between Australia's WWII Commander-in-Chief General Blamey and Australian war correspondent Chester Wilmot – circumstances which forced Chester to cease reporting for the ABC in New Guinea and the Pacific, and to continue his reportage on the war for the BBC in Europe.

Guests at the dinner included General Paul Irving and author, original Vietnam "tunnel rat" and new Club Member, Colonel Sandy McGregor MC.

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



Our guest speaker is Steve Pellett, Principal of Stanrock Wines, Marlborough, New Zealand.

\$55.00pp (Includes Members' discount)

Includes 2-course menu and wine tasting selection.

One of the most anticipated events on the calendar is just around the corner! The **Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon** will be held in Cellos on **Tuesday 7th November**.

Cellos will be dressed to the nines and sporting huge TV screens to catch all of the racing action! Try your luck in the sweeps and don't forget we'll be awarding a prize for the most magnificent hat!

\$75 Members*, \$80 Non-members

Includes a 3-course, alternate serve Menu, glass of sparkling wine on arrival and a bottle of wine between 4.

This year we will be having just one **Members & Associates Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 6th December**.

Avoid the last minute rush. Gather a group of fellow Members and friends and book your table today!

\$65 Members, \$70 Non-members

Includes 3-course menu with two beverages.

Treat your family to a magical **Christmas Day Lunch** in Cellos Grand Dining Room on **25th December**.

Enjoy four mouth-watering courses with 3-hour drinks package, a free gift for all, plus entertainment from our live pianist!

\$135 Members*, \$145 Non-members

**No further Members' discount applies*

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

METRO MOVES

The demolition of our neighbouring building has worked its way down to level 8 (as at mid September). The noise made by the demolishers is very loud at times during the day but the Contractor has strict noise measures and times that it must observe. We thank our Members, guests and function clients for their patience and understanding - they have all been terrific! The internal 'soft' demolition of the

other buildings on the block has started. Once all buildings have been demolished, a large acoustic shed will be erected over the whole area to mitigate noise during the construction of the underground Metro Station. On related noise matters, we have not received any further updates from the City of Sydney Council regarding the proposed DA to relocate the Windsor Hotel liquor licence to our immediate North. We will keep you updated on this matter.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

The Board has been working hard at finalising the new Members' Benefits Program to commence on 1st January 2018. Further details on the rewards program will follow.

Be sure to book your seat early for some great events coming up within the next few months, including our New Zealand inspired Wine & Dine Lunch, Melbourne Cup Day and the Members & Associates Christmas Lunch, to name a few.

YOUR DIRECTORS' YARNS

As a Director of the Club for some 12 years, I have enjoyed being of assistance where I could with our great Club. Whilst not being a Mason myself, my family has a long history in Masonry. My recently-deceased father, Kevin Wearne, was a Master Mason, and my great-great uncle, William Wearne, was not only a Mason, but was one of the "Founding Fathers" of our Club and a signatory to the Club's Constitution on its incorporation in 1906.

As a Chartered Accountant and Lawyer specialising in tax,

for more years than I care to remember, my involvement with the Club filled, and continues to fill, a gap in my life from when I left "the lecture circuit" in the mid-2000's (in part when I was asked to bring a "power point" to a presentation and dutifully called into a hardware store on my way to the venue). The Club provides an outlet for my energies, which I hope are of benefit to the membership.

Steve Wearne - Director
Member of Finance Committee

HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

Club Members save 15% off the Best Available Rate of the day when booking accommodation. Choose from Boutique Double room, perfect for an overnight stay, through to Deluxe Queen and the very spacious Executive Suite on the 11th floor. Why not call the friendly Reception team on 02 9284 1000 or email: reservations@thecastlereagh.com.au

Paul's Puns

A man had six children and was very proud of his achievement.

He was so proud of himself that he started calling his wife, 'Mother of Six', in spite of her objections and embarrassment.

One night they went to a party and, when he decided that it was time to go home, he wanted to find out if his wife was also ready to leave.

He shouted at the top of his voice, "Shall we go home, Mother of Six?"

His wife, irritated by her husband's lack of discretion shouted back, "Anytime you're ready, Father of Four!"

KITCHEN KAPERS

Now is an ideal time to book your end-of-year work function while there are still some dates available. Design your own theme, or speak with our Venue Manager for some great ideas, for example: The Great Gatsby, a casino night, or a high-tea banquet. Just call Jamie today on 9261 0774 to make a booking.



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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