



NSW MASONIC CLUB MAGAZINE

125TH Year
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The Royal Hotel, Five Ways, Paddington
where founding Members of the NSW Masonic Club originally met in 1893.



HISTORICAL FEATURE, NEWS,
EVENTS AND MORE!

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YOUR FAVOURITE VENUES



Cello's

LEVEL 4

A la carte Dining

Opening Times

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LEVEL 2

Meals & Beverages

Opening Times

Breakfast, Mon to Sun 7 ~ 9.30am

Mon from 10am ~ 5pm

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Sat from 12 ~ 8.30pm



REAGH BAR

GROUND FLOOR

Parties, Cocktails & After
Work Drinks

Opening Times

Mon to Fri from 4pm ~ late

Happy Hour daily 5 ~ 6.30pm

DRESS REGULATIONS

Club Members and their Guests are requested to observe the following dress regulations which have been approved by the Board to preserve the dignity of this historic Club.

- The Reagh Bar (Ground Floor), Castlereagh Lounge (Level 2) and Cello's Grand Dining Room (level 4): smart casual attire at all times.

- Smart casual attire is:

For gentlemen, a collared shirt with trousers or slacks, shorts with closed in shoes.

For ladies, dresses or blouse and skirt or tailored slacks. Sandals are acceptable.

Items of clothing which are not permitted include: baseball caps, torn or excessively faded jeans, t-shirts, thongs or sandals for men.

Castlereagh Boutique Hotel guests, as Temporary Members, are expected to observe the above dress regulations when availing themselves of the Club facilities. Exception is extended to guests arriving at, or departing directly from, the accommodation rooms.

The Club Management reserves the right to refuse any person not suitably attired admission to the Club areas or the food and beverage outlets.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Fellow Members,

We are well into the 2018 calendar year already as I prepare my first report to you this year.

The financial results for the six months to 31 December 2017 were excellent. The unaudited profit before tax for the six months to 31 December 2017 was \$384,081, as compared to \$254,863 for the same period last year. This generated net cash from operating activities of \$589,234 as compared to \$464,075 for the same period the previous financial year. The surplus cash remains invested primarily in terms deposits whilst we work towards the 83 accommodation rooms upgrade program.

Whilst our hotel accommodation revenue continues to benefit from the ongoing high demand for hotel rooms in Sydney CBD, there is substantial building activity in progress that is planned to add another 3,000 hotel rooms to Sydney over the next two or so years. This will increase competition and put pressure on our hotel room rates. It is vital that we undertake our planned hotel rooms refurbishment program as soon as possible to remain competitive. To that end we have been busy working with our designers and other consultants to construct four mock up rooms ready for inspection before 30 June this year. As the Club's building is heritage listed there are a number of additional hurdles we must pass to achieve our objectives.

The Members' Rewards program commenced on 1 January 2018. This provides members with additional discounts on food and beverage purchases. If you have any comments or feedback in relation to this new initiative, please contact the General Manager or the administration staff. Remember, don't forget to swipe your membership card to secure your members discount and to accumulate rewards points.

The demolition of the building to our Club's immediate South was completed just prior to Christmas which was a big relief to all staff at the Club including the catering team, the General Manager and the Directors. The next phase of demolition and tunnelling is now underway. We will continue to see daylight from our Southern side hotel rooms and Cello's into the near future. However, the

demolition site will be the subject of a public tender process for the construction of a significant multi storey overstation building. As more information becomes available we will update you about this new Metro Station site.

Your Club turns 125 years of age this September, making our Club one of the oldest in Sydney. Your Board is planning events in September this year to celebrate this milestone including the display of some historical information. We will keep you updated.

We continue to oppose the development application lodged last year by the owners of the now demolished Windsor Hotel for an indoor and outdoor hotel to the Club's immediate North. The DA was granted but there were several conditions imposed by Council to mitigate potential noise that might enter our hotel rooms and disturb the sleep of our guests. However, the applicant was not satisfied with the Council imposed conditions and the matter will now be dealt with in the Land and Environment Court. We continue to oppose this hotel application.

There are many Club functions planned for 2018 and these can be found in this magazine. I look forward to meeting up with members at these events throughout the year. If you haven't already tried it, the "Chef's Pie" on the level two Lounge Bar has been a great success. I have tried it, several times. The pie changes daily so check with staff about the daily special before you order.

As always, your Board and the General Manager continue to find ways to improve our food and beverage offerings. Your feedback is also important to us. Tell us what you think by emailing us at: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible over the coming months.

Best Wishes,



Stephen Bates

President, NSW Masonic Club



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MEMBERS' BIRTHDAY WINE VOUCHERS

Collect your voucher, during the month of your birthday, from Rita in the Administration Office on the 1st floor.

Your birthday voucher entitles you to a complimentary bottle of house red, white or sparkling wine at your Club.

One voucher per Member annually. Complimentary wine is not provided for the purpose of take away.



ANZAC DAY

2018



Lest we forget

ANZAC Day, the Club's "biggest day of the Year" will again feature a hearty luncheon to be staged in Cellos, with a Commemorative Service to follow in the Reagh Bar on the Ground floor.

The colour of the kilts, bagpipes and drums of The Sydney Pipes and Drums will again feature during the lunch and the Commemorative Service.

Reserve your place now for the opportunity of attending this memorable luncheon, and to commemorate and honour our fallen with the sounding of the Last Post in the afternoon.

The Club will open its bar for refreshments for all members and guests who attend the Remembrance Service.

Toast to ANZAC

HISTORICAL FLASHBACK ~ This toast was originally written by Club Member Charles R Nicoll in for the NSW Masonic Club Magazine in 1980.

This Toast to ANZAC is a toast of remembrance to those Australian and New Zealand men and women who paid the extreme sacrifice due to the action of war.

Although they are at rest in different parts of the world, the memory of them will live on from generation to generation. That immortal name ANZAC is permanently cherished in the hearts of our two small nations and is still respected in other parts of the world today.

At dawn on the 25th April 1915 the flower of Australian and New Zealand manhood went into action in World War I and startled the world into admiration by their significant achievements.

The memory of their glorious deeds is still fresh and fragrant and will ever be so. History was made and written on that day and the following days, with imperishable rich ANZAC blood, whilst storming the beach and heights of Gallipoli, amidst a hurricane of shot and shell.

The ANZACs were untrained for the type of war they had to confront still, their courage, determination and bravery on the blood-bathed battlefields was almost superhuman.

On the battlefields of Flanders and the Somme in France, they withstood non-stop furious onslaughts of heavy high explosive shells, machine gun cross fire sweeping along the trenches, different kinds of deadly poisonous gasses, feet deep of snow, mud and slush, and, in spite of their enormous casualties and the dreadful conditions that existed throughout the war, their stamina, endurance and heroic deeds, combined with those of our brave airmen, proved an epic in Military warfare.

The ANZAC mounted division stationed in Egypt, with great difficulties and hardships to both man and horse, crossed the Sinia desert and entered deep into Palestine and crushed the Turkish Army, preventing them from occupying Egypt.

Also included in this toast of Remembrance are Australian and New Zealand personnel of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and other conflicts they fought side by side in, their war making them the younger ANZACs and they carried out their tasks on their blood soaked battlefields, whether it be on the sea, land or in the air, with the stamina, endurance and bravery equal to that of the ANZACs of World War I.

It is with pride that Australia and New Zealand mourn their men and women who paid the extreme sacrifice in our wars, for in the prime of life and health they were cut away from us – but the memory of them along with the name ANZAC, will never fade.

Test your knowledge in our ANZAC DAY QUIZ on page 13.

Wednesday 25th April

ANZAC DAY BREAKFAST

CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE ~ LEVEL 2

Served from 6am (After Dawn Service)

Continental Buffet or
A la Carte Breakfast Menu Available



ANZAC DAY LUNCH

IN CELLOS DINING ROOM ~ LEVEL 4

Lunch starts at 12 noon

Cost \$65pp for 2-course set menu
with a glass of wine

Bookings Phone 9284 1006

ANZAC REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

IN THE REAGH BAR ~ GROUND FLOOR

Service starts at 3.15pm

Please gather in the Reagh Bar at 3pm

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A warm welcome from the NSW Masonic Club and to the first of two souvenir editions of the Club Magazine in 2018. This year, the Club proudly celebrates its 125th anniversary, having been established in the Royal Hotel in Paddington officially on 15th September 1893. I invite you to read our historical feature on page 6 providing a small insight into this historic date. Our front cover is also dedicated to the birthplace of the NSW Masonic Club.

Sydney Metro

One of the downsides to a growing and prosperous City of the world is the constant building activity that evolves around us. This fact was brought very close to home from August 2017 to February this year with the complete demolition of the whole block of buildings on the corners of Park, Pitt and Castlereagh streets. This was a very disturbing time but our team faced this challenge and kept Members and Guests as comfortable as possible. We sincerely thank you all for your patience and understanding. The demolition site now enters its next phase with the construction of an acoustic shed and underground works to build the Metro Station. We continue to hold discussions on the potential design of the proposed 47 story building and will keep you informed through our regular Club Chat newsletters. As I write this the patching and painting of our Southern wall is well underway.

Master Plan

The Master Plan is edging closer to reality each week. This is possibly the biggest re-design project in the building's 90 years since opening. We are not just refurbishing areas but redesigning infrastructure that will create the 'bones' for the long term. It has been an incredibly intricate process from the initial appointment of an Interior Designer and Architect through to addressing the essential building services. We now have construction drawings for four mock up room types (all different layouts), several consultants appointed to assist with the project and we are now preparing documentation for Council.

Capital Improvements and Maintenance

I am reminded of the analogy of the "duck gliding along the water but the feet are peddling like crazy underneath". This is the case with our Capital projects, the largest being the recently completed laundry at a cost of over \$236,000. New equipment,

flooring, electrical and ventilation were installed. We are now working on Stage 2 of the kitchen works with new stainless steel hood, fire suppression system, lighting and ceiling works, an upgrade to the lifts, new CCTV cameras throughout the building, and a poker machine upgrade to name a few projects.

Sustainability

Our future sustainability commenced when I was first appointed in late 2015 by fixing the hotel's occupancy. Hotel revenue is our top producing revenue stream which funds all Club improvements and operations. The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel is now running at 82.5% occupancy year to date, in a very buoyant Sydney CBD market. Our room rates are very reasonable against competitor hotels, and guests love our location. Wait until we improve the room's functionality and styling !

Late last year we proudly rolled out a new Members loyalty program on top of your 15% discount off accommodation and 10% discount on food and beverage. This benefits program is working very well with Members accumulating points each time they spend on food and beverage in the Club. We will have an additional major Member benefit to share very soon. Our new menus are proving very popular with Members and Guests.

I thank my hardworking team for all their dedication and hard work. Our major focus this year is on continual improvement in all areas of the Club.

My sincere thanks also goes to the Board for their amazing support, hard work and commitment. Confidence in the Board was expressed clearly at the AGM last year when the whole Board was re-elected unopposed. Each Director is working hard to share the increasing workload at the Club on top of their normal work or life commitments. 2018 has already been a big year and as mentioned above, the "feet are peddling like crazy" to roll out our planned works.

Until next time, take care,



Paul Brasch
General Manager
NSW Masonic Club and Castlereagh Boutique Hotel



The suds on a new Soap Aid initiative

Castlereagh Boutique Hotel has recently teamed up with the Soap Aid organisation to participate in the recycling of used soaps to help third world countries.

Soap Aid is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to saving

childrens' lives through improved hygiene standards, whilst positively impacting the environment. Soap Aid's new 'HOTEL TO HANDS'

Program is a sustainable and scalable model that brings positive change and helps save lives. Our financial contribution helps Soap Aid recycle the soap we will donate each month to reach more communities and children throughout the world and

also helps to grow their global reach. The soaps are hygienically recycled to an as new condition here in Australia then sent overseas.

We are thrilled to participate in this worthwhile project and join other hotels to save millions of bars of soap from going into landfill each year which enriching lives across the planet through better hygiene practices.



CELEBRATING OUR

125TH Year

FOUNDED 1893

NSW MASONIC CLUB - A POTTED HISTORY

On September 15, 1893, the NSW Masonic & Literary Club was formally launched as an active organization, under a constitution, by a group of Masons who saw the need for a closer union among the fraternity. Members originally met in a room at the Royal Hotel, Fiveways, in Paddington. Subsequent meetings were held in the Paddington Town Hall and, as numbers increased, the Club moved to a more central location, occupying the ground floor of the Australian Chambers, located at 289 Pitt Street.

On June 22, 1906, the Club was reconstituted and registered as an Association with limited liability. It started afresh with a Board consisting of a president, two vice presidents, a treasurer, five directors and a secretary. In 1925, the Association purchased land from the Commercial Travellers' Association for £43,000, that land extending from Pitt Street to Castlereagh Street. Shortly afterwards, the Pitt Street frontage was sold for £50,000, and construction of the NSW Masonic Club building was commissioned, with its frontage to be on Castlereagh Street.

Construction of the building began in 1926, which was designed in the Art Deco style of the time. The Club's building was the first reinforced concrete building of its kind in Sydney, setting a precedent for other buildings in the CBD. At the time of completion, it was

Sydney's tallest building, standing 12 floors high. The NSW Masonic Club building was officially opened on September 12, 1927.

Over the decades, the Club made various changes inside the building from time to time, according to the changing needs of Members, and the evolving use of the facilities.



The single biggest change came in 1984, when the Members' accommodation rooms were separated from the Club's licence and commenced operations as a hotel known as the Castlereagh Inn which, when further floors were converted to guest rooms, eventually became known as the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel.

A committed program of restoration and refurbishment was undertaken in the 1990s and this program continues still. The official opening in 2004 of the fully refurbished Boardroom, by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, the then Governor of New South Wales, was a highlight of the restoration program.

The showpiece of the building is undoubtedly Cello's Restaurant, situated on the 4th Floor, its style representing a bygone era. No expense was spared on the refurbishment of this magnificent room. The ornate gold leaf decorations adorning the walls, the original plastering remaining intact, and a Steinway grand piano, make dining here a pleasure – a memorable indulgence in true opulence and elegance. Cello's can accommodate up to 150 people for formal functions such as weddings.

The building was heritage-listed in 1980, and the Club enjoys a close working association with the Historic Houses Trust. The building has been included in the annual Sydney Architectural Open Day for many years, with a great display of interest from the public.

Today the NSW Masonic Club holds true to its essence and is a meeting place for Club members, families and friends. The Hotel offers six accommodation floors and 83 guest rooms, all elegantly fitted out with period furnishings. It continues to trade profitably and flourishes with activity and fraternity from the many associations, businesses and hotel guests who call it their own.

Owned and operated by the NSW Masonic Club, The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel is ideally positioned at 169 Castlereagh Street, in the heart of Sydney's CBD. The Hotel enjoys a AAA Tourism 4-star rating, and continues to thrive, thanks to the hard work of today's staff and Club members, and the foresight of the founders of the New South Wales Masonic Club and the commitment of members and staff over many, many decades.

PHOTOS: The Main Lounge, the Snooker Room, Members' lodgings



Social Scene

What a fantastic year we had in 2017! The Club held more events and functions than ever before and 2018 is shaping up to be our busiest year yet!

Our Food and Beverage Team have been kept on their toes with ever increasing new bookings and many regular group functions including the Rotary Club of Sydney and the Glugs.

Looks like Sydney's best kept secret is out!



Photos from top L-R: Actor David Campbell (Channel 9) with wife Lisa, after receiving the award for Best Actor in a Musical; Glugs Coordinator, Beverley Davies, presenting the Taffy Davies Memorial Award; The Ionians Ladies enjoy a birthday lunch; Cocktails are flowing at the Reagh Bar Happy Hour; Glugs actress (film and stage) Fiona Press and stage reviewer, Nichole Connerly; Mayor Clover Moore presenting at a Rotary Club of Sydney lunch; Fun and festivities at the Melbourne Cup Lunch; It's all smiles for staff member Kevin as he serves some spectacular delicacies from the kitchen!



OPERA, WINE & DINE SERIES

Opera Bites are back by popular demand, following sold-out performances in 2017!

Opera Bites is Sydney's favourite boutique opera company, highly acclaimed for their fully costumed miniature operas as well as operatic highlights concerts. Established in 2009, their performance style is engaging and accessible to the newcomer yet fresh and alive for the seasoned opera-goer.



**Friday 20th April
"Opera Safari"**

Comic opera at its best! A vivacious romp through mistaken identity in one of Donizetti's most brilliant and popular operas, Don Pasquale.



**Friday 6th July
"Masquerade Ball"**

Hilarious re-telling of Johann Strauss' wonderful operetta Die Fledermaus – remember to wear your finest masquerade costume since you might be invited to participate!



**Friday 14th September
"Sultry Spanish Nights"**

Enjoy a night of hilarity with Opera Bites and Rossini's The Barber of Seville.



**Friday 16th November
"Opera Banquet"**

A unique experience to cherish with arias and ensembles from the world's most adored operas - from Turandot, Rigoletto, La Boheme, Don Giovanni, Lakmé, Carmen and more.

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TICKETS \$150 (+ booking fee)

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20% DISCOUNT FOR CLUB MEMBERS

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EVENTS MAY TO JULY

MAY



DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH

Wednesday 2 May - 12.30pm

Our guest speaker will be Paul Gordon, Chief Winemaker at Leconfield Wines.

Based at the winery in Coonawarra, Paul is responsible for all production aspects of Leconfield and Richard Hamilton, dividing his time between Coonawarra and McLaren Vale.

\$60 per person*

Includes 2-course lunch with wine tasting

BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au

*No additional Member discount applies



MAY TO MASQUERADE

Friday 25 May - 7pm to late

Transport yourself into the elegant past with dining, dancing and a night of mystery and nostalgia!

\$110 per person*

Includes a delicious canape menu, drink package PLUS live entertainment by Opera Bites.

CANAPE SELECTION

Mini mushroom pate tartlet, truffle cream, hazelnut (v)
Beetroot cured salmon, fennel seed and sable hummus
Basil, chicken and mint rice paper roll
Bagel crisp, smoked duck, dill pickle, orange gel.
Pancetta rolled beef fillet mignon, truffle mayonnaise (gf)
Scallop in the half shell melted leek and lime.
Cauliflower, mustard seed croquette, raisin chutney (v)
Tempura oyster, wakame, sesame

BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au

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MOTHERS DAY HIGH TEA LUNCHEON

Sunday 13 May - from 11am

Spoil your Mum with a Grand High Tea in Grand surroundings!

Enjoy one of Sydney's finest High Tea services from the Pastry Kitchens of Cellos Grand Dining Room.

Act One

Tea Selection ~ Supreme Earl Grey Tea, Darjeeling Tea, Cleopatra's Champagne Tea, Honey Dew Green Tea, Fruits of Eden

Act Two

Finger Sandwiches ~ Chilled Cucumber Chicken and Wild Herbs, Smoked Salmon, Crème Fresh and Baby Capers

Act Three

Chefs Savouries ~ Goats Cheese, Chives and Confit Trout Tartlet, Smoked Chicken Salad, Macerated Apricot on a compressed Puff Pastry Base, Rare roast Beef Choux Ball with Horseradish Crème

Act Four

Sweet Treats ~ Fruit Tartlet, Macaroon, Scone with Preserves

\$60 per person*

Includes a sumptuous high tea with a glass of sparkling wine on arrival

BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au

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NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Monday 28th May

If you have recently joined the Club we will soon be sending out your invitation to our New Members' Night. Meet your fellow Members and Directors and discover all of the great benefits your Club has to offer.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS
CONTACT RITA ON:
PH 9284 1006

JUN



SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DAY LUNCH

Wednesday 6 June - 12.30pm

This outstanding annual event transports you to Scotland - featuring the charming Scottish Highland Dancers, Pipe Band and Haggis Ritual!

Member \$65, Non-member \$70

Includes 3-course lunch with two beverages (soft drink, local beer or house wine)

BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY LUNCH

Thursday 14 June - 11.30am

with special guests His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales and Mrs Hurley

Member \$65, Non-member \$70

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES - Call Barbara Jones on 9130 8861 (9am to 5pm), David Beale 0407 700 291 or email Barbara Jones at flojo71@bigpond.com

JUL



DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH

Wednesday 4 July - 12.30pm

It's never too early to book you table for our Winter Dine and Wine tasting!

\$60 per person*

Includes two course lunch with wine tasting

BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au



OPERA BITES WINE & DINE SERIES

Friday 6 July - 7pm

"Masquerade Ball"

Join Opera Bites in this hilarious re-telling of Johann Strauss' wonderful operetta, Die Fledermaus ~ and remember to wear your finest masquerade costume as you might be invited to participate!

\$150 per person (+ booking fee)

Ticket includes show, bespoke 3-course meal and select fine wines.

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT:

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ENQUIRIES: info@operabites.com.au



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Wednesday 18 July - 12.30pm

Christmas themed menu with all the trimmings plus all your favourite carols with Kym Parrish on piano

Members \$65, Non-members \$70

Includes 3-course lunch with two beverages (soft drink, local beer or house wine)

BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au

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HAPPY HOUR 5PM-6.30PM

\$10 COCKTAILS + \$4.50 SCHOONERS

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NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFERS

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AUG - DEC

Save the dates!

Secure your 2018 function dates NOW! Call Rita today on 02 92841006

AUGUST 31

We invite all men and women who serve or have served in the Australian Defence Force to our **BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER**.



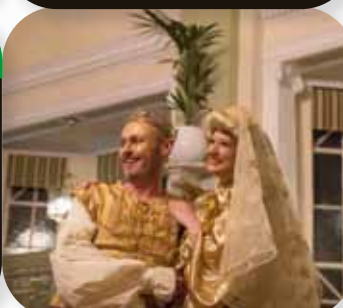
SEPTEMBER 5

This will be our last **DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH** for the year, so be sure to book your table early. Indulge in a delicious lunch with our informative guest speaker.



SEPTEMBER 12

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT by invitation only. Meet your fellow Members and Directors and discover all of the great benefits your Club has to offer.



SEPTEMBER 14

"Sultry Spanish Nights", a night of hilarity with **OPERA BITES** and Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*. Includes the show, a bespoke 3-course menu, and selected fine wines.



SEPTEMBER

Celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of the New South Wales Masonic Club. Please look out for Club Chat for more event details.



OCTOBER

Secure a date early for your **CHRISTMAS PARTIES**. Enjoy beer and burgers, cocktails and canapes, or go Gatsby style! Contact our Venue Manager, Jamie on 9284 1006.



OCTOBER

Celebrate Spring with a decadent lunch with friends in Cellos Grand Dining Room. Open Wednesday to Friday for lunch. Please phone 9284 1006 for bookings.



NOVEMBER 6

Join in the fun and festivities of **MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH**. Delicious lunch, huge TV screens, sweeps and, and a prize will be awarded for the most magnificent hat.



NOVEMBER 16

"Opera Banquet" - **OPERA BITES** performs ensembles from the world's most adored operas. Includes the show, a bespoke 3-course menu, and selected fine wines.



NOVEMBER 26

Club Members are invited to attend the Club's annual general meeting which will be held in Cellos Grand Dining Room from 1pm.



DEC 5

Enjoy some Christmas cheer at our **MEMBERS' & ASSOCIATES' CHRISTMAS LUNCH**. Entertainment by talented pianist Kym Parrish plus a Christmas carol sing-a-long.



DEC 25

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH in the magnificent splendour of Cellos Grand Dining Room. Our four-hour package is inclusive of a traditional Christmas lunch and beverages.



CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB

INTERNAL CLUBS

TOURING GROUP

Tours, day trips and inhouse events held throughout the year.

Contact: Margaret Neverley-Grant

Phone: 0400 802 032

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 11am

April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3,
August 7, September 4, October 2,
November 20, December 4

NSW MASONIC SUB BRANCH RSL

Contact: John Moore

Phone: 9758 7620

Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month at 11am

April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16,
August 20, September 17, October 15,
November 19, December 17

THE CASTLEREAGH PROBUS CLUB

Meetings and activities held throughout the year.

Contact: Linde Jobling

Phone: 9818 5523

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 10am

April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9,
August 13, September 10, October 8,
November 12, December 10

DINE & WINE CLUB

Wine tasting luncheons and events held throughout the year.

Contact: John Moore

Phone: 9758 7620

Wine Tasting Luncheons: Held on the first Wednesday of May, July and September from 12.30pm

May 2, July 4, September 5

NSW MASONIC CLUB SENIORS' ASSOCIATION

Contact: Nick Matis

Phone: 9662 6648

Meetings: 4th Monday of the month at 11.30am

April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23,
August 27, September 24, October 22,
November 26

SYDNEY BIRTHDAY CLUB

Monthly meetings, lunch and networking. Gentlemen only.

Contact: Tim Foster

Email: tim.foster@bigpond.com.au

Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month from 12noon

April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12,
August 9, September 13, October 11,
November 8, December 13

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ROTARY CLUB OF SYDNEY

As a major service club, The Rotary Club of Sydney is actively engaged in the raising of funds for worthwhile community causes.

Phone: 9231 7557

Website: www.sydneyprotary.com

Meetings: Every Tuesday in Cellos Grand Dining Room at 12.30pm

ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY

Monthly meetings with guest speakers and special event luncheons held throughout the year.

Contact: David Beale

Email: rcsnsw.db@gmail.com

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month in the Adam Room

SYDNEY LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club of Sydney welcomes visitors to attend our lunchtime meetings that are held each month at the NSW Masonic Club.

We hope that guests will consider becoming Lions once they experience the satisfaction of serving the community while making new friends and having fun together.

Contact: David Pell

Email: dgpell@bigpond.com

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Adam Room

SYDNEY '76 IONIANS

Monthly meetings with guest speakers and special events held throughout the year.

Email: sydney76ionian@hotmail.com

Meetings: 4th Wednesday of the month, morning tea on level 2 at 10am followed by meeting at 10.30am and lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room.

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PLEASE CALL RITA ON
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THE CASTLEREAGH PROBUS CLUB

The Castlereagh Probus Club has called the NSW Masonic Club 'home' for over 25 years. Castlereagh Probus is an integral element of the International Probus Club movement, and it is one of only two Probus clubs based in the Sydney CBD.

Castlereagh Probus Club meets at the Masonic Club on the first Monday of each month, and new members are always welcome.

The President of Castlereagh Probus, John Jobling, indicated that the Probus philosophy had its origins in the Rotary Club movement. It offers men and women who have retired from their profession or business with a social network of people with similar interests – fellowship, events, meetings with an interesting speakers' program, and travel, are all intertwined to achieve this offering.

John added that the Probus suburban network is very strong but, being city-based, Castlereagh Probus Club is always happy to welcome new members so, if you'd like to enjoy fellowship with like-minded retirees, come along to a meeting or contact Maria Bieber, on 9571 9370.

At the May Meeting (Monday 14 May) of Castlereagh Probus, Masonic Club Vice President John Moore will speak on the history of the iconic Kings Cup - the interstate competition for rowing. The history of the Kings Cup, which had its origin in World War 1, is both fascinating and controversial.

Contact: Linde Jobling

Phone: 9818 5523

Meetings: 2nd Monday of the month at 10am

April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9,
August 13, September 10,
October 8, November 12,
December 10



Harmonious Staff

For the third year running, our staff participated in Harmony Day on Wednesday 21 March 2018.

Lead by General Manager, Paul Brasch in, March 2016 to bring staff closer together, Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity; a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It is a day to remind everyone that



even though we are from different culture background and religion, we are one as Australians. It is a day to remind us to be thankful for the country we live in and how lucky we are to be able to live together as one in a peaceful country.

The staff celebrated the day by bringing in their favourite food from their country of origin to share with other staff. Amongst the dishes were Thai chicken curry, pork dishes from the Philippines, Ceviche (prawn dish) from Ecuador, Chinese fried rice and noodles, homemade Portuguese tarts, Fijian's Dhokla, Greek's Spanakopita right through to Australia's own chocolate brownies and lamingtons.

All staff loved trying the speciality dishes and hearing the stories behind the significance of the dish and it's cultural significance. This is an event which the staff eagerly look forward to each year with anticipation.



ANZAC QUIZ

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1. The Australian and New Zealand Army Corps was formed in which country in 1914?
2. Alec Campbell, the final surviving Australian participant of the Gallipoli campaign, died in 2002. How old was he when he died?
3. The first official dawn service was held in which of the following places in 1927?
(a) Kings Park War Memorial
(b) Shrine of Remembrance (Brisbane)
(c) Sydney Cenotaph
(d) Shrine of Remembrance (Melbourne)
4. "Who Dares Wins" is the motto for which Special Forces unit of the Australian Army?
5. John Simpson Kirkpatrick and his donkey, Duffy, were involved in which war?
6. Australia and which other three countries were a part of the Imperial Mounted Division from 1917 to 1919?
7. What type of weapon is featured on the badge of the 2nd Commando Regiment (Australia)?
(a) Commando knife
(b) Sniper rifle
(c) Grenade
(d) Machine gun
8. The ANZAC Battle Group was an Australian-led battle group deployed to which country from 2006 to 2013?
9. On ANZAC Day, it is a tradition to have a "gunfire breakfast", which is coffee or tea with which spirit added?
10. In what year was the ANZUS treaty signed between Australia, New Zealand and the United States?
(a) 1932
(b) 1945
(c) 1951
(d) 1969
11. Gelibolu, a town in Turkey, is better known by what name in Australia?
12. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, a general in the Ottoman Empire during WWI, became the first president of which country in 1923?
13. Sprigs of which herb are worn on ANZAC Day?
14. What kind of coins are used in a traditional game of two-up?
15. In which decade was April 25 officially declared ANZAC Day?

DISCOUNTED PARKING

Discounted parking vouchers for the Hilton Secure Carpark are on sale at the hotel reception desk.

The discounted parking options are offered by the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel to all Members and guests as a service, however, it is ultimately the responsibility of the guests to ensure that they adhere to the entry/exit conditions that apply.

PROCEDURE

- Please contact Hotel Reception on the day **at least an hour prior to arrival.**
- Reception will reserve parking and provide you a code to enter Car Park.
- The Hilton Secure Parking is located at 259 Pitt Street, Sydney and operated 24 hours.
- To exit take lift from Hilton Hotel Lobby to car park area.
- Please follow exit instructions on your Reservation.

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259 Pitt St, Sydney CBD

Access: Turn left into the Hilton Hotel entrance from Pitt Street – access via the 2nd driveway Secure Parking.

RATES

\$55.00 Voucher Mon - Fri	Day Voucher Single entry / exit Maximum 24 hours from the time of entry.
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Late checkout penalties apply.



Our new Member Benefits Program commenced on the 1st of January this year.

Members of the Club will now receive the following benefits:

- Earn 10 points per \$1 spent. e.g \$15.80 spent earns 158 points.
- 1000 points must be accrued before redeeming points.
- Redeem 1000 points to spend \$10.
- Member discounts still apply.
- Bonus points available for private Member functions.
- You must present your own Member card to accrue points.

Please see Rita in the 1st floor Administration Office for any card issues or if you need to have your existing card encoded.



ANZAC QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Egypt 2. 103 3. (c) Sydney Cenotaph 4. Special Air Service Regiment
5. WWI 6. United Kingdom, New Zealand, France 7. (a) Commando knife
8. East Timor 9. Rum 10. (c) 1951 11. Gallipoli 12. Turkey 13. Rosemary
14. Pennies 15. 1910s (1916)

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Mr Mark Kellett Snr Recruitment, Consultant
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2. Have your NSW Masonic Club membership card when visiting a reciprocal club.
3. **Obtain a Letter of Introduction:** Please contact Administration to obtain a letter of introduction on 02 9284 1006 or email:
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