



NSW MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

The Directors and Staff of New South Wales
Masonic Club wish you a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As the festive season approaches, Members are reminded that we will be operating on holiday trading hours over the Christmas and New Year Period.

REAGH BAR ~ The last day of trading will be Friday 22nd December 2017, re-opening on Wednesday 27th December 2017.

CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE ~ The lounge will be open for breakfast every day throughout the Christmas and New

Year period.

CELLOS GRAND DINING ROOM ~

The last day of trading will be Friday 22nd December 2017, re-opening on Wednesday 24th January 2018.

From Monday 25th December 2017 to Monday 21st January 2018, holiday trading hours will be in operation for both the Reagh Bar and Castlereagh Lounge. Please call reception on 9284 1000 or check our website for opening times.



EXCITING EVENTS

What an exciting few weeks we have had, with many private Christmas functions, plus our Members' and Friends' Christmas lunch - as always, a huge success! Christmas Day Lunch is already fully booked. However, a wait list is open. Please contact Rita on 02 9284 1006.

Cellos Grand Dining Room is looking spectacular at the moment, with an abundance of natural light pouring through the windows - on both sides! If you would like to drop in before Christmas, our final **Friday Long Lunch** will be held in Cellos Grand Dining Room on **22nd December** with guest pianist **Ces Dorcey**.

Enjoy a mouth-watering lunch, from our extensive à la carte menu.

Opera Bites have just released their event dates for 2018.

If you haven't made it to one of their events yet, you don't know what you're missing!

Cellos is the perfect venue and the shows are very impressive, with the performers interacting wonderfully with the crowd.

Club Members receive a 20% discount on standard tickets. For more information visit www.operabites.com.au.



Photo credit - Michelle Mossop

Members can secure their discount by booking through the direct links on our Club website: www.nswmasonicclub.com.au

KEY DATES 2018:

February ~ Join us every Thursday from 6pm in the Reagh Bar for a Month of Trivia.

February 14 ~ Valentine's Day Dinner in Cellos Grand Dining Room

March 7 ~ Our first Dine and Wine tasting lunch for 2018

April 20 ~ "Opera Safari" dinner show with Opera Bites

April 25 ~ ANZAC Day lunch followed by our Remembrance Service in the Reagh Bar at 3pm

EVENT BOOKINGS:

Call Rita on 02 9284 1006

MEMBERS' MATTERS

Don't forget to renew your Membership by 31 December 2017 to receive 500 bonus points in the new Members' Reward Program. The Rewards program will commence on 1 January 2018, with Members being able to

collect points on their food and beverage purchases in the Club. For more details, please visit our website, www.nswmasonicclub.com.au, or call the Club Office on 02 9284 1006.

The Club Office will open on normal business days, but not on Public Holidays, over the Christmas and New Year period.



RECIPROCAL REPORT

Our Club enjoys the benefit of having reciprocity arrangements in place with quite a few other clubs, in many different locations.

One of our reciprocal clubs is the Orange Ex-Services Club, and located within this club is the former Templers Mill Hotel which has recently been rebranded to "Mercure Orange".

The hotel has recently undergone a transformation, and all of the 77

guest rooms have been refitted with new joinery, interactive guest services, king-sized beds and monochromatic photographs featuring the history of Orange. Club members and guests can enjoy a range of superior dining options, function rooms, an indoor swimming pool, sauna and gymnasium.

To visit this, or any other reciprocal club, please contact Rita, on



02 9284 1006, or email: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au for the appropriate procedure.

Credit: Accom News

METRO MOVES

As the year draws to a close, so does the demolition of our southern-neighbouring buildings. It is expected that only the former Windsor Hotel, on the corner of Park and Castlereagh Streets, will remain to be demolished in the New Year.

Our best Christmas present will be to have peace and quiet for our members and guests, and this wish

will be granted !

The Metro site will close from Friday 22 December and will re-open on Monday 8 January 2018.

Overall, the Club building has sustained only minor, superficial damage, and this matter has been addressed with the demolition contractors. The rectification and painting works required for the southern wall will commence as soon as possible.

STAFF STUFF

The new uniforms for the Front Office and Admin staff have arrived and they look great ! Staff members are so thrilled to wear them, as you can see by the smiles on their faces. The male staff uniforms will arrive before Christmas.

The Members' striking new club ties, cufflinks and pocket handkerchief will soon be available for sale to Members at Reception.

It is pleasing to see the Club Directors joining with the Club and Catering Staff to celebrate the festive season on 19 December. We have enjoyed a "huge" year

and we look forward to a happy, safe and prosperous 2018.



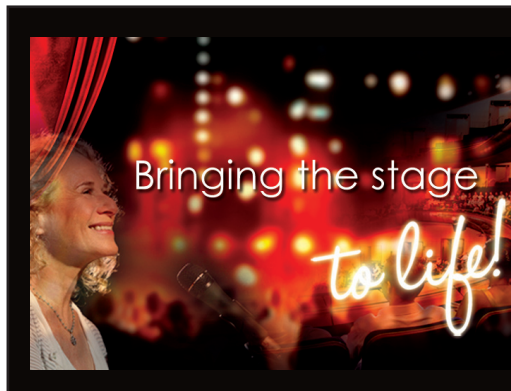
Paul's Puns

Three buildings in an American town were overrun by squirrels - the town hall, the hardware store, and the church.

The town hall brought in some cats. But after the cats tore up all the files, the Mayor got rid of the predators, and soon the squirrels were back.

The hardware store humanely trapped the squirrels and set them free outside town, but three days later, the squirrels climbed back in.

Only the church came up with an effective solution. They baptised the squirrels and made them members. Now they only see them at Christmas and Easter....



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