



NSW MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

The latest news from your Club. Don't miss our exciting line-up of events on page 2 !

BOARDROOM BANTER

Last year, we alerted Members to a Development Application (DA) to relocate the liquor licence of the former Windsor Hotel (corner of Park and Castlereagh Streets) to our northern neighbour, Liberty Place.

We are deeply concerned about the noise impact of up to 700 patrons utilising outdoor areas of the Pub, voices and anti-social behaviour radiating up to our accommodation rooms and the potential financial

impacts on the Club.

Despite our formal objection to the DA, and appearing before Council to express our concerns, the Liberty Place DA was approved by Council, with conditions. We will continue to monitor the progress of this new venue.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

Vale Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE

It is with great sadness we advise of the death of one of the Club's long-term Honorary Members, Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE.

Sir Nicholas, husband of the former Governor of NSW, Dame Marie Bashir, was 91 years old and passed away peacefully at his Mosman home on 11 February.

Sir Nicholas achieved an outstanding nine decades of leadership and commitment to the community. He was a senior Mason of long-standing and he captained the Australian rugby team, The Wallabies. Sir Nicholas

was instrumental in developing the Rugby World Cup Competition, and he was a former Chair of NSW Rugby Union and a board member of Australian Rugby Union. He was a Trustee of the Sydney Cricket Ground, and was Lord Mayor of Sydney City Council for a considerable period. As Managing Director of SBS, he was a major figure in the development of national communications.

His unstinting support of Dame Marie as Governor of NSW, can never be overstated.

To Dame Marie, his three children and six grandchildren, we extend our sincere sympathy and acknowledge that Sir Nicholas' contribution to the community was more than significant and his influence will endure.

METRO MOVES

As shown in the images, the Sydney Metro site has been almost cleared. Fewer guests are commenting on the noise, since the majority of the heavy demolition noise has been completed. We are now focusing on patching and painting the southern wall of our building, to match the northern wall. This will occur prior to a large acoustic shed being erected over the construction site from early April onwards.



KITCHEN KAPERS

We are excited to announce that the Club's food and beverage outlets all have new menus. The Reagh Bar, Lounge and Room Service menu features our top selling favourites and several daily specials. The new Cellos a la carte menu is sure to please. New tap beers in the Lounge and Reagh Bar are proving popular.

Guests attending functions will experience a flexible, innovative menu which covers many dietary requirements.

Book your table today by calling the Club on 02 9284 1000.



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EXCITING EVENTS

Members and guests enjoyed a romantic and delicious degustation dinner in Cellos Grand Dining Room to celebrate Valentine's Day on 14 February. Costa and the staff prepared a beautiful setting, which provided a warm and intimate background to a sumptuous dinner.

Bookings are now open for our first **Dine and Wine Tasting Luncheon** of the year, to be held on **Wednesday 7 March from 12.30pm**.

Our guest speaker will be Claire St John Pedler, Sales and Marketing Manager of Pask Winery and Jackson Estate.

The cost is **\$60* per person**, for a 2-course lunch with wine tasting, inclusive of Members' discount.

Once again we are holding **Trivia Nights every Thursday until 15 March**. Entry is free, but booking is recommended, as there is limited space available.

Trivia commences at 6pm in the Reagh Bar and there are plenty of spot and major prizes to be won on the night!

Why not drop in a little earlier for **Happy Hour from 5 to 6.30pm**.

- \$10 cocktails*
- Schooners from \$5*
- 10% off all wines and spirits!

Contact us on 9261 0774 to book your trivia table.

ANZAC Day, Wednesday 25 April, is our "biggest day of the Year" and will once again feature a lavish luncheon in Cellos Grand Dining Room, with a Commemorative Service to follow in the Reagh Bar.

- The Club will be serving breakfast from 6am, following the Dawn Service, with continental buffet and a la carte menus available,
- Morning tea will be served for Grand Lodge representatives attending the early service at the Cenotaph,
- Traditional luncheon will be served in Cellos, with the Pipes and Drums of the City of Sydney Band. **Lunch in Cellos is \$65* per person**, which includes a 2-course set menu with a glass of wine.
- Several individual services reunions will be held throughout the Club; and all this will culminate in:
- the Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar at 3pm – guests will be invited for refreshments following that service.



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

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.

The first show of the season, to be held on **Friday 20th April**, is

"Opera Safari" ~ a vivacious romp through mistaken identity, in one of Donizetti's most brilliant and popular operas, Don Pasquale. Tickets cost \$150pp* (+ booking fee) and include the show, 3-course meal and wine.

Book now www.operabites.com.au

Exclusive 20% discount for Club members! Simply enter the promotional code **"MEMBER"** when purchasing your tickets.

*No additional Member discount applies



EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1000

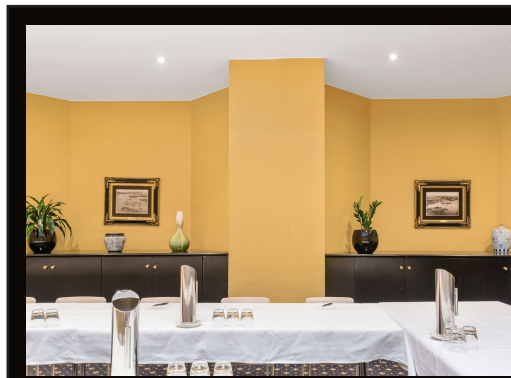
Paul's Puns

Donald Trump is walking out of the White House and heading toward his limo when an assassin steps forward and aims a gun.

A Secret Service Agent, new on the job, shouts, "Mickey Mouse!", This startles the would-be assassin, and he is captured.

Later, the Secret Service Agent's Supervisor takes him aside and asks, "What in the hell made you shout Mickey Mouse?"

(Wait for it....) Blushing, the agent replies, "I got nervous. I meant to shout, "Donald, duck!"



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