



# 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

2018 is already off to a flying start! The Board, Management and Staff will be kept very busy with a number of projects to be implemented early this year. These include:

- repair work and painting of our Southern wall facing Park Street
- a total of four mock-up rooms for the accommodation upgrade (to be completed in April)

- the double-glazing project will get underway
- stage 2 of the kitchen works will commence, as well as other internal repairs and maintenance projects.

The Board looks forward to keeping you updated on these projects to enhance your Club facilities. With demand for Hotel

accommodation and our food and beverage services continuing to rise, we are pleased to report that revenue will also flow in to fund these Club projects.

The Sydney Metro underground works commence in February after the demolition of the remaining buildings. The removal of the four-story underground car park will occur after an acoustic shed has been erected.

### STAFF STUFF

Our annual Staff Christmas Party was celebrated in true Cellos style on 19 December 2017.

Last year was a huge year for the

Club with many advances made: several Capital projects undertaken, new staff uniforms, new team members joining us, and across-the-board increases in food, beverage and accommodation demand. We are looking forward to a great 2018 !



### MEMBERS' MATTERS

Thank you to all the Members who renewed their Membership before 31/12/17. Their 500 bonus points have been apportioned to their Membership card.

Remember, the Members' Rewards Program has now commenced, with Members being able to accrue 10 points for every \$1 spent on their food and beverage purchases in the Club. Redemption is available once 1,000 points have been accumulated.

For details, please visit our website [www.nswmasonicclub.com.au](http://www.nswmasonicclub.com.au), or call the Club Office on 02 9284 1006.

### HISTORIC HAPPENINGS

#### One and a Quarter Centuries for our Club.

A big year ahead for the Club – in fact, the 125th year for the Club. Yes, the Club will celebrate its 125th birthday this year, making it the fourth oldest Club in our city; only the Australian Club, the Union Schools and University Club, and Tattersalls Club were founded prior to the NSW Masonic Club.

An extensive celebratory program is being developed for this significant milestone - one which will cater for all Members' interests - and will be staged during September leading up to the Club's actual birthday. It

was the 15th of September when a group of Masons met at the Royal Hotel in Paddington and founded the Masonic Musical and Literary Society.

So we've come a long way - conceived in a pub, the 125 year gestation gave birth to a vibrant Club and a successful and stylish hotel, both housed in a stunning example of 1920s Art Deco architectural beauty. These 125 years have been a journey of transition from pub to Town Hall meetings, through several "homes" until the present Club building, which was opened in 1927.

### Paul's Puns

**On New Year's Eve, Marilyn stood up in the local pub and said that it was time to get ready. At the stroke of midnight, she wanted every husband to be standing next to the one person who made his life worth living. Well, it was kind of embarrassing but as the clock struck midnight, the bartender was almost crushed to death....**

**Dear Lord, my prayer for 2018 is a FAT bank account and a THIN body... Please try not to mix them up like you did in 2017...**

# EXCITING EVENTS IN 2018 *Save the dates!*

Secure your function dates NOW! Call Rita on 02 9284 1006

## JANUARY

The **CHEESE & WINE CLUB** returns, meeting monthly at the Club. A 2-course lunch, cheese and wine is served. To join this prestigious luncheon club, contact the Secretary, Mr Lin Ison, 0414 789 364.



## FEBRUARY

Eat, drink and think your way through our **MONTH OF TRIVIA** which will be held every Thursday in February. Starts at 6pm in the Reagh Bar with Happy Hour from 5pm plus a great bar menu!



## FEBRUARY 14

Treat your special someone to **VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER** in Cellos Grand Dining Room, featuring French inspired, romantic décor of the 1920s. A 3-course menu will be served + champagne cocktail.



## FEB 16 - MARCH 4

Stay close to the action of Chinatown during **CHINESE YEAR OF THE DOG** celebrations and try some of our own Chef's Chinese inspired dishes. Phone Reception to book on 02 9284 1000.



## MARCH 7

Join us for the first **DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH** for 2018. Our speaker will be from a boutique winery accompanied by a two course sumptuous lunch and fine wines.



## APRIL 20

**OPERA BITES RETURNS** with "Opera Safari", based on one of Donizetti's most brilliant and popular operas, Don Pasquale. Special Members' rates apply, visit: [www.nswmasonicclub.com.au](http://www.nswmasonicclub.com.au)



## APRIL 25

Our busiest day of the year will commence with breakfast following the Dawn Service. **ANZAC DAY LUNCH** will be served and our Remembrance Service will follow, in the Reagh Bar at 3pm.



## MAY 2

Indulge your senses at our regular **DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCHES**, featuring a fabulous 2-course menu, with wine tasting to match, plus an engaging guest speaker presentation.



## MAY

Join us as we debut our new **MAY TO MASQUERADE BALL**. Transport yourself to the decadent past with period dining, dancing and a night full of mystery and nostalgia.



## MAY 13

Mum's favourite event is back again, the **MOTHERS' DAY HIGH TEA** in Cellos Grand Dining Room. Gather your family and spoil mum with an afternoon of decadent delights plus a glass of sparkly!



## JUNE 6

Join the fun and fanfare of the **SCOTTISH HIGHLAND DAY LUNCH**. The pipe band will play to the swirling of the Scottish Highland Dancers. Guest will enjoy three delicious course plus the Haggis Ritual!



## JUNE

Join us for a special evening of **MARTINI MADNESS** and olives ~ shaken not stirred, of course! ~ with our resident cocktail Mixologist. For more details phone Jamie on 02 9261 0774.

