

CLUB



CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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JUNE-JULY 2018



EXCITING EVENT DATES

WEDNESDAY - 4 JULY
Dine & Wine Tasting Luncheon

FRIDAY - 6 JULY
Opera Wine - Masquerade Ball

WEDNESDAY - 18 JULY
Christmas in July Luncheon

FRIDAY - 31 AUGUST
The Battle for Australia Dinner

WEDNESDAY - 5 SEPTEMBER
Dine & Wine Tasting Luncheon

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1000



Welcome to our "NEW LOOK" Club Chat, where you can find out all the latest news from your Club, plus plan ahead to make the most of our exciting events line-up!

EXCITING EVENTS

As winter finally arrived, the events at the Club hotted up in June! Scottish Highland Day Lunch whirled its way into Cellos with the graceful highland dancers and pipe band providing some lively entertainment for the crowd! The following week we were treated to lunch with the Governor of New South Wales at the annual Royal Commonwealth Society Lunch.

The talented chefs in Cellos came up with new and exciting dishes on the menus to surprise us!

Dine and Wine Tasting Luncheon

Celebrate Wine and Dine on the **4th of July** at our "star-spangled" themed wine tasting luncheon!



PRIZES FOR BEST DRESSED IN RED, WHITE AND BLUE

Our planned guest speaker for July unfortunately had to withdraw his offer to speak, however, we are excited to announce that Tom Switzer is joining us. Tom is the Executive Director at the Centre for Independent Studies, Sydney, and former senior fellow at the University of Sydney's United States Studies Centre (2009-17).

\$60* per person

2-course lunch with wine tasting.
Additional beverages are available for sale.

***No additional Member discount applies**

Opera Bites - Masquerade Ball

Book now for our next Opera Bites dinner show on **Friday 6th July** when they will be performing their "Masquerade Ball".

Tickets cost \$150pp* (+ booking fee)
Includes 3-course meal and wine.

Book now www.operabites.com.au

20% DISCOUNT FOR CLUB MEMBERS!
Simply enter the promotional code "**MEMBER**" when purchasing your tickets.

Christmas in July Lunch

Escape the winter chill at our Christmas in July Lunch to be held on **Wednesday 18th July**, commencing at 12.30pm.

Enjoy a festive, Christmas themed menu with our special guest artist, Kym Parrish, treating us to some wonderful entertainment on the piano!

This is one of the most popular events of the year so, to avoid missing out, be sure to secure your table early.

Members \$65, Non-members \$70

Includes 3-course lunch with two beverages.

The Battle for Australia Dinner

A reminder for all Members – the Club will hold its Annual Services Dinner on **Friday 31st August** with invitation extended to all who are serving, or who have served, in the Australian Defence Forces. Our guest speaker will be prominent defence commentator Mr Neil James, CEO of the Australian Defence Association – his topic will pose an intriguing question:

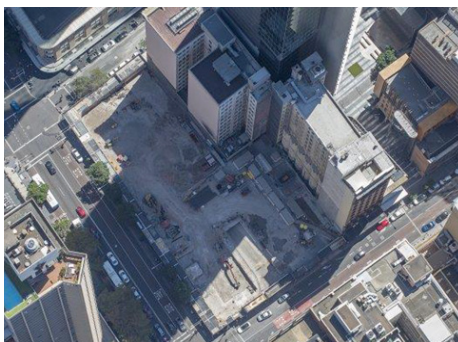
"Geo-strategic factors: Defending Australia as a continent as well as a country".

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METRO MOVES

This is a drone's view of the current Pitt Street North Metro site. The NSWMC building is to the right of the (now) vacant site. Members may have noticed that a massive frame is being erected for the large acoustic shed which will take up most of the block. We are very close to finalising the plans for the window double glazing project to submit to Council for approval.



PAUL'S PUNS

• A bank robber pulls out a gun
• points it at the teller and says,
• "Give me all the money or
• you're geography!"

• The puzzled teller replies, "Did
• you mean to say "or you're
• history?"

• The robber says, "Don't change
• the subject!"

Teacher: Will any idiot in the
room please stand up?
(a student stands up)

Teacher: Why do you think you
are an idiot?

Student: Actually I don't, but I
hate to see you standing there
all by yourself!

MEMBERS' MATTERS

**SAVE THIS DATE: Thursday 13
September 2018**

The Board is currently finalising plans for the official 125th Anniversary Dinner, to be held on the evening of Thursday 13 September 2018. Members will be able to register their interest to attend the dinner. A ballot system may be put in place if demand exceeds the number of seats available. More details to follow.

"The Eleventh Hour of the Eleventh Day of the Eleventh Month" – what evocative emotions this short phrase kindles for Australians; the end of World War One, and this year The Club will

honour the 60,000 Australians who failed to return home.

On Armistice Day, which this year will be Sunday the eleventh of November, the Club will hold a special Commemorative Service, commencing at 3.00 pm – this will avoid any conflict with the traditional Service held at the Cenotaph in the morning – and will be preceded by a luncheon in Cello.

While this follows the pattern of ANZAC Day, it is planned that the Club Remembrance Day Commemorative Service will offer something different and something special.

More details will be offered closer to the day but in the meantime, perhaps you'd note the date in your diary.

BOARDROOM BANTER

The Board is excited to share with you that we recently received City of Sydney Council approval to go ahead with constructing four (4) prototype hotel rooms without the need for a full Development Application. We are now closer than ever and are ready to call for building tenders. This is an exciting time for the Club!



CASTLEREAGH Boutique Hotel

STROLL TO THE SALES OR MEANDER THE MARKETS

With most of us planning to shop the sales for appliances, clothing, furniture and homewares, why not book a stay at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel? We're just a short walk to David Jones, Myer and Westfield Sydney.

Plus, you can explore Sydney's market scene for fresh produce, vintage treasures, or a one-off piece from an up-and-coming designer!

**Remember, Club Members receive a 15% discount on the
Best Available Accommodation Rate in the Club's Hotel.**

RESERVATIONS 02 9284 1000, or email reservations@thecastlereagh.com.au