

CLUB



CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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MEMBERS' AND FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday
5 December
from 12.30pm

DECEMBER DATES

WEDNESDAY - 5 DECEMBER
Members' and Friends' Christmas Lunch

TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER
Christmas Day Lunch

KEY DATES - 2019

THURSDAY - 14 FEB 2019
Valentine's Day Dinner

MONDAY - 11 MARCH 2019
New Members' Night, by invitation

FRIDAY - 15 MARCH 2019
Dine and Wine Tasting Lunch

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006



Celebrate
CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH
Tuesday 25 December, 12~3pm

The Directors and Staff of New South Wales Masonic Club

WISH YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

and hope to see you at one of our Christmas events!

BOARDROOM BANTER

As 2018 hurtles through its final weeks, we look back over what has been a highly successful but also disruptive year at times, as reported in the Club magazine. We eagerly look forward to 2019 and the excitement and challenges that lie ahead.

Due to the financial success of the accommodation operation within the Club, we are now able to proceed with upgrading the service lift at the very back of the building. This is a major upgrade costing almost \$200,000 and is the first that the lift has had in many years. It is the main lift that moves food, staff and supplies around the building and operations will be affected from 7 January to the end of March.

It was good to catch up with our Members at the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 26 November. The Directors are half way through their two-year term, with the next Board election to be held in November 2019.

Stephen Bates - President

EXCITING EVENTS

It was a great start to November with the excitement of Melbourne Cup Day. The Club also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, with a special Remembrance Day Lunch. 33 people attended the lunch, which was

followed by a beautiful service in the Reagh Bar, all expertly coordinated by our Vice President, John Moore, AM RFD. We plan to hold a similar event in 2019.

Our one-and-only **Members' and Friends' Christmas Lunch** will be held on **Wednesday, 5 December**.

Kym Parrish will be joining us on piano, playing all of your Christmas favourites.

\$65 Members*, \$70 Non-Members

Includes a 3-course lunch with two beverages.

Don't miss out on booking your family a magical **Christmas Day Lunch**, in Cellos Grand Dining Room, on **Tuesday 25 December**.

\$135 Members*, \$145 Non-Members

Includes a 4-course lunch with a 3-hour drinks package, the fabulous Kym Parrish on piano and a free gift for all.

***No additional Member discount applies**

MEMBERS' MATTERS

Don't forget to renew your Membership of the Club by 31 December if yours is a 2018 card.

Members are now entitled to receive and redeem points for every dollar spent on food and beverage at the Reagh Bar, Lounge or Cellos (includes personal functions). Please ask our staff at the time of purchase if you wish to redeem your points.

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KITCHEN KAPERS

It is with great pleasure that we announce our plans to enhance Food and Beverage within the Club.

A considerable amount of work has been occurring behind the scenes to make this a reality. The first noticeable change that Members will see will be the serving of a full buffet breakfast on the ground floor, for an initial trial period of 3 months, whilst the service lift is closed down. Lunch and dinner will be served from the Reagh Bar so that we can do maintenance work in Cellos and the Lounge in January. The Lounge is expected to reopen from February.

New menus and a new style of food preparation are currently being finalised. This will ensure that Members and Guests receive their meals faster than before, as they will be 'plated' on the spot. We encourage you all to come in and experience these fresh new changes. Further physical enhancements to the three outlets are being planned, ready to roll out in 2019.

HOTEL HAPPENINGS

We are excited to provide this update on the four prototype rooms currently under construction. Two Deluxe Queen Rooms on level 7 and two Boutique Double rooms on level 8 were taken offline on 4 October and stripped of all contents. Demolition of the four rooms ensued, followed by new electrical cabling (to ensure power points are

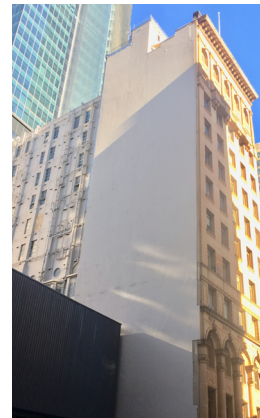
where they are needed), plumbing to remove the step up into the bathrooms, re-sheeting the walls with soundproof material and tiling etc. A small display has been set up in the foyer of what the new rooms will look like. The prototype rooms are on track for full completion by 21 December 2018.

This is the most significant change in the accommodation rooms in approximately 34 years and it is a massive upgrade. We are now planning the refurbishment of the remainder of the hotel rooms, including preparation of the Development Application required by Council to cover the works.

METRO MOVES

The Southern Wall patching and painting is now 95% completed. Abseilers have been busy preparing, maintaining and painting the Club's wall facing Park Street for several months.

This should all be completed by early December. With the large Acoustic Shed now in place over the Sydney Metro site, noise and disturbance to guests is now at a minimum.



Cellos

DINING DEAL

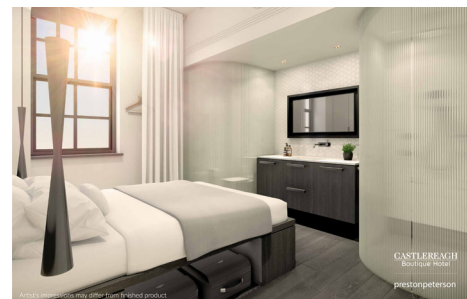
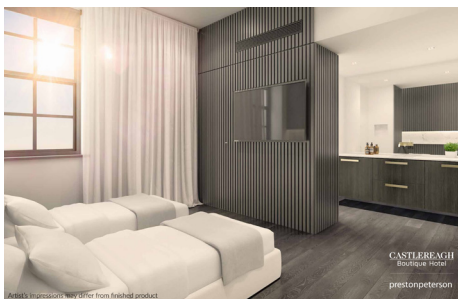
**EXPRESS LUNCH MENU
+ GLASS OF WINE**

2-COURSE \$45pp, 3-COURSE \$55pp

Includes house wines
Valid in Cellos Grand Dining Room (Level 4)
VALID TO: 19 DECEMBER 2018
NO FURTHER MEMBERS' DISCOUNTS APPLY TO THIS OFFER
Please phone 9284 1006 for bookings

PAUL'S PUNS

- Bob goes to see his friend Pete.
- He finds Pete in his barn dancing naked around his John Deere.
- "What are you doing!" asks Bob.
- Pete stops dancing and says, "My wife has been ignoring me lately so I talked to my psychiatrist and he said I needed to do something sexy to a tractor." [to attract her]



CASTLEREAGH Boutique Hotel

LOCK IN YOUR 2019 BUSINESS EVENT DATES

Before we know it the new year will be upon us, so why not get a head start and lock in your business functions for 2019 before the silly season gets underway?

With more function spaces than ever before, the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel is the ideal location for your next event.

7 ROOMS TO CHOOSE FROM

Packages start at \$38 per person

BOOKINGS: Call our Events Coordinator on 9284 1006 to secure your date!

