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REAGH BAR

GROUND FLOOR

Opening Times

Breakfast 7.00 – 9.30 am | 7 days a week

Bar 4.00 pm – late, Monday to Friday |

12.00 noon – late on Saturday

“Happy Hour” from 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm |

Monday to Saturday

Dinner & Room Service 6.00 – 8.00 pm |

Monday to Saturday



CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE

LEVEL 2

Opening Times

9.30 – 4.00 pm | Monday to Friday |

Meals served 11.30 – 2.00 pm

Formal Dining 11.30 - 2.00 pm |

Tuesday to Friday



Cello's

Grand Dining Room

LEVEL 4

Opening Times

Lunch 12.00 – 3.00 pm | Fridays only

RESERVATIONS - 02 9284 1000, Press 5

Special Events and Private Functions

DRESS REGULATIONS

Club Members and their guests are requested to observe the following dress codes which have been approved by the Board to preserve the dignity of our historic Club.

- The Reagh Bar (Ground Floor), Castlereagh Lounge (Level 2) and Cello's Grand Dining Room (level 4): smart casual attire at all times.
- Smart casual attire is:
For gentlemen, a collared shirt with trousers or slacks, shorts with closed in shoes.
For ladies, dress or blouse and skirt or tailored slacks. Sandals are acceptable.
Items of clothing which are not permitted include: baseball caps, torn or excessively faded jeans, t-shirts, thongs or sandals for men.

Castlereagh Boutique Hotel guests, as Temporary Members, are expected to observe the above dress regulations when availing themselves of the Club facilities. Exceptions are extended to guests arriving at, or departing directly from, the accommodation rooms.

The Club Management reserves the right to refuse any person not suitably attired admission to the Club areas or the food and beverage outlets.

President's Report

Dear Fellow Members

A lot has happened since our last Club magazine in October.

Your Board of

Directors have been busy dealing with several matters, including the post-construction review of four prototype hotel rooms, undertaking additional kitchen renovations, and dealing with the building's rear lift shut-down for three months. Also, investigations of various systems and costs associated with the double glazing of the windows to our Heritage building are proceeding, to ensure our hotel guests enjoy a quiet night's sleep despite Sydney's ongoing building and construction noise.

You will be pleased to know that the Club continues to trade profitably. The financial results for the eight months to 28 February 2019 show an unaudited net profit before tax of \$262,992, and net cash from operating activities (EBITDA) of \$550,922. The Club currently has \$3.4m invested in term deposits, with some of this money earmarked for improvements to Club facilities.

Your Club is on track to lodge development applications with Sydney City Council over the coming months for



the renovation of our hotel rooms and for the double glazing of the building's windows. Hurdles to be met will be our heritage status, new building code requirements that commence very shortly, and the requirement to provide disability access into and within our building.

Our Members' Rewards Program has been running for 15 months and I encourage you to avail yourself of this additional reward as a member of the Club. The Rewards program provides members with additional discounts on food and beverage purchases. The Rewards program is in addition to the usual members' 10% discount on all food and beverage purchases. Make sure our staff swipe your membership card to secure your member's discount, and to accumulate and use rewards points.

The NSW Government via Sydney Metro continues to progress the planning of a future multi storey over-station building immediately adjacent to the Club's southern wall. Your Board continues to liaise with Sydney Metro, as much as possible, to minimise the effects of this development on our heritage building.

Earlier this year your Board of Directors approved a plan for the reinvigoration of the Club's food and beverage offering and experience for the benefit of members and guests, commencing 1st April. Parts of this roll-out will take

several months to fully implement and will include changes to the Reagh Bar (ground floor), the Castlereagh Lounge (level 2) and Cellos (level 4). We are also developing a new look plan for the Castlereagh Lounge and further details will be provided soon. The Reagh Bar is now experiencing strong trading, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. Come and check out our new menus throughout the Club and let us know what you think.

For those of you who are not receiving our monthly electronic newsletter "Club Chat", please send your email address to Rita at: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au so that you can remain up to date with Club events and happenings. There are many Club functions planned for 2019 and these can be found in this magazine. As always, your Board and the General Manager continue to explore ways to use the financial benefits derived from our successful accommodation business to enhance members' benefits. Your feedback is important to us. Tell us what you think by emailing us at admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au, or talk to us next time you visit the Club.

Best wishes.

Stephen Bates | President
NSW Masonic Club

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS' BENEFITS

available for a limited time only

Refer your friends or colleagues and you could receive 5,000 Members' Reward Points!

Do your friends, colleagues or special interests groups need a new 'home'?

Members are invited to introduce your contacts to Rita, our ever-efficient Club Administration Officer, on 9284 1006, to discuss their meeting or function needs. If they make a booking by 30 September 2019, spending a minimum of \$2000 on a meeting or function, you will **receive 5,000 Members' Reward points.**

If the function has a minimum spend of \$5000, you will receive 10,000 **Members' Reward points.**

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY: VALID FOR NEW BUSINESS ONLY. BOOK BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019. FUNCTION TO BE HELD BY 31 DECEMBER 2019. THE REFERRING MEMBER MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE NSW MASONIC CLUB. POINTS WILL BE ACCRUED AFTER THE FUNCTION IS HELD AND PAYMENT SETTLED.

25% OFF WINES

Windowrie 'Pig in the House' range



Pig In The House Wines are recognised as some of the best organic wines in Australia.

Until 30th June 2019, NSW Masonic Club Members have an opportunity to buy a straight or mixed dozen for 25% off the recommended retail price.

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Castlereagh Meeting Room L2



Conference Centre L3

Our Picture-perfect LUXE Rooms



You'll be Seriously Impressed

The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel is delighted to offer two entirely new categories of rooms featuring luxurious and edgy interior design while paying tribute to its heritage.

The completely refurbished Queen Studio and Deluxe King Rooms feature a strong mix of materials inspired by fabric of the 1927 landmark heritage building.

Through innovation in design, the existing compact rooms have become more functional and impressive timber panelling that meets soaring ceilings, and piles of seriously luxe white linens.

Designer bathrooms have become a highlight of the entire room with Honed Carrara marble wall slabs and hex tiles, solid brass hardware, double vanities, and rain shower.

Treat yourself to a stay in one of the new Luxe Rooms – you'll be impressed!

What are our Guests Saying?

"The new room was the same size as rooms on other floors but the clever design has made it appear much bigger. Bedside lamps hang down to allow space for laptops and phones next to the bed. So much more vanity space than the older style rooms."

"The huge tv is cleverly hidden in a mirror doubled over the sink and becomes part of the furniture rather than just a tv in the corner. The shower, which is now able access, has space for two if you desire, with both a rain head and a hand held making waking up in the morning invigorating for a day in the city."

"I loved the hexagon tiles and the USB power outlets - so forward thinking. What with amazing staff no wonder this is a hotel of choice in Sydney. Well done Castlereagh it's lovely to see such an incredible considered update of your grand hotel!"



General Manager's Report

Dear Members and Guests,

Welcome to the first magazine for 2019, designed with a fresh, new look! I hope you like it. This edition is dedicated to recent advances in the Club aimed at providing members with improved facilities, dining and event experiences. The Board and my team are busier than ever, rolling out many projects and keeping up with operational matters, as outlined below. This is an exciting time and we are pleased to share highlights of the past six months with you over the following pages.

Accommodation Rooms Upgrade

From October through to December last year, we completely renovated two small hotel rooms and two larger rooms in four different designs. Our aim was to create two prototype rooms to help decide which layouts would be more functional for the remaining 79 hotel rooms still to be renovated.

This process provided a valuable understanding of the building services (plumbing, electrical, fire and mechanical services) and we learnt about the challenges of continuing to trade with construction and materials handling going on around us. We were also able to garner valuable feedback from guests on the new style of rooms.

We are now putting together a Development Application and hope to be able to upgrade some services this year, in preparation for the full upgrade works to commence in 2020.

Master Plan

In conjunction with the accommodation upgrade, we are working on a Development Application to refurbish



the external windows and provide internal double glazing to the top six floors of the hotel, as well as internal glazing for Cellos Dining Room.

Additional to this, we are planning the refurbishment of the Castlereagh Lounge on Level 2, to provide better facilities. I sincerely thank Director Peter Zeilic for generously contributing his time and expertise to help drive these projects forward.

Cycleway

As reported in past editions of Club Chat, the proposed Cycleway link from King Street to our North, and Liverpool Street to our South, is still alive and well. Both the NSW Government and the City of Sydney believe our (Western) side of Castlereagh Street is the best option for the cycleway. Clearly, we don't! We are pleased to report that Member Colin Johnston is working hard on behalf of the Club to put our objections together and liaising with other businesses to be affected, as well as coming up with an alternative route for the cycleway. We will keep you informed on progress.

Sydney Metro

We continue to receive regular updates from the Sydney Metro team. The acoustic shed erected over the site has minimized noise considerably. Tunneling under Pitt and Castlereagh Streets is well advanced and we are now turning our attention to meeting with the successful tenderer for the Over-Station development, once appointed.

Capital Improvements and Maintenance

We have just completely upgraded the service lift at the rear of the building, installed a new kitchen range hood, repaired air conditioning systems, implemented new IT resources and other infrastructure projects. We thank our Members and Guests for their

patience during the lift upgrade while we couldn't offer our usual variety of meals. A new and expanded menu was introduced on 1st April. Please try the menu and let us know what you think of the new offerings.

Operational Projects

Earlier this year, we extended the role of our external Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Adapt Marketing, to help drive marketing of the Club and the Hotel. The results so far are very pleasing.

Director Graham Byrne is helping me with the appointment of a Manager of Operations and Special Projects, to handle the immense volume of work we are undertaking.

We have certainly had our challenges, not only with internal construction, increased maintenance and capital projects inhouse, but also external issues such as the Cycleway, a potential 680-patron pub proposed for Liberty Place next door, increased competition from the growing hotel sector in the Sydney CBD, and trying new concepts to stimulate our food and beverage services. We will continue to work at overcoming all these challenges.

As always, I sincerely thank my hardworking team and the Board for their dedication and commitment, and I look forward to the excitement and challenges of the next few months.

Until next time, take care.

Paul Brasch | General Manager

NSW Masonic Club
and Castlereagh Boutique Hotel

P.S. Be sure to check out the Members' accommodation specials available over the next few months, and book in early for one of our unique events such as ANZAC Day, Wine and Dine Lunch, or a Cellos Friday Dining experience. See you soon in the Club.



Linger Longer

On your next visit to the Club, 'linger a little longer' and enjoy Sydney's colourful landscapes and vibrant events.

Stay 3 nights & save 20%

Try the all-new Buffet Breakfast
\$22.50 for Club Members
(normally \$25.00)

Valid for Club Members until 31 July 2019.
Linger Longer excludes Luxe and Executive Rooms. Subject to availability.





CASUAL DINING MENU

Castlereagh Lounge 11.30 – 2.00 pm | Monday to Friday

Reagh Bar 6.00 – 8.00 pm | Monday to Saturday

LIGHT MEALS

SOUP OF THE DAY	7.5
SALT & PEPPER SQUID	15.0
Preserved lemon and salad, chilli jam	
CHEESE BOARD	19.0
Selection of cheeses, lavosh, quince paste	
CHARCUTERIE BOARD (VEGETARIAN AVAILABLE)	22.0
Selection of cured meats, house pickles, chargrilled bread	

MAINS

FISH & CHIPS	21.0
Served with salad, tartare and chips	
CHICKEN SCHNITZEL	22.0
Avocado tomato, leaf salad and chips	
ORECCHIETTE PASTA (V)	19.0
Pesto, sundried tomatoes, pine nuts and parmesan	
BEEF BURGER	21.0
Bacon tomato ragout, crumbed onions, aioli and chips	
CLUB SANDWICH	12.5
Chicken, boiled egg, bacon with aioli	
SNAPPER FILLET (GF)	29.0
Served on mash, lemon capers with parsley butter sauce	
STEAK & KIDNEY PIE	17.0
Served with vegetables	

SIDES

CHIPS W/ AIOLI	8.0
CHIPS W/ BACON & CHEESE	9.0

DESSERTS

CAKE OF THE DAY	8.5
BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING	12.0
Served with butterscotch sauce and ice cream	

(V) Vegetarian | (G) Gluten Free

Satisfy your appetite for new and fresh dining

We have some exciting updates to share with our Members this month.

On Monday 1st April 2019, we introduced innovations in our Food and Beverage areas, designed to enhance our Members' dining experience.

Breakfast in The Reagh Bar

7.00 – 9.30 am | 7 days a week

Breakfast was relocated to the Ground Floor late last year and is now served in The Reagh Bar. This works exceptionally well in a convenient area, where diners are located in the social heart of the hotel, adjacent to the reception and lobby.

We now offer both a full hot and a continental breakfast, complete with a fresh juice bar. New equipment purchased for The Reagh Bar creates an impressive breakfast showcase, with the display of items holding greater appeal for hotel guests who are drawn to have breakfast before checking out.

Call in and try our new-look breakfast when you are next in the City.

The Reagh Bar – Bar and Dinner

4.00 pm – late, Monday to Friday | 12.00 noon – late on Saturday | "Happy Hour" from 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm

The Reagh Bar provides a nostalgic and welcoming atmosphere where Members and Guests feel completely at home for a relaxing drink or meal.

The ever-popular Happy Hour commences at 5.00 pm and now runs until 7.30 pm. Try one of our 17 cocktails for just \$10, house wine, beer or basic spirits for \$6.



The Castlereagh Lounge

9.30 – 4.00 pm | Monday to Friday | Meals served
11.30 – 2.00 pm

The Castlereagh Lounge on Level 2 is always a favourite with our Members, and the operating hours remain unchanged. The Castlereagh Lounge will eventually be transformed into 'zones' over the coming months, offering "all new" menus.

A variety of tasty light meals will be available as well as your favourite value meals for fast, casual dining. The Castlereagh Lounge will now offer more gourmet meals for those looking for finer cuisine.

In the longer term, The Castlereagh Lounge will evolve in line with the Club's proposed Interior Design plan, and it will be available for function bookings outside the normal operating hours for Members and Guests.



Cellos Grand Dining Room

12.00 – 3.00 pm | Friday only (until 30 September 2019) | For Members and Guests

Cellos is undisputedly a unique, special-occasion venue - the last of its kind left in Sydney. Its growing popularity for function bookings is no surprise, but this has meant that it has not always been available for Members.

Friday lunches have the strongest Member attendance, with numbers softening on Wednesday and Thursday. So, Cellos is now open for lunch for Members and guests exclusively on Fridays (excluding Good Friday) on a 6 month trial. The only exceptions will be on dates where we need to honour existing lunch function bookings.

Cellos will feature a new menu, new wine list and at least one special themed event each month for Members to participate in and enjoy.

FORMAL DINING MENU

Castlereagh Lounge | Tuesday to Friday
Cellos Grand Dining Room | Fridays Only

ENTRÉES

OYSTERS

Natural	3.5
Rice vinegar/lime and ginger	4.0

BUTTER POACHED BABY LOBSTER (GF)	22.0
Cauliflower, almond and iberico ham	

HOME-MADE ROSEMARY RICOTTA (V) (GF)	19.0
Asparagus, black olive powder with dried grape-tomato	

EASTERN SCALLOP	19.0
Scallops with parmesan, soy crumbs, potato stuffed shiitake and tandoori sauce	

BEEF TARTARE (GF)	20.0
Foie-Gras mousse, caviar, egg powder and potato crisp	

MAINS

COULIBIAC	35.0
Salmon, John Dory rolled in crisp pastry with spinach sauce	

CHICKEN, THYME AND PISTACHIO	31.0
With carrot puree, crispy egg yolk, potato fondant and chicken jus	

SEARED FIVE SPICES DUCK BREAST (GF)	35.0
Figs, walnuts, rockets, carrots and fig leaf cream	

WAGYU RUMP CAP (GF)	40.0
Mixed peppercorns, fried potatoes	

VENISON LOIN (GF)	40.0
Preserved cherries, parsnip, beetroot and liquorice	

ALL MAIN MEALS SERVED WITH VEGETABLES

DESSERTS

LEMON MERINGUE	12.0
With mascarpone cream and passion fruit	

STRAWBERRY PAVLOVA	12.0
Served with lime curd and strawberry coulis	

POIRE BELLE-HELENE	12.0
Chocolate ice cream tears and caramel sauce	

(V) Vegetarian | (G) Gluten Free





ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY 25TH APRIL 2019

ANZAC – Some Random Thoughts

The “One Day of the Year” approaches, the 104th Anniversary of the landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula, a day and a campaign well-entrenched in the Australian psyche.

As a campaign, like most of the elements of WWI, conditions and ultimate casualty rates were horrific and perhaps there is no better description than that portrayed by a poem written by Sapper J.C. Hackney in 1915 after the Australians and New Zealanders had left the shores of Gallipoli behind them:

**What gone! The Australians gone!
From ANZAC gone?**

**The lurid crater where for eight
long months**

**They lived with death, dined with
disease,**

**‘Til one in every two fell ill, and one
In every four were shot, and one
In every eight lay dead.**

Yes, gone! From ANZAC gone!

**And left behind eight thousand
graves.**

What more can be offered? This poem sums up the eight-month campaign in eight lines!

Generally, it is accepted by Australians that the campaign was a waste of time, that it had very little to offer to the total war effort, and that it was a shambles conducted by incompetent British Officers.

This is a common Australian perception but, is it true? What do the experts say?

It was, perhaps, unfortunate and bad luck too that the forces on Gallipoli encountered two of the best Commanders of World War 1 on the opposition's side - Kamal Ataturk and his German advisor

General Von Sanders. However, it was not bad luck, but rather timid and incompetent British command from their aborted naval penetration of the Dardanelles which gave Ataturk and Von Sanders three months advance warning of the landing on Anzac Cove, and they lay in wait for the Australians and New Zealanders to come ashore.

Evidence of, at best, bad management on behalf of the British High Command or, at worst, incompetence, and this was evident at both Gallipoli and on the Western Front.

There is no excuse, of course, for some of the heartless and irrational planning, if you can call it planning, which took 60,000 Australian lives during World War I; it was not until Australian General Sir John Monash's influence changed that philosophy in the latter stages of the war, that some competency was exhibited at a senior command level.

These comments of course are made in a general sense only because there were some good and very competent commanders but these, in the main, rarely receive any kudos.

What then did Gallipoli contribute to the national psyche?

The Australians were like a brotherhood. It was, in fact, the epitome of the “mateship” philosophy - this was the first time those from former separate, independent colonies had to work together; it was the first time that people across all social classes and walks of life had to mix, and mix in the most intimate manner.

Extract from ‘ANZAC - Some
Random Thoughts’

By John Moore | Club Director

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ARTICLE CAN BE FOUND ON THE
NSW MASONIC CLUB WEBSITE
www.nswmasonicclub.com.au**

ANZAC Day Lunch & Commemorative Service

THURSDAY 25 APRIL

**BREAKFAST 6.00 AM | LUNCH
12.00 PM | COMMEMORATIVE
SERVICE 3.00 PM**

ANZAC Day, our “biggest day of the Year” will feature a lavish lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room with a Commemorative Service to follow in the Reagh Bar.

Reserve your place now for the opportunity of attending this memorable luncheon, and to commemorate and honour our fallen, with the sounding of the Last Post to follow.

Breakfast – \$25 pp

Full buffet breakfast served from 6.00 am, 10% discount for Club Members.

Lunch in Cellos – \$65 pp*

2-course set menu with main and dessert plus a glass of wine on arrival. *Inclusive of Members' discount.

LUNCH MENU

Slow Cooked Beef Cheek with pea mash, caramelised carrots and rosemary sauce

Date Pudding with Caramel Sauce

**LUNCH BOOKINGS & PREPAYMENT
ARE ESSENTIAL**

**- Call Rita on 9284 1006 or email
admin@thecastlereagh.com.au**



Mother's Day High Tea

SUNDAY 12 MAY | 11.00 AM - 2 PM

Treat mum to a luxurious afternoon of pure indulgence in the gorgeous 'old-world charm' of Cellos Grand Dining Room. The lavish selection of delicacies, freshly made in our own pastry kitchen, will have mum delighted!

Act One

Fine tea selection

Act Two

A Selection of Delicate Finger Sandwiches, such as ~ chicken with sweet corn mayonnaise and chives, and smoked salmon, cream cheese and baby capers

Act Three

Sumptuous Chef's Savouries, such as ~ goats cheese tart with spicy beetroot, duck croquette with orange sauce and sesame black buns tataki salmon

Act Four

Exquisite Sweet Treats, such as ~ caramel infused mini churro, macaroons, chocolate ganache tart, raspberry cheesecake shot and scones with jam and cream

\$65 per person*

Includes a sumptuous high tea with a glass of sparkling wine on arrival. *Inclusive of Members' discount.

**BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006
or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au**



Martini Madness

\$10 MARTINIS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

Grab your Martini-loving friends and head to the Reagh Bar on the ground floor, during the month of May, where we'll be showcasing a different Martini each week.

Pull up a chesterfield and kick back with special James Bond screenings plus some black and white classics.

Dine & Wine Tasting Lunch

FRIDAY 17 MAY | FRIDAY 19 JULY | 12.00 PM

In May we will be featuring Windowrie Eye Chart organic and preservative-free wines. The Windowrie winery is family owned and certified organic, with the practise of minimal intervention a core focus.

Winemaker and family member, Jason O'Dea will be joining us, mingling amongst the tables, and sharing his great knowledge with guests, at our new format lunch.

\$65 per person*

Includes 2-course lunch with wine tasting. Additional beverages for sale. *Inclusive of Members' discount.

**BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006
or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au**



Faulty Towers The Dining Experience

SATURDAY 1 JUNE | FRIDAY 12 JULY
Doors open 6.30 pm. Show starts 7.00 pm

Interactive Theatre International presents:
Faulty Towers The Dining Experience

Basil, Manuel and Sybil are in town—and they're bringing a healthy dose of mayhem to you. Fully immersive, highly interactive and completely original, this is the top-flight show where anything can happen and usually does—and with 70% of the show improvised, it's never the same twice.

Selling out at shows all over the world—including Sydney Opera House and London's West End—it's now returning to the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel throughout 2019.

But be warned: tickets will sell out here too, so early booking is essential!

Members \$110, Non-members \$120

All tickets include a 3-course meal and 2-hour show

BOOKINGS & INFORMATION: 1300 308 193
www.faultytowersdining.com

**Additional shows 13 and 14 September,
plus 5 and 12 December 2019.**



EXPERIENCE THE WORLD'S #1 EXPERIENCE!
Returning to the Club in 2019



Scottish Highland Day Lunch

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE | 12.30 PM

This outstanding annual event transports you to Scotland - featuring the charming Scottish Highland Dancers, Pipe Band and Haggis Ritual!

Members \$65, Non-members \$70

Includes 3-course lunch with two beverages (soft drink, local beer or house wine)

**BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006
or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au**

Christmas In July Lunch

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY | 12.30 PM

Christmas themed menu with all the trimmings plus all your favourite carols with Kym Parrish on piano.

Members \$65, Non-members \$70

Includes 3-course lunch with two beverages (soft drink, local beer or house wine)

**BOOKINGS - Call Rita on 9284 1006
or email admin@thecastlereagh.com.au**



SAVE THE DATES

AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2019

Book with Rita on 9284 1006 or visit www.nswmasonicclub.com.au

AUGUST

WINTER WARMERS Enjoy a month of Winter Warmer specials in the Castlereagh Lounge, level 2. See our black board specials of soups, warm dishes and tempting desserts or choose from the hearty, casual dining menu.



30 AUGUST

BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY DINNER We invite all men and women who serve or have served in the Australian Defence Force to join us for dinner.



9 SEPTEMBER

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT by invitation only. Meet your fellow Members and Directors, discover the great benefits your Club has to offer while enjoying great food and great company!



13 & 14 SEPTEMBER

FAULTY TOWERS DINING EXPERIENCE The madness and mayhem is on again! Book now for this fabulous event. We promise laughs galore, with great food, at this fully interactive show!

20 SEPTEMBER

DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH Spring is in the air so it's a great time to shake off those winter chills and get your friends out-and-about for the final wine and dine lunch of the year!



OCTOBER

CHRISTMAS PARTIES Don't miss out on securing your date. Whether it's 50 or 150, we know how to throw an incredible party! Call our Events Team to book your date 9284 1006.



5 NOVEMBER

MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCH Join in the fun and festivities! Delicious lunch, huge TV screens, plenty of sweeps and prizes awarded for the most magnificent ladies' hat or gents' tie!



11 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY Join us for a delicious luncheon, with guest speaker, followed by a Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar, commencing at 3.00 pm.

25 NOVEMBER

127TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Members are invited to attend the Club's AGM to be held in Cellos Grand Dining Room from 1.00 pm, followed by light refreshments.



4 DECEMBER

MEMBERS' AND FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH. Enjoy some Christmas cheer with friends. Pianist, Kym Parrish, will join us for a Christmas carol sing-a-long.



5 & 12 DECEMBER

FAULTY TOWERS DINING EXPERIENCE Lost for Christmas party ideas? Book a table at this unique event. Drop in for one of our famous cocktails in the Reagh Bar before the show!



25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH Indulge your family and friends with Christmas lunch in Cellos Grand Dining Room. Our 4-hour package is inclusive of 4-courses plus beverages.



The 'Social Scene'

We celebrated the 110th birthday of the Wildlife Society, honoured our talented actors, tasted multicultural cuisine on Harmony Day, partied at the Melbourne Cup and enjoyed a drop of wine!



DECEASED MEMBERS

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of the following loyal Members of the Club and we express our deepest sympathies to their families.

Mr Henry Betts
Mr Frank Bladwell
Mr George Caruana JP
Mr Allan Cooper
Miss Margaret Deakin
Mr Bill Galvin OAM,
our Honorary Member
Mr Ellis Goldberg
Mr Keith Goodwin
Mr John Hawkins
Mr John Holmes
Mrs Linde Jobling

Mr Graeme McLennan
Mr Robert John McLeod
Miss Christine Mitchell
Mr Graham Newling
Mr Desman Scott
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our Honorary Member
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Mrs Helen Tarrant
Ms Joan Van Der Kley
Mr Hans Wermund
Mr Graeme Wood

The 'Social Scene' photos from top L-R: President, Stephen Bates and General Manager, Paul Brasch join the official presentations at the 110th Birthday of the Wildlife Society; Competition heats up for the best hat at the Melbourne Cup Lunch; Les Solomon, agent for many stars, with Noah Mullins, a young star of the West Side Story musical, at the Glugs Awards; Club Member, Thelma Hedger; 'Always-smiling' Carol, serves some icy-cold bubbly in Cellos; PESA enjoys a Melbourne Cup lunch the Conference Centre; Sam Biddle, Director of Veraison Wines, shares a laugh with Hugh Langford Smith, Virginia dei Rossi and friends at the Wine and Dine Lunch; It's cheers all round at the Melbourne Cup Lunch; Club Member Peter Dunn, who celebrated his 80th birthday last week; It's all smile from the staff at our Harmony Day lunch; Exotic Harmony Day cuisine, prepared by our staff; Beverley Davies O.A.M., Vola Vandere, actress and Amanda Buckworth, theatre PR at the Glugs Awards.

MOTHER'S DAY SECRET SHAPE

Pour Mum a cup of tea and put your thinking caps on!

Find all these words in the grid, and then colour in the leftover letter squares to discover the hidden picture!

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CARES	HELPER	NAPPY	SURE
CARNATIONS	HOME	NEEDED	TIRED
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CHILD	KISS	ORGANISE	TRUST
CHORES	LAP	PHOTO	WORK
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for Club Members and guests

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PROCEDURE

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Contact: Margaret Neverley-Grant
Phone: 0400 802 032
Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 11am
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Monthly meetings, lunch and networking. Gentlemen only.
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Meetings: 2nd Thursday of the month from 12 noon, on
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COMMUNITY GROUPS

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Contact: David Beale
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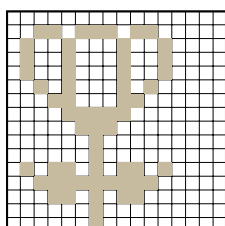
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2. Have your NSW Masonic Club membership card when visiting a reciprocal club.
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