

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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AUGUST 2019

KEY EVENT DATES

SATURDAY - 24 AUGUST

OPERA HIGH TEA - 2.00 PM



FRIDAY - 16 AUGUST

Chef's Table - 12.30pm

SATURDAY - 24 AUGUST

Opera High Tea by Opera Bites - 2.00pm

FRIDAY - 30 AUGUST

Battle for Australia Dinner - 7.00pm

WEDNESDAY - 4 SEPTEMBER

Dine & Wine Tasting Lunch - 12.30pm

FRI & SAT - 13 & 14 SEPT

Faulty Towers Dining Experience - 7.00pm

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

PURPLE HANDS



WEDNESDAY - 4 SEPTEMBER

DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH - 12.30 PM

EXCITING EVENTS

CHEF'S TABLE

WHEN: 12.30pm, Friday 16 August 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Book now for this authentic, interactive dining experience in the art deco surrounds of Cellos, where Head Chef, Nabil Belramoul, shares his inspiration for his menu.

OPERA HIGH TEA by Opera Bites

WHEN: 2.00pm Saturday 24 August 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Indulge in an afternoon of Hollywood glamour paired with a decadent High Tea!

Back by popular demand! Opera Bites, Sydney's favourite boutique opera company, matches your favourite films with opera's greatest hits at this elegant event to remember. Paired with a sumptuous high tea, this is an event not to be missed!



Tickets \$99 + booking fee

(Includes entertainment and sparkling high tea).

Bookings: www.operabites.com.au

THE CLUB'S ANNUAL SERVICES

DINNER - Battle for Australia Dinner

WHEN: 7.00pm, Friday 30 August 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Coinciding with the commemoration of the Battle for Australia the following week, this dinner follows the protocols of a formal Regimental Dinner and is open to all serving and former serving members of the Australian Defence Force, and their partners. Dress, as befits the occasion, is Mess Dress or black tie with miniatures.

Our guest speaker, Naval Historian Lieutenant Commander Desmond Woods, RAN, will relate the poignant and virtually unacknowledged story of the dedication and sacrifice of the Merchant Navy in the Pacific Theatre of World War II.

\$95 per person (Includes 3-course dinner and drinks, and is inclusive of Members' discount)

RSVP 23 August: Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

DINE AND WINE TASTING LUNCH

WHEN: 12.30pm, Wed 4 September 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

We must give a big thank you to all who attended our recent Dine and Wine Lunch on Friday 19th July. The new format was positively received and the wine options game at the end of the event was great fun. Congratulations to the winners!

We sincerely thank Tyrrell's Wines guest speaker, Grant Belve, who stepped in at the last minute and was "a mine of information" on the wines tasted.

We will continue with the new format for our next Dine and Wine Lunch. Please note: the date has been brought forward for the last Dine and Wine Lunch for the year. It will be held on Wednesday 4 September 2019, not Friday 20th as previously advertised.

We will feature wines from the Southern Barossa Vineyards "Purple Hands" label. We are so looking forward to tasting their highly-sought-after reds.

\$65 per person (Inclusive of Members' discount)

For bookings, please phone Rita on 9284 1006 or admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW WINE LISTS COMING THIS SPRING!

FAULTY TOWERS DINING EXPERIENCE

WHEN: 7.00pm, 13 & 14 September 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Basil, Manuel and Sybil are coming to town and they're bringing a healthy dose of mayhem to your door. Fully immersive, highly interactive and completely original! With two hours of comedy, three courses of food, and five-star reviews, expect chaos, laughs, and a brilliant night out.

Members \$110, Non-members \$120

Bookings and Enquiries: 1300 308 193
www.faultytowersdining.com

JUST IN TIME FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTIES: FINAL SHOWS IN DECEMBER!

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KITCHEN KAPERS

We warmly welcome you to Cellos Grand Dining Room (level 4), or the Castlereagh Lounge (level 2), to try some of our Winter Warmers selections.

CHICKEN PARMIGIANA \$28

Napolitano sauce, ham, mozzarella, green salad, shoestring fries

PAN ROASTED SALMON FILLET (gf) \$30

Pumpkin, feta and sesame seeds

FIVE SPICES DUCK BREAST (gf) \$35

Orange flower scented carrot puree, orange marmalade, bok choy

CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE

9.30 – 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday

CELLOS GRAND DINING ROOM

Each Friday under the chandeliers
12.00 – 3.00 pm

For bookings, please phone 9284 1006.



Mint crusted loin of lamb, heirloom carrots, zucchini flowers, mille-feuille of parmesan potato with lamb jus.

PAUL'S PUNS

An elderly man is driving home in his Volvo from a trip away when his wife rings him on his mobile phone.

"Honey" she says in a worried voice, "Please be careful. There was something on the news about a man driving the wrong way on the highway".

"Oh, it's a lot worse than that" he replies, "There are hundreds of them"....

BOARDROOM BANTER

STOP THE PRESSES!

The Club recently received DA approval for the double glazing project. This will involve the removal and restoration of the external frames, replacement of the 'chicken wire' glass with acoustic clear glass and an additional acoustic glazed interior panel fitted to each accommodation room. A lot of effort has gone into this project and we sincerely thank Director Peter Zeilic for his valued assistance. We are busy finalising quotes and planning its rollout. We will have other exciting news to share with you next month. Stay tuned!

MEMBERS' MATTERS

ONE FOR THE DIARY: Our next New Members' Night will be held on Monday 9 September from 5.30pm to 7pm.

This hosted event is by invitation only, issued to those who have joined as new members in the past 6 months. If you are a new Member and would like to meet some of our Team, our General Manager and Directors, as well as hear about this wonderful Club, please contact Rita on 02 9284 1006 or admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

Long-standing Sub Club of the NSW Masonic Club seeks new members.

The New South Wales Masonic Club Seniors Association (formerly The Veterans Association) is one of the oldest of our sub clubs. It was formed shortly after the end of World War 2.

Initially, membership was restricted to:

1. Club members of at least 2 years standing
2. Being at least 65
3. Being a member of an accredited lodge for at least 5 years

Service in the armed forces has never been a requisite for membership.

The Association has always met on the 4th Monday of each month, and in

November our meeting is timed to allow members to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Club. In past times our membership formed a large proportion of the attendance at those meetings.

Bro Jack Aldridge, a member of the Association, was President of the Club for a record period from 1964 to 1981.

The Association is now seeking to increase its membership to offset the effect of the Grim Reaper and old age. Our happy meetings commence at 11.30am and include a partially subsidised meal and refreshments, celebration of birthdays and a report about Club affairs. They usually finish at 1.30pm.

Requisites for membership are now:

1. Financial membership of the Club
2. Age 55 or over
3. Current membership of an accepted Masonic Lodge for not less than 1 year

We would welcome any enquiry or expression of interest about our group.

Please contact: President Graham Berry on 0414 924193 or Secretary/Treasurer, Nick Matis on 0408 268 305.

TEAM TALK

We recently said farewell to one of our dearest colleagues, Susan Liu, who had been an integral member of our dynamic Hotel Housekeeping team.

Sue commenced employment with us on 18 April 2005 and, sadly for us, retired on 9 July 2019. Sue told us she had witnessed many positive changes with the hotel over the many years, and she will miss her dear colleagues who are also her friends.



COMING SOON - TWO VERY SPECIAL EVENTS!

Cocktails at the Opera - Thursday 31st October 2019
Melbourne Cup Day Lunch - Tuesday 5 November 2019



CASTLEREAGH

Boutique Hotel

Great Gatsby! It's almost Christmas

With the silly season almost upon us, book your party today!

Whether it's for 50 or 150, we know how to throw an incredible Christmas Party! Exceptional catering and menus allow you to choose from cocktail and canape style events, through to more elaborate set menus and buffets, with Christmas favourites prepared and presented to impress your guests.

8 Heritage function areas for 10 to 200 guests
Packages start from \$35 per person

Call our Events Coordinator on 02 9284 1006 to secure your date.