

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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JULY 2019



KEY EVENT DATES

WEDNESDAY - 3 JULY
Christmas in July Lunch - 12.30pm

FRIDAY - 12 JULY
Faulty Towers Dining Experience - 7.00pm

SATURDAY - 13 JULY
Classic Conjuring - Magic Show 7.00pm

FRIDAY - 19 JULY
Dine & Wine Tasting Lunch - 12.30pm

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

DINE & WINE TASTING LUNCH

FRIDAY 19 JULY | 12.30 PM



EXCITING EVENTS

The Annual Scottish Highland Day was a huge success with almost 80 attendees enjoying the Scottish fare, piper, dancers and the traditional Haggis and Whiskey ceremony. We thank all participants who were involved in this year's special day and look forward to an even bigger roll up next year.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCH

WHEN: 12.30pm Wednesday 3 July 2019
WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

A delicious Christmas-themed feast with all the trimmings!

Escape the winter chill with a spectacular feast at our annual Christmas in July Lunch! Enjoy all your favourite carols, with the fabulous Kym Parrish on piano.

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

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

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

FAULTY TOWERS DINING EXPERIENCE

WHEN: 7pm Friday 12 July 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

ADDITIONAL SHOWS IN SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER

DINE AND WINE TASTING LUNCH

WHEN: 12.30pm Friday 19 July 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Join us for our winter wine tasting lunch, featuring interactive guest speaker, Mark Richardson, Red Winemaker at Tyrrell's.

Enjoy a delicious two course meal with wines to match and learn some new things about wine.

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES ...

CHEF'S TABLE

WHEN: Friday, 16 August

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

THE CLUB'S ANNUAL SERVICES

DINNER - Battle for Australia Dinner

WHEN: Friday 30 August

This dinner, coinciding with the commemoration of Battle for Australia the following week, 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.

The Dinner will be held in the delightful ambiance of the Club's Grand Dining Room. Details, including Guest Speaker, will be forwarded to Members in the next few days.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

WHEN: Monday, 11 November

The Club will both celebrate and commemorate this day of remembrance with a luncheon in Cellos Grand Dining Room with a Commemorative Service to follow in the Reagh Bar.



BOOK NOW FOR THESE POPULAR EVENTS

Final Dine and Wine Tasting Lunch - Friday 20 September 2019
Melbourne Cup Day Lunch - Tuesday 5 November 2019

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FUN FUNCTIONS

REFER YOUR FRIENDS OR COLLEAGUES,
EARN 5000 MEMBERS' REWARD POINTS!

Many of our current Association clients book Cellos or the Conference Centre for lunch or dinner, with a guest speaker addressing the audience during or after a decadent meal.

Know someone looking for a unique venue for a meeting or event?

Simply refer them to Rita Surio, Club Administration, on 9284 1006. 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**.



PAUL'S PUNS

A passenger taps the taxi driver on the shoulder. The driver almost has a heart attack, swerves, nearly hits a bus and stops just centimetres away from a shop window.

"Crikey, you're a jumpy one. I was only getting your attention".

"Sorry," says the taxi driver. "It's my first day on the job. I've been driving a hearse for the last 20 years."

KITCHEN KAPERS

Warm up with these hearty meals from the Castlereagh Lounge Winter Menu and, don't forget, **Members receive 10% off full priced meals**.



CARVERY STATION (gf) PER SERVING \$18

Roast of the week with all the trimmings

Available Mondays for Lunch only

GRILLED GARLIC PRAWNS POT (gf) \$28

Pumpkin, feta and sesame seeds

FILLET OF BEEF ROSSINI (250g) (gf) \$32

Potato gratin, spinach puree, mushroom sauce

TROUT NORMANDE (gf) \$35

Deboned and filled with lobster puree, mushrooms, green salad, veloute sauce

CHATEAUBRIAND FOR TWO (gf) \$55

Cut from the succulent tenderloin of beef, cooked rare or medium rare, Served with array of vegetable and mash potato, Béarnaise sauce.

REAGH BAR (GROUND FLOOR)

Breakfast

7.00 to 9.30 am, 7 days

Dinner and Bar

4.00 pm – late, Monday to Friday

12.00 noon – late on Saturday

"Happy Hour" from 5.00 – 7.30 pm

CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE

9.30 – 4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Meals served 11.30 – 2.00 pm

CELLOS GRAND DINING ROOM

12.00 – 3.00 pm Friday only

(until 30 September 2019)

For bookings, please phone 9284 1006.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

JULY IS "DOUBLE REWARD" MONTH

A Member who signs up another Member (subject to Board approval) will earn 1000 points and, at the same time, the new Member will also receive 1000 points plus enjoy 18 months Membership from 1 July 2019 to 31 December 2020.

You have spoken, we have listened:

Due to requests from Members, we will now go back to posting your birthday voucher to you. Please call in to the office on Level 1, validate your voucher and enjoy a bottle of house red, white or sparkling wine during your birthday month. 3 Cheers!

Why not call in for breakfast when you are in the City next? Hotel guests are telling us that our full buffet breakfast on the Ground floor is sensational so why should Members miss out? At the price of \$22.50 per person, after your 10% Member discount, this is exceptional value, and a great way to start your day exploring the City!

BOARDROOM BANTER

There is plenty happening around the Board table of late, including:

- The appointment of a professional Strategist to head up the Club's objection to the proposed Cycleway in Castlereagh Street. We look forward to sharing the results of our efforts as soon as the plan is implemented.
- New marketing ideas and collateral. A lot of activity is currently underway to attract more functions and events, weddings and meetings to the Club.
- Interior design. We are working with several Interior designers on their fee proposal to re-invigorate the Castlereagh Lounge (level 2). We can't wait to share the winning designs once we fully develop the concepts.
- A number of maintenance projects designed to keep the Club running, including upgrades to services and 'back of house' infrastructure.
- Items as reported recently: the double glazing project, services review.

We seem to have become a 'Hot spot' for filming! Several film projects, a documentary, photo shoots and TV interviews have all occurred in the Club over the last month. We would love to share details but we have to wait until after they are aired publicly.



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Save 20% when you book 3 nights in our Boutique or Deluxe Rooms

Sydney is a real gem, so make time to linger a little longer to explore this lively City. Sydney is packed with arts and culture, festivals, music and you can enjoy the crisp air and warm sunshine by day, and by night snuggle in and cozy up at your pick of nearby restaurants, bars and theatres.

Reservations: 1800 801 576 | www.thecastlereagh.com.au

VALID FOR STAYS UNTIL 30 DECEMBER 2019. AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK FOR BOUTIQUE DOUBLE, BOUTIQUE TWIN AND DELUXE ROOMS. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.