

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT - ISSUE 24

DECEMBER 2019

KEY EVENT DATES



WEDNESDAY - 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH - 12.00 PM

Includes 4-course lunch with drinks



THURSDAY - 12 DECEMBER

FAULTY TOWERS SHOW - 7.00 PM

Includes 3-course meal and show



SATURDAY - 14 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA - 2.00 PM

Includes sparkling high tea and show

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

The Board, Management and Staff
wish you all a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year.

We sincerely thank you for all your support this year.



EXCITING EVENTS

This festive season, why not book a room at Castlereagh Boutique Hotel for the night when you attend one of our wonderful events? Avoid the traffic, beat the rush and unwind before or afterwards in the comfort of your room.

Members receive 15% off hotel bookings using the promo code "NSWMCMEMBER", or book the two-night Summer Bed and Breakfast Package, including two drink vouchers, from \$198 per night.

Visit www.thecastlereagh.com.au

FAULTY TOWERS THE DINING EXPERIENCE

WHEN: 7.00pm, Thurs 12 December 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

The 5 December show is sold out so this is your final opportunity to experience the antics of Basil, Manuel and Sybil in this fully immersive and interactive show!

Members \$110, Non-members \$120

Includes a 3-course meal and 2-hour show.

Bookings: 1300 308 193
www.faultytowersdining.com

Members' booking code: Member2019

CHRISTMAS OPERA HIGH TEA

WHEN: 2.00pm, Sat 14 December 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Opera Bites - "Rudolpho's Christmas"

Come and explore opera's most gorgeous melodies. Narrated in true Opera Bites style this fully costumed event is teamed up with a delicious sparkling high tea for an operatically festive experience like no other.

Tickets \$99 per person + booking fee

Includes a fully costumed show and a sparkling high tea.

Bookings: www.operabites.com.au

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH IN CELLOS

WHEN: 12.00pm, Wed 25 December 2019

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Still haven't made plans? This year, give yourself an early present and book your table now to celebrate Christmas without the hassle! Spend your day in our delightful Grand Dining Room with your whole family.

Members \$135, Non-members \$145

Includes a 4-course lunch, 3-hours drinks package and a gift for all!

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OUR FIRST EVENTS FOR 2020 !



Valentine's Day Dinner - Friday 14 February 2020

Returning - Chef's Table - Friday 21 February 2020

NEW! Murder Mystery Dinner - Friday 28 February 2020

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TRADING HOURS

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Over the Christmas 2019 and New Year 2020 period, the Club will be operating on holiday trading hours.

The Castlereagh Lounge will close for refurbishments from 18 December until early February 2020.

Cellos will be open each Friday until 20 December and Christmas Day Lunch.

The Reagh Bar (ground floor) will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

A copy of the holiday trading hours can be found on the Club's website www.nswmasonicclub.com.au.

PAUL'S PUNS

I heard of a guy who shoplifted an Advent calendar. He got 24 days!

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve!

Why did they ask the turkey to join the band? He had the drum sticks.

BOARDROOM BANTER

The AGM was held on Monday 25 November 2019 and was well attended by Members, 52 in fact, our highest attendance in recent years! All resolutions were passed. An EGM was held just before the AGM to discuss and vote on the poker machines. Some very healthy discussion was had and the Members voted to sell the poker machines on level 2 and their licences.

Your Board for the 2019 – 2021 year is:

- Bro Stephen Bates (re-elected by the new Board as President)
- Bro Robert Eaglesham (elected by the new Board as Vice President)
- Bro Peter Read
- Bro Peter Zeilic
- Mr Graham Byrne
- Mr Steve Wearne
- Bro William (Bill) Redpath
- Bro Stephen Hodgson

This leaves a casual vacancy for the Board to fill, based on the Member's skill set, throughout the year. This will be a busy year ahead for the Board as they deal with infrastructure improvements, capital projects, building repairs and revenue generation in challenging times. The Board sincerely thanks the valued efforts of outgoing Directors: Kate Foot, John Moore and Allan Ezzy.



Top Left to Bottom Right: Bro Stephen Bates, Bro Robert Eaglesham, Bro Peter Read, Bro Peter Zeilic, Mr Graham Byrne, Mr Steve Wearne, Bro William (Bill) Redpath, Bro Stephen Hodgson

MEMBERS' MATTERS

CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE LIBRARY

We are busy planning improvements for the level 2 Castlereagh Lounge and would like to incorporate a library in the Club, to keep true to the initial ethos of the Club being established in 1893 as the "NSW Masonic Musical & Literary Club".

We would like to call on any Members who have spare, good quality hard or soft cover books to donate to the Club.

This is a perfect time to clean out your cupboards! Please bring them in to the level 1 Admin Office.

If you need assistance dropping them off at the Club, please coordinate this through Rita on 02 9284 1006.

CYCLEWAY UPDATE

After reviewing many aspects of the 2013 City of Sydney access strategy we have found flaws which we can highlight to the Minister for Transport, The Hon. Andrew Constance.

In our submission, we are asking the Minister to instruct Transport for NSW (TFNSW) to review the 2013 report. As mentioned, this gives us a fair argument to have the cycle path reviewed and an alternate cycle path built into George Street. This has always been a cyclists' most practical route.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

We remind you that Membership Renewals are due by 31 December 2019.

Renewals can be made online at www.nswmasonicclub.com.au or by returning the form sent with the Club Magazine.

TEAM TALK

Congratulations to Jorge, our Level 2 Lounge staff member and his wife Cheryl, on the birth of their second daughter on 22nd November 2019. Their healthy bundle of joy is yet to be named. Management and staff at the Club wish Jorge and his family all the best of health, happiness and joy.



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