

# CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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FEBRUARY 2020

## KEY EVENT DATES



**FRIDAY - 14 FEBRUARY**

**VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER - 7.00 PM**  
Includes 7-course degustation dinner



**FRIDAY - 21 FEBRUARY**

**CHEF'S TABLE - 12.30 PM**  
Includes 6-course degustation menu



**FRIDAY - 28 FEBRUARY**

**HOST A MURDER DINNER - 7.00 PM**  
Includes 2-course meal and mystery!

**EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006**

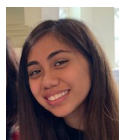
**As our General Manager, Paul Brasch, is currently on 12 days leave in January, the staff have taken over Club Chat !**

**Here's what we have to say...**

## EXCITING EVENTS

### VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

**WHEN:** 7.00pm, Friday 14 February 2020  
**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room



*Eseta's Choice - Administration*  
Valentine's Day is not only for the young, but the young at heart too, so treat your special someone to a romantic evening in Cellos.

There will be a 7-course degustation menu with sparkling wine, an all-inclusive wine option plus 'event pianist', Michael McStay. We also have a great accommodation offer, see page 2.

**\$90 pp - with a glass of sparkling wine**

**\$120 pp - all-inclusive wines\***

Includes a 7-course degustation menu with a glass of sparkling wine on arrival. \*All-inclusive option features a glass of sparkling wine on arrival, plus a glass each of white, red and dessert wine. Inclusive of GST and Members' discount.

**Bookings:** Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email [admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au](mailto:admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au)

### CHEF'S TABLE

**WHEN:** 12.30pm, Friday 21 February 2020  
**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

Cellos' recently-launched Chef's Table continues in 2020 ! At this authentic, interactive dining experience, guests will enjoy a sumptuous 7-course degustation lunch with Head Chef, Nabil Belramoul

sharing his inspiration for the menu.

Chef's Table will be held on the 3rd Friday of every month so join us on 21 February, 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 19 June.

**\$75 per person**

Includes a 7-course degustation menu. Inclusive of GST and Members' discount.

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### HOST A MURDER DINNER - NEW!

**WHEN:** 6.30pm Friday 28 February 2020  
**WHERE:** Cellos Grand Dining Room

**"The Last Train from Paris" - Who did it?**

This exciting new event is sure to delight as you work out "Who Did It?".

It's 1940, you're aboard an express, escaping soon-to-be-occupied Paris as the German troops march towards the city. Roads are blocked; trains are crammed. This game is a lot like Murder on the Orient Express, with a brilliant twist. Find out who killed Fiona Fae Tahlle, the mysterious passenger in cabin Number 9.

Tables of 10 people will be allocated, each guest with their own character to play.

**Remember to bring your reading glasses and wear 1940's attire** as you head off on "The Last Train from Paris".

**Tickets \$99 per person**

Includes a 2-course meal and a glass of sparkling on arrival. Inclusive of GST and Members' discount.

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*Peter's Reminder - Manager of Operations and Special Projects*  
Don't forget to grab some friends and book early for upcoming events such as the **Dine and Wine Tasting on Wednesdays 4 March and 6 May**. All new wines, new speakers and new tastes. Cheers to that !

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## BOARDROOM BANTER

*Stephen's Update - President*

Stephen says, "with clear 2020 vision this year, your Board is gearing up for a highly busy and productive

year.

Planning is well underway on the various infrastructure works including: The Fire Order project, Interior design concepts for our small hotel rooms and food and beverage areas, continuation of the double glazing project as well as our usual responsibilities of Board Governance and strategic direction.

I look forward to working with our GM and team to bring you more this year."

## MEMBERS' MATTERS

*Rita's Reminder - Club Administration*

Happy New Year from Eseta and me in the Admin office on Level 1. Just a reminder

that we still have 635 Members to renew their Memberships.

Please call in and see us soon or renew online asap or we will miss you too much...

Renewals can be made online at

**[www.nswmasonicclub.com.au](http://www.nswmasonicclub.com.au)**

Thanks so much to Members who dropped in their spare books for our new library in the level 2 Lounge. More books are needed, so drop a few in each time you come to visit the Club and make sure you secure your meeting or function dates. This year is filling fast!

## RAPID REPAIRS

*Bill's Update - Maintenance*

Hi from Bill. "I'm the super busy Maintenance Manager! We have started the year with a bang... literally!

We are refurbishing the Level 2 Lounge at the moment with new paint colours, new concepts and no poker machines! We are replacing the old air conditioning system at considerable expense but this won't be fully operational until early February. We hope to reopen the Lounge on Tuesday 28th January.

Stage 2 will include new carpet, but we are still working on the colours for this. We also set up high scaffolding in Cellos this month to patch and paint the ceiling. It's the only time of the year we can get access to Cellos.

## KITCHEN KAPERS

*Costa's News - Catering*

Jamie, Nabil and I, and all our team, had a record end-of-year function season, ending with a highly successful Christmas

Day, serving 85 Members and Guests.

We have quite a line up of events in 2020, including some new ones to watch out for. My team and I look forward to ensuring that you enjoy some very memorable occasions with us this year.



The staff enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Lunch in December and we also had the chance to experience the Classic Conjuring magic show, which was amazing. If you have a chance, definitely go! The show will be held at the Club every month this year.

## SARA &amp; JULIE'S JOKES

Hi, this is Julie, the Club's Sales and Marketing Consultant and Sara, Graphic Designer.



*Julie*

We are the creative team who put Club Chat together behind the scenes for you each month, plus many other marketing activities.



*Sara*

Did you hear about the Mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

"Mum, don't get alarmed, but I'm in the hospital"

"John, please. You've been a surgeon there for four years. Could we start our phone calls a little differently now?"

## HOTEL HAPPENINGS

*Armindo's News - Front Desk*

Hi, Armindo here from the Front Desk. After ending the year with 100% occupancy on New Year's Eve, it is great to catch our breath in January before the busy months of February and March, with Chinese New Year, back to work for many corporates, cruise season and Mardi Gras to name a few events. Call me to book your special stay with your Member's discount and I will look after you.

*Sarah's Update - Housekeeping*

This is Sarah, the hardworking and dedicated housekeeping Supervisor! My team keeps the venue clean and sanitary as part of our customer service.

The team has been busy swapping over old mattresses with brand new Sleepmaker super-comfortable mattresses for the best night sleep for our guests. We hope to donate the mattresses that we are replacing to the bushfire victims, if they require them. Change brings opportunity.

Give more, get more! Go team housekeeping... cheers!

## Vintage Valentine's Stay Package

**\$400\* for 2 people | Includes dinner and an overnight stay at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel**

Cupid's arrow has marked the date on a Friday this year - perfect for lingering with your loved-one over a degustation experience in our 1920's era dining room, wrapped up with a relaxing overnight stay.

Bottle of Silverleaf Sparkling wine and chocolates on arrival at the hotel  
7-course degustation menu with a glass of sparkling wine on arrival  
Live music from our pianist tickling the ivories of the Steinway  
Overnight stay in a Deluxe Queen Room

Add full buffet breakfast to your stay for only \$22.50 per person

**Reservations: 1800 801 576 | [www.thecastlereagh.com.au](http://www.thecastlereagh.com.au)**

\*VALID FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2020. SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

Enter Promo Code  
**"valentine"**  
to make your booking