

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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MARCH 2020

KEY EVENT DATES



WEDNESDAY - 4 MARCH

DINE AND WINE TASTING - 12.30 PM
2-course lunch and wine tasting



FRIDAY - 20 MARCH

CHEF'S TABLE - 12.30 PM
7-course degustation lunch



SATURDAY - 4 APRIL

HIGH TEA WITH NOËL & COLE - 2.00 PM
High tea with a glass of sparkling wine

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

EXCITING EVENTS

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER - **NEW!**

WHEN: 6.30pm Friday 28 February and Friday 22 May

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Enjoy an evening of interactive intrigue as you work out "Who Did It?".

>> **Last chance to book** for "The Last Train from Paris", on Friday 28 February.

>> **Bookings now open** for "Powar and Greede" on Friday 22 May.

You and the other guests are gathered in the glare of the spotlights at Powars Oriental Gardens Theater for the premiere of Powar Film Studios' newest release, Powar and Greede.

A small, private party for the cast is being held in the Banquet Room adjoining the theatre, while outside, Hollywood's elite mill about, breathlessly anticipating the 8:30pm curtain....

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

Tickets \$99 per person

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

Bookings: Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

DINE AND WINE TASTING LUNCH

WHEN: 12.30pm Wednesday 4 March

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Hold the press!! Briar Ridge is the winery and Alex Beckett is our guest Winemaker.

Hunter Valley local and talented young winemaker, Alex Beckett, joined Briar Ridge as an Assistant Winemaker in 2016.

Recognised as one of the industry's up and coming talents, Alex's passion for wine began while working part-time in Hunter Region cellar doors and wineries.



Alex's dedication and enthusiasm saw him promoted to the role of Winemaker in 2018, responsible for Briar Ridge's unique portfolio of Hunter classic wines and alternate varieties.

Tickets \$65 per person

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

Bookings: Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

CHEF'S TABLE

WHEN: 12.30pm, Friday 20 March

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

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 monthly on 20 March, 17 April, 15 May, 26 June.

\$75 per person

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

Bookings: Phone Rita on 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

OPERA HIGH TEA WITH NOËL & COLE by Opera Bites

WHEN: 2.00pm, Saturday 4 April

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Re-live the flirty thirties! Join us for a delightful romp through one of our most popular shows.

Opera Bites, Sydney's favourite boutique opera company, bring you an elegant afternoon of sparkling wit, repartee and song, complete with a decadent sparkling high tea.

Tickets \$99* + booking fee

(Includes entertainment and sparkling high tea).

Bookings: www.operabites.com.au

***10% Discount available for Club Members:** Enter promo code MEMBER

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MOTHER'S DAY Opera High Tea

SUNDAY 10 MAY - 2.00PM

Treat Mum on her special day with a luxurious event to remember!

Immerse yourselves in
"The Romance of Opera"
- a collection of the opera world's
most exquisite arias and ensembles,
brought to you by Opera Bites.

Tickets \$105* + booking fee

Inclusive of entertainment, high tea and
a glass of sparkling wine on arrival.

Bookings: www.operabites.com.au

***10% Discount for Club Members:**
Enter promo code MEMBER

PAUL'S PUNS

Yes, back by (un)popular demand!

A dog gave birth to puppies near
the road and was cited for littering.

No matter how much you push the
envelope, it'll still be stationary.

Ah, she was only a whisky-maker,
but he loved her still.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

We are so excited to unveil the new-look Level 2 Lounge to our Members! The Lounge closed just before Christmas for its customary repairs. However, this year, our team swung into action and completely re-painted and re-styled the Lounge.

Our thanks go to Operations Manager, Peter O'Brien, and Housekeeping staff members, Mohit and Larma, who donned their painting gear for 3 weeks in January. The Lounge was re-styled and re-opened on 28 January 2020, with the kind assistance of our friend at City Tatts, Mark Longeran, who gladly lent his time throughout the transformation process.

The poker machines were sold (we still retain the licences until sold) and all the panelling removed to open up the room. New lighting, decorator items and a games area were added.

The former stage area at the rear of the room was painted in a dramatic burgundy colour and seating was added to create a quiet library or meeting space.

We thank Members for dropping in many books. Keep them coming, as we will be expanding the Library.

We invite all Members to bring a guest and enjoy the revitalised Level 2 Lounge soon.

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

Monday 9 March from 5.30pm to 7pm.

This 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 email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

RAPID REPAIRS

There has been no rest for our Maintenance Team over the Christmas to February period as work continued on a range of vital projects including:

- ✓ New air conditioning unit ordered and being installed for the Level 2 Lounge. (to be operational by 28 February)
- ✓ Cleaning of the entire kitchen duct system (from Level 4 to the roof) by abseilers
- ✓ Painting the entire ceiling surface of Cellos Dining Room and each column.

KITCHEN KAPERS

Café Reagh is our new café on Castlereagh street offering seriously good Hennessey Coffee and an array of sweet treats, pies, sandwiches, salad bowls and more. Call in and see the awesome staff the next time you are visiting the Club.

We would like to congratulate our Head Chef, Nabil Belramoul, who recently achieved Certificate 4 in Hospitality so he is now qualified to teach others his amazing skills.

We have quite a line up of events in 2020, including some new ones to watch out for. Costa's team looks forward to ensuring you enjoy some very memorable occasions this year.

REAGH BAR AFTER DARK

During March drop into the Reagh Bar and indulge in an 'After Work' cocktail with your colleagues. Daily Happy Hour specials include \$10 cocktails, wine, house spirits, or beer \$6.



COMING UP - TWO VERY SPECIAL EVENTS !

Faulty Towers The Dining Experience - Saturday 18 April 2020

ANZAC Day Lunch and Commemorative Service - Saturday 25 April 2020



Experience the Lounge Revitalised to 1920's Era

A relaxing haven on Level 2, the Lounge has been transformed, while keeping to its art deco style.

Book the Lounge for meetings, seminars, lunches or any event!

EXCLUSIVE REWARDS IN THE LOUNGE

Members can now redeem their points in the Level 2 Lounge for bottles of wine from our fine selection.

Enquire about booking an event: 02 9284 1006