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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members,
Well, once again we are approaching our Annual General

Meeting and I am pleased to report that our end-of-year results have achieved a profit and have exceeded our budgeted target. This result has been despite completing the Boardroom and First Floor Vestibule project at a cost of about \$200,000.00 and other projects within the Club.

We had the privilege of the attendance of the Governor, Professor Marie Bashir, and Sir Nicholas Shehadie, together with our Patron, MW Bro. Tony Lauer, at the opening and the following luncheon with the Board and their partners.

.Any member who would like to see the Board Room works, please contact the General Manager, Warren Lewis, who will arrange this tour.

I would like to welcome to the Board Bro. Ron Nielson and his wife, Diann. We look forward to his contribution to the Club's future development.

There were at least 98 guests at the President's Dinner held at Cello's on 4th September. Our Patron, MW Bro Tony Lauer, with his wife Joy, enjoyed the company of representatives from clubland NSW. Also included among the guests were Charles and Celia Lashmar of the New Zealand Grand Lodge. Lady Joan Cutler again graced us with her charm. It was pleasing to have Jim McIlvride and Joyce present at the President's dinner and the official opening of the Board Room.

It would be remiss of me at this time not to sincerely thank my fellow

directors and their partners for their support and loyalty over the past twelve months and I believe the end results amply demonstrate their efforts.

Club member Connie Williams has had a most exciting time recently watching her granddaughter, Sarah Stewart, compete at the Paralympics in Athens. Sarah was a member of the Ladies' Wheelchair Basketball team who did extremely well, reaching the finals and taking out the silver medal. The Board and Club Management would like to congratulate Sarah and her team mates on their very successful Olympic campaign.

It is with regret that I have to advise that one of our Club's greatest supporters, Ellie Payne passed away on Monday 11th October 2004. Our deepest sympathy to her family and especially to Carla Brett-Hall. Elle will be sadly missed by us.

Finally, there are many other important building projects underway or in the pipeline which will further enhance our Club and hotel operations which will be outlined to you in future bulletins.

I thank all those members who have shown their concern for my health and I reassure them that with their good wishes and the great medical care I am receiving I will be back on deck full time soon.

Best wishes and keep supporting your Club.

T. W. (Bill) Wright

President

DONATIONS & MEMORABILIA

Following the recent restoration of the Boardroom, the Club is keen to collect memorabilia to place on display.

Any member who wishes to donate or loan memorabilia please contact Lee Nettelbeck, Operations Manager, on 02 9284 1000.

MAGAZINE SUBMISSIONS

Thank you to those members and groups that submitted material for the Club Magazine. If you would like something considered for inclusion in the Magazine please contact Rita on 02 9284 1006 or email the Club at: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT



Dear Members,
We are now approaching the down hill run to the end of 2004 with

Christmas looming on the horizon and are now in the final stages of providing some great additional services and promotional activity for members and guests at the New South Wales Masonic Club which are as follows:

AGM – We have now installed for the convenience of our members and guests an ATM in the foyer of the Club.

SECURITY SYSTEM - The newly installed CCTV upgrade for the Club will improve our in house security capacity substantially for our members and guests a complete digital system incorporating the latest in technology.

FOXTEL - We will soon be installing FOXTEL in all our hotel rooms providing a free in house service of twelve independent channels for members and guests.

ROOM UPGRADE - The Board has instructed the management to refurbish two rooms that will serve as the models for the 2005 proposed room upgrade program. They are now completed and look just sensational.

MELBOURNE CUP - With that first Tuesday in November only days away I'm pleased to report that we will have a full house on this special day, there are a few tickets left but you will need to be quick, for further information contact Rita at administration on 9284 1000.

NYE - The Wine & Dine Club are set to welcome in the New Year with live entertainment, dancing, fine food and classic wine - does this sounds like you? Tickets are now on sale at administration just contact Rita or visit the website for further information.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Christmas Carols this year will be conducted on Tuesday December 14th at 11.00am featuring the Darlinghurst Public School Choir, a highlight not to be missed.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Come along and enjoy a wonderful Christmas with us this year with great food, atmosphere and ambience on this most festive of days. Tickets now on sale through administration, just contact Rita, we will do the rest.

I have received a number of enquiries from concerned members recently about the health of our President Mr. Bill Wright. Bill is currently undergoing intense treatment for a serious condition in the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and has asked me to convey on his behalf his grateful thanks for the support and best wishes from all his friends here at this Club.

The prognosis is good and Bill is positive and confident of making a full recovery and working towards being back at the helm towards the middle of December, just in time for Christmas.

Warren Lewis

General Manager

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Below: Dinner guests are welcomed by the President and General Manager (L to R) Bill Wright (President) with wife Joan, Warren Lewis (General Manager) with wife Kerrie.



CLUB BOARDROOM OFFICIALLY OPENED

The Boardroom restoration successfully completed, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC, officially opens it on 6th September 2004.

Below: Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC and Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE greet guests at the opening.

Photos: Ern MacQuillam



NEW MEMBERS

July - September 2004

Mr P. Aaron, Landscape Gardener
 Mr R. Arthur, Retired Optometrist
 Mrs S. Batchelor, Teacher/Consultant
 Mr E. Best, Retired School Master
 Mrs S. Blackwood, Retired
 Mr K. Bolton, Retired School Teacher
 Mr J. Bour, Business Coach
 Miss M. Bourke, Retired
 Mrs E. Brodd, Retired
 Mr K. Brookes, Retired
 Mrs C. Brown, Retired
 Mrs A. Burden, Retired
 Mr A. Burton, Lawyer
 Mrs J. Carroll, Retired
 Mr W. J. Carroll, Stockbroker
 Ms L. Catchpool, Retired
 Mr A. Catt, Retired Bookman
 Mr J. Challis, Retired ABC Executive
 Dr B.L. Chapman, Retired Medical Practitioner
 Mrs T. Cox, Retired
 Miss A. Culkun, Prof Career Business Coaching
 Miss A. Cummins, Retired
 Mr V. Davoren, Legal Practitioner
 Mr P. Davy, Retired
 Mr J. Deer, Retired Electrical Engineer
 Ms S. Dixon, Secretary
 Mrs A. Donnelly, Retired
 Mr L. Duncan, Dental Prosthesist
 Ms H. Dunlop, Retired Teacher
 Ms L. Dyer, Retired
 Mr A. Ebert, Public Accountant
 Mrs M. Ercole, Retired
 Mr M. Everett
 Mr S. Farid, Managing Director
 Mr D. Farrell, Public Servant Aust Electoral
 Mr M. Fenton-Jones, Company Mgr
 Mr T. Frew, Engineer
 Mr R. Galley, Retired
 Mrs C. Gear, Retired Com Operator
 Mr B. Gear, Retired Director
 Mr C. Gibbs, Retired
 Mrs H. Gow, Retired Teacher
 Mrs P. Gregor, Retired
 Mr R. Harris, Retired
 Mr D. Harrison, Retired
 Mrs J. Healey, Company Secretary
 Mr M. Hahir, Firefighter
 Dr M. Henderson, Retired Medical Practitioner
 Mrs Z. Hodgkinson, Retired
 Mr J. Hoyle, Retired Bank Manager
 Mrs P. Hoyle, Home Duties

MEET OUR RECIPROCAL CLUBS

Welcome to our latest Reciprocal Club, University House of Canberra.
 Please contact the reciprocal Clubs directly to make your booking. Before travelling members need to obtain a letter of introduction by contacting Rita in the administration office on 02 9284 1006.

Email: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

- As we go to print we have just heard the Club has been accepted for reciprocal rights at the Public Schools Club Incorporated in Adelaide, which is ideally located in East Terrace.

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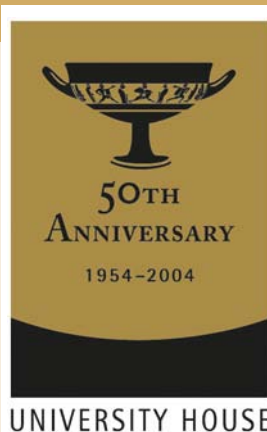


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UNIVERSITY HOUSE - CANBERRA



Set amid tranquil grounds, University House is the perfect location to relax on holiday or focus on business.
 Most of the hotel's 105 rooms boast features such as large writing desk, in-floor bathroom heating, direct dial telephones, internet access, security key card access and balconies.
 The large variety of room styles includes standard rooms, superior suites, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with fully equipped kitchen or kitchenette, and a suite purpose built with easy access and functionality for guests in wheelchairs.
 University House boasts two restaurants and bars which provide good value for money dining with Boffins restaurant offering Modern Australian a la carte cuisine as well as a fine selection of Australian wines where the Cellar Café and Bar offers a casual dining experience with fine beers and stout on tap from the bar.

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EXPLORER'S CLUB FUNCTION

Dr Paul Scully-Power, Australia's first Astronaut, was a key Guest Speaker for the Australian Chapter of the Explorers Club when they held their dinner in the Adam Room on the 4th Floor of the Club recently.

The host of the evening was Dr Ann McFarlane, Egyptologist from Macquarie University with the second speaker being Kieran Kelly, who was the first person to traverse the Tamani Desert on foot.

The Explorers Club is a society with an international membership with its headquarters in New York, dedicated to the advancement of field research, scientific exploration and the idea that it is vital to preserve the instinct to explore. It has served as a meeting point and unifying force for explorers and scientists worldwide.

Paul Scully-Power spoke on his work studying the oceans from space, and how similar physical phenomena can be observed at both the atomic level, in the oceans and in galaxies. When asked about the disharmony between people on Earth compared to the harmony seen at a geological and stellar level, Dr Scully-Power remarked that it was indeed an anomaly from the perspective of space where he saw no demarcations between countries or nations apart from oceans, rivers or mountain ranges.

Dr Mark Spencer, a new member to the NSW Masonic Club and also a Fellow International of the Explorers' Club. In addition to his professional work as a dentist in Macquarie Street, Dr Spencer is a renowned underwater explorer and photographer. He led the Australian expedition to Turkey in 1997 and 1998 to dive on, confirm and document the identity of the WWI Australian submarine AE2 of Gallipoli fame. The submarine sits at a depth of 72 metres in the Sea of Marmara, having been the first of the allied vessels to successfully traverse the Dardanelles Strait in 1915.



THE ADAM ROOM

The Adam Room is the perfect venue for your next meeting, luncheon or cocktail party. Located on the 4th floor, this venue comfortably caters for luncheon groups of up to 40 people seated and 50 cocktail style. Impress your guests with the elegance and refinement your Club is renowned for.



When planning larger functions or banquets Cello's Restaurant is also able to be privately booked. Group accommodation can be arranged.

Please contact the Functions Coordinator on 9284 1000 to discuss your requirements.

NEW MEMBERS

July - September 2004

Mr R. Hunt, Retired
 Mrs A. Iredale, Company Director
 Mr C. Irwin, Police Officer
 Mr A. Keech, Retired
 Mrs P. Kimberley, Self Funded Retiree
 Mr D. Kinnersley, Retired
 Mrs J. Kirkman, Retired
 Dr J. Kirkwood, Retired Dentist
 Mrs M. Kuhnert, Retired
 Mrs J. Lavelle, Retired Teacher
 Mr R. Leavsey-Moase, Small Business Retail
 Mr W. Little, Retired
 Mrs A. MacNeil, Retired
 Mr J. Maley OAM, Grand Master - Grand Lodge WA
 Mr W. Marshall, Retired
 Mr J. Martin, Retired Typesetter
 Mrs L. McAlpine, Head Teacher
 Mr S. McDermott, Police Prosecutor
 Mrs V. McElhinney, Retired
 Mrs M. McLardie, Retired
 Mrs P. McMurdo, Retired
 Mr P. Monaghan, Sales
 Mrs J. Mustard, Retired
 Ms T. Nguyen, Beauty Therapist
 Mrs S. O'Reilly, Retired
 Mr R. Phillips, Retired Dental Surgeon
 Mr N. Porter, Retired
 Mr A. Raphael, Writer
 Mrs S. Reynolds, Garden Designer
 Mrs B. Riley, Retired
 Mr E. Robinson, Retired
 Mrs C. Robson, Retired
 Dr D. Rosenwax, Dental Surgeon
 Mr C. Rowlandson, Solicitor
 Mr D. Sas, Manager
 Ms I. Sin, Civil Eng
 Ms J. Skinner, Retired
 Dr J. Smythe, Retired Dentist
 Ms P. Southgate, Librarian
 Dr M. Spencer, Dentist
 Mrs M. Staal, Secretary
 Dr M. Stewart, Educational Psychologist
 Mr A. Taplin, Retired
 Mrs W. Taylor, Retired
 Mrs M. Tomkins, Retired
 Mr R. Upton, Plumber
 Mr B. Wallace, Retired
 Mr E. Warton, Retired
 Mr P. White, Solicitor
 Rev N. Williams, Retired
 Mrs M. Winston, Retired
 Mrs D. Wood, Retired

AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION OF MASONIC CLUBS

27th Biennial Convention - Darwin 2005



Hosted by the MINT Club of Darwin - Saturday 30th April to Saturday 7th May 2005

The MINT Club of Darwin extends a cordial invitation to fellow AAMC members, their wives and partners, to visit Darwin for the 27th Biennial AAMC Convention.

REGISTRATION CLOSES NOVEMBER 15TH 2004

To obtain a copy of the Convention registration form please contact Rita by calling 9284 1006 or download it from the members section of the Club's web site at:

www.nswmasonicclub.com.au

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged at the Mirambeena Resort. Convention delegates can book accommodation on the registration form. Do not contact the resort directly.

POST CONVENTION TOUR

A post convention tour from Darwin to Broome is being arranged for the 8 days after the convention. Bookings for the tour can be made at the time of registration. Please contact Rita for further details.

MIRAMBEENA
Resort Darwin



POST CONVENTION TOUR - 8 DAYS DARWIN TO BROOME

Day 1 - Dinner

Head south down the Stuart Hwy to Litchfield National Park. Here you will view the extraordinary Magnetic Termite mounds and enjoy a swim in Florence an/or Wangi Falls. A brief stop at Adelaide River War Memorial before lunch and then it's off down to Nitmiluk National Park for a 2hr Katherine Gorge Cruise.

Overnight - Katherine



Day 2 - Breakfast & Dinner

Today we enter the beautiful The Kimberley region and all those magnificent boab trees. We visit the original home of the famous cattle pioneers of this area, Durack homestead, then head up to Lake Argyle lookout. Lake Argyle is the largest constructed lake in Australia and the water from the Ord can irrigate over 72,000 hectares of land.



This afternoon we cruise down the Ord River into Kununurra.

Overnight - Kununurra

Day 3 Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we start with a town tour conducted by a local guide. This town supports several industries including the world's largest diamond

mine. We visit the Melon farm, Ivanhoe Crossing and Kelly's Knob lookout for an overview of the surrounding irrigated land. This afternoon you will have the opportunity to take a scenic flight over the Bungle Bungles before boarding a sunset BBQ cruise on Lake Kununurra.

Overnight - Kununurra

Day 4 Breakfast & Dinner

Wyndham is W.A.'s most northerly town and port, which handles most of Australia's cattle export. From 5 Rivers lookout you will have a spectacular view of Kimberley landscape, mountain ranges, Cambridge Gulf, Wyndham Port and rivers. Our next stop is El Questro Station where you will have the remainder of the day to do as much or as little as you wish. Soak in Zebedee thermal springs, fish, take a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, or a scenic helicopter flight.

Overnight - Emma Gorge

Day 5 Breakfast & Dinner

We journey down the Great Northern Hwy to Halls Creek, which was the scene of the first gold rush in W.A. back in 1885. Unfortunately very little gold was found and many diggers perished of hunger and thirst. We view a natural formation that is the China Wall before heading further west to Fitzroy Crossing.

Overnight - Fitzroy Crossing

Day 6 Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we take a cruise on the magnificent Geikie Gorge to see layers of fossils

and limestone strata, and if you're lucky, fresh water crocodiles. Aboriginal history is rich in this area and your guide will give a wonderful insight into their past culture. From here we head into the old pearling town of Broome.

Overnight - Broome

Day 7 Breakfast

Today is spent exploring this lovely town and we begin in Chinatown with its fascinating stories of this colourful precinct. See the world's oldest operating open air picture garden, Sun Pictures, before driving through Old Broome to view typical Broome architecture and old pearling masters' homes. We then visit the Japanese Cemetery and the port before we take a short walk at Gantheaume Point.



Here we discover an archeological site for dinosaur research and hear the story of Anastasia's Pool. The remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure but before nightfall you will be taken out to Cable Beach to view sunset and, if you wish, a camel ride on the beach.

Overnight - Broome

Day 8 - Breakfast

Free time until transfer to airport.

COST \$2690 pp (twin share)

Bungle Bungle Flight \$215pp
Chamberlain Gorge Cruise \$39pp

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

NEW MEMBERS NIGHT



Above Left: Mr Warren Lewis, pictured with guests Ms Barbara Bardo and new Member Mr John Limbourn.

The new members nights have proven to be a must be at event which provides a great opportunity for members to meet other new members and the Board of Directors.

This is also a great time to take the opportunity to have guided tour through the Club and discover the uniqueness your Club has to offer including a boutique hotel, meeting rooms, Cello's fine dining at affordable Club prices, private dining room and a fantastic choice of social functions. Discover the reason why Members refer to the NSW Masonic club as being their Sydney address!

SPRING WINE & DINE LUNCH



Mrs Joan Mackenzie welcomes Mr Steve New, the Regional Manager from Tyrrells Wines, the Guest Speaker at the Step Into Spring Wine and Dine Lunch in Cello's.

Mrs Joan Mackenzie the President of the Wine and Dine Committee played hostess to some 80 persons in Cello's where both members and their guests enjoyed different wines from Tyrrells Wines, one of the most established family wineries in Australia.

Mr Steve New spoke on the growing trend by leading restaurants to adapt a wine menu that provides a greater explanation of what wine goes with what meal and key information about the wine region. This is an concept that Mr Warren Lewis has used successfully in the past and an idea that members and guests will soon be able to enjoy at Cello's.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH CES DORCEY



Celebrity guest Mr Larry Stellar received a standing ovation for his great contribution at our recent Sunday Piano Entertainment.

Mr Ces Dorcay who plays regularly in Cello's on a Friday lunch provided a surprise guest when the Club held its first Sunday Afternoon Piano entertainment

The success of the afternoon secured the event to becoming a regular feature on the social calendar with the next afternoon being planned for early next year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

Tuesday 14th December

The Club takes great pleasure each Christmas in being entertained by the pupils of Darlinghurst Public School who sing carols to members and guests.

Many thanks to Cecily Dalby from the Castlereagh Probuss Club for organising this special event each year. Be sure to make a note in your diary for this year's concert.

Venue: Ground floor reception area

Time: 11am

Price: FREE

MEMBERS' AND ASSOCIATES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEONS

1st & 8th December 2004

Enjoy a get together at the very popular Members' and Associates' christmas luncheons. Lots of friends, fun and festive cheer!

Venue: Cello's Restaurant

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: Member \$36 Non-member \$40

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

25th December 2004

Join us for a sumptuous lunch on Christmas which includes 3 courses and drinks package. The menu includes:

Choice of Entrees

Asparagus and bocconcini cheese wrapped with prosciutto ham, crumbed and served with BBQ eggplant. Avocado & prawns served with tropical fruit salad.

Main Course

Roast turkey and ham with traditional stuffing and vegetables and cranberry sauce.

Dessert

Mascarpone cheese with white chocolate and Grand Marnier marinated strawberries.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 12 Noon to 3pm

Price: \$95.00 per person

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER

Friday 31st December - Bookings close Dec. 10

A Cello's Special Event dinner dance with the Ces Dorcay Ensemble featuring special guest artist Joy Mulligan, jazz vocalist.

Three course dinner and drinks, lucky door prizes hosted by the Wine and Dine Club, dancing and entertainment.

Venue: Cello's Restaurant, Level 4

Time: 7.30 for 8pm start

Price: \$110 per person (includes member discount)

ELLE PAYNE 1911 - 2004 EULOGY



The follow eulogy was given by Joseph Braysich at the recent funeral of Elle Payne, devoted member of the Club. Thank you to Joseph and Elle's daughter Cara for sharing this with us. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

"Emilie Beatrice Sabelberg was born in Melbourne on 5th January 1911. She was in her 94th year.

She was the eldest of five children and the only daughter of Margaret Darcy (an Irish lass) and Fredrick Sabelburg, a descendant of John Henry Sabelburg, who immigrated to Australia from Germany in December 1854.

Emilie married Arthur Murray Payne in Melbourne on 5th December, 1934, at the age of 23. They had only one daughter, Cara. Emilie and Arthur were extremely happily married and lived for each other. On more than one occasion Ellie has recounted to me various incidents of their marriage, how happy she was and how her husband never spoke a cross word to her over the 40 years of their marriage!

Emilie, or Elle as she has always been known to me, had a privileged upbringing and a very gentle life. She enchanted her grandchildren and great grandchildren with stories from her childhood, especially those that included horses and carriages and the fashions of the day. Her family lived in a grand home that had a gate directly into the church where the family prayed - she often spoke of her great friendship, as a teenager, with Archbishop Mannix whom she regarded as a mentor.

She had fond memories of her father taking her on outings into the country, where she would often watch him pan for gold. She told stories of watching from the balcony of her home in the evenings, the lamplighter light the gas street lights.

As a young girl she enjoyed riding side-saddle on her grandparents' estate and travelling in the family carriage with her mother, grandmother and the maid, to shop for lace and ribbons.

Emilie was brought up to be seen and not heard, which was the custom of the day

(she certainly made up for it in her latter years!)So, while her grandmother and mother made the purchases, she waited patiently in the carriage, wearing her bonnet and gloves, for her favourite candy treat - pink and white sweets called "Satinettes."

Emilie was educated at St Patrick's College in Melbourne and went on to become one of the first fashion models in Melbourne in the 1920s at, the then famous department store, Buckley and Nunn. (So we know where her exquisite taste for fashion, fine garments, elegant hats, stylish glasses and matching long gloves originated.)

She continued her adventuresome ways throughout her life, as attested by the fact that just after the war, and much to the dismay of her husband, she lead him on several journeys on cargo ships, one in particular into China, where they were guests of Mao Tse Tung. On another such adventure they ended up in Poland where they were kept under house arrest for some weeks. (Such was the life of this young woman!)

Emilie was known as "Elle" to all her close friends. She together with her dear friend, Dorothy Pidgeon, were valued members of the Bennelong Club and the NSW Masonic Club, and great supporters of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, and the charity raising Cornucopia Committee. Emilie never missed a charity raising of the Cornucopia Committee of which her daughter was the President for many, many years. She was seen at race days at Randwick, gala dinners, breakfasts at a horse trainer's stables and even a wet luncheon function at Harry's Cafe De Wheels. She went, supported and enjoyed them all.

Emilie was extremely proud of her

daughter, Cara, and if she got you in a corner, with a whiskey in hand, she would regale you with stories and achievements of Cara. About how she and Cara's Aunts would teach Cara to sew, knit, crochet and embroider, (so we know where Cara obtained her millinery expertise) but not to cook - Elle hated the smell of meat and lived on fish, fruit and vegetables.

Emilie confided in me that if I hadn't personally met, and known, Sir Winston Churchill, Prince Phillip, The Queen, David Frost and Sir Laurence Olivier, I had certainly missed out.... for her Cara had!

Emilie was the matriach of the family and related to me her particular happiness on Christmas days, opening presents with Cara and her children and grandchildren around her.

It was her wish to move to the city, her apartment overlooking Hyde Park and St Mary's Cathedral. She was very fond of the Archbishop of Sydney and thought he turned on the floodlights in the evening to illuminate the cathedral especially for her. She loved her Swiss'otel and the staff who looked after her superbly.

In recent years Elle and her closest friend, Dorothy, could often be seen together attending opening nights at the opera and Club lunches, wearing the finest of fashion, sitting in a corner chatting to male members. Elle always had an eye for the handsome male and I am informed that even two days before she passed on, she was engaging the doctors at St Vincents with her flirtacious comments.

She was blessed at being the great-grandmother of Chanel's children, Benjiman, Lucas, Alexandros and Valentina, and of Paris's daughters Viola and her namesake, Emilie.

She will now join her family and husband in heaven, and they will guide her family in their endeavours and lives, with wisdom and love from above.

God bless you Elle - rest in peace."

Historical Feature

AN EXPLANATION OF THE MASONIC COAT OF ARMS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES UNTIL 1888



This Grand Lodge of NSW was formed in 1877 and adopted a Coat of Arms depicting its identity and origin. The Crest, at the centre top of the Escutcheon (or shield), is a rising sun (similar to the Crest of Arms of the State of New South Wales) on a silver and blue wreath of twisted silk above a Wreath of Clouds. The Sun is a symbol of authority, and here signifies the authority of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales over the lodges under its jurisdiction.

The Escutcheon has as its central motif a blue Cross adorned with five-pointed stars. The Cross on a silver background similarly forms the central motif of the unofficial arms used by the colonial New South Wales prior to the design officially adopted in 1876.

In the upper left Quarter is an Anchor (for the Maritime Industry), a Fleece (Pastoral Industry), a Plough (Agricultural Industry) and a Caduceus which is here thought to represent the professions in general, of which Medicine was the most prominent at that time.

In the lower left Quarter are three Castle-towers, and a pair of extended compasses superimposed on a Chevron. This Quarter, taken from the left half of the Coat of Arms of The United Grand Lodge of England, was the Coat of Arms of the first Grand Lodge founded in London in 1717 ('Moderns'), being derived from the Coat of Arms of the Masons' Company of London founded in 1412.

In the upper right Quarter appear a Lion, an Ox, an Eagle and a Man with hands erect. These represent

the four principal Tribes of ancient Israel, namely: The Lion for the Tribe of Judah, the Ox for Ephraim, the Eagle for Dan, and the Man for Reuben.

This Quarter is taken from the right half of the Coat of Arms of The United Grand Lodge of England, being those of the second Grand Lodge founded in London in 1751 ('Ancients') and uniting with the first Grand Lodge in 1813 to form The United Grand Lodge of England.

In the lower right Quarter appear the Arms of Great Britain, which feature the three gold Lions of England, the Harp of Ireland and the red Lion of Scotland.

In the left of the Escutcheon is a shield bearing the Arms of Great Britain which depicts by its quarters the constitutional origins of those lodges which formed the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, namely, The United Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland. The shield on the right represents New South Wales. These shields are surrounded by the floral emblems appropriate to each, i.e. thistle (for Scotland), rose (England), fern and Waratah (New South Wales) and shamrock (Ireland).

Along the base is a scroll with the Latin motto IN DOMINO CONFIDO, which can be translated as 'I trust in the Lord.'

STOP PRESS !

In addition to some of our regular popular events we are pleased to announce key events for 2005 for which Members can make a booking with Rita.

LUNCH WITH THE BRITISH CONSULATE GENERAL

Tuesday February 15, 2005

The Royal Commonwealth Society together with the English Speaking Union and the NSW Masonic Club are delighted to announce that on the Tuesday the 15th of February, 2005 the Club will host a Special Event Lunch with Mr Tim Holmes Consul-General and Director-General of Trade and Investment Promotion.

\$36 Members, \$40 Non-members

On the grape vine the following new Events are already in place for 2005!

HISTORIC HOUSES TRUST

Exciting activities next year.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA TOURISM COMMISSION

Joining us next year for a gourmet food and wine promotion.

IN TOUCH SEMINARS

Series 2 back bigger and better

WINE TASTINGS

Please register your interest with Rita

NEW MEMBERS' NIGHT

February

PIANO RECITALS

Afternoon Tea with Ces
Dorcey returns in 2005



MEET YOUR NEW DIRECTOR - Ronald Bruce Neilson

Born in 1937, Ron grew up on the family property in North West NSW on the banks of the Barwon River where his family were in the business of producing wool and breeding draught horses. From age three he was tutored by a neighbour, who was a retired school teacher, then from five he was registered for lessons via correspondence, which was the only available method of education. At the age of ten he was brought to Sydney to sit an internal exam with the Department of Education. His qualifications include B.Com (marketing), MBA Masters (man.) Uni. NSW; AIM; B.Eng (Hons.) Syd. Uni. Ron has worked for national and international companies including Tyco International and also run his own consultancy company. Ron is an ex-player of Rugby, Rugby League and cricket and enjoys a round of golf.

Meet THE STAFF



**Rita
Surio**

Administration

How long have you been at the Club?

13 years next January 2005

Your job seems very varied?

My job is very diverse and is made easier having started working in Food and Beverage and was transferred to the Administration by Mr Alan Eckford. I have basically grown up in the Club and have been given the opportunity to learn and develop a lot of skills which I currently enjoy as a great part of my present job.

What is the best part of your job?

The great diversity of my role, the opportunity to meet many interesting people and doing a job well gives me a lot of personal satisfaction.

Your children, how old are they?

10 and 9 years old and they are both boys.

What is your secret to being a working mum and mother?

Not a secret at all, being organised in the morning and night for the children; support from my husband & family also willing to be able to sacrifice here and there. The Club management has also been very supportive and understanding to me as a mum and employee.

SUB CLUBS AND PROMOTIONS

MARKET DAY

2nd Wednesday of every month

Tickets \$1 each (ten numbers per ticket) Bonus ticket for every \$5 spent. Over 40 terrific gourmet prizes. Come along and join us!

Venue: Castlereagh Lounge, Level 2

Time: 2pm

THEATRE MENU

Designed for those who need to eat with a time limit!

The two stages of the menu are Act 1 and Act 2.

Act 1 -Your choice of main course from our Table 'd'Hote menu served with a glass of wine.

Act 2 -Tea or Coffee & port served with a mint in the castlereagh Lounge on Level 2.

Available until 10pm

Price: \$19.50 (includes member discount)

Bookings: Phone 9284 1000

ANOTHER WINNER!



Athens 2004 Olympic Promotion

Wendy from the ReaghBar presents Heater from the Attorney General's Department with her prize.

PREFERRED PARTNERS

5%-10% at Hyde Park Jewellery

169A Castlereagh St, Sydney

10% at Foto Direct

171A Castlereagh St, Sydney

15% at Hairstyling For Men, David Jones Men's Department

1st Floor, 65-77 Market St, Sydney

BUSINESS LUNCHES

2 course special menu

Choose 2 courses from our special business lunch menu.

Price: Set price

THE SOLO GROUP

Keen to find every opportunity to play Solo!

A small group of friends began meeting in Sydney and holidaying together at Bowral, to enjoy this 'great' game, 30 years ago.

It was a delight that the group accepted the offer of a convenient, comfortable card room at the NSW Masonic Club. With the support of the Club directors and promotion in the Club magazine, it wasn't too long before a large group had been formed. It was then decided to meet on a regular basis each Thursday, which we still do today.

After coffee etc, we meet in the second floor card room at approximately 10.30am, we break for lunch (half an hour) and finish playing about 3.30pm. We average about 20/22 players each week. some from the early group still attending.

This long standing loyalty is, perhaps due to the fact that Solo is such a challenging, yet enjoyable, social game. While you can choose to play alone, or with a partner, to beat your opponents - you can lose every trick and still win the game (misere).

While requiring concentration and a degree of skill, Solo is nevertheless great fun, and frequent laughter can be heard as we play.

Don't worry if you haven't played Solo for some time as it is very easy to pick up again. However, if there are members who would like to learn Solo, we can arrange for them to have lessons - so why not come along? New members are made very welcome.

Every three or four months, Solo players take the opportunity to put aside their cards at lunch time and gather to chat while enjoying good food and a glass of champagne. Our annual luncheon is also very popular.

As can be seen, the Solo Club is very important to each of us. It provides enjoyment, good-hearted rivalry, stimulation and discussion. It is a meeting of friends.

The Solo Club christmas lunch wil be held on Thursday 25 November.

For more information regarding our group, please contact:

Moira McGovern 9664 2227

Peg Wade Ferrell 9415 2200

Nancy Bolden 9153 9957

SOCIAL CALENDAR 2004

Please book all club functions with Rita

Phone 02 9284 1006 or email admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au

NOVEMBER 2004

Tuesday	2	Touring Group Melbourne Cup Cocktail Party	
Tuesday	2	Melbourne Cup Lunch - Cello's Special Event	Member \$40 Non-Member \$45
Tuesday	9	Probus Club meeting	
Wednesday	10	Market Day	
Monday	15	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	16	Sydney Birthday Club lunch	
Tuesday	16	Touring Group meeting followed by Xmas Lunch	
Monday	22	NSW Masonic Veterans meeting & lunch	
Tuesday	23	Touring Group trip	
Thursday	25	Solo Group Christmas Lunch	

DECEMBER 2004

Wednesday	1	Members' & Associates' First Christmas Lunch	Member \$36 Non-Member \$40
Tuesday	7	Touring Group Cocktail Party at 5pm	
Wednesday	8	Members' & Associates' Second Christmas Lunch	Member \$36 Non-Member \$40
Tuesday	14	Probus meeting followed by Darlinghurst Children's Choir	
Monday	20	NSW Masonic Sub-branch RSL meeting	
Tuesday	21	Sydney Birthday Club Christmas Luncheon	
Saturday	25	Christmas Day Lunch - 4-course lunch package inclusive of selected wines	\$95 Per Person
Friday	31	New Year's Eve Dinner - Cello's Special Event 3 courses including beverages Entertainment - Dancing - Lucky Door Prizes	\$110 Per Person Bookings Close Friday Dec. 10

*Tickets will only be released upon final payment.
Telephone bookings will be accepted providing full payment is made within 7 days.
All major credit cards accepted.*

CLUBS WITHIN THE CLUB

CLUB	CONTACT	PHONE
Dine and Wine functions	Joan Mackenzie	9979 1569
Touring Group functions	Neville Adam (meet 1st Tuesday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9558 5035
NSW Masonic Sub Branch RSL functions	Ron Neave (meet 3rd Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9153 7678
NSW Masonic Bowling Club	Ray Little (meet 1st Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9519 8276
NSW Masonic Veterans Association	Stan Hing (meet 4th Monday of the month) - New Members Welcome	9349 6795
The Castlereagh Probus functions	Jan Hackett	9624 3501
Solo Group	Moira McGovern (meet every Thursday 10.30am) - New Members Welcome	9664 2227
Sydney Birthday Club	Stan Hing	9349 6795

OPENING HOURS



CELLO'S RESTAURANT
Buffet & Full Breakfasts
7am - 9am Daily
A la carte Dining or
Business Lunch
12noon - 2.30pm
Monday to Friday
Dinner
6pm - 8.30pm
Monday to Friday



REAGHBAR
11.30am - 8pm
Monday to Friday



CASTLEREAGH LOUNGE
10am - 10.30pm
Monday-Saturday
5pm - 8.30pm Sunday

PARKING

Parking is available for members and guests visiting the Club or staying at The Castlereagh. Parking vouchers are on sale at the foyer Reception Desk.

WILSON'S GOULBURN ST PARKING
PH. 9212 1522

Operating Hours
Monday to Thursday7.00am to Midnight
Friday 7.00am to 1.00am
Saturday 7.00am to 1.30am
Sunday 9.00am to 11.00pm

Rates
\$17.00 Voucher Valid: 24 hours -
Monday to Sunday

Weekends Pay direct to parking
station or purchase
24hr voucher

PICCADILLY CAR PARK
PH. 9264 1467

Operating Hours
Daily 7.00am to 1.00am

Rates
\$40.00 Voucher Valid: All Day Monday
to Friday
\$11.00 Voucher Valid: 24 hours
Saturday & Sunday only
(expires 9am Monday)
\$15.00 Voucher Valid: 5.00pm to 9.00am
weekdays

DRESS REGULATIONS
Club members and their guests are asked to observe the following dress regulations which have been approved by the Board to preserve the dignity of the Club. Members and their guests attending "Cello's" after 6pm should be suitably attired. For gentlemen, a collared shirt with trousers or slacks is acceptable. A tie is not compulsory. For ladies, smart casual attire is acceptable, including tailored slacks. Slacks or tailored shorts with long socks and shoes, tailored shirt with short or long sleeves, is acceptable in all other food and beverage areas.
The Castlereagh hotel guests, as Temporary Members, are expected to observe the above dress regulations when availing themselves of the Club facilities.
The Club Management reserves the right to refuse any person not suitably attired admission to the Club.

THE Castlereagh

Boutique Hotel

We are striving to become the preferred boutique hotel in Sydney which means that over the next few months you will see a few changes and some great new features.

New hotel features coming soon!

- FOXTEL
- Internet Terminal
- Upgrading of rooms
- ATM
- New family friendly adjoining rooms

...and still all your favourites!

- 24 hour reception
- Air Conditioning
- Smoking & non-smoking floors
- Secure access to accommodation floors
- Guest laundries



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THE CASTLEREAGH ON SALE! 3 NIGHTS \$360 DOUBLE/TWIN SHARE
MEMBERS' PRICE: 3 NIGHTS \$330 DOUBLE /TWIN SHARE

Conditions: Accommodation is for two people Double/Twin Share and includes a daily continental buffet breakfast and morning newspaper. Rate is inclusive of GST. Not available 30th December 2004 to 1st January 2005. Subject to availability. Expires 30 June 2005



HYDE PARK AND THE MASONIC CLUB

The cover of this edition of the Club magazine is a magnificent photo of the Archibald Fountain in Hyde Park. One may ask what is the relevancy to the Masonic Club?

About 100 years before Club was built, on Saint Patrick's Day 1825 a race meeting was held on a course laid down on the land of John Piper three miles from the turnpike at the top of College Street. The course was marked with wooden posts from each of which a flag flew. In each of three races Piper ran a horse, the black mare Gypsy, a brown mare Jessie and a roan gelding Everlasting. The success or otherwise of Piper's venture I know not.

The association between The New South Wales Masonic Club and the land used for horse racing is rather nebulous in that Captain John Piper was a Freemason.

NSW MASONIC CLUB CHRISTMAS CHARITY RAFFLE

Drawn Friday 17th
December at
1pm in the lounge

1ST PRIZE

Superior Christmas Hamper

2ND PRIZE

Deluxe Christmas Hamper

3RD PRIZE

Weekend accommodation for two with dinner

TICKETS \$1 EACH

on sale at office and reception

COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION

Every year, the Commonwealth Essay Competition inspires thousands of young writers from all over the world.

The competition is organised in four age bands:

CLASS A	16-18 years
CLASS B	14-15 years
CLASS C	12-13 years
CLASS D	under 12 years

**DEADLINE FOR ESSAYS
TO REACH THE ROYAL
COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IS
1 MARCH 2005**

For further information visit the website at:

www.rcsint.org

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