

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT - ISSUE 29

SEPTEMBER 2020

KEY EVENT DATES



WEDNESDAY - 2 SEPTEMBER

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



**2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS
OF THE MONTH**
CELLOS LUNCH EXPERIENCE



**SMALL, INTIMATE
AND SAFE MEETINGS**
VIDEO CONFERENCING AND
CATERING BOXES NOW AVAILABLE

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1006

COVID-19 UPDATE

On behalf of all the team, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your on-going support and patience during this pandemic period. We have all worked hard to provide the safest environment for our members and employees. Our aim is to be a safe haven for all. The situation has worsened in Victoria and some parts of NSW. So, we wanted to remind you of our efforts and assure you that we are rigorously following all the restrictions and guidelines from the NSW Government:

- Everyone entering the Club has their temperature checked electronically.
- Everyone is logged in for contact tracing purposes and is asked if they have been to a hot spot area recently.
- Our COVID Marshals are on site,

checking the premises daily.

- Our cleaners are constantly cleaning tables, chairs and all contact points.
- There are at least 6 spray sanitizers positioned throughout the club.
- Our furniture is spaced for social distancing.
- Members must be seated and are not permitted to mingle.
- We ensure function numbers align with Government restrictions.
- Food is delivered to tables to reduce customer contact.

We hope to see you soon.

Kind regards,

Paul Brasch

General Manager

NSWMC & Castlereagh Boutique Hotel



EXCITING EVENTS

CELLOS LUNCH EXPERIENCE

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

After a period of closure during COVID, we are delighted to invite you to join us once again to experience the charm and nostalgia of Cellos Grand Dining Room.

Cellos is open for lunch on the second and fourth Fridays of the month, and members and guests can enjoy an exceptional a la carte lunch in this heritage-listed jewel which opened in 1927 and is now one of the last grand dining rooms in Sydney.

Save these dates or book ahead for Friday Lunch:

28 August | 11 & 25 September

9 & 23 October | 13 & 27 November

Call us on 02 9284 1006 to make a reservation or visit "Events" on the club website.

DINE AND WINE TASTING LUNCH

WHEN: 12.30pm Wednesday 2 Sept

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Celebrate the warmer weather with fine wine, fabulous food and great friends, while bathing in the sunlit splendour of Cellos Grand Dining Room.

We'll be popping-the-cork of some refreshing, zingy whites and light-bodied reds, with guest winemaker Tony Cosgriff, from the premium, cool climate Centennial Vineyards in the NSW Southern Highlands.

Tickets \$70 per person

Includes a 2-course spring menu 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

►► **Limited spaces are available in Cellos Grand Dining Room** so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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SECRET SINGERS

Speak to us about this idea for your future events!

In early July we held our first Friday Long Lunch event in Cellos Grand Dining Room. Guests were delightfully surprised by undercover entertainers posing as Chefs.

A fabulous atmosphere with operatic, contemporary and musical theatre vocals that had the entire audience singing along.



PAUL'S PUNS

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were dining in New York. Ginger was resplendent in a ball gown and pearls, and Fred also sported evening wear.

But the meal was marred when the waiter bringing their desserts tripped and covered Fred from head to toe in treacle sponge.

"I'm terribly sorry," said the waiter. "So you should be," replied Fred. "Thanks to you, I've pudding on my top hat, pudding on my white tie, pudding on my tails."

HOTEL HIGHLIGHTS

LINGER LONGER ON A HOTEL STAY

While our current mode of operation for recreational activities is to not "hang around" for long, a stay at the Castlereagh Boutique Hotel is a more relaxed experience where you can take your time.

Revitalisation of rooms has been taking place in the past few months, including the charming restoration of our new Queen Studio Boutique Room.

Staying true to our 1920's style interiors, this room will make you want to linger longer when you stay.

Members receive 15% off all hotel bookings, with rates starting from \$103. You can also request an early arrival or late departure of 12.00 noon to enjoy your stay with us even more!

Call us on 02 9284 1000 to book or visit www.thecastlereagh.com.au and use promo code "NSWCMEMBER".



MEMBERS' REWARDS

Did you know that you can now purchase select bottles of wine for take away or dine-in with your Member points? Try a bottle of Chocolate Box from the Barossa Valley for 1600 points or a Tyrrells 2019 Special Release Gewürztraminer for 2000 points.

Many more to choose from. Please see the Lounge Attendant when you are next in.



MEMBERS' MATTERS

We look forward to seeing your familiar face in the Castlereagh Lounge soon. With an all-new menu and plenty of delicious daily specials at affordable prices, the Castlereagh Lounge on Level 2 is open from Monday to Friday, 10am to 3pm, with lunch served from 12 noon to 2pm.



We also wish to advise that we have cancelled the annual Battle of Australia Lunch this year, due to the challenges of holding large events during the pandemic. We trust 2021 will be the year of bringing back events like this at the Club.



Christmas Around the World Party

We all remember the days when we could travel, especially during Christmas and Holiday Season! So, we are offering a selection of event themes to satisfy your appetite, while incorporating the best from cultures right across the globe for your 2020 Christmas party.

Choose your country theme, select one of our food and beverage packages, and we will discuss the ideal room for your event with you.

SANTA'S MERRY WORKSHOP ★ SPIRIT OF OKTOBERFEST ★ FESTIVE MEXICAN FIESTA
CHRISTMAS WITH THE CLAN ★ TOAST A TASTE OF ITALIAN YULE

Prices start from \$65 per person for a two-course meal.*

Call us on 02 9284 1006 to request a flyer or visit www.thecastlereagh.com.au/eventideas

*Minimum booking 20 people. Beverages and entertainment available at extra cost.