

CLUB CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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APRIL 2021

KEY EVENT DATES



SUNDAY 25TH APRIL

ANZAC DAY LUNCH - 12.00PM

Followed by a Commemorative Service



WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY

WINE APPRECIATION LUNCH - 12.30PM
featuring Elysian Springs wines



SAVE THE DATES

Don't miss - some familiar events and a brand new show!

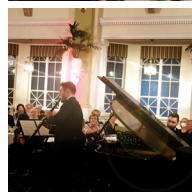
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Thursday 27 May

Scottish Highland Day Lunch
Wednesday 2 June

Paris After Dark Cabaret Show
Thursday 15 July

EXCITING EVENTS

It's been fantastic to see plenty of familiar faces back in the Club, enjoying our wonderful events and showing some festive spirit! Un piano qui chante was an absolutely stunning evening starring classical pianist Andrew Rumsey and clarinetist Thomas Azoury. Guests were so impressed we hope to welcome them back to Cellos very soon!



Continuing with the French theme, we are participating in French Fest on Thursday 15 July, with 'Paris After Dark' - a French Cabaret Dinner Show. Jot this event down on your calendar and book a hotel room - it promises to be a spectacular show!

CELLOS LUNCH EXPERIENCE

WHEN: 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month
WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

You can now use your 'NSW Dine & Discover Voucher' to indulge in a Cellos Lunch Experience. Book now for our next lunch on Friday 9 April from 12.30pm.



ANZAC DAY LUNCH & COMMEMORATION

WHEN: 12.00pm Sunday 25 April
WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

We're delighted to once again be able to hold ANZAC Day lunch in Cellos, which will be followed by our special Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar at 2.30pm.

It was also wonderful news to hear that there will be an ANZAC Day March this year. Book a table for our special event in Cellos or chat to Rita about hosting a reunion of your own in one of our delightful function rooms.

Cellos Lunch is \$75 per person

Includes a 2-course menu with a beverage on arrival, inclusive of GST and Member Discount.

IN THIS EDITION

- Our favourite events return
- A welcome reopening!
- Something for our Seniors
- A gift for new Members
- A hotel deal you can't refuse!

WINE APPRECIATION LUNCH

WHEN: 12.30pm Wednesday 5 May
WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Imagine bathing in the Autumn afternoon sunlight while enjoying a drop of fine wine from Elysian Springs - complete with fabulous food and great friends.

Join special guest John Pratt, Co-owner of Elysian Springs, as he shares his knowledge, and enjoy the story of his wonderful wines of purity and elegance!

Members \$65pp, Non-members \$75pp

Includes a 2-course menu and wine tasting. Additional beverages available to purchase.

CLUB EVENT & FUNCTION BOOKINGS

Phone: Rita on 9284 1006,

Email: admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au



BUY ONE COFFEE, GET ONE FREE !

Drop in for a cuppa with a friend during the **NSW Seniors Festival, 13 - 24 April 2021**. NSW Seniors Card holders who buy a tea or coffee, in the Castlereagh Lounge, will receive a second cup FREE* (of equal or lesser value).

*PRESENT YOUR NSW SENIORS CARD AT POINT OF PURCHASE. LIMITED TO ONE PER PERSON PER DAY.

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MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA

WITH OPERA BITES

2.00 - 4.30pm Sunday 9th May
Cellos Grand Dining Room

We missed them greatly in 2020 but we're singing again, and can't wait to be wowed by Opera Bites this Mother's Day!

Treat mum to an amazing day, with a decadent high tea under the sparkling chandeliers, and a heart lifting show by Opera Bites, "The Romance of Opera", performing the favourites you'll know and love from Turandot, The Barber of Seville, La bohème, Don Giovanni, Carmen and more.

Tickets: \$109 (+ booking fee)

Includes high tea and a glass of sparkly, inclusive of GST and Members' discount.

BOOKINGS:

www.operabites.com.au



BOARDROOM BANTER

The good news is that the Sydney CBD and the Club is now well and truly on the road to recovery. Despite the Club suffering a large loss this financial year, as many businesses in the Travel, Tourism and Hospitality related sectors did, we are determined to keep the doors open and grab any opportunity we can to move the Club forward. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to offer some services such as breakfast, evening or weekend food and beverage but stay tuned, as this is changing as the Hotel occupancy builds.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

We are fully registered for and accepting the \$25 NSW Dine and Discover vouchers, so please bring them in and support your Club.

The NSW Government now allows for them to be used 7 days per week.

We have also registered for the \$25 Discover NSW vouchers, for our live shows, but are awaiting acceptance into this program. This could change any day, so please phone Reception or the Admin Office on 9284 1000 to check for updates.



ACCOMMODATION VOUCHERS ARE ON THEIR WAY!

The NSW Government recently announced a \$51.5 Million stimulus package to 'kick start' the Sydney CBD. More details are emerging but this package includes 200,000 x \$100 accommodation vouchers to be used from Sunday to Thursday nights in the CBD only. We will keep our Members updated as more information is released.

FREE GIFT FOR NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Have a friend who would like to join?

Now is a great time to become a Club Member with a FREE GIFT* on offer for all new Members who join before 30 June 2021.

***FREE GIFT VALUED AT \$25. LIMITED TO FIRST TIME MEMBERS ONLY. NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH.**

KITCHEN KAPERS

As part of our 'Road to Recovery', the Reagh Bar will reopen again this week. Yes, the Reagh Bar, located on the ground floor, has had a siesta for the past year. It will reopen on Fridays only, commencing from 5pm Friday 9 April 2021, with tap beer and complimentary snacks.

We have had great feedback on the new Autumn menu in the Lounge. Try some of the new dishes when you visit the Club next, and don't forget to redeem your NSW Dine & Discover Voucher or spend some of your Club Reward points.

Did you know: Café Reagh is the only outlet in the Sydney CBD where you can buy a Hennessy Handcrafted Coffee? Beans and a selection of teas are available for sale through the Café.

SUB CLUB CHATTER

PATRON APPOINTED FOR MASONIC SUB-BRANCH OF THE RSL

Former Club President, Mr Graham Berry OAM, has been appointed Patron of the Masonic Sub-Branch of the RSL; Mr Berry was previously President of the Sub-Branch but this year, because of ill health, did not offer for re-election.

The newly elected Sub-Branch President is Lieutenant Colonel John Moore, AM RFD.

Colonel Moore, a former Club Vice President, said that the proposal to appoint Graham Berry as Patron was unanimously supported by members, and offers recognition for his many years of service in support of the Sub-Branch and for his leadership during that time; he was also the Sub-Branch delegate to the RSL's District Council.

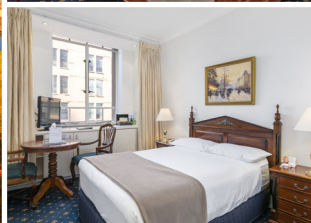
In response, Mr Berry advised that he was honoured to have been so appointed, and would continue to take an active interest in the affairs of the Sub-Branch.

Colonel Moore said that the Sub-Branch which meets monthly at the Club, is in "good heart" and despite the effects of the "virus attack", which limited traditional opportunities to offer support to Australian veterans, plans are in hand to move to other innovative fundraising modes in order that this vital responsibility can be fulfilled. He added that the Sub-Branch is continually seeking new members and suggested that Masonic Club Members may consider joining. Colonel Moore added that the Sub-Branch seeks not only "Service Members", that is, those with Defence Force Service, but others who may be happy to support the aims of the RSL, and Membership of another Sub-Branch is no bar to also joining the Masonic Sub-Branch.

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PAUL'S PUNS

"Lance isn't a common name these days but in medieval times, people were called Lance a lot...!"