

CLUB CHAT



NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

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Celebrating 130 Years 1893 - 2023

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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!

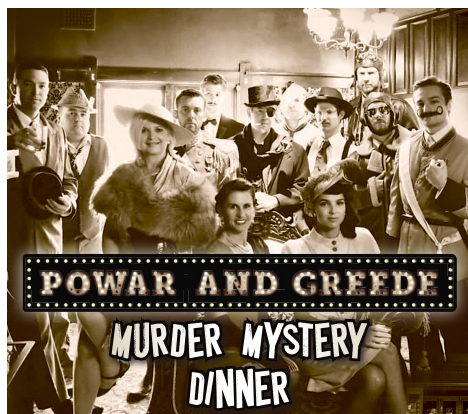


6.30PM THURSDAY 4 MAY

MOTHER'S DAY OPERA HIGH TEA



2.00PM SUNDAY 14 MAY



6.30PM SATURDAY 27 MAY

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1007

BOARDROOM BANTER

We are very pleased to announce the Appointment of Most Worshipful Bro Dr Gregory (Greg) Henry Levenston as our new Club Patron. The Club Patron helps to promote the Club, be available for guidance and attends official Club functions. Equally, we are thrilled to advise Members that the Club is performing very well financially, achieving the highest gross room revenue on record, almost \$500,000 for March 2023 alone. The implementation of key capital projects are also underway such as refurbishments and important services upgrades.

HOTEL HAPPENINGS

We have been very busy upgrading our in-room tech: New Wifi Access points have been installed throughout the whole building in readiness for our new dedicated 1000/1000 fibre connection, expected to be installed by the end of April.

New block out blinds have been installed in all hotel rooms and new "casting TVs" installed in all 83 accommodation rooms. The TVs allow Members and Guests to cast any App from their laptop or phone to the TV and also book a tour, preview local attractions, read about our unique history, and view our compendium, all from the comfort of their hotel room.

Our Maintenance Team has been super busy lately working on a number of projects, one of which is installing a set of new advertising screens throughout the Club floors to promote all of our events. We have also recently upgraded our potable (house) water pumps and pipes and will be installing a new energy-efficient hotwater boiler in the basement within the next 2 weeks.

KITCHEN KAPERS

What is happening in the Food and Beverage Department ?

Breakfast has recently returned to the new-look Reagh Bar. Breakfast is served

from 7am to 9.30am with a delicious continental buffet on offer, soon be upgraded to include 7 types of coffee, pastries and croissants. Currently we offer our guests fresh fruit, juices, toast and spreads, yoghurts and cereals - all for \$10 per person. We are also gearing up to roll out a menu of popular a la carte cooked options, 7 days per week.

The Reagh Bar has had a 'makeover' and is now available 7 days per week for Members and House Guests as a Transit Lounge during the day. Beverages are available from our fully stocked fridge in the foyer and can be purchased at Reception. Full bar service is available Wednesday to Friday from 5pm, and also on Saturdays if there is a function on.

INTRODUCING REAGH'S KITCHEN

We're excited to present "Reagh's Kitchen", a new offering of delicious night time meal options and beverages available via our friendly Reception staff.

Does Beef Cheek and Lentils or Mediterranean Lamb and Cous Cous tempt you?



A MINI-MAKEOVER FOR THE LOUNGE

The Level 2 Lounge is also getting a mini-makeover. You will see several subtle changes over the coming weeks and months including new furniture pieces, cushions, decorator items and some mood lighting. Call in, bring a friend and try our new Autumn menu, coming very soon!

Members are most welcome to join us for breakfast, lunch in the Lounge (Monday to Friday) or try our new night time meals by "Reagh's Kitchen".

Call in and relax at your special oasis in the City, the NSW Masonic Club. Please note that Visitors of a Member are required to sign in at Reception.

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CELEBRATE THIS HISTORICAL EVENT IN ROYAL STYLE!

SATURDAY 6 MAY

Put yourself in the picture as we celebrate the Coronation Ceremony of His Majesty King Charles III, televised live from Westminster Abbey, London.



\$95 per person + booking fee

Inclusive of glass of sparkling on arrival, followed by a 3 hour beverage package and canapés throughout the night. Cash bar available for specialty beverages.

Location: Castlereagh Lounge – Level 2 (no reserved seating)

Dress: Formal evening wear, suitable for attending a Coronation

Time: Doors open at 7pm. The televised Coronation Ceremony will commence at approximately 8.15pm AEST, and is expected to go for 3 hours.

BOOKINGS: Call 9284 1007
www.thecastlereagh.com.au

ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE
Early booking is highly recommended!

EXCITING EVENTS

LAST DINNER ON THE TITANIC

WHEN: 6.30pm, Saturday 15 April

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

"A night to remember." All aboard for a historical voyage on the 111th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, April 15, 1912...

Join us for an interactive evening of wining, dining and dancing, along with Captain Smith and violinist Marcus Holden.

Tickets \$160* per person + booking fee

Includes a 3-course dinner, canapé & bubbles on arrival, one bottle of wine between 4, interactive activities and entertainment.

ANZAC DAY LUNCH & COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

WHEN: Tuesday 25 April

- **6AM:** The Lounge on Level 2 will be open serving a light continental breakfast. (Dawn Service 4.30am Martin Place). Lunch menu is available from 12-2pm. Lounge will close at approximately 4pm.
- **10AM:** Reagh Bar will be serving coffee.
- **12PM for 12.30PM start:** Lunch in Cellos
- **2.30PM:** Commemorative Service in the Reagh Bar on the ground floor.

Lunch in Cellos - \$90 per person*

BOOKINGS ONLY - 2-course menu with a beverage (beer, house wine & softdrinks).

"FAULTY TOWERS THE DINING EXPERIENCE" DINNER SHOW

WHEN: 6.30pm, Thurs 27 April & Fri 2 June

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Basil, Manuel and Sybil return with a healthy dose of mayhem and tickets are ALMOST BOOKED OUT!

With over 70% improvised, this is the completely immersive and highly interactive comedy spectacular where anything can happen... and usually does!

Tickets (April show) \$119 per person

Tickets (June show) \$129 per person

Includes a 3-course dinner and 2-hour interactive show.

Enter promo code **MEMBERS2023** to secure a Club Members' \$10 discount.

FROM PARIS TO PORTOFINO

WHEN: 6.30pm, Thursday 4 May

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

A French & Italian Musical Scappattella

An amazing and unforgettable evening of European entertainment starring Milko Foucault-Larche and Corinne Andrew.

Be transported to Rome, Naples, Portofino and Paris through some of the most memorable Italian and French music delivered to your table.

Tickets \$130* per person + booking fee

Inclusive of bubbles on arrival, 2-course Italian dinner and show.

MOTHER'S DAY HIGH TEA WITH OPERA BITES

WHEN: 2pm - 4pm, Sunday 14 May

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Wow Mum with an Opera High Tea!

With stunning chandeliers and glass of sparkling on arrival, mum will be wowed the moment she steps through the doors.

Expect a unique experience to cherish with arias and ensembles from the world's most adored operas brought to you in fully costumed splendour by Opera Bites.

Tickets \$125* per person + booking fee

The show run-time is 90 minutes with a substantial high tea served in the interval. Sparkling wine served on arrival. Special dietary requirements can be catered to – simply let us know upon booking.

BOOKINGS: www.operabites.com.au

"POWAR & GREED" MURDER MYSTERY WEEKEND

WHEN: 6.30pm, Saturday 27 May

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

You're invited to a killer movie premiere!

Join us for an evening of interactive intrigue, with the team from "Host a Murder" - an exciting murder mystery dinner event where you work out "Who Did It?"

Tickets \$110* per person + booking fee

All tickets include a 2-course meal, and mystery dinner event by "Host a Murder".

EVENT & FUNCTION ENQUIRIES

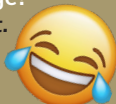
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Booking for all special events visit www.thecastlereagh.com.au

*Price includes GST & Members' discount, online booking fees additional.

PAUL'S PUNS

A Spanish magician was doing a magic trick. He said, "Uno, dos..." then he disappeared without a tres... Did you hear about the pessimist who hates German sausage? He always fears the Wurst.

A friend of mine tried to annoy me with bird puns, but toucan play at that game.



TEAM TALK

Harmony Day was held on Tuesday 21st March 2023, to celebrate our cultural diversity and inclusiveness for everyone who now calls Australia home.

To celebrate this special day, our staff brought in a dish originating from their culture or home country to share with others and tell the story behind the dish. A real highlight for our team!

