

CLUB



CHAT

NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT - ISSUE 45

Celebrating 130 Years 1893 - 2023

JULY 2023

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS!



6.30PM SAT 15 JULY



The Great Synagogue Tour

10AM MON 24 JULY



12.30PM WED 9 AUGUST

EVENT BOOKINGS: 02 9284 1007

BOARDROOM BANTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Good day Members, patrons and guests, I hope that you are all enjoying our fabulous club and taking full advantage of the treasures we offer. Your Board of Directors have been working hard post the Covid period to improve your Club and its many facilities.

Of major focus for us have been on two fronts, besides the general work our General Manager and the Board undertake. These are the hospitality and catering offerings and the Building improvements itself.

We have commenced advances in many areas including submitting a staged Construction Certificate to add two floors of Maisonettes on top of our building to secure the Development Application which was originally granted in 1999 and 2001. We have also commenced on the general refurbishment of our hotel rooms from the dated 1960 designs. Currently, we are commencing the implementation of our Level 9, being a full heritage floor upgrade. Your Board is also embarking on a construction certificate for the general hotel floor refurbishments commencing from Level 6 upwards, with Level 11 to provide an eclectic contemporary heritage design. As you can appreciate, and due to cost implications, this work will be undertaken on a floor by floor basis so that we can keep your hotel rooms available as much as possible.

I am excited by the future of our Club and Hotel and look forward to these contributing to your enjoyment and use of our facilities.

Until we meet or my next post I bid you all enjoyment, happiness and health.

Peter Zeilic - President

"RAPID REINVESTMENT"

Following the highs and lows of 'The Covid years', the recent 2023 financial year has been a great success! This year, we have seen a massive increase in occupancy and gross accommodation revenue from the previous year which has meant that we can now reinvest once again into carefully considered projects. We recently upgraded our Wifi throughout the whole building, including our own dedicated 1000/1000 fiber connection, new access points on every floor, a new hot water boiler for the basement, new ground floor air conditioning, block-out blinds for all hotel rooms and meeting rooms, new digital smart casting TV's in all the accommodation rooms, Internal advertising TV's and more.

TEAM TALK

Following the departure of Operations Manager, Peter O'Brien, we would like to introduce our dynamic new Food & Beverage Team. They are all supported by the ever-efficient and helpful Rita. We are rolling out a host of subtle and not-so-subtle changes in the Reagh Bar, Lounge and Cellos, starting with a new winter menu in the Lounge.



From Left: Raphaëlle, our new Events Coordinator, Aaron, our new Food & Beverage Manager, Hati our new Food & Beverage Supervisor, along with Rita.

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REAGH'S KITCHEN



KITCHEN KAPERS

Our last edition introduced "Reagh's Kitchen", a new concept where our daytime Chef Brad creates some delicious meals to re-heat at night time for our late-arriving guests.

We only use fresh ingredients, packaging the meals in recyclable containers made from recycled sugar cane.

In the Lounge we have a new winter menu with weekly Chef's specials.

The Lounge is open Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm. The kitchen is open from 11.30am to 2pm. Please call in next time you are in the city and bring a friend along!

DINING ALCOVE

Our new dining alcove in the Castlereagh Lounge has been a huge hit! This area can be reserved for lunch bookings and is perfect for meeting groups, birthdays, reunions or simply catching up with friends.



PAUL'S PUNS

I've decided to sell my vacuum cleaner... *it was just collecting dust!*

What month is the shortest of the year? *May, it only has three letters!*

I used to run a dating service for chickens, but I was struggling to make hens meet.



EXCITING EVENTS

SORCERY & SWING ROARING TWENTIES DINNER SHOW

WHEN: 6.30pm, Saturday 15 July

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

Dine and dance the night away to Greg Poppleton and his 1920s-30s band, plus be amazed by the stunning illusions of the Gentleman Magician, Bruce Glen.

Book a table of friends and a hotel room for an absolutely fabulous night out!

Tickets \$150* per person + booking fee

Table of 8 + bonus wine: \$1100* + bf

Includes bubbles "moonshine" and canapé on arrival, 3-course dinner & entertainment.

THE GREAT SYNAGOGUE TOUR

WHEN: 10am, Monday 24 July

NSW Masonic Club Seniors Association invite Members to join their tour of The Great Synagogue, Sydney. Seats are limited so book early to avoid missing out.

The tour will gather at 9.45am at the Elizabeth Street entrance. Gentlemen are required to wear a hat or cap, Ladies to wear a headscarf.

\$40 per person (Bookings 9284 1006)

Includes tour and lunch to follow in the Level 2 Castlereagh Lounge.

WINE APPRECIATION LUNCHEAS

WHEN: 12.30pm, Wednesday 9 August & Friday 1st September.

WHERE: Cellos Grand Dining Room

August features Golding Wines from the Adelaide Hills, with Duke's Vineyard, from the Porongurup ranges of WA, joining us to welcome the first day of Spring.

\$75 per person* + booking fee

Includes 2-course lunch with wine tasting.

Additional beverages available for purchase.

MEMBERS' MATTERS

We recently released a Member Engagement Survey to our Club Members with email addresses. We were blown away with the response! We would like to thank the 228 Members who returned the survey by 30 June 2023. This information will now be collated by the Board and further analysis undertaken. We look forward to sharing the results and Action Plan with our Members soon.

CALLING ALL ENTERTAINERS!

We have a beautiful grand piano, courtesy of the City Tatts Club, sitting in the foyer but no one to play it. 😊 If any of our Members would like to come in and tinkle the ivories regularly to welcome our visiting Members & Guests, we would love to hear from you. Please let Rita know at admin@nswmasonicclub.com.au or phone 9284 1006 if you are interested and available to come in and what time would suit you.

HOTEL HAPPENINGS

WORLD GYM PASSES



Fancy a gym workout?

We are pleased to offer Members and hotel guests casual use of World Gym, located in the Castlereagh Club. World Gym is open 24 hours and only a short stroll from the Club, located at 199 Castlereagh Street.

If Members or hotel guests would like to visit the gym, please see our staff at reception (ground floor). A casual visit is \$12 per day and you can access the gym as many times as you like up until midnight that day. Our staff will issue you with an access token upon payment.

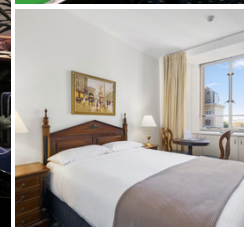
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
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PLUS 10% of food and beverages**

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