



NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

# Club Chat

THE REAGH BAR  
GROUND FLOOR



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## HOTEL HAPPENINGS

**We are super excited to launch our new look hotel rooms and corridor on Level 9!**

A lot of planning went into the refurbishment in late 2023 and on 2nd January this year, a small team of our employees emptied out all 16 rooms on level 9. The demolition team lead by Soho Contractors moved in the next day and stripped the carpets and prepared the rooms. The corridors were completely re-sheeted and painted with a stunning dado rail, striking carpet, new rooms numbers and artwork were added. The rooms received a new paint job, feature wall paper, new bedheads, ceiling light shade, cabinetry for the wardrobe and bathroom, new mirrors, artwork and a custom-designed minibar cabinet. The feedback has been amazing and the rooms are heavily booked. We are now working on a complete renovation of level 11 and upgrade of the fire services.

## BOARDROOM BANTER

Welcome to our new-look Club Chat for 2024. A lot has been happening in the past few months and Members are in for a treat when next visiting the Club!

The most notable changes are the Level 9 refurbishment and fresh layout for the ground floor Reagh Bar and reception area. We are also very pleased to announce that the Reagh Bar is now open for dinner on Tuesday to Friday from 5pm to 8.30pm, offering an exciting new tapas menu, cocktails and Little Creatures Pipsqueak Cider which is now on tap.

During January our team engaged in a strategic planning session to shape the future of our Food and Beverage offerings within the Club. With many changes now in place we're excitedly planning a revamp of the the level 2 lounge, including a brand new name - watch this space!

This week we launched a new dining reservation system so you can easily make online bookings for our bars and restaurant dining areas right from our websites!



**Our ANZAC Day Lunch and Commemorative Service will be held next Thursday 25 April.**

Breakfast will be served in the Reagh Bar from 6-9.30am and the Castlereagh Lounge will be serving a special lunch menu from 11.30am – booking is highly recommended!

A formal lunch will be held at 12pm in Cellos and must be booked via on our website or by calling 02 9284 1007.

The Commemorative Service will be held in the Reagh Bar at 2.30pm. Please assemble in the foyer at 2.15pm.



**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**  
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A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

# LAST DINNER ON THE TITANIC

**SELLING FAST!**

## Exciting Events



**THUR 25 APR** ANZAC Day Lunch & Commemorative Service  
**12PM - CELLOS & REAGH BAR**  
 Tickets: \$95 per person\*  
 2-course set menu with main and dessert plus a glass of wine on arrival.

**SAT 11 MAY** A Night to Remember - Last Dinner on the Titanic  
**6.30PM - CELLOS DINING ROOM**  
 Standard Tickets: \$160 per person\*  
 Captain's Table: \$190 per person\* (9 only)  
 3-course dinner, canapés & bubbles on arrival, one bottle of wine between 4, interactive activities and entertainment.

**SUN 12 MAY** Mother's Day Opera High Tea with Opera Bites  
**2PM - CELLOS DINING ROOM**  
 Tickets: \$125 per person  
 10% discount code: "CLUBMEMBER"  
 90 minute show with high tea served during the interval. Sparkling served on arrival.

**WED 5 JUN** Scottish Highland Day Lunch - Cultural Event!  
**12.30PM - CELLOS DINING ROOM**  
 Club Members: \$80 per person\*  
 Non-Members: \$90 per person\*  
 Includes 3-course lunch with a complimentary beverage (soft drink, local beer or house wine)

**SAT 8 JUN** Faulty Towers The Dining Experience  
**6.30PM - CELLOS DINING ROOM**  
 Tickets: \$143 pp (incl. booking fee)  
 \$10 discount code: "MEMBERS2024"  
 All tickets include a 3-course meal and 2-hour interactive show. Additional dates available!

## KITCHEN KAPERS

There are plenty of exciting things happening in Food and Beverage with mouth-watering new menus in the Castlereagh Lounge and Reagh Bar.

Styled as contemporary Australian cuisine with Mediterranean influences, the new autumn lounge menu features such delicacies as Spencer Gulf Kingfish Ceviche, Poached Balmain Bug Tail and Riverine Black Angus MB3+, along with weekly specials.

Drop in for our **Wine & Dine Wednesday Special** which includes the meal of the day with complimentary house beverage for **just \$28!**

**The Perfect Plate Awards are back!**  
 The club industry's premier dining competition is about to commence and our Executive Chef, Alessandro Vinci-Cannava has created two incredible entries (pictured below). Voting commences on Tuesday, 30 April, with the winners judged entirely by diners, so dine with us and try our Perfect Plates!

**Perfect Plate Entries:** Butter roasted spatchcock with pearl onion & orange jus, chicken fat risotto, tarragon oil. For dessert - Caramel flan, grilled mandarin and Chantilly.  
**Bottom Right:** Rockmelon & prosciutto carpaccio with balsamic reduction.

Lunch is served in the lounge from 11.30am to 2pm, Monday to Friday.

Dinner is served in the Reagh Bar from 5pm - 8.30pm, Tuesday to Friday.



Recently we celebrated Harmony Day at the Club with our culturally diverse team providing a wonderful array of delicacies to enjoy with their fellow staff members.

## MEMBERS MATTERS

We were saddened to hear of two regular Members passing away recently. VALE Margaret Dawes-Smith OAM and Dr William (Bill) Molloy, RFD, ED, KLJ, MBBS, FRANZCOG. Margaret was a long-term Club Member since 1972, and of the Touring & Social Sub-Club. Margaret passed away on 22 March 2024 after a long battle with cancer.

Bill had a distinguished medical and military career. He joined the NSW Masonic Club in 2009 and was a member of the Masonic RSL Sub-Branch and Sydney Birthday Club. Bill passed away on 30 March 2024.

See our website for a tribute to their lives. May they rest in peace.



**EVENT & FUNCTION ENQUIRIES**  
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