NEW SOUTH WALES MASONIC CLUB

CLUB CHAT

16 October 2026

It's by far the best part of my day when doing my rounds that I meet and catch up with members. Was lovely to see the Ionian ladies at lunch in Alcoves, gentlemen of the Seniors Sub-Club sharing cake, our cards and mahjong groups and 50+ year regular John Nixon in the Bowring room, the regular Stitch group in the Reagh Bar and so many other lovely faces these last few days.

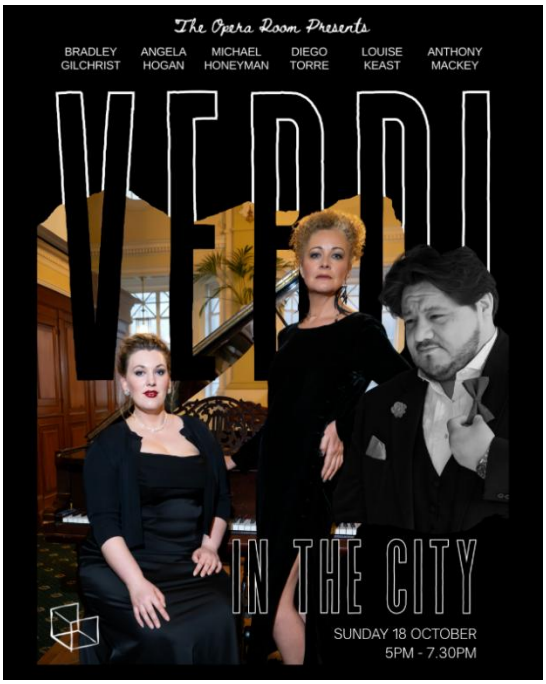
The year has flown fast, and we have a bumper last quarter of activities, many of which are sold out.

We are still running our membership drive, and I am so pleased to be able to report back to you that the Club is growing and we now have **1,832 members which is the highest number in the last decade!**

We're preparing for the 134th AGM which will be held on Monday 23 November in the King George room and hope you will be able to join us. More information will follow soon.

Regards, Helen.

16 voices join the cast for Verdi in the City!



Sunday 18 October | 5 – 7.30pm | Cellos Grand Ballroom

Something rather special is coming to Cellos this Sunday

We've just learnt that Verdi in the City will now feature a magnificent 16-voice women's chorus, prepared by conductor Logan Birchall, joining an already outstanding line-up of opera singers.

The addition of the chorus will bring even greater scale, richness and dramatic impact to highlights from Verdi's *Don Carlo* and *Il Trovatore*. Just imagine the sound of all those voices filling Cellos, with its soaring ceilings and wonderful natural acoustics

The performance also features internationally acclaimed tenor Diego Torre leading an all-star cast.

This promises to be an extraordinary afternoon of live performance, right here at the Club.

Price: $109 per person + booking fee

Reagh Bar - special opening this Sunday

With *Verdi in the City* taking centre stage in Cellos this Sunday, the Reagh Bar will be opening especially for the occasion, serving drinks and dinner from 3pm - 9pm.

Whether you're attending the opera or simply fancy a relaxed Sunday evening at the Club, we'd love to see you.

And while you're there, why not try our latest Cocktail of the Week?

The **Castlereagh Boulevardier** - $18; combines hazelnut, bourbon, Campari and vermouth, finished with a little chocolate treat. It's just one of the special creations our bartenders are mixing up each week.

Big Band, Big Talent - a Masquerade Party

Saturday 31 October | Cellos Grand Ballroom

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting emerging musicians, we're delighted to welcome **FUNKD Big Band** to Cellos for a spectacular Halloween Masquerade!

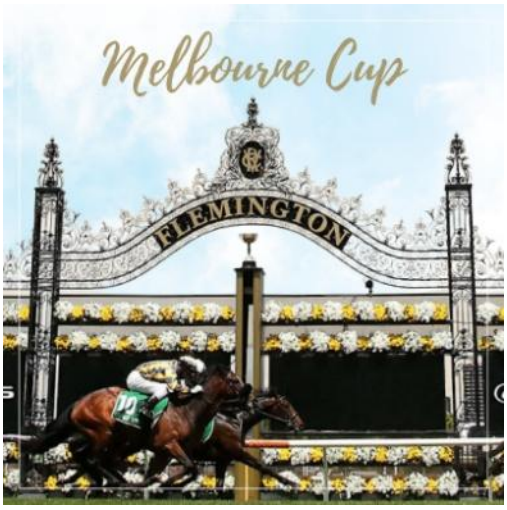
This special performance will also **raise funds to support the band's upcoming tour**, giving audiences the opportunity to enjoy a fantastic night of live music whilst helping these talented musicians take their music further afield.

Featuring an **18-piece big band** under the direction of **Musical Director Alex Putra**, the evening promises a fabulous celebration of live music, with big-band sounds, and plenty of energy.

Expect an evening of **music, glamour, games and mystery**, with a Halloween masquerade twist. Gather your friends, dress for the occasion and enjoy the excitement of a full big band performing live in this wonderful setting.

General Admission: $36 pp
Reserved Table Seat: $72 pp
Reserved Table Seat & Wine: $80 pp
Masquerade Dinner: $280 pp

Melbourne Cup Day



Tuesday 3 November | From 12.30pm

The race that stops the nation is almost here! If you haven't made your Melbourne Cup plans yet, we'll be celebrating in style, with sparkling wine on arrival, followed by a delicious lunch prepared by our culinary team. The menu features Australian king prawns with green papaya, Thai basil, lime and coconut, followed by chargrilled lamb loin with mint chimichurri, and a delightful lemon curd dessert.

Of course, there's plenty happening beyond the dining table - Catch all the racing action on our huge screens, try your luck in the sweeps, test your knowledge with some trivia and don't forget to dress to impress – there's a prize for the best hat, along with a lucky door prize.

Price: $110 per person + booking fee, Club Members save $10.

The Alcoves will also be open for lunch, so if you are planning to dine with us please make sure you book your table early to avoid missing out.

Full houses at the Club!

It's wonderful to see our entertainment program going from strength to strength, with sell-out performances across the Club!

Our debut Kookaburras Comedy Club played to a full house, while all five performances of *The Good Soldier Švejk* sold out two weeks before opening night. We are looking forward to welcoming the Czech Consul-General for the performance. Our ever-popular Faulty Towers The Dining Experience is also filling fast, with two of the three December performances already sold out and just a handful of places remaining for the third. Our recent Cluedunnit murder mystery dinner was another sell-out success.

A big thank you to everyone supporting live entertainment at the Club. With more exciting shows on the way, booking early is certainly becoming a good idea!

ABBA is coming to the Club

Saturday 10 April 2027 | Cellos Grand Ballroom

Dancing Queen - The ABBA Tribute Show is coming to the Club in April 2027, bringing an interactive dinner and show packed with dazzling costumes, fabulous harmonies and all those unforgettable hits. Brought to you by the team behind our popular *Faulty Towers The Dining Experience* and *Confetti & Chaos*, this promises to be another fabulous night at the Club.

Tickets on sale soon – watch this space!

Other Upcoming Events

Cluedunnit Murder Mystery Dinner Cocktail of Murder

When: 6.30pm, 21 November
Price: $175 per person + booking fee
Includes a 3-course meal + show

Trivia Nights

When: Every 1st, 2nd, 4th Thursday 6pm
Where: Reagh Bar - Free entry, food available

Remembrance Day Lunch and Commemorative Service

When: 12pm, Wednesday 11 November
Price: $70 per person + booking fee
Includes a 3-course traditional lunch in Cellos followed by a commemorative service in the Reagh Bar at 2.30pm

American Thanksgiving Lunch

When: 12pm, Thursday 26 November
Price: $65 per person + booking fee
Includes a 2-course traditional lunch in Alcoves

Almost sold out

Shakespearean Soirée

When: 5pm, Saturday 5 December
Save the date, more details coming soon.

Faulty Towers The Dining Experience

When: 6.30pm, 10 December + more dates
Price: $149.89 per person (incl. booking fee)
Includes a 3-course meal + 2-hour show

Christmas Day Lunch

When: 12pm, Friday 25 December, Cellos
Price: $199 per person + booking fee, children welcome. Includes a 3-course meal, live music and a visit from Santa.

Chapel Row Jazz

When: Live jazz every Friday 7pm - 10pm
Where: Reagh Bar – Free entry, food available

The Gentlemen Magician

When: Every Friday night from 7pm
Price: $54.95 + booking fee
Join highly acclaimed gentleman magician **Bruce Glen** for an intimate evening of magic and illusion.

Book events through the hotel website at **www.thecastlereagh.com.au** or call **9284 1006 or 9284 1007**.