

Les Clefs d'Or

by Elvis Soiza Chief Concierge, Sofitel Brisbane Grand Central

27th Les Clefs d'Or AGM

On Friday 10 July to Sunday 12 July, Les Clefs d'Or members from all around Australia will attend our Annual General Meeting. This year we will be celebrating our 27th Anniversary in Australia with the AGM taking place in Melbourne. At this AGM, like previous meetings, our members will gather to chart a course for the year ahead.

European Touch

How fortunate we are to live in a wonderful multicultural city such as Brisbane and be able to indulge in foods from all over the world without leaving our doorstep. European restaurants have forged a strong influence in the Brisbane market with Italian, French and Greek establishments making their mark throughout the city. There is however one restaurant that has brought a different European touch to the heart of Brisbane City - that being Belgium and all its culinary delights. The Belgian Beer Café Brussels was established in 2003 and mixes great Australian produce with traditional Belgian cuisine. I went along for

the mussels and was pleasantly surprised with the South Australian Boston Bay variety cooked Provencal style and served in traditional Belgian mussel pots with beer battered frites - all of which I devoured with great gusto. My partner enjoyed a braised beef and mushroom pie marinated in Chimay Grande Reserve, which was perfect to warm the stomach on a cold winter's day. Other traditional dishes on the menu included Belgian waffles and dark Belgian chocolate mousse, that's if you have enough room to even think about dessert!

The vast range of Belgian beers really guaranteed an unforgettable experience, with so many to try that we could have stayed on late into the night. However we settled for the Hoegaarden and also tried a Leffe Blonde variety, both of which would please any beer lover.

So if you're after a relaxed meal and a beer with a warm European feel don't go past the Belgian Beer Café. Cnr Edward and Mary Street, Brisbane. Phone: 3221 0199. *Review by James Doyle, Assistant Concierge, Sofitel Brisbane Grand Central.*



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Les Clefs d'Or Australia - Queensland Section

Invites you to

The Hospitality Masquerade Ball

Palazzo Versace, Gold Coast **Saturday 21st November**

\$110 per person, which includes a fabulous 3-course meal, wine, beer, soft drinks, dancing and a show.

For tickets contact Elvis Soiza, Chief Concierge,
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