

## **WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 2023**

# MORE THAN 7,000 NEWLYWEDS HAVE SPOKEN – RACV VOTED AS BEST CLUB RECEPTION

RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort has been chosen by Victorian newlyweds as the top venue for club receptions at the 2023 Victorian ABIA Wedding Industry Awards. The combination of breathtaking views, five-star service and impressive facilities were just some of the reasons this Yarra Valley venue took out the top spot.

In its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the <u>ABIA Wedding Industry Awards</u> are Australia's most credible wedding industry awards, and all businesses must achieve a minimum customer satisfaction rating above 95 per cent to even qualify as a finalist.

Over 7,200 newlyweds were invited to vote in this year's awards, with RACV polling in the following categories:

- Best Club Reception Winner RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort
- Best Club Reception Runner-Up RACV City Club
- Best Ceremony Venue Finalist RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort
- Best Function Coordinator Finalist RACV Torquay Resort
- Best Hotel/Resort Reception Finalist RACV Torquay Resort
- Best 1<sup>st</sup> Night Honeymoon Finalist RACV Torquay Resort

RACV Executive General Manager Leisure Craig Peachey said he was proud of the work the RACV Resort and Clubs teams do to deliver exceptional wedding experiences.

"It's heartwarming to see our teams recognised by over 7,200 newlyweds who were invited to vote in this year's Awards," Mr Peachey said.

"We are privileged to share these memorable events with members, customers, and guests and we thank them for their support."

With nine picturesque locations for wedding celebrations, RACV can cater from ten to up to 600 guests, each with dedicated wedding planners. What sets the RACV team apart though is our people who go above and beyond to make weddings extra special. Here's some memorable marriage moments shared by the RACV team:

"My top moments all involve our animals - I'll never forget kangaroos hopping through the 'I do' part of the ceremony, two llamas as part of a ceremony dressed as a bride and groom or the peregrine falcon who stunned itself on the glass right before the bride was due to walk out - it then spent the next 20 minutes under my suit jacket," Kylie Shorter – RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort.

"We are pros at the little details on the day ...... whether it's keeping young bridal party members entertained with the all-time favourite Bluey whipped out of our pockets when needed just before the ceremony or reception entrance, the bride's shoe change and fresh socks unboxed and opened ready in the bridal suite, having towels ready to dry bouquet stems in our onsite accommodation, placing slippers under the bridal table to rest weary feet...our attentive service and attention to detail is what sets us apart." Sarah Laird – RACV Torquay Resort.

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# **Further information about RACV weddings**

From a black-tie ceremony with sweeping ocean views to an intimate gathering amongst native bushland, you'll find an RACV wedding venue to suit every couple.

**RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort:** Spectacularly sited at the foothills of the Great Dividing Range, the Healesville Country Club & Resort is located in the heart of Victoria's premiere wine region, the Yarra Valley, just over an hour's drive from Melbourne's CBD.

Size: Up to 200 sit down dinner or up to 300 cocktail style.

**RACV City Club:** Get married in the heart of Melbourne's CBD. Awarded best club reception from the Australian Bridal Industry, the City Club is perfect for any couple looking to celebrate in style. The Club features spaces to suit every wedding: from intimate gatherings in our fully stocked Wine Cellar to lavish ceremonies among the soaring ceilings of our Club Conservatory.

Size: Up to 350 sit down dinner or 500 cocktail style.

**RACV Inverloch Resort:** A perfect coastal location with function rooms that offer sweeping views across natural bush to the Bass Strait Coast, with ceremony areas across the property.

Size: Up to 180 sit down dinner or up to 280 cocktail style.

**RACV Cape Schanck Resort:** Offering ceremonies and receptions, our wedding spaces offer an irresistible balance of coastline views, and contemporary design, the perfect spaces to dance the night away. On the day, it's romance from the beach to the ballroom, our couples can exchange vows at one of the local beaches overlooking the rugged Bass Strait and Port Phillip Bay, or in our picturesque Tea Tree Garden.

Size: Up to 240 sit down dinner or up to 450 cocktail style.

**RACV Torquay Resort:** With the backdrop of the Torquay and Jan Juc beaches, RACV Torquay Resort is the ideal setting for a perfect day. From contemporary function rooms with uninterrupted views of the coast, to a curated selection of wedding packages featuring menus from award-winning chefs, Torquay has everything you need for a breathtaking ceremony.

Size: Between 10 and 410 guests.

**RACV Goldfields Resort:** Exchange vows amongst native bushland at the most exclusive venue in provincial Victoria, whether you want an intimate indoor space or a beautiful outdoor setting. Size: Up to 340 sit down dinner or up to 600 cocktail style.

**RACV Hobart Resort:** With two beautiful ceremony locations to choose from, reception venues for anywhere between 10 and 220 guests and a menu comprised of the finest local produce, RACV Hobart Hotel is the ideal location for your celebration. Providing a brilliant combination of historic building and contemporary design, there's something for every couple.

Size: Between 10 to 220 guests.

**RACV Noosa Resort:** Adjoining a natural conservation sanctuary, RACV Noosa Resort is the Sunshine Coast's most distinctive location for ceremonies, receptions and five-star accommodation. From an intimate gathering to a large-scale event, RACV Noosa Resort is the perfect setting for your special day. Size: Up to 150 sit down dinner or up to 240 cocktail style.

**RACV Royal Pines Resort Gold Coast:** Between the stunning beaches and tranquil surrounding hinterland, there are plenty of reasons to get married at RACV Royal Pines. Exchange vows amongst Australian timber and Italian marble in the resort's chapel, or head into the sunshine and say 'I do' overlooking the resort lakes.

Size: Between 50 to 140 sit down dinner or up to 200 guests cocktail style.

### **Further information about RACV**

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RACV is proud to provide exceptional experiences for our Members and customers through a range of products and services across motoring and mobility, home, energy and leisure. These include Emergency Roadside Assistance, Motor Insurance, Home Insurance, Home <u>Trades</u> and an increasing range of options in the cleaner energy space, such as RACV Solar. We have nine resorts across Australia and a range of domestic and international holiday packages, tours and cruises from our trusted travel partners.

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