RACV Club

HIGHLIGHTS

DECEMBER 2026

SEASON'S EATINGS

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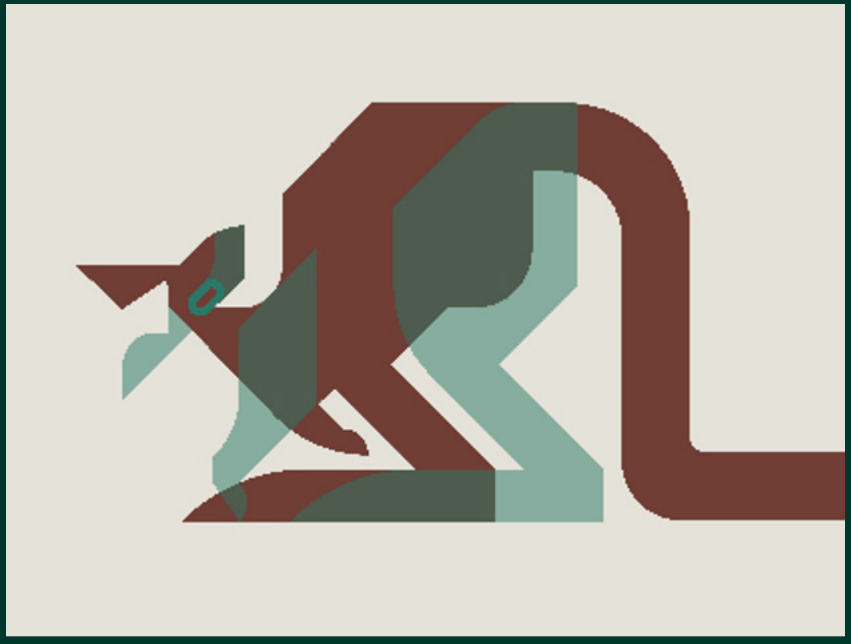

THE ART OF CONSERVATION

If you're considering a family stay at RACV Goldfields Resort this summer, the Stephanie Cartledge *In their place* exhibition at the onsite ArtHouse provides artistic inspiration.

Stephanie Cartledge is an Australian artist and muralist inspired by the distinct beauty of native flora and fauna.

Ballarat-based Cartledge's new works will fill ArtHouse at RACV Goldfields with her signature bold style and conservation narrative. Focusing on the animals most at risk within our local environment, Stephanie's message of preservation and action is conveyed in graphic prints, paintings and large-scale murals.

On show from 5 December until 14 March, the exhibition coincides with the summer school holidays and includes a children's colouring activity.

● **To find out more, call the RACV Goldfields Resort on (03) 5345 9600.**

IMAGE: STEPHANIE CARTLEDGE, *IN THEIR PLACE*, 2026, COURTESY THE ARTIST.

WELCOME

ROB EVERETT RACV Club General Manager



We're decking the halls at RACV Club. Our *Highlights* December-edition cover story showcases all the festive feasts, dazzling New Year's Eve events, school holiday program, Burns Night and Lunar New Year celebrations on offer at City Club and RACV Healesville.

In our 2026-in-review feature, we reflect on another golden year.

Highlights include the President's Cup Golf Day, NFL season opener and AFL Grand Final in our corporate suite at the 'G, plus the sell-out AFL Grand Final luncheon and annual Test cricket luncheon at City Club. Our members also enjoyed every round of the thrilling AFL season, world-class cricket and all the major sporting events and concerts in our MCG, Marvel Stadium and Rod Laver Arena corporate suites.

Plus, who could forget the electrifying Four Chef Showdown in April, in which pastry chef Josh Cochrane retained his title? We united several nations with the Italian, Japanese, truffle and Bastille Day dinners — and the culinary coup of Philippe Mouchel's second signature dinner in August.

There were landmark wine and spirits events, major award wins for RACV Club and RACV Resorts, large-scale redevelopment work at RACV Healesville and RACV Inverloch, and so much more.

Our exclusive RACV Club Priority Pass events included the Australian Open corporate suite offering at Rod Laver Arena and AO Riverside Social events in January/February, MCG Hallowed Turf dinner in February, premium events at the Melbourne Cup Carnival, international sporting and cultural events, and more.

We were honoured to receive multiple accolades at the Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence in August. These include the Heart of the Community award for RACV Healesville, Best Hotel Spa for One Spa at City Club, plus wins for other Victorian RACV Resorts, including RACV Torquay Resort for Best Resort-style Accommodation of the Year and induction into the Hall of Fame. There were coveted wine-glass ratings for our City Club restaurants and RACV Healesville in the Australia's Wine List of the Year Awards. Read all about our 2026 Club highlights on page 14.

Our events calendar ranges from a host of mentoring program finale dinners, 15 member-interest groups, Investors' luncheons, Wine Circle tastings and ever-popular author talks (including the record-breaking The Cook's Companion 30th anniversary dinner event on Level 17 in April). There is also fortnightly Midweek Jazz at Wine Bar, the In bloom: Spring Fashion Show and High Tea in September, fascinating Experience & Explore and Double Lecture events and Workspace Wind Down in our recently transformed Shared Workspace and Members' Retreat at City Club.

Don't forget to visit the RACV Travel Expo in February at City Club for the latest and greatest offers from RACV Travel & Experiences.

Summer is the perfect time to relax and reflect on a milestone year. The new season brings fresh menus and a full program of engaging school holiday activities at City Club and RACV Healesville. While onsite, enjoy a light lunch or delicious dinner at Bistro or Riddell's Green and your kids will eat *free. See our cover story on page 8 to find out more.

We wish our cherished Club members a magical Christmas and the best of health, joy and prosperity in 2027 and beyond. We look forward to sharing all the highlights with you at RACV Club.

**Kids under three eat free at Bistro and kids under 12 receive a complimentary drink when dining with a paying adult. Kids eat free at Riddell's Green during school holidays for in-house guests when dining with a paying adult.*



The golf course at RACV Healesville is undergoing a major redesign, with the resort to offer an extra 24 premium villas.



RACV RESORTS

RACV CAPE SCHANCK RESORT

Escape to the Mornington Peninsula and enjoy more of what your RACV Club Membership offers.

There's something special about the Mornington Peninsula in summer. From coastal walks and cellar door visits to relaxed afternoons at the resort, there are plenty of ways to slow down and make the most of the season. It's the perfect destination to step away from the everyday and enjoy a well-earned break.

Perched on one of the region's most spectacular stretches of coastline, RACV Cape Schanck Resort is ideally positioned to experience the best of the Peninsula. With the Peninsula Coastal Getaway package, RACV Club Members can enjoy a relaxing escape complete with a range of added extras.

MORE THAN JUST A GETAWAY

Available from $599* for two nights' accommodation, the Peninsula Coastal Getaway includes everything you need for a comfortable stay. Wake up to a buffet breakfast at Samphire Restaurant each morning, enjoy a welcome drink on arrival, a $100 dining credit per stay and a $25 minibar credit.

Stay three nights or more and you'll receive an additional $50 dining credit, giving you even more opportunity to enjoy the resort's dining experiences or explore the region's renowned food and wine scene.

ADDED BENEFITS FOR RACV CLUB MEMBERS

The package offers great value on its own, but RACV Club Members can enjoy even more benefits throughout their stay.

Members receive an additional $50 dining credit, a $50 One Spa credit and a relaxed 11am late checkout, adding an extra $100 of value before you even arrive.

You'll also enjoy unlimited in-house movies and access to exclusive golf savings, offering even more ways to make the most of your time at the resort.

For golf enthusiasts, RACV Members receive 20% off 9- and 18-hole rounds and cart hire, plus 10% off retail items in the Golf Shop.

For Club members, it's these added touches, from dining and spa credits to a relaxed late checkout, that can make all the difference.

YOUR PENINSULA ESCAPE AWAITS

To secure your summer getaway, with stays available until 25 March 2027, please ensure you book by 17 December 2026.

If you've been thinking about visiting the Mornington Peninsula, the Peninsula Coastal Getaway is the perfect opportunity to experience RACV Cape Schanck Resort and its exclusive member benefits.

BOOK NOW

Club Members save

Visit racv.com.au/peninsulacoastalgetaway.html or call 03 5950 8000 to book your Peninsula Coastal Getaway by 17 December 2026.

**Subject to availability. Valid to book until 17/12/2026, for stays from 15/09/2026 until 25/03/2027. Restrictions and blackout dates may apply – check with resort directly for details. Minimum 2-night stay applies. Standard cancellation policy applies. Rates are based on 2 guests in an Ocean View Room. Extra guests incur a surcharge. From price is available on selected Sunday to Thursday nights with limited availability at lead in price. Surcharges apply on selected dates and on all Friday to Saturday nights. Any unused spa, dining or minibar credit is forfeited at the end of the stay and cannot be transferred, exchanged or redeemed for cash. Spa bookings are essential. Not available in conjunction with any other offer unless otherwise stated. Members must quote offer at time of booking if booking by phone. Booking and Cancellation Policy*

DON'T MISS



NEW YEAR'S EVE: GOLDFINGER – MEMBERS' DINING ROOM

Ring in the New Year with a *Goldfinger*-inspired 007 celebration. Enjoy a four-course dinner, arrival martini, live entertainment from the Baker Boys Band and a glass of champagne at midnight.

Please note: Members attending the Members' Dining Room New Year's Eve dinner will not have access to Level 17 for fireworks viewing.

● **Thu 31 Dec, 7pm–12:30am, Members' Dining Room, City Club, $240 per adult (18+ only).**
Book via link or scan the QR code on this page.

BURNS NIGHT 2027



Our much-loved celebration of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns, returns for another year. Enjoy an evening of music, poetry and song, lively ceilidh dancing, and the famous *Address to a Haggis*, with authentic Scottish fare.

Ticket includes four-course dinner, beverages, whisky tastings and themed entertainment. Non-haggis option available.

This is a shared-table event. Suitable for singles.

● **Mon 25 Jan, 6pm–10pm, Level 17, City Club, $180 per person.**
Book via link or scan the QR code on this page.



DOUBLE LECTURE: RECIPROCAL CLUBS WITH KENNETH PARK

Join Kenneth Park for an insightful double lecture exploring RACV Club's reciprocal club network and the exclusive benefits available to Club members. During the double lecture, Kenneth will profile a range of these clubs – many of which boast colourful histories.

● **Thu 28 Jan, 10am–12pm, Level 2, City Club, Free to attend.**
Book via link or scan the QR code on this page.

PRESIDENT'S CUP – RACV CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES



Conclude the series at RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort with a premium Golf Day defined by scenic surrounds, quality course presentation and attractive prizes. Engaging hole activations and a polished hospitality experience create a fitting finale to this standout championship series.

Stableford format. Players must register their Golf Links number to be eligible for prizes. A day winner and series winner will be awarded.

● **Sun 28 Feb, 7:30am–3pm, RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort, $150 per RACV member, $170 per non-RACV member, $50 golf cart hire.**
Book via link or scan the QR code on this page.

FIND OUT MORE

What's on at the Club?

Don't miss your chance to attend these exclusive member events.
Book via the What's On page or scan the QR code.

ESCAPE

THE WORLD'S GREATEST TRAIN JOURNEYS

All aboard some of the world's most iconic rail adventures and discover why train travel is making a spectacular comeback.

PHOTO: GETTY - GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN ON LANDWASSER VIADUCT, SWITZERLAND



Reciprocal Club – Nasiklub

A member's club and hotel on Nashik-Pune Road in Nasik, Maharashtra, Nasiklub is situated in the nature-based heart of the city. Enjoy recreational facilities such as a gym, table tennis, badminton court and billiards room or indulge at the restaurant and bar focused on vegetarian Indian cuisine (Punjabi, South Indian and Maharashtrian).

RACV Club members need to arrange a letter of introduction prior to visiting Reciprocal Clubs. Details at racv.com.au/club or scan the QR code.

There's something magical about train travel. Perhaps it's the ever-changing scenery outside your window, the romance of a bygone era or simply the chance to slow down and savour the journey as much as the destination.

From crossing Australia's vast outback to winding through the snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies, the world's greatest rail journeys offer a front-row seat to some of the planet's most extraordinary landscapes. Whether you dream of luxury, adventure or cultural discovery, these unforgettable rail experiences deserve a place on every traveller's bucket list.

AUSTRALIAN ICONS

FOR OUTBACK ADVENTURERS: THE GHAN

Stretching almost 3,000 kilometres from Adelaide to Darwin, The Ghan is one of the world's great rail journeys. Travelling through the heart of Australia, you'll witness dramatic changes in landscape, from the rolling hills of South Australia to the red-ochre deserts of the Northern Territory.

Days are spent watching endless horizons unfold from your carriage, while off-train excursions offer opportunities to explore sacred sites such as Alice Springs, Katherine Gorge and Coober Pedy. It's a uniquely Australian experience that reveals the scale, beauty and character of the Red Centre.

FOR CROSS-CONTINENT EXPLORERS: INDIAN PACIFIC

Few journeys can match the epic scale of the Indian Pacific. Connecting Sydney and Perth, this legendary train crosses an entire continent, travelling through the Blue Mountains, the vast Nullarbor Plain and some of Australia's most remote landscapes.

One of the highlights is traversing the world's longest stretch of straight railway track, while the ever-changing scenery provides a fascinating glimpse into the diversity of Australia's natural environment.

INTERNATIONAL RAIL ADVENTURES

FOR MOUNTAIN LOVERS: ROCKY MOUNTAINEER, CANADA

If dramatic scenery tops your travel wish list, the Rocky Mountaineer delivers in spectacular fashion. Travelling through the Canadian Rockies, this world-renowned rail journey showcases towering mountains, turquoise lakes, rushing rivers and dense pine forests.

Glass-domed carriages allow uninterrupted views of the landscape, while wildlife sightings such as bears, elk and bald eagles add to the sense of adventure. It's a journey that feels less like transport and more like a moving luxury lookout.

FOR EUROPEAN DREAMERS: VENICE SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS

Few names evoke the romance of travel quite like the Venice Simplon-Orient-Express. Hopping aboard is like stepping back in time, with beautifully restored Art Deco carriages, elegant dining cars and impeccable service.

Travelling between some of Europe's most iconic cities, the journey is every bit as memorable as the destinations, capturing the glamour and sophistication of the Golden Age of rail travel.

FOR SCENIC-WONDER SEEKERS: GLACIER EXPRESS, SWITZERLAND

Known as the world's slowest express train, Switzerland's Glacier Express links the mountain resorts of Zermatt and St Moritz through some of the country's most breathtaking alpine scenery.

As the train winds across towering viaducts, deep valleys and snow-covered peaks, passengers are treated to panoramic views that are straight out of a postcard.

FOR CULTURE LOVERS: MAHARAJAS' EXPRESS, INDIA

For those seeking a truly luxurious rail adventure, India's Maharajas' Express combines five-star comfort with access to some of the country's most extraordinary cultural treasures.

From colourful cities and majestic palaces to ancient forts and vibrant local experiences, the journey offers an unforgettable introduction to the richness and diversity of India.

TRAVEL MADE FOR YOU

The world's most iconic rail journeys are increasingly popular, with many departures selling well in advance. A dedicated RACV travel agent can help navigate itineraries, secure preferred departures and provide access to the latest offers, upgrades and expert advice.

Whether you're dreaming of crossing the Australian outback, exploring Canada's Rocky Mountains or experiencing the romance of Europe's legendary trains, expert planning can make the journey as seamless as the adventure itself.

BOOK YOUR ESCAPE

Talk to an RACV travel agent online, in-store or by phone on 1800 850 888 to start planning your next great rail adventure.












SUMMER IS ON THE MENU AT YOUR CLUB

The season to celebrate inspires fresh menus, a feast of school holiday activities and festive events to savour at City Club and RACV Healesville.

Instil a little focus for the youngsters these holidays and add wow factor to your summer-style celebrations. We offer a full program of school holiday activities and cultural events to savour at our Club's city heartland and nearby Yarra Valley location.

Children of all ages will love our Gingerbread Decorating activity, with multiple sessions on Monday 21 December at Level 2, City Club.

Then create your own Christmas gifts with our Snow Globe Creation Experience — with multiple sessions on Tuesday 22 December at Level 2, City Club.

The Christmas Lava Lamp Lab on Wednesday 23 December is bound to be a festive favourite. Again, there will be multiple sessions on Level 2, City Club.

WORDS: NICOLE BITTAR | PHOTOS: ROCCO ANCORA – NEW AND FESTIVE DISHES AT BISTRO AND CARBINE BAR, CITY CLUB.

Santa will also be a fixture at Level 2, City Club, for individual and group photos between 10am and 2pm daily from 17 to 24 December. Be sure to reserve your spot for all these activities via the Club's What's On pages.

The showstopping Christmas yule logs and cakes (featured on our cover) from Le Petit Gâteau are designed to grace your table with festive flair. This year's creations include:



Noir: Bûche de Noël au chocolat: comprised of 58% dark chocolate mousse with roasted macadamia, soft-centred salted caramel, vanilla crémeux sandwiched between chocolate almond sponge and chocolate streusel crunch. Contains milk (dairy), eggs, tree nuts (macadamia /almond) and soy. **Priced at $110.**



Blanc: L'Or Blanc de Noël: Made of toasted golden cornflake mousse with tropical mango compote, almond crémeux, Mānuka honey, joconde sponge and honey-joy crunch. Contains milk (dairy), eggs, tree nuts (almond), gluten, barley and soy. **Price at $105.**



Rouge: Rubis de Noël: made from chocolate financier, cherry compote, roasted coconut crémeux, dark chocolate mousse and coconut crunch. No gluten in recipe. No nuts in recipe. Contains milk (dairy), eggs, soy. **Priced at $110.**

These Le Petit Gâteau Christmas cakes are available to order now for collection between 18 and 24 December on (03) 9944 8893.

FESTIVE MARKET AT RACV HEALESVILLE

The Christmas Market: Local Business Series represents the culmination of a successful monthly program, highlighting premium local wines and produce. Shop for locally sourced gifts from 5pm–7pm on Friday 11 December in the Ballroom at RACV Healesville. It's free to attend.

BISTRO'S SUMMER MENU: FLAVOURS TO SAVOUR

The arrival of summer brings warmth, relaxation and a fresh, zesty menu at Bistro, City Club.

In addition to Bistro's tempting weekly specials, new menu favourites that are bound to top your family's list include Marinated grilled prawns: Tomato consommé, avocado and corn salad, crispy corn tortilla, micro herbs; and Burrata with roasted heirloom tomatoes, basil pesto, grilled asparagus, herb pangrattato and fresh basil leaves.

There's the superb Seared Atlantic salmon with herb beurre blanc, mussels, clams, samphire and seasonal summer vegetables — and save room for the Herb-roasted free-range chicken supreme with green pea risotto, chargrilled zucchini, marinated feta, preserved lemon and aromatic herb oil.

● **Book your casual, summer-style celebration at Bistro via the link.**

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Go for gold, Bond style, at City Club's *Goldfinger*-inspired dinner. This elegant event, featuring an indulgent, four-course set menu with amuse-bouche and choice of main plus a complimentary martini on arrival and glass of champagne at midnight, takes place in the Members' Dining Room on Thursday 31 December from 7pm–12:30am. Please note: your ticket does not include access to Level 17 for the New Year fireworks.

JANUARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENTS

Crack the case and catch the thief at Forensic Detective on Monday 18 January from 11am–12pm in the James Room at RACV Healesville.

Beat the summer heat at Splashtastic Water Games on Tuesday 19 January from 10am–12pm, also at RACV Healesville.

Cosmic Chemistry Show is set to explode on Wednesday 20 January from 11am–12pm on Level 2, City Club.

Or join the Circus Skills Workshop on Thursday 21 January from 10am–12pm on Level 2, City Club. Visit the Club's What's On page to save your spot for all events.

CULTURAL HITS

Frock up in the clan kilt for the annual Burns Night at City Club on Monday 25 January.

The Lunar New Year always ignites summertime festivities at RACV Club. Look out for our Chinese New Year Dinner at City Club.

Intakes for groups 1 and 2 in 2027 for the Club Mentoring program also take place in February.

BOOK NOW

To save your spot for these Club events, programs and summer activities, call RACV City Club on (03) 9944 8888 and RACV Healesville on (03) 5962 4899.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF GIVING

From premium wines, spirits and gourmet treats to unforgettable Club events and premium experiences, discover thoughtful gifts to delight family, friends, colleagues, or clients this Christmas.

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THE FUTURE LOOKS RIGHT

RACV Visual Arts Senior Curator Ellen Wignell explains the curatorial impetus for *Dystopian Futures*, a thought-provoking exhibition in the Gallery Lounge, City Club, until 28 February.

When I started researching *Dystopian Futures*, I found myself drawn back to artists in the RACV Collection, curious about where their practice has taken them since. This exhibition is a way to continue relationships with artists who are already part of RACV's story.

In this way, we keep supporting our Collection artists and to share a different, perhaps unexpected, side of their works with our members and visitors.

The five artists, Stephen Bush, Kevin Chin, Raafat Ishak, Kate Shaw and Darren Wardle, each probe the anxieties, contradictions and speculative possibilities of worlds in flux. Through painting, architectural reimagining and charged visual narratives, they conjure environments shaped by political tension, environmental crisis, technological saturation and the quiet unease of rapid change.

Darren Wardle's large, saturated canvases make the familiar feel strange, as mid-century modern icons rise out of decaying landscapes; like relics of a future that never arrived. Stephen Bush uses heightened colour to set animals loose in an uneasy cityscape, where nature and the built world pull against each other.

Kevin Chin weaves memory, dreamscapes and colonial histories together, so that places and moments fold into a labyrinth of uncertainty. Raafat Ishak dismantles and rebuilds architecture and history with his signature precision; and Kate Shaw's poured acrylic and resin surfaces shift and bleed into landscapes caught at a technicoloured tipping point.

These artists muse on what our future may hold, both its promise and its peril. Each draws on memory to imagine what lies ahead, creating scenes that are luminous and seductive while carrying a quiet warning.

The Art of Lunch, Sat 20 Feb 2027, 12–3pm. Join us for a long lunch with the artists, held during Melbourne Art Fair 2027. Executive Chef Kyle will present dishes he has created in direct response to the artworks on show, making for a delightful afternoon of art, wine and conversation. **To book, scan the QR code on this page.**



Darren Wardle, *Ex Tropical*, 2021, Acrylic on linen, 152.5 x 122cm.



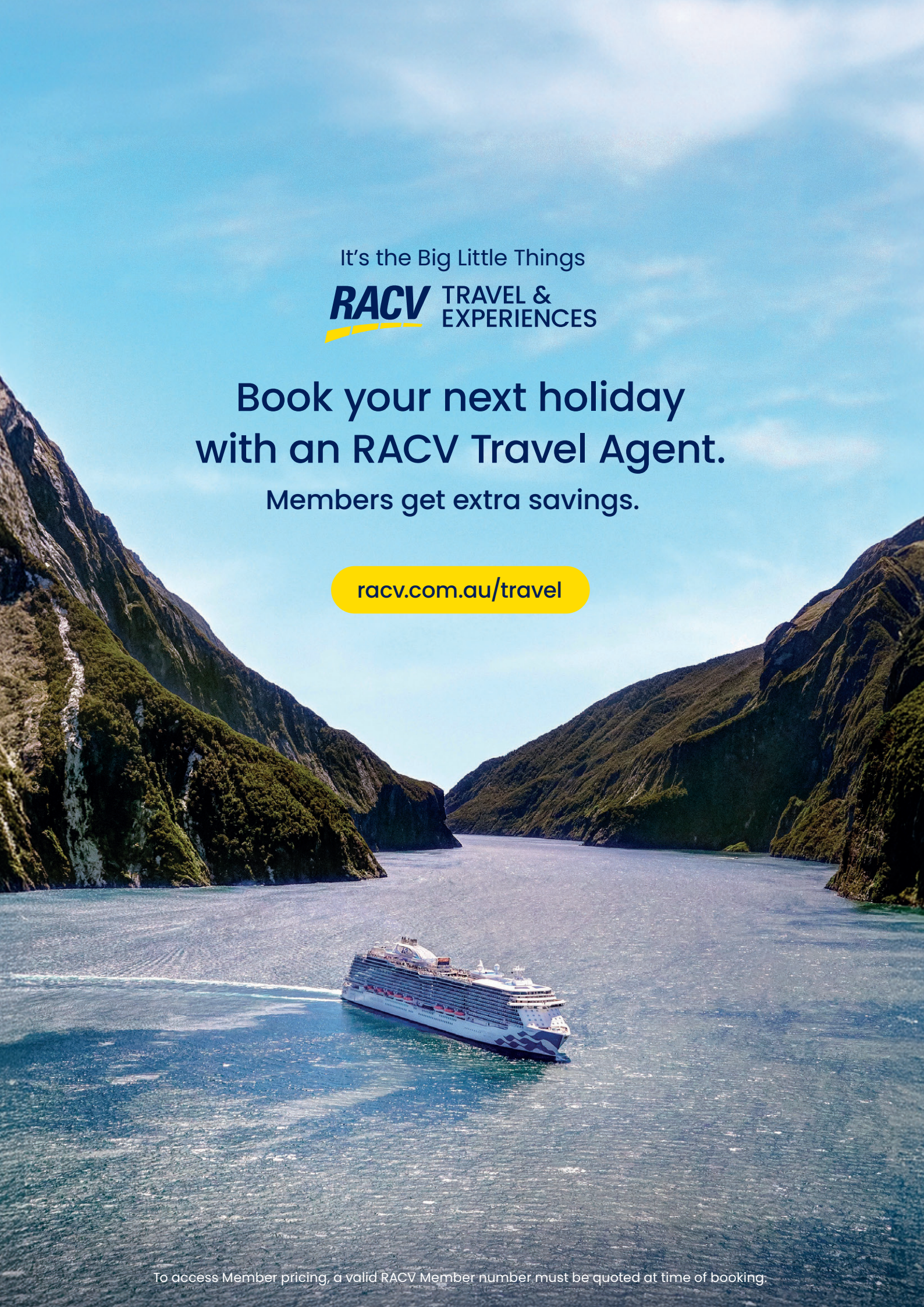
Darren Wardle, *Old School*, 2019, Oil & acrylic on linen, 152.5 x 122cm.



Darren Wardle, *Kids Stay Free*, 2022, Acrylic on linen, 152.5 x 122cm.



Darren Wardle, *Superstitious Rituals*, 2020, Oil & acrylic on linen, 152.5 x 122cm.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MEET YOU AT THE AO

When Riverside Social and RACV Club Priority Pass meet at the AO, the combination elevates the elegance and enjoyment to a new level.

For tennis lovers who crave the Australian Open atmosphere but favour their elbow room, Riverside Social is the answer.

This rooftop lounge and cocktail experience at Melbourne Park offers RACV Club Priority Pass holders access to an exclusive setting amid the majestic River Terrace, coupled with an unparalleled vista of the Melbourne skyline from the rooftop bar.

For RACV Club Priority Pass holders, this is a match made in heaven — providing the ideal setting for civilised socialising without forgoing the electricity of the AO atmosphere.

From your exclusive riverside setting, guests will enjoy roving dining and grazing stations, tempting beverages package, live entertainment and a premium vantage point for taking in the tennis — with room to move.

(Love) matched with exclusive, lower-bowl Rod Laver Arena seats, you'll view the Grand, or should that be Glam, Slam action as up close and personal without being on the court!

Social butterflies and tennis fans alike will be drawn to the glitz and excitement of this elevated experience.

Entertain your guests amid the tournament's vibrant atmosphere in the refined setting of our Australian Open corporate suite. Tickets for day and evening sessions, including the finals series, feature food and drink packages, plus non-stop tennis action and fanfare.

BOOK NOW

Save your seat

Riverside Social events are exclusive to RACV Club Priority Pass holders. To join our Priority Pass program, scan the QR code.











HITTING THE HEIGHTS IN 2026

In our 2026-in-review feature, we reflect on another golden year at RACV Club.

We started the year on a cultural high with the celebratory **Burns Night, Lunar New Year dinner** events in January/February, the **RACV Travel Expo** and **RACV Club's AFL season launch** in February.

The coveted **President's Cup Golf Day** and popular **Healesville Picnic Races** in March were crowd favourites.

Our three **Art of Lunch** events for the *Where Memory Transforms*, *Strike a Pose* and *Bird Nerds* exhibitions were a highlight for art and food lovers: fusing inspiring conversations, exceptional artists and creative dining experiences.

Hearing first-hand from renowned artists, including Lindy Lee and Archibald Prize-winner Sam Leach, has been a real privilege, offering guests insight into their creative practice.

Our Head of Visual Arts, Mardi Nowak, adds: "Just as memorable has been seeing how our culinary team responds to the art, creating menus inspired by the artists and their work. A standout was the extraordinary dessert inspired by Lauren Dunn's photograph, and we love seeing the artists' reactions to what Chef and team have created.

"Perhaps, most importantly, Art of Lunch brings guests together around a shared table, sparking conversations about art and food, exchanging ideas and making new friends."

"It's this wonderful combination of creativity, conversation and connection that makes each event such a unique and memorable experience."

STANDOUT CELEBRATIONS

Dinner with Stephanie Alexander and Annie Smithers: *The Cook's Companion* 30-year anniversary event in April was a landmark evening for the Club, and our largest author talk to date, welcoming 300 guests to Level 17 for a sold-out celebration.

The fourth edition of **Four Chef Showdown** at RACV Healesville in April was another thrilling live culinary battle, creating imaginative paddock-to-plate dishes with wines paired by Healesville Resort Manager Andrew Whalan. Featuring RACV Club's star chefs, Kyle Doody, Josh Cochrane and newcomer Raman Kaur (the event's first female contestant), our members' votes retained the title for Josh with his showstopping pear millefeuille.

Philippe Mouchel's second signature dinner: **"Tastes of Lyon bouchon"**, held in the Ballroom at RACV Healesville in August, was another triumph.

The RACV Club's corporate suite sporting blockbusters included the inaugural NFL season opener in September, AFL Grand Final, Test Cricket and T20, plus the NSW v Queensland rugby league State of Origin in June.

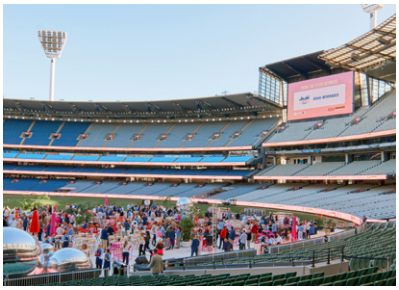
A HANDFUL OF FAVOURITES

The sell-out annual **AFL Grand Final** and **Test Cricket luncheons**; **Come Fly with Me: An Italian dinner** in May (waitlist only); Black-gold Bounty: **Annual truffle dinner** in June; and the second **Shoku No Kokoro: Japanese dinner** in June (waitlist only). This riveting cultural event attracted a sell-out crowd of 300 guests, who filled Level 17 for an unforgettable food lovers' extravaganza.

RACV Club collaborated with numerous partners, including Melbourne Tartan Festival – **Burns Night** and **A Taste of Scotland whisky night**; Hellyers Road – release of Club whiskies and launch nights; Smith & Shaw – Tolpuddle wine dinner; Northern Books for our author talks; Penfolds – New Release Masterclass; and Peter Alexander – fundraising at our spring fashion show, raising a $1,695 donation ($15 per ticket) for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre.







We also hosted 12 highly patronised **Healesville Local Business Series** events at RACV Healesville, including Boat O'Craigo, Chandon, Tarrawarra Estate, Rochford Wines, Zonzo Estate, Punt Road Wines and Helen & Joey Estate.

AWARD WINS

At the 2026 Victorian Accommodation Awards, we won a range of Club and RACV Resort awards across multiple categories, including:

RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort received the *Heart of the Community* award for its contribution to the local community.

RACV City Club was named *Hotel Spa of the Year* for One Spa, celebrating its premium wellness experience.

RACV Torquay Resort won *Resort Style Accommodation of the Year,* recognising excellence in guest experience, facilities and service, and was inducted into the Hall of Fame after winning the *Best Meetings and Events Space of the Year* for three consecutive years.

RACV Cape Schanck Resort's 'Samphire' was a joint winner of *Hotel Restaurant of the Year,* celebrating its standout dining experience.

RACV Goldfields Resort was a joint winner of *Best Meetings and Events Space of the Year,* reinforcing its standing as a leading events venue.

City Club and **RACV Healesville** earned accolades at the **2026 Australia's Wine List of the Year Awards.**

Healesville Country Club & Resort won an overall two wine-glass rating.

Sojourn Restaurant received a one wine-glass rating; Wine Bar scored a two-glass rating; and the Members' Dining Room won a coveted three-glass rating.

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PRIORITY ACCESS

We celebrated the first birthday of **RACV Club Priority Pass program** in April, with ever-increasing membership numbers and focus on elevating the world of premium experiences in sport, music, dining and entertainment.

Popular events for Priority Pass holders included the AFL finals series in our MCG and Marvel Stadium corporate suites, the MCG Hallowed Turf dinner in February, State of Origin in June, the electric AFL Grand Final and NFL season opener at the MCG in September, premium Melbourne Cup Carnival events, world-class cricket and rugby, AO Riverside Social experiences and AO events in our Rod Laver Arena corporate suite, plus exclusive dining, international artists, classical concerts and top-level theatre tickets

Adding to the world-class calibre of Philippe Mouchel's second signature dinner, the Japanese dinner and Four Chef Showdown, Burns Night and the annual Healesville Picnic Races (with an extra marquee at next year's event), RACV Club General Manager Rob Everett is delighted that works are well underway for the RACV Healesville villas' expansion.

"In addition to the foundations being laid for the new villas and pro shop, it's wonderful to see the new grass on the fairways around the 9th, 10th and 18th holes — and the greens have been sown! Depending on the weather, we are hopeful for play on these new holes late this year," Rob says.

"We are also excited about the upcoming accommodation refurbishments for City Club — which is set to start in 2027."

Rob lists the strength of the President's Cup Golf Day, allowing RACV Club to introduce the golf championship series (which incorporates all RACV Resorts' Victorian golf courses).

This event will culminate with our annual President's Cup event at RACV Healesville on 28 February 2027.

The inclusion of complimentary Emergency Home Assist and entry to early-access program Priority Pass for Access and Executive memberships are exceptional value.











"We are also thrilled that members are taking full advantage of their $200 Travel & Experiences eGift card offer."

Topping the list next year, Rob is excited to see the ongoing uptake of Priority Pass — and Club members making the most of our MCG, Marvel Stadium and Rod Laver Arena corporate suites.

Our onsite gym classes remain a high priority for members — with the popularity of the ice baths, steam rooms and updated saunas.

"We love to see our members taking advantage of the fantastic gym classes and fitness facilities at City Club and Healesville Country Club & Resort," Rob says.

Speaking of mind-and-body fitness, Rob and the RACV Club team wish all our valued members the best of health, wealth and happiness in 2027, and beyond.

"We can't wait to welcome you in the New Year," Rob says.

HOT TICKETS

Many of our events continued their sell-out status this year (and for that we're truly grateful to our avid Club members). These include the AFL and Test cricket luncheons at City Club (our members also enjoyed the 2026 AFL season, plus world-class cricket, rugby and other sporting events in our MCG and Marvel Stadium corporate suites).

A MILESTONE YEAR

Club Events Manager Steven Bruce (and popular organiser/host of the annual Burns Night event) was kept busy throughout a landmark 2026.

"This year has been a standout for RACV Club, with our team delivering a diverse calendar of events and seeing incredible support from members across both properties (City Club and Healesville)," Steven says.

"Highlights included introducing a second marquee at the Healesville Races for the first time.

"Plus the overwhelming demand for our Japanese dinner, which sold out quickly and generated a substantial waitlist, the continued success of the Healesville Local Business Series and renowned chef Philippe Mouchel's second consecutive signature dinner event at RACV Healesville."

"Looking ahead, 2027 is shaping up to be one of our most exciting event calendars yet.

"Members can look forward to exciting new experiences, including an intimate dining event on the Level 17 balcony overlooking Melbourne's skyline and a *Mamma Mia!*-inspired celebration in March, alongside the return of our signature favourites.

"The response to our Japanese dinner certainly didn't go unnoticed. While I'll keep the details under wraps for now, members who missed out this year should be feeling optimistic about 2027!"

REDEVELOPING RACV HEALESVILLE

We made excellent progress in redeveloping RACV Healesville from a perennial member-favourite destination to an increasingly in-demand RACV Club & Resort.

Construction work for the villas' expansion project started in August and continues apace. A prototype villa will be tested before being shipped onsite. The result will accommodate an additional 24 new premium two-bedroom villas, a new pro golf shop and sports and recreational facilities (including pickleball and basketball courts). The grass will hopefully be laid at the golf course by Christmas, with the project's completion date earmarked for mid-2027.

CITY CLUB'S ACCOMMODATION UPGRADE

A refurbishment of the guest rooms on levels three to six and level eight is scheduled for completion within 12 months. Two of the rooms will be converted into the updated style for a trial period before completing the redesign.










THE RACV INVERLOCH RESORT EXPANSION

Construction work is in the final stages for this major redevelopment. The project will introduce 36 new premium accommodation rooms, enabling the resort to welcome up to 20,000 additional guests to the existing 55,000 visitors annually.

INTEREST GROUPS AND MENTORING PROGRAM

We hosted 15 member-interest groups this year, including Young Professionals Group (with its Christmas event to be held in mid-December), film group, book club and the coveted (and regularly waitlisted) Wine Circle.

The bridge group had another busy and successful year, with various Club and inter-Club challenge events, from group lessons in February to the Christmas event (to be held on 14 December).

Members of the solo group enjoyed two event getaways: at RACV Creswick in February, RACV Healesville in October and the Solo Christmas event (to be held on 17 December).

The mentoring program proved ever in demand, with three intakes of two groups per intake. We also held several finale dinners throughout the year.

BILLIARDS AND SOCIAL SNOOKER AT CITY CLUB

As if on cue, the billiards groups have also had a busy year!

Our monthly social pool nights attracted a total of more than 95 attendees.

We also staged several annual billiards and snooker handicap tournaments and championships.

There were seven inter-club pennant teams for billiards and snooker events.

This was supported by private and group coaching — and we hosted many social events for members and guests.

The billiards room at City Club also dazzled as the ‘jewel in the crown’ for the final of the Australian Snooker Championships, which was held in August.RACV Club’s Bohan Lin provided exemplary work as the referee.

Daniell Haenga was victorious in the final, beating fellow Queenslander Jayden Dinga (just 22 years old) in a hard-fought battle.

Geetika Malik represented RACV Club in presenting the winner’s plate and runner-up trophy.

RACV CLUB SQUASH GROUP

The RACV Club Squash Championships were held in July, with Ben Ratcliffe winning the Stan McConnell Trophy, following his defeat of Corben White in an Open final of brilliant and entertaining squash.

Club stalwarts David Murphy and Steve Martin secured the B and C Grade titles, respectively, with David defeating Lyndon Bell and Steve defeating Frank Krause in a thrilling five-set encounter. Steve’s name will be inscribed on the Honour Board for the first time after many years at the Club. The same applies to D Grade title winner Tom Baker, with his victory over Morris La Spina.

The Peter Purcell Trophy for the best-performed pennant player was presented to Kasun Abeysekera, who won all but one match across the 2025/26 seasons.

In other news, (eternally modest) RACV squash group president Geoff Chambers was runner-up in a gripping final against Hong Kong’s Kai Ki Chan in the Men’s 75-plus draw of the World Squash Masters’ Championships, held in Perth in September.

Don’t miss your chance to attend these exclusive member events.
Book via the What’s On page or scan the QR code.

WHAT'S ON DECEMBER 2026



The City Club travel groups are held monthly on the first Tuesday or second Monday.
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MIDWEEK JAZZ – AFTER DARK
Wed 2 Dec, 7pm–9:30pm,
Wine Bar, City Club

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CLUB TRIVIA SOCIAL
Thu 3 Dec, 6pm–8:30pm,
Level 2, City Club

DOUBLE LECTURE: POP GOES THE CORK & A GEORGIAN CHRISTMAS
Thu 3 Dec, 11am–1pm,
Level 2, City Club

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HEALESVILLE LOCAL BUSINESS SERIES: ZONZO ESTATE
Fri 4 Dec, 5pm–6pm,
Private Dining Room,
Healesville Country Club & Resort

SUNSET COCKTAILS AT ROBIN BOYD HOUSE
Fri 4 Dec, 6pm–7:30pm,
Robin Boyd House, 290 Walsh Street,
South Yarra, Vic. 3141

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CHRISTMAS WREATHMAKING WORKSHOP – RACV HEALESVILLE
Sat 5 Dec, 10:30am–12:30pm,
Healesville Country Club & Resort

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RACV CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES – TORQUAY
Sun 6 Dec, 7:30am–3pm, RACV Torquay Resort, Great Ocean Road, Torquay, Vic. 3228

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT & WINE SALE
Wed 9 & Thu 10 Dec, 3:30pm–5pm or 5:30pm–7pm,
Wine Cellar, City Club

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INVESTORS' LUNCHEON: RICK SQUIRE
Fri 11 Dec, 10:30am–1pm,
Level 2, City Club

LOCAL BUSINESS SERIES: CHRISTMAS MARKET
Fri 11 Dec, 5pm–7pm,
Ballroom, RACV Healesville

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HEALESVILLE FAMILY CHRISTMAS BUFFET
Sat 12 Dec, 12:30pm–3:30pm,
Ballroom, Healesville Country Club & Resort

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MIDWEEK JAZZ: MARGIE LOU QUARTET
Wed 16 Dec, 6pm–8:30pm,
Wine Cellar, City Club

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FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE: *ELF*
Thu 17 Dec, 10:30am–12:15pm,
Theatrette, City Club

HEALESVILLE END-OF-YEAR DINNER
Thu 17 Dec, From 6pm,
Barak Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort

SANTA PHOTOS
Thu 17 Dec to Thu 24 Dec,
10am–2pm, Level 2, City Club

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FESTIVE FEAST & LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Sat 19 Dec, 6:30pm–10pm,
Members' Dining Room

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GINGERBREAD DECORATING
Mon 21 Dec, Multiple session times,
Level 2, City Club

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SNOW GLOBE CREATION EXPERIENCE
Tue 22 Dec, Multiple session times,
Level 2, City Club

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CHRISTMAS LAVA LAMP LAB
Wed 23 Dec, Multiple session times,
Level 2, City Club

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FESTIVE MENU – BISTRO
Until Thu 24 Dec,
Bistro, City Club

FESTIVE MENU – MEMBERS' DINING ROOM
Until Thu 24 Dec,
Members' Dining Room, City Club

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CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – LEVEL 17
Fri 25 Dec, from 12pm,
Level 17, City Club

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – LEVEL 2
Fri 25 Dec, from 12pm,
Level 2, City Club

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – MEMBERS' DINING ROOM
Fri 25 Dec, from 12pm,
Members' Dining Room, City Club

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – BISTRO
Fri 25 Dec, from 12pm,
Bistro, City Club

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER – BISTRO
Fri 25 Dec, from 5pm,
Bistro, City Club

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – BALLROOM
Fri 25 Dec, from 12:30pm,
Ballroom, Healesville Country Club & Resort

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH – BANYALLA
Fri 25 Dec, from 12:30pm,
Banyalla, Healesville Country Club & Resort

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NEW YEAR'S EVE: GOLDFINGER - MEMBERS' DINING ROOM
Thu 31 Dec, 7pm–12:30am,
Members Dining Room, City Club

NEW YEAR'S EVE: VEGAS – LEVEL 17
Thu 31 Dec, 7:30pm–12:30am,
Level 17, City Club

PREMIUM EVENTS WITH RACV CLUB

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DECEMBER

2 Dec	Harry Styles
4 Dec	Harry Styles
5 Dec	A$AP Rocky
6 Dec	RACV Club Championship Series Torquay
6 Dec	A Perfect Circle
7 Dec	A$AP Rocky
9 Dec	WWE Australian Live Tour
11 Dec	BABYMONSTER
18 Dec	Big Bash: Melbourne Stars vs Adelaide Strikers
26 Dec	Boxing Day Test: Aus vs NZ
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28 Dec	Boxing Day Test: Aus vs NZ
29 Dec	Boxing Day Test: Aus vs NZ
30 Dec	Boxing Day Test: Aus vs NZ

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