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JULY 2026

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#### A VINTNER'S LEGACY

The Sanguine Estate wine dinner at City Club on Thursday 20 August is a special event for wine lovers and foodies alike.

The renowned Heathcote winery bears a significant connection to the Yarra Valley and RACV Club.

"Hosting a Sanguine wine dinner at RACV Club is deeply personal for me," says CEO Jodi Marsh (pictured). "As the daughter of a winegrowing family with winemaking history dating from the 1860s, events like this represent the coming together of family, heritage and hospitality.



"RACV Club has played a unique role in helping us tell our story to an audience that genuinely values craftsmanship and experience." RACV Club Sommelier Camm Whiteoak joined forces with Jodi to launch the annual RACV vine-row harvest experience in 2024.

Jodi is justifiably proud of Sanguine Estate's premium wine. "Our most popular wine is the D'Orsa Shiraz; and its success goes far beyond what's in the bottle," she says.

"While the wine itself is expressive, elegant and reflective of Heathcote's ancient Cambrian soils, it's the story behind the name that truly resonates with people.

"The D'Orsa Shiraz is named in honour of Pietro D'Orsa, my great-great-grandfather and the first vigneron in our family."



#### BOOK NOW

- The Sanguine Estate wine dinner from 6pm–10pm on Thursday 20 August in the Members' Dining Room includes sparkling rosé on arrival and a four-course dinner with paired wines for \$225 per person. [Book via link](#) or scan the QR code.

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# WELCOME

**ROB EVERETT** RACV Club General Manager



Our cover story this month showcases how to embrace the joys of winter at City Club with premium experiences in elevated comfort food and drinks, memorable events and leisure facilities to warm the senses.

The annual Bastille Day dinner on Tuesday 14 July in the Members' Dining Room, City Club, features a complimentary glass of champagne and delicious, five-course, French set menu. Then "Let them eat cake" with Le Petit Gâteau's revolutionary Basque d'Affinois cheesecake, available throughout July. To place your order, call (03) 9944 8893.

Bookings are open for the Sanguine Estate wine dinner in the Members' Dining Room on Thursday 20 August. We are proud to partner with such a legacy winegrowing family in co-hosting this special event. Enjoy fine wine, good food and great company at a landmark wine dinner to treasure.

Catch the latest AFL rounds from the comfort of our MCG and Marvel Stadium corporate suites. It's always a joy to see our members in their AFL Club colours becoming vocal about the on-ground action, especially in favour of the winning side. View the What's On page to find out more.

In next month's edition, we feature our hot-ticket AFL Grand Final Luncheon, which fills the City Club Ballroom every September. Reservations for this sellout event are open now. Find out more in *Highlights* August edition, where we also offer Father's Day-friendly food and drinks at RACV Club that Dad is going to love.

Save your seat for Philippe Mouchel's second signature dinner: "Tastes of Lyon bouchon cuisine," taking place in the Ballroom at Healesville Country Club & Resort on Friday 7 August. Savour Lyonnaise cuisine at its traditional best and absorb the alluring French ambience of this culinary highlight in our Club calendar.

Also next month is the fabulous Art of Lunch, with insightful artist talks on Saturday 15 August in the Members' Dining Room. This popular event celebrates the powerful *Strike a Pose* photographic exhibition — on show in the Gallery Lounge, City Club, until Sunday 23 August.

A reminder that the last mentoring program induction for this year (for groups 5 and 6) will be finalised on 5 and 6 August. Interested members should email [mentoring@racv.com.au](mailto:mentoring@racv.com.au) — and please follow up to confirm your place.

We look forward to welcoming you and your crew at RACV Club.

French flair is on the menu at Philippe Mouchel's Tastes of Lyon bouchon at RACV Healesville on Friday 7 August. PHOTO: MATT HARVEY





BOOK  
TODAY

## A NEW LOOK FOR YOUR STAY AT RACV NOOSA RESORT

There is something quietly special about returning to a place you already love and discovering it feels even better than you remember. At RACV Noosa Resort, a recent accommodation refurbishment has introduced a refreshed sense of style and comfort, designed to elevate every moment of your stay.

The updated rooms and suites draw on Noosa's natural palette, soft blues, warm neutrals and gentle textures that come together in a way that feels easy and unforced. Natural light moves through each room, and the difference is easy to feel. Bedrooms feel brighter, living areas more welcoming, with uncluttered styling made for slow mornings and easy evenings. It's a subtle shift, but one you notice straight away.

The rest of the resort is everything guests already love. Mornings are best spent poolside with a coffee. One Spa is the kind of place where you book one treatment and wish you'd booked two. The resort's dining options mean you never have to go far, whether that's a relaxed breakfast at Arcuri, lunch by the pool, or pizzas for dinner at Dazza's Bar. And when Hastings Street or Main Beach calls, the shuttle takes care of the short trip in.

It's an update that doesn't shout but simply makes the experience better: More comfortable, more polished and more reflective of Noosa.



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### RHIANNON – THE SONGS & STORIES OF FLEETWOOD MAC

Experience the timeless music of Fleetwood Mac with five-piece tribute band Rhiannon. With spot-on vocals, authentic instrumentation and the energy of a live show, they bring classics like *Dreams*, *Go Your Own Way* and *The Chain* to life.

Ticket includes three-course dinner with beverages (select beer, wine and soft drink).

● Fri 17 Jul, 6:30pm–10pm, Level 17, City Club, \$140 per person  
[Book via link](#) or scan the QR code on this page.

### CLUB TRIVIA SOCIAL



Put your knowledge to the test at our Club Trivia Social. Enjoy fresh questions, interactive rounds and plenty of laughs as you go head-to-head with fellow members. With a lively atmosphere and a touch of friendly rivalry, it's the perfect way to connect, compete and unwind.

Ticket includes trivia and light bites. Beverages available at bar prices.

● Fri 24 Jul, 6pm–8pm, Club Pavilion, Level 2, \$55 per person, Group of 4, \$210, Table of 8, \$420.  
[Book via link](#) or scan the QR code on this page.

### TASTES OF LYON BOUCHON: AN EVENING WITH PHILIPPE MOUCHEL



Multi-awarded French chef Philippe Mouchel returns to RACV Club for his second signature dinner event, showcasing traditional Lyonnaise cuisine, bouchon-style, in a masterful culinary display set to dazzle the senses and delight all participants. Ticket includes a four-course menu with paired wines and canapés on arrival. For an event-exclusive accommodation and breakfast package, call RACV Healesville on (03) 5962 4899.

● Fri 7 Aug, 6:30pm–10:30pm, Ballroom, Healesville Country Club & Resort, \$220 per person.  
[Book via link](#) or scan the QR code on this page.

### ART OF LUNCH: STRIKE A POSE



Celebrate the Gallery Lounge photographic exhibition, *Strike a Pose*, which explores the concept of authenticity versus artifice. Hear directly from the artists and enjoy culinary creations inspired by their works. Ticket includes three-course lunch, paired wines and artists' talk.

● Sat 15 Aug, 12–3pm, Members' Dining Room, City Club, \$150 per person  
[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

# SEEKING THE SUN THIS WINTER

Just because it's cold doesn't mean you have to be as well.  
Shake off the winter blues with a trip to one of these  
stunning locations around the globe.

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**E**scaping the big chill needn't cost the earth: A short trip away may be just what you need to feel revitalised.

Whether it's surfing on the beaches of Hawai'i, going on a tour of the senses in Japan or a sunshine escape to the Gold Coast, there's a holiday for all budgets and travellers looking to take a break from Melbourne's winter.

### AUSTRALIAN DESTINATIONS

#### FOR SUN SEEKERS: NOOSA AND GOLD COAST

Searching for an endless summer? Whether you're solo, a couple or travelling with the family, Queensland has myriad options for all types of travellers and budgets.

In Noosa, you should expect sunny skies and relaxed vibes, perfect for catching some waves and a bit of Vitamin D, plus the chance to spot whales and dolphins. RACV Noosa Resort is the ultimate base to explore the wider Sunshine Coast, too.

Further south, on the Gold Coast, you'll have endless fun in the sun. Plus, those who book in to the RACV Royal Pines Resort can indulge in the newly refurbished rooms and facilities — and the chance to play on a championship-level golf course.

#### FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE GETAWAY: ULURU AND THE TOP END

Looking for a winter escape that you'll never forget?

The UNESCO World Heritage listed site of Uluru is over 600 million years old and can be explored on a First Nations walking tour, a camel ride, segway tour or even a scenic helicopter ride.

A cruise through the Kimberley and the Top End is perfect for those looking for a holiday that is truly extraordinary. The luxury vessel travels from Darwin through Broome and the Kimberley region, taking in the incredible natural beauty and phenomenally warm climes of Australia's Top End.

### INTERNATIONAL DESTINATIONS

#### FOR THOSE CHASING THE SUN: HAWAI'I

Aloha! Who hasn't dreamed of experiencing the magic of Hawai'i? Picture yourself surfing on Honolulu's Waikiki Beach, sunset cruising in Maui, dancing at a lū'au on the Big Island or hiking the stunning rainforests of Kaua'i.

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Whether you want a holiday full of activities, shopping, entertainment, nature treks or simply cocktails by the beach with your significant other, there's something for everyone in this sun-soaked destination that dreams are made of.

#### FOR TRAVEL EXPLORERS: LONDON

London calling! While not exactly known for its sunny skies, London is the perfect gateway to exploring sunny continental Europe, with seaside destinations in Italy, Croatia, Greece and the south of France just a short flight or train ride away.

The history, the shopping, shows, music, art and museums – consider London the intro to your fabulous European summer.

#### FOR CULTURE LOVERS: JAPAN

The Land of the Rising Sun has become a hot commodity in recent years, with its contrasts between old and new providing endless amounts of intrigue and attraction for Australian travellers.

Over the Japanese summer, visit the coastlines of Okinawa, sit outdoors and enjoy the famed okonomiyaki dish in Osaka, head to an outdoor onsen, enjoy the Hokokuji Temple in the bamboo forests of Kyoto and shop 'til you drop in Shibuya, Tokyo.

#### TROPICAL PARADISE CLOSE TO HOME: BALI

International doesn't always need to mean a long flight. At just under six hours from Melbourne, tropical Bali has remained a popular travel hotspot for a reason. The Indonesian province is a tourist's paradise, where a holiday truly is what you make it.

Thrill seekers may enjoy a round of white-water rafting or quad biking outside of Kuta, while those looking for a bit of rest and relaxation will enjoy the peace and tranquillity of Ubud.

FIND OUT MORE

## Travel made for you

A trip you'll be talking about for years. We plan every detail to make sure of it. Talk to a dedicated RACV travel agent in-store at 448 Little Collins Street, Melbourne (next to Le Petit Gâteau), online or call (03) 8613 9600 (Monday to Friday) to [book your escape](#).





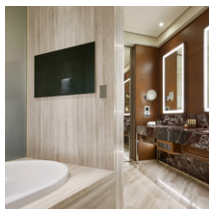
# 24 HOURS AT RACV CITY CLUB

Take 24 hours. Fill it up with your selection of seasonal food and drink, leisure and recreational pursuits – and a little exploration – and you have the recipe for rejuvenation, wherever you may go.

**S**tep into the high-ceilinged foyer of 501 Bourke Street, with its awe-inspiring classic car to the left and sliding glass doors offering a window to the rarefied soul of RACV City Club.

Staying on site provides our Victorian members and guests with the perfect base to enjoy Melbourne's world-class sporting events, theatre, concerts, fashion, artisanal coffee and bespoke dining. You're close to home yet effortlessly transported to a new world of warmth, wonder and sophistication.

## ACCOMMODATION



Beautifully appointed standard twin or king rooms sleep up to four and family interconnecting rooms sleep up to seven guests. Upgrade to a king spa suite, king spa studio or corner king room, which each sleep up to three.

Explore the Retreat. Enjoy our premium rooms and suites on level 8, featuring a private lounge serving daily canapés and drinks every evening.

Staying in? There is an extensive selection of new-release in-house movies, an enticing room service menu available throughout the day and night and 24-hour reception to cater to your needs.

## DINING AND BARS

Indulge in premium produce, expertly prepared, at one of our many venues. These include contemporary meals at the appealingly open-air Bistro, light meals at Carbine Bar, drinks and share plates at Bourke Street Green and more.

## BREAKFAST AT BISTRO

A generous buffet breakfast of tempting hot and cold options includes eggs, bacon, meats and seasonal sides or charcuterie platters, fresh fruit and juices, yoghurt, fruit compote and cereals, pastries and toasting bread, all served with freshly made tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

Seasonal dishes for lunch and dinner daily at Bistro include the winter-warming grain-fed beef cheek with mashed potato and classic bourguignon garnish.

## ENJOY AN APÉRITIF AT SOJOURN



Sample an expertly assembled cocktail and graze on favourites such as handmade cavatelli with lamb shoulder, arancini, beef bolognese, scamorza and aioli or eggplant cotoletta, smoked caviar, pecorino and sultana from the Italian-inspired menu at Sojourn

Restaurant in New Chancery Lane.

## DINNER IN THE MEMBERS' DINING ROOM

Experience the elegance of our signature restaurant with seasonal dishes, including the roast Aurum cockerel, a crumbed confit leg with bay leaf, bread sauce, Victorian shiitake, macerated prune and brandy jus gras, crafted by our expert chefs. Sample a wine from our award-winning list.

## NIGHT CAP AT WINE BAR

Enjoy a digestif at Wine Bar, including thoughtfully prepared cocktails, fine wines and a tempting sharing menu.



### MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR STAY

The Fitness Centre at City Club is one of the most popular in the CBD. Yet, it never feels crowded. This is due to the enormous floor space of the gym, with state-of-the-art facilities, personal training and group fitness options. The Aquatic Centre, with its inviting 25-metre heated pool, spa, sauna and steam rooms, is also hot property. Challenge your fellow guests to a friendly game of squash.

Find time for a restorative treatment at One Spa. This on-site urban oasis offers a comprehensive spa menu, including facials, massage and body therapy, hand and foot therapy and pregnancy facials and massage. Gents in need of a spruce-up can also book a quality haircut or grooming treatment with our on-site barber on weekdays during business hours.

The billiards room on the lower-ground level is warmly welcoming and collegiate. It also has the benefit of resident triple world champion Robby Foldvari potentially guiding your game.

Or relax at the Café and Gallery Lounge on Level 1 where you can enjoy barista-made coffee or tea, delicious finger sandwiches or a sweet treat from Le Petit Gâteau—all while soaking up the latest contemporary art exhibition.

There are also EV charging stations at discounted rates for members and guests staying on site.

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BOOK NOW

To book the Club Highlights Ultimate Melbourne Escape accommodation package, which features daily breakfast, free parking, daily dining credits, free sparkling on arrival, late checkout (12pm) and more, scan the QR code.



### TOP 5 WINTER-CITY EXPERIENCES

**1. ATTEND AN AFL MATCH AT THE 'G**  
Locals and visitors alike will revel in this quintessential Melbourne experience. There's nothing quite like roaring yourself hoarse in the MCG stands in support of your AFL team. Don't forget to rug up and be prepared for all weather. For a more refined experience, Club members and RACV Club Priority Pass holders can book our corporate suite for catered enjoyment and on-ground excitement from your elevated idyll. To find out more, visit the What's On page on our Club website.

**2. LIGHTSCAPE AT ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS VICTORIA**  
Amble through the breathtaking grounds at night on an illuminated and illuminating self-tour through showstopping art installations featuring floral canopies and immersive soundscapes. Sip mulled wine or hot chocolate under the stars amid this symphony of light and nature. Timed ticketing is offered on Wednesdays to Sundays until 2 August (and throughout the July school holidays). For bookings, call Ticketek.

**3. FIRELIGHT FESTIVAL 2026 AT DOCKLANDS**  
Melbourne's epic winter festival returns to the Docklands in 2026 from 3 to 5 July with fiery installations, live music, storytelling, dragon boats, neon face painting, pop-up foodie feasts and more. Firelight Festival is a free event for all ages. No bookings are required, with food and drinks on site.

**4. QUEEN VICTORIA NIGHT MARKET**  
Grab your gang (and your coats!) and enjoy live music, fire performers and a range of tasty street foods, artisanal coffee and winter-warming cocktails on offer every Wednesday from 5pm to 10pm until 26 August at the Queen Victoria Market. Stock up on customised giftware, objets d'art and handmade accessories as you meander.

**5. CARTIER WINTER MELBOURNE MASTERPIECES® 2026 AT THE NGV**  
The NGV presents *Cartier*, a landmark exhibition featuring more than 300 extraordinary objects – from precious jewels and historic gemstones to iconic watches and clocks – that trace the evolution of Cartier's enduring art and design legacy since 1847. On show until 4 October, ticketing is available via the NGV website.

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# CIRCLE OF INTEREST

Coveted member interest group Wine Circle adopts a relaxed approach to the fine art of wine appreciation.

**R**ACV City Club Sommelier Camm Whiteoak takes wine connoisseurship to a new level as he hosts the Club's Wine Circle group. Like the ageless quality of a fine vintage, interest in the member interest group is growing.

"Wine Circle is a member interest group that we keep informed about upcoming wine events, tastings, retail sales and offsite winery visits," Camm says.

Members receive a monthly email with all the latest offers. "There is no charge for members to join — and we hold monthly tastings in Wine Bar on the third Tuesday."

Camm showcases the cream of City Club's cellars, which includes international and Australian wine varieties.

Australia has more than 100 grape varieties planted in 65 designated wine regions across the country.

Every region has different soil and weather, which affects the quality of the wines produced. It's important to know the strengths of the regions when you're looking for a special wine.

A guide to seven standout Australian regions includes: Yarra Valley: chardonnay, pinot noir; Mornington Peninsula: chardonnay, pinot grigio/gris, pinot noir; Heathcote: shiraz; Riverina: sweet wine; Barossa Valley: shiraz, fortified wines; Clare Valley: riesling, cabernet sauvignon, shiraz; and Tasmania: sparkling, chardonnay, pinot noir.

● **To be part of City Club's Wine Circle cognoscenti, email [interestgroups@racv.com.au](mailto:interestgroups@racv.com.au).**

# SUSTAINABLE TOURISM WINS

**R**ACV Clubs and Resorts, including City Club and Healesville Country Club & Resort, this year achieved Sustainable Tourism Certification from Ecotourism Australia across its entire portfolio of properties.

This accolade, reflecting an enterprise-wide commitment to sustainable tourism, is significant for RACV Noosa Resort and RACV Royal Pines on the Gold Coast, which were the awarded the highest tier of Advanced Sustainable Tourism Certification.

By achieving global best practice Sustainable Tourism Certification at all 10 Resorts and Clubs, RACV endorses sustainability as not an isolated initiative, but a core pillar of its business strategy.



Executive General Manager, Leisure, at RACV, Craig Peachey, says the milestone is testament to the dedication of the company's wider team.

"Our goal has always been to make sustainability a real and meaningful part of how we operate," Craig says.

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we want.”

— Sue & Allan, Club Member

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# THE EAGLE HAS LANDED

The partnership between RACV Healesville and Worawa Aboriginal College spans more than a decade — and has grown into not just a collaboration, but a lasting friendship.

When RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort sought to support a local organisation with a distinct purpose and an educational lens, Worawa Aboriginal College, on the sacred land of Coranderrk (Healesville), was the ideal candidate.

The Aboriginal word for eagle — a potent symbol in Indigenous culture representing unbridled potential — Worawa began as a co-ed school in 1983 for Aboriginal students, balancing the highest standards of western education with Aboriginal culture.

Since 2010, the college has provided a holistic education and boarding experience for young Aboriginal women in years 7-12 from across Australia.

“We take immense pride in helping Worawa shape the future of First Nations young women — a commitment we look forward to nurturing well into the future,” says RACV Club Director of Sales Kylie Shorter (pictured), who was integral in forging the partnership with Worawa.



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The learning is reciprocal. Through Welcome to Country ceremonies led by community elders such as Worawa Aboriginal College Elder in Residence Dr (Aunty) Lois Peeler OAM (pictured) and her daughter, Tanya Peeler (pictured below), who is Worawa’s Executive Director and Principal, RACV staff gain a deeper understanding of the land on which the RACV Healesville Resort sits.

Kylie says the storytelling of these ancient rituals is a precious gift that deserves to be shared and celebrated.

“My earliest recollection of meeting Aunty Lois is unforgettable,” Kylie says. “She has an incredible presence and an indescribable aura that shines through when she leads a Welcome to Country or delivers a keynote speech. Through this partnership, I’ve learned so much about First Nations culture.”

Of particular significance to RACV Healesville and Worawa is the college’s annual presentation day. RACV Club management, including RACV City Club General Manager Rob Everett (who presents the academic excellence award), sit proudly in attendance.

“Presentation day is always my favourite (college) event,” Kylie says. “Seeing the girls receive their end-of-year awards and hearing their stories — the challenges they’ve overcome — is truly heartwarming.”

For Kylie, and all in attendance, what resonates most is how the college ensures the girls retain their identity, embrace their cultural heritage and build confidence in who they are.

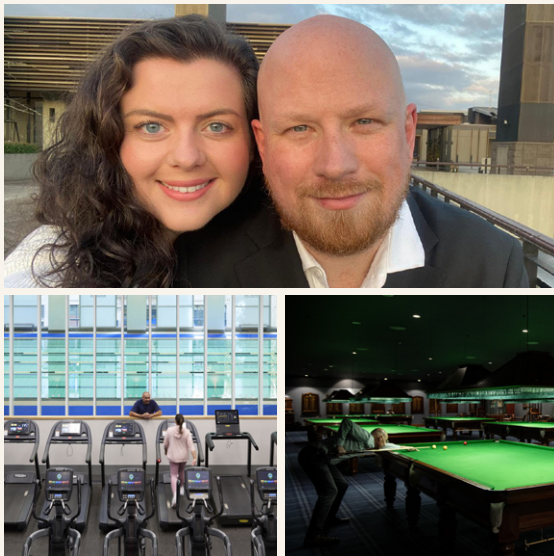
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MEET &  
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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We share insights from RACV Club members Samantha and Oliver Tripp about why they joined the Club and their member benefits and contributions.



PHOTOS FROM TOP: THROUGH THEIR RACV CLUB MEMBERSHIP, NEWLYWEDS SAMANTHA AND OLIVER TRIPP FOUND THEIR NETWORKING BASE AND CITY OASIS. RACV CITY CLUB FITNESS CENTRE OVERLOOKING THE POOL AND THE BILLIARDS ROOM.

## WHY DID YOU BECOME AN RACV CLUB MEMBER?

Originally, I (Samantha) was looking for a good pool and gym option after moving to the city in January 2025 — and RACV came up in a list of recommended options. Once I investigated the full list of benefits for RACV membership, it became an easy decision to join.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?

We have both been members for more than 12 months.

## WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

The sheer variety of events and special-interest groups means there are always a few things to look forward to and mark in our calendar when viewing the quarter ahead.

We also enjoy the Quarterly Update member evenings at the Club, although winning first prize at the raffle on our first attendance certainly helped with that!

## ARE YOU AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE RACV CLUB COMMUNITY?

Mentoring, Young Professionals Group, pool and snooker, at this stage. Sam is looking to add mahjong, and Oli the film club, to their list later this year.

## WHAT DO YOU OFFER AND GAIN FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT?

As a newly married couple who haven't been living in this huge city for long, being part of the RACV Club provides wonderful networking and social opportunities, as well as an oasis of calm when it comes to stepping inside, away from the hustle and bustle of the CBD.

Oli would also like to give a shoutout to Nick in the barbershop for his wonderful service and chats.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE RACV RESORT AND WHY?

RACV Healesville is such a tucked-away gem. It has some fantastic food options, splendid views, a Guitar Hero arcade machine and a kangaroo that comes and chills in the garden in the morning. What's not to love?

# CHARGE YOUR EV FOR LESS

RACV members enjoy discounted electric-vehicle charging at participating Chargefox ultra-rapid RACV charging stations, Australia-wide. Download the Chargefox app and enter your member number to get the discount.

Powered by renewable energy, Chargefox is Australia's largest electric-vehicle charging network. All modern EV makes and models can use their stations. Some vehicles can charge to 80% or more in just 15 minutes.

Club members have access to the City Club undercover car park and charging station in the Melbourne CBD all day, every day, to refresh after exercise or store your bikes in our dedicated Mobility Hub.

While you're waiting, Club members can fuel up on site at bars, lounges and restaurants at City Club, RACV Healesville and RACV Resorts.

## OUT & ABOUT

The RACV Visual Art team had the pleasure of hosting artist **Tania Major** for an inspiring **Artist In Conversation** event at RACV City Club on a Thursday evening in May. It was fantastic to see so many Club members and RACV staff in attendance to learn about Tania's work and creative practice.

Tania is a remarkable First Nations artist — and she spoke generously about the stories and experiences that shape her work.

The RACV Club's culinary team created stunning canapés that captured the essence of the artist's work on display.

PHOTOS: MATTO LUCAS



A full house of movers and shakers enjoyed a two-course dinner and shared cannoli platters on Level 17, City Club, on Saturday 23 May at **Come Fly With Me: An Italian dinner** inspired by the flavours of old-world Italy and the swagger of New York's Golden Age.

Club events coordinator Lachi Short held court and RACV Club General Manager Rob Everett arrived on a retro motorcycle (as one should) while live Rat Pack-style music and a superb string ensemble set the tone. Sinatra, Martin and Davis were present in spirit; their anthems performed with style, soul and swing. Guests sipped fine wine, savoured traditional food and soaked up the unmistakable atmosphere of old-school Italian New York.

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## Reciprocal Club – The Brisbane Club

The Brisbane Club at 241 Adelaide Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000, was established in 1903 during a late-night discussion among visionary founders. Located in the heart of Brisbane, members and guests can enjoy dining options, private event spaces, a lounge area, wine cellar, business facilities and signature events. The Club continues to champion diversity in all its forms, strengthening member networks and comradery.



**RACV Club members need to arrange a letter of introduction prior to visiting Reciprocal Clubs. Details at [racv.com.au/club](http://racv.com.au/club) or scan the QR code.**

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# BODY OF WORK

The truth-defying *Strike a Pose* exhibition at City Club uses the art of photography to reframe the body.

RACV's Gallery Lounge presents *Strike a Pose*, a group exhibition that brings together four leading contemporary artists to examine how the body is constructed, performed and interpreted through photography. On show until Sunday 23 August, the exhibition considers the power of the photographic image to shape identity, memory and cultural narratives.

Featuring works by Lauren Dunn, Brenda L. Croft, Lillian O'Neil and Kiron Robinson, *Strike a Pose* explores the tension between authenticity and artifice. Each artist deploys distinct approaches to challenge photography's long-standing claims to truth, revealing instead a medium shaped by history, technology and perception.

Lauren Dunn interrogates the aesthetics of consumer culture and the digital image economy. Their vividly stylised works draw on fashion and popular media, exposing how identity and desire are constructed through algorithmic and commercial forces. In contrast, Kiron Robinson destabilises the image itself, layering and reworking photographs to create moments of ambiguity where doubt overtakes certainty. His practice questions what it means to "believe" in a photograph.

Lillian O'Neil's large-scale collages bring a more tactile dimension to photography. Constructed from found imagery, her works compress time and history into dense, dreamlike compositions that probe the emotional and psychological dimensions of the human condition. Meanwhile, Brenda L. Croft's powerful tintype portraits reclaim photographic history through a First Nations lens.



**Kiron Robinson, *Mary, Mary* 2025,**  
Unique chromogenic prints,  
Courtesy the artist and Sarah Scout Presents

WORDS: RACV VISUAL ART CURATOR ELLEN WIGNELL  
PHOTOS: SUPPLIED



**Lillian O'Neil, *Rock*, 2025**  
Collaged archival pigment ink prints on cotton rag,  
Courtesy the artist and The Commercial, Sydney

Drawing on archival processes, her work performs cultural archaeology, asserting matrilineal strength and sovereignty against the rigid frameworks of colonial representation.

Together, these artists expand the possibilities of portraiture and the photographic frame. *Strike a Pose* reveals how images are never neutral; they are shaped by ancestral histories, cultural memory and contemporary systems of production and consumption.

Accompanied by a public program, including an Art of Lunch talk on Saturday 15 August in the Gallery Lounge, the exhibition offers RACV Club members and guests an opportunity to engage more deeply with the ideas behind the works and hear directly from participating artists and photographic experts.

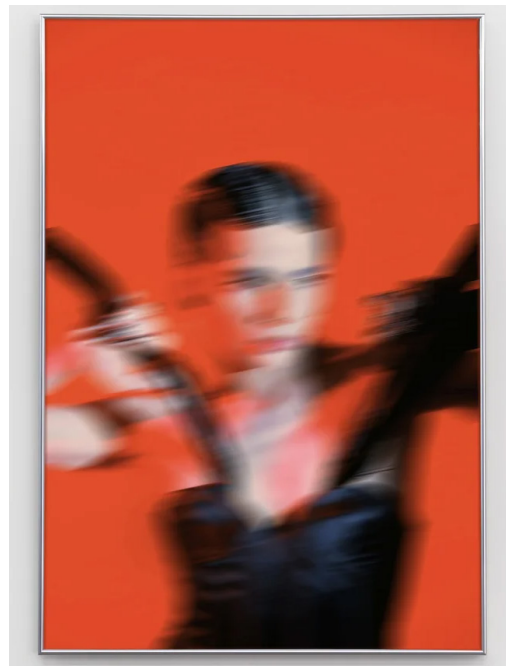
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### Art of Lunch: *Strike A Pose*

Celebrate the Gallery Lounge exhibition, *Strike a Pose*. Hear directly from the artists and enjoy culinary creations inspired by their works. Ticket includes three-course lunch, paired wines and artists' talk.



● **Saturday 15 August, 12-3pm, Members' Dining Room, City Club, ticket price \$150 per person. To book, scan the QR code.**



**Lauren Dunn, *Portrait of a Cyborg (Pure Honey)*, 2024**  
Photographic digital print, Courtesy the artist and Sarah Scout Presents



**Brenda L Croft, *Naabámi, (thou shall/will see): Barangaroo (army of me) Cheryl P I (Wiradjuri)*, 2023.**  
Inkjet print (from original tintype, wet plate collodion process) on archival paper. Courtesy the artist and Niagara Galleries, Melbourne

WHAT'S ON  
JULY  
2026



**Shared Workspace: Desk to Drinks**

Join fellow Shared Workspace professionals for casual drinks and networking on the third Thursday of each month from 4:30pm–6:30pm.

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| <b>1</b>  | <b>MIDWEEK JAZZ – AFTER DARK</b><br>Wed 1 Jul, 7pm–9:30pm,<br>Wine Bar, City Club   | <b>15</b> | <b>MIDWEEK JAZZ – JAMES SHERLOCK &amp; LILLIAN ALBAZI</b><br>Wed 15 Jul, 6pm–8:30pm,<br>Wine Bar City Club                      |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>DOUBLE LECTURE: WHERE TO FIND THE<br/>FINEST GREEK &amp; ROMAN RUINS TODAY</b><br>Thu 2 Jul, 11am–1:30pm,<br>Club Pavilion, Level 2, City Club | <b>17</b> | <b>FILM GROUP – CHICAGO (2002)</b><br>Fri 17 Jul, 11am,<br>Theatrette, City Club  |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>SOCIAL 8-BALL</b><br>Thu 2 Jul, 6pm–9pm,<br>Billiards Room, City Club  | <b>18</b> | <b>RHIANNON – THE SONGS &amp; STORIES<br/>OF FLEETWOOD MAC</b><br>Fri 17 Jul, 6:30pm–10pm,<br>Level 17, City Club               |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – MAD SCIENCE WORKSHOP</b><br>Thu 2 Jul, 11am–12pm,<br>Barak Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort                           | <b>19</b> | <b>CRAFT SERIES: PERFUME MAKING WORKSHOP</b><br>Sat 18 Jul, 10am–2pm,<br>Level 2, City Club                                     |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>HEALESVILLE LOCAL BUSINESS SERIES:<br/>IMBUE DISTILLERY</b><br>Fri 3 Jul, 5pm–6pm,<br>Private Dining Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort   | <b>21</b> | <b>HIGH TEA AT THE YARRA VALLEY CHOCOLATERIE</b><br>Sun 19 Jul, 11am–12:30pm,<br>35 Old Healesville Road, Yarra Glen, Vic. 3775 |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – FANTASTIC FORCES WORKSHOP</b><br>Fri 3 Jul, 11am–12pm,<br>Barak Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort                      | <b>24</b> | <b>WINE CIRCLE – JULY TASTING</b><br>Tue 21 Jul, 6pm–7:30pm,<br>Wine Bar, City Club   |
| <b>11</b> | <b>YARRA VALLEY TO GLASS: COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS</b><br>Sat 4 Jul, 2pm–4pm,<br>Banyalla Bar, Healesville Country Club & Resort                      | <b>25</b> | <b>CLUB TRIVIA SOCIAL</b><br>Fri 24 Jul, 6pm–8pm,<br>Club Pavilion, Level 2, City Club  |
| <b>14</b> | <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – K-POP DEMON HUNTERS LAB</b><br>Tue 7 Jul, 11am–12pm,<br>Level 2, City Club   | <b>26</b> | <b>DINNER DANCE – CHRISTMAS IN JULY</b><br>Sat 25 Jul, 6pm–10pm,<br>Members' Dining Room, City Club                             |
|           | <b>SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – FEATHERS, FUR &amp; SCALES</b><br>Thu 9 Jul, 10am–12pm,<br>Level 2, City Club  | <b>29</b> | <b>PUPPY YOGA</b><br>Sun 26 Jul, 3pm–4pm,<br>The Chandlery, 67 Beach Street, Port Melbourne                                     |
|           | <b>BRANDY COCKTAIL MASTERCLASS</b><br>Sat 11 Jul, 2pm–4pm,<br>Wine Bar, City Club   | <b>30</b> | <b>MIDWEEK JAZZ – GRANT SIEDLE TRIO</b><br>Wed 29 Jul, 6pm–8:30pm,<br>Wine Bar, City Club                                       |
|           | <b>BASTILLE DAY DINNER</b><br>Tue 14 Jul, 6pm–10pm,<br>Members' Dining Room, City Club  |           | <b>EL CRISTIANO TEQUILA MASTERCLASS</b><br>Thu 30 Jul, 6pm–9:30pm,<br>Private Dining Room, City Club                            |
|           |   |           | <b>A TASTE OF SCOTLAND</b><br>Thu 30 Jul, 6:30pm–8pm,<br>Wine Bar, City Club  |

# EXCLUSIVE EVENTS WITH RACV CLUB

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4 Jul	Richmond v Carlton
4 Jul	Disney on Ice
5 Jul	Essendon v St Kilda
5 Jul	Disney on Ice
6 Jul	Disney on Ice
10 Jul	Collingwood v North Melbourne
11 Jul	St Kilda v Port Adelaide
11 Jul	Carlton v Hawthorn
11 Jul	Harlem Globetrotters
12 Jul	Melbourne v Richmond
12 Jul	Western Bulldogs v West Coast
17 Jul	Jim Jefferies
18 Jul	Collingwood v Carlton
18 Jul	North Melbourne v Melbourne
19 Jul	Richmond v Hawthorn
19 Jul	Essendon v GWS
24 Jul	Melbourne v Geelong
25 Jul	Hawthorn v Essendon
25 Jul	Carlton v Gold Coast
25 Jul	Western Bulldogs v Richmond
26 Jul	North Melbourne v St Kilda
30 Jul	Collingwood v Geelong
30 Jul	Laufey
31 Jul	Laufey

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