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OCTOBER 2026

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The annual Cricket Luncheon
at City Club always bats
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TOASTING A GOLDEN YEAR

Another successful year has transpired and companies in the know reward their employees in relaxed style. Gather your team at Bourke Street Green and enjoy a *complimentary arrival drink for every guest. (Book by 31 October 2026.)

Choose from a serious cocktail menu and enjoy creative share plates with your winning crew. Fresh vibes and fresh air meet at the greenery-bedecked, retractable roof setting of Bourke Street Green, which is made for summer celebrations.

Speaking of which, a short jaunt from Bourke Street Green, Sojourn Restaurant is channelling the sunny Mediterranean with its new, Greek-inspired, summer menu. Sample moreish mezze created with prime produce, and enhanced by contemporary Greek flavours, at the Sojourn rooftop during the languorous summer months.

**T&Cs apply. Valid for new function bookings held at Bourke Street Green with a minimum of 30 guests. Eligible function bookings must be confirmed and contracted by 31 October 2026. Guests must be 18 years or older to participate. Complimentary drink offer is limited to one drink per person and is restricted to selected beer, wine and soft drink options available on the event drink offer menu on the night. Offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, discount or promotion.*

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WELCOME

ROB EVERETT RACV Club General Manager



October is an exciting time for our sports-loving and race-going Club members.

Cricket reigns supreme in our cover story this month: The RACV Club's annual Test cricket luncheon on Friday 13 November at Level 17, City Club, foreshadows the fierce trans-Tasman rivalry in the Australia v New Zealand Boxing Day Test at the MCG.

With Damien Fleming at the helm, and special guests Sir Richard Hadlee and Jason Gillespie, we unpack all the strategic play on the pitch. Even the menu promises to be a tussle for national supremacy — with New Zealand-born Executive Chef Kyle Doody, a self-proclaimed “cricket nuffy,” batting above average. Don't miss it.

Heartfelt congratulations to RACV Healesville, receiving the *Heart of the Community* award, and One Spa at City Club for winning *Hotel Spa of the Year* at the 2026 Victorian Accommodation Awards. RACV Resorts also won multiple major awards at this year's gala event, including RACV Torquay Resort being inducted into the Hall of Fame. See our full list of winners on page 16.

It's exciting to see the villas expansion project at RACV Healesville continuing at pace — with minimum disruption to our members and guests. We'll keep you posted about these transformative works in progress.

Don't miss our important Club updates, which I will present in multiple sessions at City Club on Wednesday 7 October and RACV Healesville on Tuesday 27 October. I look forward to seeing you there.

This month also marks the start of the world-class Melbourne Cup Carnival. We offer our members and Priority Pass holders a range of premium marquee, pavilion and skyline dining extravaganzas. Tick off your race card with Makybe Diva Derby Day events at glorious Flemington Racecourse on Saturday 31 October. Continue the winning groove next month with exclusive offers for the race that stops a nation: the Lexus Melbourne Cup, plus Oaks Day and Stakes Day.

The 2026 AFL season was another ripper. We were thrilled to join so many Club members at our MCG and Marvel Stadium corporate suites, cheering on our teams throughout the season. As always, the finals' series was a standout to witness from above — and this was amplified by our sellout AFL Grand Final Luncheon at City Club.

We also celebrated the ever-popular In Bloom: Spring Fashion High Tea, which was a hit with our style-setting fashionistas on Level 17 last month.

Speaking of festivities, it's time to start planning your end-of-year corporate events and private parties for members and guests at RACV Club. Simply tally up the numbers and event type. Then let our talented Conferences & Events team take care of all the details: whether for a stylish soirée with skyline views at City Club for your nearest and dearest or an al fresco fiesta amid the inspiring natural backdrop of Healesville Country Club & Resort.

In our next edition, we showcase our full range of custom offerings for end of year to New Year's Eve events that will keep the conversation flowing until this time the following year.

Don't forget to view the riveting *Bird Nerds* exhibition at the Gallery Lounge, City Club, before it closes on Sunday 15 November. Enjoy a bite and drink at our onsite café, restaurants and bars while you're there.

We look forward to welcoming you soon at our fantastic Club events and venues.



Enjoy a sunset soirée on the terrace of Level 17, City Club.

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A STELLAR NIGHT FOR RACV RESORTS

RACV Torquay Resort has been inducted into the Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence Hall of Fame, with five RACV properties also recognised as among the best in the state.

AWARD-WINNING RESORTS AND CLUBS

Whichever RACV Resort or Club you visit, you are booking into the same standard. This year the industry put its name on it, recognising five of our properties at the 2026 Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence. The resorts and clubs you have access to were judged by the industry itself as some of the finest in Victoria. Each award attaches to something you can book: a room, a table, treatment, a venue.

RESORT AWARD

RACV Torquay Resort	Resort Style Accommodation of the Year: Guest experience, facilities and service
RACV Cape Schanck Resort	Hotel Restaurant of the Year (joint winner), for Samphire: A standout dining experience
RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort	The Heart of the Community: Contribution to the local community
RACV City Club	Hotel Spa of the Year, for One Spa: A premium wellness experience
RACV Goldfields Resort	Best Meetings and Events Space of the Year (joint winner): Standing as a leading events venue

TORQUAY'S THIRD YEAR AT THE TOP

If you take one trip to the coast this season, make it Torquay. RACV Torquay Resort was named Resort Style Accommodation of the Year — an award for guest experience, facilities and service, which is to say the things you notice within 10 minutes of arriving. It was also inducted into the awards' Hall of Fame after winning Best Meetings and Events Space three years running, recognition reserved for venues that sustain a standard rather than have one good year.

"Hall of Fame recognition is a proud milestone for our team and reflects years of work to evolve our conference and events experience alongside changing client expectations." — Annaliese Spiteri, Resort Manager, RACV Torquay Resort

DINING, WELLNESS AND COMMUNITY

On the Mornington Peninsula, Samphire at RACV Cape Schanck Resort was named joint winner of Hotel Restaurant of the Year for its standout dining. Boasting stunning views, Samphire's contemporary Australian menu focuses on seasonal regional produce, with a wine list that features local producers and interesting grape varieties.

In the city, One Spa at RACV City Club took Hotel Spa of the Year. Step into our urban oasis to relieve tension and awaken your senses, with a range of treatments, massages, facials and more.

RACV Goldfields Resort shared Best Meetings and Events Space of the Year. Nestled between Daylesford and Ballarat, this stunning property offers the perfect balance of recreation, business and entertainment

And RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort received The Heart of the Community award, a category with nothing to do with thread counts and everything to do with how a resort behaves as a neighbour in the town it calls home.

YOURS TO ENJOY

RACV Executive General Manager Leisure Craig Peachey said the results reflected the strength of RACV's tourism, hospitality and events offering across Victoria. "For more than 120 years, RACV has been showing up for Victorians. Today, that means creating the holidays, dining experiences, conferences and wellness escapes that keep guests returning time and time again."



Club Members save

Next time you book a stay, a table or a treatment at one of these RACV Resorts or Clubs, you will be walking into an award-winning property.

Members can explore stays and experiences at racv.com.au/resorts

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RIVER & OCEAN CRUISING AROUND THE WORLD WITH APT & TRAVELMARVEL

Join APT & Travelmarvel, hosted by RACV Travel & Experiences, for an inspiring travel talk exploring some of the globe's most remarkable river and ocean cruise destinations. Learn about river cruising in Europe, along the Nile and Mekong, plus small-ship ocean voyages to Antarctica, the Mediterranean and the Kimberley. You'll also hear about the 2027 European Gems dedicated solo departure and be able to speak with expert RACV Travel Agents to help plan your next cruise adventure. Tea and coffee are provided.

● **Wed 4 Nov, 10:30am–12pm, Level 2, City Club, Free entry.**
[Book via link](#) or scan the QR code on this page.

IN CONVERSATION WITH JELENA DOKIC



Join us for an inspiring evening with Jelena Dokic: former world No. 4 tennis player, bestselling author, award-winning broadcaster and one of Australia's most respected voices. In this special in-conversation event, Jelena will share the powerful insights, resilience and practical tools that have helped her overcome adversity, reclaim her voice and build a life of purpose. Ticket includes canapés, beverages and talk.

● **Tue 10 Nov, 7pm –9pm, Level 17, City Club, \$75 per person.**
[Book via link](#) or scan the QR code on this page.

RACV CLUB ANNUAL CRICKET LUNCHEON



Returning for another year, the Annual Cricket Luncheon celebrates the historic Australia v New Zealand Test series in 2026–27. This year's event brings together cricket greats Sir Richard Hadlee, Jason Gillespie and Damien Fleming for an afternoon of entertainment, insight and expert commentary. Guests will enjoy an engaging Q&A session as the panel reflects on their memorable careers and game highlights, plus the rivalry between Australia and New Zealand. Ticket includes premium three-course lunch and accompanying beverage package.

● **Fri 13 Nov, 12pm–3pm, Level 17, City Club, \$190 per person, \$1,805 table of 10.**
[Book via link](#) or scan the QR code on this page.

RACV CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES – TORQUAY



RACV Torquay offers a refined golf day experience on Victoria's celebrated coastline, where championship-calibre golf, exciting hole activations and attractive prizes come together in an elevated setting. Quality hospitality throughout the day adds to the sense of occasion with breakfast, lunch and dessert included. Stableford format. Players must register their Golf Links number to be eligible for prizes. A day winner and series winner will be awarded.

● **Sun 6 Dec, 7:30am–3pm, RACV Torquay Resort, 1 Great Ocean Road, Torquay Vic. 3228, \$160 per RACV member | \$170 per non-RACV member, \$50 golf cart hire.**
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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

CATCH MY DRIFT

From relaxed, river journeys to ultra-luxury expeditions, cruising has evolved into a highly refined — and richly rewarding — way to experience the world.

October, known as Cruise Month, offers a timely reminder to explore the many expressions of modern cruising — from quietly indulgent river journeys to far-flung expeditions, including the elegance and adventure of life at sea. With inspiration, insight and considered offers throughout the month, it's an invitation to plan a voyage with greater intention.

At the heart of Cruise Month are four distinct styles — ocean, river, expedition and luxury cruising — each defined by its unique pace, perspective and sense of discovery.

RACV members save on a range of cruise types and styles, plus hotels, tours and packages along the way to suit every traveller through RACV Travel and Experiences.

OCEAN VOYAGER

If versatility and variety appeal, ocean cruising remains the classic choice.

Sailing across coastlines and continents, ocean cruises offer access to multiple destinations in a single journey, with expansive ships, diverse dining and world-class entertainment onboard.

Cruise lines such as Princess Cruises, a trusted RACV partner, are known for their seamless, all-encompassing experiences — combining attentive service with effortless travel across hundreds of destinations worldwide. For many travellers, it's the perfect balance: the ease of travel paired with the excitement of constant discovery.

RIVERSIDE IMMERSION

For those who prefer a more intimate pace, river cruising offers a refined alternative.

These smaller ships glide directly into the heart of cities and regions — from Europe's great waterways to Asia's cultural corridors — offering ever-changing views and deeper connections along the way.

Operators like APT, Scenic, Emerald, Avalon and Viking, all available through RACV Travel & Experiences, specialise in this style of travel, where curated excursions and seamless inclusions create a more immersive journey.

It's travel at its most considered: relaxed, enriching and deeply connected to place.

EXPEDITION TO THE UNDISCOVERED

For those drawn to the remote and remarkable, expedition cruising opens the door to places that only the intrepid and intentional get to experience.

These voyages venture to extraordinary regions — Antarctica, the Arctic, Galapagos, Kimberley and beyond — where the focus shifts to discovery, guided by experts and shaped by the natural world.

Purpose-built ships and smaller group sizes allow for deeper exploration, with experiences designed to immerse you in breathtaking landscapes, rare wildlife and captivating cultures.

The pace is slower; the experiences are more meaningful — and the memories are truly once-in-a-lifetime.

LUXURY AND ULTRA-LUXURY: THE NEW STANDARD

For some, the journey itself should be as exceptional as the destination.

Luxury and ultra-luxury cruising elevate every detail — from spacious suites and fine dining to personalised service and curated experiences ashore. Ships are typically smaller and usually immaculately appointed and serviced, offering access to more unique ports and a more intimate onboard atmosphere.

With partners such as Scenic, Silversea and APT, these journeys are designed for travellers who value time, comfort and effortless execution.

It's travel without compromise — where every detail is carefully considered and the pace onboard and off is luxuriously cruisy.

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CHOOSING YOUR PERFECT VOYAGE

The beauty of cruising today lies in its flexibility. Whether you're inspired by our Cruise Month spotlight on each cruising style or develop a desire to travel more deliberately, the opportunity is to match your journey to your preferred method of exploration — conducted at your pace and on your terms.

THE RACV DIFFERENCE

With so many options available, expert guidance makes all the difference.

RACV Travel & Experiences works with a curated selection of trusted cruise partners — including APT, Viking and Princess Cruises — to design journeys that align with your preferences, timing, non-negotiables and expectations.

From selecting the right type of cruise to tailoring pre- and post-journey experiences, our dedicated travel agents ensure every detail is considered.

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Travel made for you

With dedicated RACV travel agents, Club members enjoy [tailored journeys](#) — and can redeem their \$200* renewal travel eGift card for added value. Call 03 8613 9600, visit racv.com.au/travel or in-store at 448 Little Collins Street, Melbourne.





COVER
STORY

BATS ABOVE AVERAGE

Cricket is on the menu as our members pitch in for testing times at the annual cricket luncheon at City Club in November.

Former England captain Michael Vaughan and Australian captain Mark Taylor were the special guests at last year's high-spirited annual cricket luncheon at City Club.

The stage is set for fierce trans-Tasman rivalry. Returning for another year, this year's event celebrates the historic Australia v New Zealand Test series in 2026–27.

The tournament acts as an enthralling precursor to the 150th anniversary Test between arch-rivals Australia and England, taking place at the MCG in March 2027.

May the best nation win (especially if it's Australia!). But seriously, we unpack all the intense but good-natured commentary at the Annual Cricket Luncheon on Friday 13 November from 12pm to 3pm at Level 17, City Club.

This year's event brings together cricket greats Sir Richard Hadlee, Jason Gillespie and Damien Fleming for an afternoon of entertainment, insight and expert commentary.

The menu also jostles for national supremacy — drawing on self-proclaimed “cricket tragic” Executive Chef Kyle Doody's Cantabrian heritage and New Zealand cricket-playing experience.

“With a menu close to my heart, I've brought together some of the finest ingredients from both sides of the Tasman, celebrating the best of New Zealand and Australia,” Kyle says.

“From the world-renowned Ora King salmon to Victorian Black Angus beef, each dish highlights the unique flavours that make our two countries proud. We'll even revisit a few classics that continue to fuel the debate over who can truly claim them as their own.

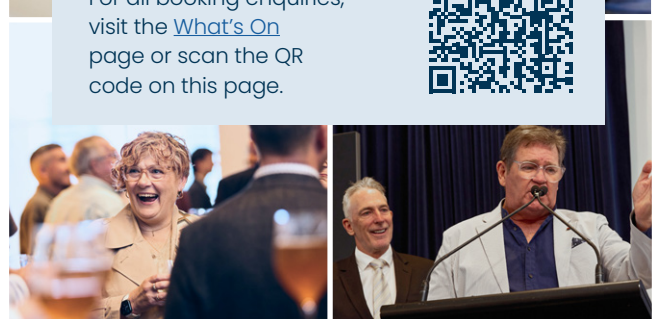
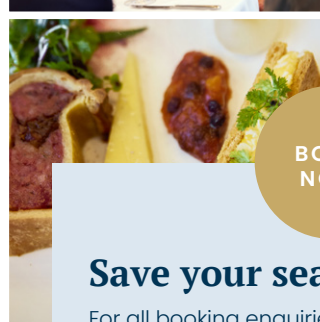
“And yes, pavlova makes an appearance, served with beautiful summer berries at their peak, although somewhat differently to what you may remember. And while the ownership of pavlova might remain in disputed territory, at least we can all agree that underarm bowling is off the menu!”

The cricket-loving collective will also enjoy an engaging Q&A session as the panel reflects on their careers, memorable moments from the game and the enduring rivalry between Australia and New Zealand.

Ticket includes premium three-course lunch and accompanying beverage package.

● Fri 13 Nov, 12pm–3pm, Level 17, City Club,
\$190 per person, \$1,805 table of 10.
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ART OF LUNCH: BIRD NERDS

A FEAST FOR ART & BIRD LOVERS

Join artists Deanne Gilson and Sam Leach, together with bird researcher Benjamin Viola, for a special three-course lunch inspired by RACV City Club's Bird Nerds exhibition. Enjoy paired wines as they share insights into Australian birdlife, creativity and our connection to the natural world.

Saturday 7 November 2026 | 12–3pm
RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne
\$150 per person



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REDEEMING IS BELIEVING

Renewing your membership at RACV Club is more attractive than ever with a host of membership benefits worth celebrating.



Club membership renewals are rewarded with the *\$200 travel eGift card or *\$400 travel eGift card for Access membership renewals to redeem when booking travel with RACV Travel & Experiences.

Travel the world with confidence when booking with top tour brands and cruise lines, including Princess, APT, Scenic, Intrepid, Journey Beyond and more.

Club member Brenda Reed, who used her travel eGift card towards the 14-day 'Discover Japan' tour by Wendy Wu Tours was indebted to the expert service, care and attention to detail from RACV Travel & Experiences.

"RACV managed every stage seamlessly," Brenda says. "My holiday was fantastic — and I would like to extend my thanks to the courteous and efficient team at RACV Travel & Experiences."

Custom or prepackaged holidays are popular with Club members. The latest data from the RACV Travel & Experiences team shows that Australia remains the most booked destination, with tour-based holidays as the most popular product.

As Brenda experienced, Japan is one of the most trending international destinations with RACV travellers, hot on the heels of Europe, Canada, Alaska and New Zealand.

Club members can also redeem their travel eGift cards on the recent addition of hotels with flights packages, plus tours and cruises, so there's never been a better time to renew your membership and receive at RACV Club.

Executive and Access memberships also receive RACV *Emergency Home Assist (EHA) and complimentary entry to the early-access RACV Club Priority Pass program — with exclusive offers for sold-out world sports, concerts, theatre experiences and bespoke dining.

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Stephen, RACV Customer

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FINDING STRENGTH, CONNECTION AND A SECOND HOME

For many members, the RACV Club's fitness centres become more than just a place to work out — but an integral part of everyday life.

Club members seeking to maintain their fitness goals need look no further than the RACV Club's fitness centres.

Member Aldona Rutkowska, who enjoys a well-rounded and consistent routine at City Club, makes the most of everything the centre has to offer.

Her weekly schedule includes a mix of gym circuit training, aqua classes, Pilates and stretch and mobility sessions, relieved by unwinding in the spa, sauna, and ice bath. This balanced approach not only supports physical fitness but also provides a space for recovery and relaxation.

Key to Aldona's success is the supportive and welcoming environment of the fitness centre. She says the "friendly timetable" inspires consistency — and this is enhanced by the dedication and knowledge of the instructors: who guide and motivate every session.

The positive energy of the space, combined with approachable staff and like-minded members, creates a community atmosphere that inspires continuity. Flexible opening hours further allow Club members to fit training into their lifestyle with ease.

The impact has gone far beyond fitness. Aldona describes the fitness centre as "my second home" — a place that supports motivation, health and independence. It's where members build new friendships, challenge themselves and continue to build on their strengths.

"It's a place where I can fight with gravity and achieve my goals!" Aldona says.

This feedback is a powerful reminder that fitness is not just about physical durability, but also resilience, connection and confidence.

● To make the most of your exercise routine at the City Club and RACV Healesville fitness centres, scan the QR code.



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MEET &
CONNECT

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



We share insights from RACV Club members Kim and Trevor Nanscawen about why they joined the Club and what they consider are their member benefits and contributions.



PHOTOS FROM TOP: ARDENT CLUB MEMBERS TREVOR AND KIM NANSCAWEN WERE MARRIED AT RACV HEALESVILLE IN 2000; ENJOYING DINNER ON THE MCG AND THE HEALESVILLE PICNIC RACES.

WHY DID YOU BECOME AN RACV CLUB MEMBER?

Trevor said at the time of joining the RACV Club (which was several decades ago), Healesville was the cheapest golf course in the area to be a member of.

Kim sought to enjoy the full benefits of the City Club and Healesville facilities: “Trevor had had enough of being dragged along to ‘girls’ weekends’, so he bought me a Club membership (in 2019).”

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A MEMBER?

Trevor for 38 years; and Kim for seven years.

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

Attending events, venues and experiences that would not be accessible to the public, thanks to the RACV Club Priority Pass. We also enjoy the communal tables at events like the Four Chef Showdown, where you get to meet different members.

WHAT DO YOU OFFER AND GAIN FROM YOUR INVOLVEMENT?

We unintentionally offer entertainment and mirth to the staff. On a more serious note, we like to share our Club experiences with other members to help them get more value from their membership.

We have met many wonderful staff and members from all walks of life at different events — and everyone has a story to tell!

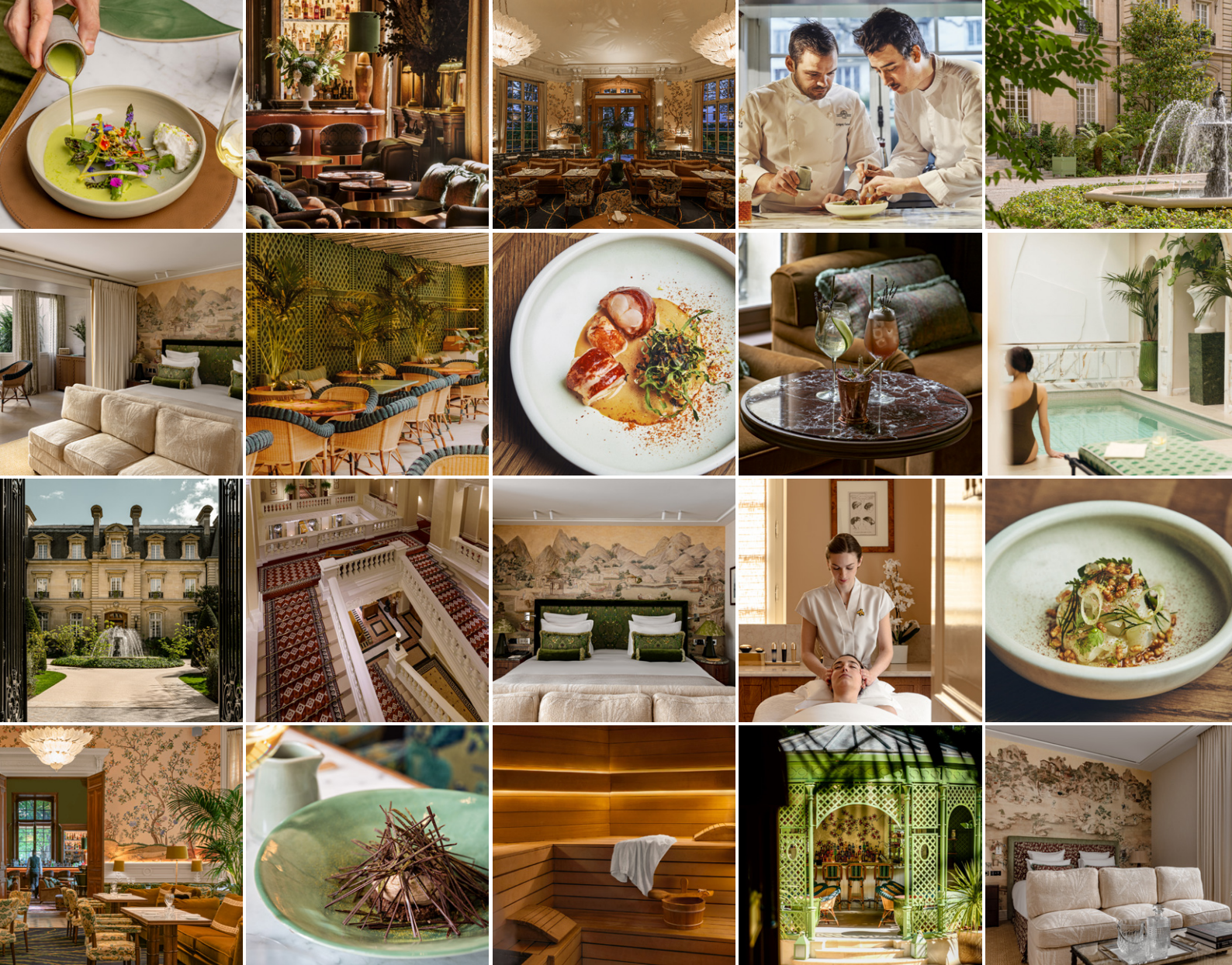
WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE RACV RESORT AND WHY?

Trevor: Healesville Country Club & Resort, for sentimental reasons — Kim and I were married there on 8 April 2000.

When we started going out, one of our earliest dates was to Healesville Country Club & Resort for Sunday lunch (a much-loved carvery buffet).

When we became engaged, it was Kim’s suggestion to have the wedding service and reception at Healesville Country Club & Resort. Kim arrived at the wedding ceremony in a golf cart driven by her father! We used the same golf cart for our wedding photos and had many pictures taken along the 10th fairway and green.

At the time, we were living in Gosford, NSW. We moved there for Trevor’s work in August 1999 and returned to Melbourne in January 2003 for the birth of our first child in late February. So, out of all the guests, we travelled the furthest to our own wedding, beating the Master of Ceremonies by about 100 metres, as he lived in the same unit complex! Kim also loves City Club for access to the CBD, the amazing staff and facilities.



RECIPROCAL CLUB – SAINT JAMES CLUB

Feel at home amid classic, French styling and sophistication. Located in central Paris near The Avenue des Champs-Élysées, the Saint James Club at 5 Place du Chancelier Adenauer occupies a historic 19th century château, offering a blend of class, elegance and modern luxury.

The Club features a library bar, spa and meeting rooms. Members and guests enjoy culinary delights by acclaimed chefs, elegant lounges, gourmet dining and cultural events.

The Michelin-starred Bellefeuille Restaurant is an “ode to nature and life” that pays tribute to French gastronomy with respect to its terroirs.

During summer, guests can enjoy an alternative menu, prepared at the table, in the gardens of The Terrace.

The expansive spa and sport arena within the Club features soothing decor with Greco-Roman accents. In addition to the majestic 15 x 4-metre swimming pool, bathed in natural light, is a whirlpool, hammam and sauna.

The fully redesigned spa features three treatment rooms (including a double room) and lounge. A team of expert beauty coaches use Guerlain products to extraordinary effect.



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

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AWARDS

RACV CLUB IS ALL HEART

RACV and RACV Club have consolidated their position as one of Victoria's leading accommodation providers, securing multiple wins at the 2026 Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence across its properties and earning Hall of Fame recognition for RACV Torquay Resort.

RACV Executive General Manager Leisure Craig Peachey said these results reflected the strength of RACV's tourism, hospitality and events offering across Victoria.

"For more than 120 years, RACV has been showing up for Victorians. Today, that means creating the holidays, dining experiences, conferences and wellness escapes that keep guests returning time and time again," Craig said.

It was heartening to see RACV Healesville receive the Heart of the Community award, notably for its enduring partnership with Worawa Aboriginal College and the Healesville local business series, which occurs onsite on the first Friday of the month, among other community-minded initiatives.

City Club also earned the highly competitive Hotel Spa of the Year award for One Spa.

The evening was highlighted by RACV Torquay Resort's induction into the Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence Hall of Fame after securing Best Meetings and Events Space for three consecutive years.

RACV celebrated success across multiple categories, including:

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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.



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.

OUT & ABOUT

We celebrated the *Strike a Pose: Art of Lunch* event in the Members' Dining Room, City Club, on Saturday 15 August with a day of art, conversation and eye-catching cuisine. Our delighted food and art-loving guests were enlightened by Kiron Robinson (artist), Anouska Phizacklea (Director, Museum of Australian Photography, MAPH) and Lauren Dunn (artist).

PHOTOS: MATTO LUCAS



Multi-awarded French chef Philippe Mouchel returned to the Ballroom at RACV Healesville for his second signature dinner event on Friday 7 August, Tastes of Lyon bouchon: An evening with Philippe Mouchel, showcasing traditional Lyonnaise, bouchon-style cuisine. The evening was a French food lover's dream, with a delectable four-course dinner and fine wines that celebrated the rich flavours and culinary traditions of Lyon, quintessential entertainment and a one-on-one discussion with RACV Healesville General Manager Andrew Whalan and our Lyon-hearted man of the hour. PHOTOS: MATTO LUCAS



WHAT'S ON OCTOBER 2026



Connect with fellow wine enthusiasts through the **Wine Circle's** monthly tastings in the Wine Bar.

1

DOUBLE LECTURE: PROFILING MARGARET PRESTON
Thu 1 Oct, 11am–1:30pm,
Level 2 City Club

2

INVESTORS' LUNCHEON: JASON MCINTOSH
Fri 2 Oct, 10:30am–1pm,
Level 2, City Club

**HEALESVILLE LOCAL BUSINESS SERIES:
ROCHFORD WINES**
Fri 2 Oct, 5pm–6pm,
Private Dining Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort

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HARRY POTTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY SCREENING
Sat 3 Oct, 11am–6pm,
Theatrette, City Club

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SOCIAL 8-BALL NIGHT
Tue 6 Oct, 6pm–9pm,
Billiards Room, City Club

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**CLUB UPDATE WITH GENERAL MANAGER
ROB EVERETT – CITY CLUB**
Wed 7 Oct, 11am–12:30pm or 6pm–7:30pm,
Pavilion, City Club

MIDWEEK JAZZ: AFTER DARK
Wed 7 Oct, 7pm–9:30pm,
Wine Bar, City Club

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SHAW & SMITH TOLPUDDLE DINNER
Thu 8 Oct, 6pm–9:30pm,
Members' Dining Room, City Club

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MARTINI MASTERCLASS
Sat 10 Oct, 1:45pm–3:45pm,
Wine Bar, City Club

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RACV CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: CAPE SCHANCK
Sun 11 Oct, 7:30am–3pm,
RACV Cape Schanck Resort,
Trent Jones Drive, Cape Schanck, Vic. 3939

**YARRA VALLEY OPEN STUDIOS, TOUR 1:
HEALESVILLE, CHUM CREEK AND YARRA GLEN**
Sun 11 Oct, 9:30am–4pm,
Meet at front desk of Healesville Country Club & Resort

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WORKSPACE WIND DOWN
Thu 15 Oct, 4:30pm–6:30pm,
Shared Workspace Level 1, City Club

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AUTHOR TALK: LI CUNXIN
Fri 16 Oct, 6:30pm–8:30pm,
Pavilion, City Club

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MILLINERY WORKSHOP WITH WENDY SCULLY
Sun 18 Oct, 10am–12pm,
Level 2, City Club

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MELBOURNE SCULPTURE BIENNALE: PRIVATE TOUR
Tue 20 Oct, 2pm–3:30pm,
Billilla Mansion, 26 Halifax Street, Brighton, Vic. 3186

WINE CIRCLE: OCTOBER TASTING
Tue 20 Oct, 6pm–7:30pm,
Members' Dining Room, City Club

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AUTHOR TALK: CRIME WRITERS' PANEL
Wed 21 Oct, 6:30pm–8:45pm,
Pavilion, City Club

YALARI: MELBOURNE GALA DINNER
Wed 21 Oct, 6:30pm–10pm,
Level 17, City Club

MIDWEEK JAZZ: R&R
Wed 21 Oct, 6pm–8:30pm,
Wine Bar, City Club

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**EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE:
CARLTON BREWHOUSE BREWERY TOUR**
Thu 22 Oct,
Carlton Brewhouse, 24 Thompson Street,
Abbotsford, Vic. 3067

SOCIAL CHESS
Thu 22 Oct, 6pm–8pm,
Carbine Bar, City Club

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**YARRA VALLEY OPEN STUDIOS: TOUR 2:
WARBURTON HIGHWAY TRAIL**
Sun 25 Oct, 9:30am–4pm,
Meet at front desk of Healesville Country Club & Resort

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**CLUB UPDATE WITH GENERAL MANAGER
ROB EVERETT – RACV HEALESVILLE**
Tue 27 Oct, 11am–12:30pm or 6pm–7:30pm,
James Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort

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**2026 JAMES HALLIDAY AUSTRALIAN CHARDONNAY &
CABERNET CHALLENGE: TROPHY WINNERS' DINNER**
Fri 30 Oct, 6pm–10pm,
Members' Dining Room, City Club

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OCTOBER

2 Oct	Lord of the Rings: 25th Anniversary Concert
3 Oct	Conan Gray
5 Oct	Olivia Dean
6 Oct	Olivia Dean
10 Oct	Sonu Nigam
12 Oct	XG (xtraordinary genes)
14 Oct	Tame Impala
15 Oct	Tame Impala
16 Oct	Tame Impala
17 Oct	Tame Impala
17 Oct	Jay Chou
22 Oct	Zara Larsson
24 Oct	Hans Zimmer
25 Oct	Hans Zimmer
26 Oct	Hilary Duff
27 Oct	Hilary Duff
28 Oct	Lily Allen
29 Oct	Lily Allen
31 Oct	Derby Day Parade Lounge
31 Oct	Derby Day Makybe Diva Marquee

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