



RACV Club

JAN/FEB
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HIGHLIGHTS



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

From Chinese New Year to Valentine's Day, birthdays and beyond,
the Club is the perfect destination for your next special event

Keeping **members** connected
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WE ALL SCREAM

Don't wait for a hot day to try Le Petit Gateau's ice cream. Every flavour is bursting with the sweet sensations that make Le Petit Gateau's cakes so irresistible. If you're a devotee of the Brownie Passionfruit Chocolate Gateau, for example, you'll love the ice cream version. Flavours change every week, so you'll always have an excuse to drop into Le Petit Gateau over summer.

● Discover the other great tastes on offer around the Club on page 10.



Club Members and guests celebrated the festive season with gusto at the Club's many Christmas events. Page 12.

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ROB EVERETT RACV Club General Manager

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone's year has started well and included some quality time with family and friends.

It was pleasing to see so many people enjoying and celebrating the festive period at the Club, especially on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve (page 12 and 13). As the holiday season draws to a close, and normal routines resume, we extend a warm welcome to members returning to enjoy their favourite places or activities at the City Club and Healesville properties.

Summer in Melbourne is one of my favourite times of the year. The CBD is abuzz as the world's top ranking tennis players converge at Melbourne Park to compete for the first Grand Slam title of the year. Members can purchase tickets to the Australian Open through the Club and see world-class tennis, including to the women's and men's finals. City Club caters well for those wanting to eat out before or after the tennis. January is also significant for our squash players, with eight teams participating in the Alan Clancy Cup, which runs until 31 January.

I'm looking forward to our annual Chinese New Year Dinner on 10 February, which guest chef Leslie Chan says will reflect the energy and prosperity of the Year of the Dragon (page 6). The booked-out dinner symbolises the abundance of great events you can expect this year, including another wonderful and romantic Valentine's Day (page 7), and tribute band BABBA! on 9 March.

The popularity of our Midweek Jazz at the Wine Bar indicates that many Club members appreciate this style of music. The Vince Jones Quartet was equally well received, and following their sell-out show at City Club, they will perform at a special dining event at Healesville Country Club & Resort (page 19). The good times at Healesville continue in March, with the President's Cup golf tournament (see page 15) and Healesville Picnic Races on the same weekend.

A quick reminder to use your member card when entering the building, and please sign in your guests, especially at the Chancery Lane entrance. Wishing all members in 2024, a year filled with enjoyable moments and shared experiences.

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CRAFTING A NEW FUTURE

Club Member Mary Carroll says the Club's Craft Series offers the chance to step outside your comfort zone and try new things

It's all about being a curious mind, isn't it?" says RACV Club Member Mary Carroll, reflecting on her enthusiasm for the Club's Craft Series.

Starting with the Christmas wreath workshop in 2022, she progressed to Ceramic Painting in April and Bubbles and Bouquets in May 2023, followed by the Statement Earring Workshop and Turkish Mosaic Lamp workshop in November.

Mary doesn't consider herself particularly artistic – she avoided the acrylic painting workshop – but she loves the idea of producing a keepsake. Her bouquet lasted for weeks; she wears the earrings (see photo), and last year's wreath graces her front door this Christmas.

"At the ceramic painting workshop, all the people around me appeared to have artistic talent, and I felt out of my depth," she says. "It took me a long time to start on my piece, but it taught me a valuable lesson: that it's an opportunity to be brave, to try something new."

While making earrings was fun, the Turkish Mosaic Lamp workshop, which required transferring tiny tiles from a paper pattern to the glass orb, was more of a challenge.

"That was a two-hour session, and we probably needed three hours, but everybody was in the same boat. It was challenging for the perfectionists, but I'm more slap dash and the lamp turned out alright."

Mary loves watching how different people approach a task, and she says the atmosphere at the workshops is always lively and supportive.

An Associate Professor in the field of Information and Communication Studies, Mary joined RACV Club two years ago with her impending retirement in mind.



Mary Carroll

"I think it's important to practise to see if you're comfortable retiring, and whether you are ready for it," Mary says. "I could keep working for another five years, but I thought the RACV Club was a good testing ground, with facilities like the gym and library, and the chance to attend events."

Her enthusiasm for Club life has rubbed off on her family, with her husband joining to attend whisky events, and her son and daughter using the Fitness Centre. "We enjoy going to RACV Cape Schanck and Torquay Resorts as well, so it's become a family affair," she says.

● Visit the What's On page via [this link](#) or QR code to find out about the Craft Series and upcoming workshops.



Mary and fellow participants with their ceramic bowls.



SPECTACULAR SCENERY AND SUNSETS

Journey Beyond, a trusted travel partner of RACV Travel & Experiences, will showcase their 2025 rail journeys on The Ghan and Great Southern, including a new itinerary on the Indian Pacific. There's also the opportunity to learn about small group land tours with Outback Spirit. Ticket includes canapes and refreshments, with special offers and a door prize on the night. RACV Members save more with Journey Beyond and Outback Spirit when booking with RACV Travel & Experiences.

● **RACV Club Travel Talk, 1 February, 6pm-7.30pm, Level 2, City Club.** Book via [this link](#) or the QR code.

DON'T
MISS



BIRD SANCTUARY STEPPED IN HISTORY

Discover the unexpected beauty and sheer scale of Werribee's Western Treatment Plant. A bus tour is the best way to appreciate this remarkable place, which is home to a 100km² sewage treatment plant, a working farm, and an internationally recognised bird habitat boasting nearly 300 bird species. Learn about Melbourne's sewage treatment history and the ecological significance of the site. Ticket includes bus tour only. Bus departs from and returns to RACV City Club. Minimum numbers required.

● **Tue 13 Feb, 9am-1pm, bus departs from City Club, \$40pp.** Book via [this link](#) or the QR code.



See all the latest Club events and activities at racv.com.au/club-whats-on or scan the QR code.



FOLLOW THE ROAD BEST TRAVELLED

Mythical Patagonia, mystical Oman, and the snow-capped mountains of Kyrgyzstan: these are some of the places you can explore in a 4WD. If the idea of a remote driving adventure appeals, don't miss fellow Club member and host Graeme Sedgwick's talk with Compass Expeditions Director Rhys Prosser on how you can have a safe and luxurious experience.

● **Fri 16 Feb, two sessions, 11am and 5.30pm, Level 2, City Club, \$15pp.** Book via [this link](#) or the QR code.



EXPLORE THE OUTDOOR ART TRAIL

There's more to explore at RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort, with the installation of outdoor artworks featuring the work of Naomi Hobson, Selina Ou & Lisa Sorgini. Curated by the RACV Visual Arts team, Within the Landscape was developed for the Ballarat International Foto Biennale 2023 and became a much-admired part of the landscape at RACV Goldfields Resort (left) last year. Within the Landscape will now tour RACV Resorts in Victoria.

● **Within the Landscape, outdoor exhibition, until 19 Feb, Healesville Country Club & Resort.** Learn more about the RACV Art and Community Programs via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.





CULTURAL OCCASIONS

The Chinese New Year Dinner sets the scene for a year of fine dining and good times with friends and family at the Club

Get set for an energetic year as the dragon makes its presence felt. Chef Leslie Chan, who is designing the menu for this year's Chinese New Year with City Club Sous Chef Callum Nugent, says the Year of the Dragon symbolises energy and good health in Chinese culture.

"The dragon is a very active, very powerful animal and it's also the symbol of the king, so everything is golden, luxurious and colourful."

These qualities will influence the menu for the Chinese New Year Dinner on 10 February, which is so popular it's booked out.

"This is my sixth event at RACV Club and every year I try to do something different, something associated with the different animal (zodiac sign)," Leslie says. "For the entrée this year I'm looking at pork dumplings with a gold leaf on top for good luck. Dumplings traditionally symbolise prosperity and wealth."

The rest of the menu will remain a surprise. Leslie says the event is a homecoming of sorts. "I feel like I am a friend to all the customers," he says. "It's not just the food, it's the relationships that have been built over the years, that's why I feel really happy about this event."

● Chinese New Year Dinner, waitlist only, Sat 10 Feb, 6pm-8pm, Members Dining Room, City Club, \$160pp. If you've missed out, visit racv.com.au/club-whats-on for other special dining events, like Valentine's Day.



WHISKY, HAGGIS AND POETRY

*"Ye banks and braes o' bonie Doon,
How can ye bloom sae fresh and fair?"*

We'll be celebrating all things Scottish - minus the Loch Ness Monster - at our inaugural Burns Night Dinner, which pays homage to the 18th century Scottish poet and lyricist Robert Burns. Diners will enjoy whisky, music and poetry, and a fine three-course meal that features the national dish, haggis.

● Burns Night Dinner, Thu 25 Jan, 6.30pm-9pm, Members Dining Room, City Club, \$140 pp. Book via QR code.



DRAGON MAGNUM

Every year Penfolds releases magnums (1500ml bottles) that are designed to be collector's items and gifts for those who celebrate Lunar New Year. RACV Club is offering Club members the chance to secure their own bottle to mark the Year of the Dragon.

RACV Club Sommelier Camm Whiteoak says the Bin 389 is often referred to as "baby Grange" and is a blend of shiraz and cabernet sauvignon from multiple regions in South Australia

"The 2021 vintage is excellent, and although it's ready to drink now, the wine will improve with cellaring" Camm says.

● **Club Members can purchase the Penfolds Bin 389 Lunar New Year Magnum 2021 at the City Club Lobby Shop for \$325. Limited availability.**



COVER
STORY

ENJOY A SPECIAL DINING EVENT AT THE CLUB

Discover a world of culinary excellence at our Degustation Night on 19 April. Visit racv.com.au/club-whats-on or scan the QR code to find out about the Club's special dining events.



BE MY VALENTINE



Two hearts beat as one at RACV Club, with Valentine's Day dining on offer at both City Club and Healesville Country Club and Resort. The chefs at both locations will take you on a culinary journey, with romantic and indulgent elements to make the occasion extra special. A glass of sparkling or Champagne at the start will set the scene. Consider pairing wine with each dish to elevate the dining experience.

● **Valentine's Day degustation dinner at Banyalla, Wed 14 Feb, 5.30pm-8.30pm, \$110pp. See the What's on page to book at racv.com.au/club-whats-on**

● **Valentine's Day Dinner, Wed 14 Feb, 6pm-10pm, Members Dining Room, City Club, \$150pp. Book via [this link](#) or the QR code, right.**



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From l-r clockwise:
Judy, Jean, Trish,
Yvonne, Eileen,
Denise and Jan.

PRINCESS DIARIES

The Club has become place for these life-long friends and "princesses" to share their thoughts, emotions, reflections and dreams

Every meeting at RACV City Club is a special occasion for the "princesses", whose remarkable bond dates to the 1950s when they all attended Princes Hill State School. Sporting tiaras of all shapes and sizes, they relish their regular catch-ups.

"We used to catch up four times a year, but now we're older we think we need to see each other more, so we meet five times a year," says Princess Jean, aka RACV Club life member Jean Tiernan.

City Club is a central meeting point for the women, who all live in different parts of Melbourne. "The wonderful thing about the Club is we can chat all afternoon, and the staff are just fantastic," Jean says.

The women recall their school days with fondness and amusement. Denise says she was sent out of class for writing with her left hand. Trish remembers doing Irish dancing on a small stage, while Jan can visualise the two-story building where the girls learnt cooking and sewing upstairs, and the boys learnt woodwork, or sloyd as it was then called, on the ground floor.

"We all had work benches that had to be scrubbed with sandstone and wiped with a cloth until there was not one bit of grit left," Jan says.

Memories flow of teachers loved and feared, of detentions for minor misdemeanours, and of the post-war migrants who became part of their community. Despite circumstances changing over the years, including the loss of one member and another moving to Switzerland, the group remains tight knit. Jan Bailey says she lost contact with the

GREAT PLACES TO MEET AT THE CLUB
BISTRO: Offers a spacious setting for a leisurely meal with a modern a la carte menu.
COFFEE LOUNGE: Great for coffee and a quick bite.
WINE BAR: A place to unwind after a day at work with share plates, cocktails and wine.
SOJOURN: A bold and creative menu offering delicious, shareable experiences, whether it's lunch, dinner or So Good Saturdays.

group when she moved to University High School, but reconnected when she bumped into Jean at farmers' market in Heidelberg.

The women share glimpses of their individual lives post-school. Their diverse paths, from careers in archaeology to the joys of family life, with photos of grandchildren and great-grandchildren handed around.

"I don't think it's so much the school that holds us together, it's that we were bought up in the same era," Jan says. Jean pipes up: "We know where we all came from, you can't put on airs and graces; we all sat on the grass outside the lolly shop at school." The women all laugh. Jan sums up their cherished connection: "We all share the same values and care about each other."

FOLLOWING HER DREAMS

RACV Club General Manager Rob Everett was honoured to attend Wowara Aboriginal College's Presentation Day on 6 December and present the Personal Development Award to Dakota Taylor-Hodgins.

RACV Country Club & Resort has a long association with the Healesville-based boarding school, which offers secondary education to girls from urban, regional and remote Aboriginal communities.

The annual Presentation Day celebrates those who have successfully completed their Year 12 studies. Dakota Taylor-Hodgins comes from Darwin and has been at the college since 2019. She is a proud Alyawarra and Luritja woman from her father's side and a Wadjarri Yamaji from her mother's side.

A talented artist, 30 pieces of her artwork are displayed at the Wowara Art Gallery. She is keen to join the Darwin Police Force and attend university to further her passion for photography. She encourages her fellow students to follow their dreams and put in the hard work to be their best.



Left: Club General Manager Rob Everett presents an award to student Dakota Taylor-Hodgins.



Stuart Sheppard, Ben Leggott and Josh O'Brien.

GOLF CHARITY FUNDRAISER

RACV Club Members and season pass golf holders Stuart Sheppard and Ben Leggott, and their friend Josh O'Brien, agree that playing golf is a fun way to fundraise. RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort was one of 193 golf clubs around Australia to host the Cancer Council's 'Longest Day' fundraiser event. Stuart, Ben and Josh were among 48 participants who completed the challenge at Healesville, helping raise more than \$21,000. It's the second year Healesville has supported the Longest Day, which raises funds for Cancer Council's research, prevention and support services.

EXCLUSIVE CLUB MEMBER BENEFITS EVERY MONTH

RACV Club Members have exclusive access to monthly offers and a vast range of benefits across both Club properties. See the latest offers at via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY WINNER

Alex Kay's name will be etched into history, with the long-time member winning RACV Club's Annual Billiards Tournament in its 100th year. RACV Club Resident Professional and tournament referee Robby Foldvari says runner-up Bohan Lin will also be added to the honour board. "It's a wonderful Club tradition that has continued for 100 years," says Robby, who is a Triple World Champion. "In fact, a billiard table was the first sporting facility at the Club."

Robby assesses the handicaps for the event,6ttg to give all participants a fair shot at claiming victory, with knockout matches played between September and December 2023. Out of 55 entrants, Alex won the tournament in a very close win by 20 points: 251 to 231. Robby says a supportive crowd watched the final and enjoyed the food provided by the Club.

● The first Social 8-Ball for 2024 kicks off on Tue 6 Feb, 6pm-late. Play monthly, meet fellow Club members, and improve your game. Book via [this link](#) or the QR code.



Far left: Supporters and players mark a Club milestone with (l-r) 2023 Billiards Tournament winner Alex Kay, runner-up Bohan Lin and referee Robby Foldvari.





REGIONAL FLAVOURS

Longer days call for long lunches and discerning dinners, with Banyalla's fun and fresh menu combining seasonal produce, local flavours and modern plating

Banyalla's summer menu is a fusion of seasonal produce and culinary creativity. Moreton Bay bugs pop with plum, mint and betel leaf citrus salsa. Grilled summer vegetables and beetroot chutney heighten a Gippsland 220g eye fillet. Tamarind and a herb salad fuse with eggplant cooked two ways.

Whether you're enjoying a day trip from Melbourne or having a Yarra Valley escape, Banyalla at Healesville Country Club & Resort is a fabulous place to dine.

The planning process for each seasonal menu begins months in advance, giving Sous Chef Alex Huser and his team the chance to experiment with different flavours and combinations. They draw inspiration from past dining experiences, worldwide trends, and even social media platforms like Instagram to bring a refreshing perspective to the table.

"I encourage the team to share their ideas and contribute to the creative process, and we work together to refine the dishes," Alex says. "I think the duck dish is one of my favourites this summer. It's a very light, refreshing dish, perfect for a hot night, and comes with compressed watermelon, creamy burrata cheese, pomegranate molasses, and a citrus dressing."

Seafood fans can start with Moreton Bay bugs or oysters with spanner crab and Nam Jim sauce and follow that up with blue eye fish for main.



Sous Chef Alex Huser oversees the menu at Banyalla.

Finally, there's the modern plating, ensuring that as you savour the flavours of Banyalla's summer offerings, you can appreciate the creativity that has gone into each thoughtfully crafted dish.

● As an RACV Club Member, you can access a 15% discount off your final bill at Banyalla by charging it back to your Club membership card. View terms and conditions at racv.com.au/clubtcs. Book online via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.





EAT & DRINK

Far left:
paraville
lyodelle 2020
oil on linen
Vera Möller.
Left: small cakes
inspired by one
of last year's
exhibitions.

WHEN FOOD BECOMES A WORK OF ART

An Artist in Conversation event is when you can see RACV Club chefs at their most creative, with the canapes and cakes served referencing the art. It's worth coming to the next Artist in Conversation event on 15 February just to see and sample the food. In addition, you'll hear artists Ember Fairbairn and Vera Möller talk about their artistic practices and how that relates to their artworks, which are on display as part of the latest Gallery Lounge exhibition, *Our Abstract World*.

● **Members Artist in Conversation, 15 February, 1pm-2.30pm, Theatrette, City Club, \$25pp, includes canapes and beverages. Our Abstract World exhibition runs until 25 February. Book via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.**

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SO GOOD, IT'S SUMMER



Catch up with
friends at Sojourn.
Image: Matt Harvey



So Good Saturdays is a unique Melbourne laneway experience that's on offer for a limited time. The multi-sensory indulgence makes Sojourn stand out in a city renowned for its culinary kudos. Bring Four Pillars into the fold and the lunch includes bottomless cocktails that enhance the bold, feasting style menu.

● **So Good Saturdays at Sojourn. Every Saturday until 13 April. Two Sessions: 12pm-2pm or 3pm-5pm. From \$99 per person. Terms and conditions apply.* Book via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.**

*So Good Saturdays is not applicable to RACV Club Membership discounts.

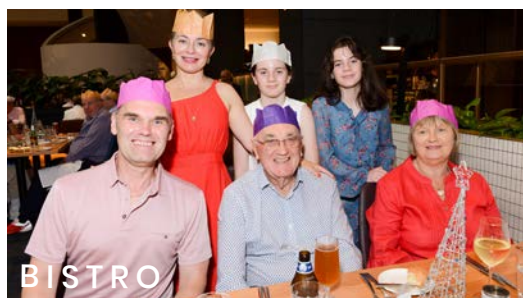


Entertainer Tim Campbell and his band had the audience rockin' along and dancing at this Christmas carols event in December.



FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL

Christmas Village and Christmas Day lunches at City Club



BISTRO



BISTRO



CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

MEMBERS DINING ROOM



LEVEL 17



WEDDING ANGELS

The success of a wedding often hinges on the smallest details and no two weddings are alike. For RACV Wedding Sales and Events Coordinators Tiana Veljović and Cassia Guimaraes Cardoso it's all about building relationships and offering personalised advice while respecting the couple's vision.

"We are like their angels and best friends," says Cassia, who is based at City Club. "We find the best way to execute their vision, and I love exceeding their expectations."

Tiana, who works at Healesville Country Club & Resort, loves being part of the couple's journey, from their initial ideas to the big day. "Getting to meet not only the couples but their families and learning about different traditions and cultures is truly rewarding," Tiana says.

Cassia says the connection can extend beyond the wedding day: "We often make friendships with couples, and keep in touch, witnessing their progress in life, from having kids to various milestones."

Cassia and Tiana share the same values and commitment to service, while the locations where they each work offer couples unique features. "Being in the heart of CBD, City Club is easily accessible, with car parking and hotel accommodation for the couple and guests," Cassia says. "We can cater for up to 340 guests, and we have Level 17, which has a lot of natural light and a balcony, so guests can get go outside, get fresh air, and then go back to the room."

Tiana says the views at Healesville Country Club & Resort speak for themselves. "We have everything in one location: accommodation, ceremony and reception spaces, and pre- and post-wedding dinner and breakfast options," she says. Located one hour's drive from the airport, which is convenient for interstate and overseas guests, other attractions include One Spa and the Yarra Valley itself. "They can have a whole weekend of celebrations with family and friends," Tiana says.

Cassia and Tiana urge couples to start planning early and enjoy the journey, underscoring their role in ensuring a seamless and memorable wedding experience for couples.



RACV Wedding Sales and Events Coordinators Tiana Veljović and Cassia Guimaraes Cardoso ensure couples have a seamless wedding experience. Scan the QR code to find out more.



WEDDINGS, PARTIES, ANYTHING

RACV Club has a range of facilities and venues to suit your needs. Book your wedding or family celebration, conference, meeting, product launch, award night, gala event, executive retreat or corporate golf days.



HEALESVILLE



Club Members and guests were in the groove on New Year's Eve at Healesville Country Club & Resort, with a range of fabulous outfits for the '60s themed event. The classic R.A.C.V. Patrol Service van, top right, was much admired, too.



Renee Henderson gives Body Re-form participants the support they need.

BODY REVIVAL

The more you train, the more you gain with this expertly guided program, which will support your fitness and nutritional goals for 2024

Reaching your fitness goals goes beyond mere sweat and effort. While workouts and diet play a significant role, a positive and uplifting atmosphere is also a crucial part of your fitness journey. The environment, ambiance, and overall atmosphere of a fitness centre can greatly influence motivation, focus, and long-term success.

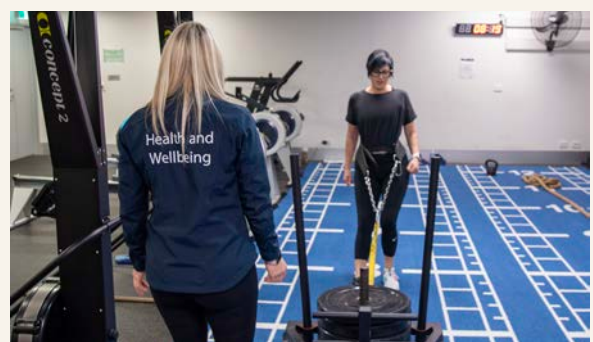
It's one reason the Body Re-form program has become a regular offering at the City Club Fitness Centre. Experienced trainer Renee Henderson says the 12-week program is designed to help you achieve your body transformation goals in a supportive and focused environment.

With a focus on strength training and functional workouts, Body Re-form participants get to choose between early morning and lunchtime sessions, and they can train up to three times a week.

"The Body Re-form program is tailored to suit each person's fitness levels and goals," Renee says. "Participants receive a detailed booklet outlining their workouts and exercises, along with nutritional goals, ensuring they're equipped with the tools to succeed."

There's also the chance to enjoy the company of like-minded people and add laughter and fun to each session.

● To enquire or register your interest, email fitnesscentre@racv.com.au



SUPPORT AND MOTIVATION

Body Re-form runs for 12 weeks from 19 February to 17 May. Joining fee – \$140

Available sessions: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 8am–9am & 12.30pm–1.30pm.

- 1 x group session per week, \$20 per session
- 2 x group sessions per week, \$18 per session
- 3 x group sessions per week, \$15 per session

GIVE INDOOR CYCLING A SPIN



Healesville Country Club & Resort is the new home of spin, with 10 stationary bicycles making this low-impact exercise available to RACV Club Members.

Personal trainer Hayley DeBuf (left), who is supervising four spin classes a week at Healesville's Fitness Centre, says indoor cycling workouts improve your cardiovascular fitness and help build strength in your legs.

"What I love about spin class is the motivating music and the friendly class vibe," she says. "Even when I don't feel like exercising because I'm sore or tired, that goes away when spinning." Participants don't need special shoes to do spin classes - any runners will do - but there are attachments for those who have cleats on their shoes.

The aim of a spin class is to reach different RPMs (revolutions per minute) for simulated flat roads or hill climbs. As the weeks pass, and you find your rhythm, you can travel up to 20km in a 45-minutes class and burn around 400 calories.

Hayley says common mistakes people make include having their seat too low, handlebars at the wrong height, swaying side to side, and gripping handlebars too hard. "Other things to watch out for are not having enough load when standing, and a hand position on the handlebars that creates bad posture," Hayley advises.



WELLNESS



SET YOUR WELLBEING GOALS FOR 2024

City Club and Healesville Country Club & Resort have fitness classes and personal trainers to support you. Scan the QR code, left, for the City Club Fitness Centre, and right for Healesville.



SWING INTO ACTION FOR THE PRESIDENT'S CUP



David Chipperfield and Geoff Cosgriff.

Club members are invited to participate in the annual President's Cup golf tournament. Played in Stableford format, this prestigious event is a great way to enjoy a day on the course. More than 50 RACV Club and golf season pass holders took part in the competition last year. David Chipperfield was the winner of last year's friendly competition, and received the President Cup from Geoff Cosgriff after shooting 39 Stableford points.

● **President's Cup, Sun 24 Mar, 7am-2pm, Healesville Country Club. \$50 Golf season pass holder, \$70 Club member. Ticket includes lunch, green fees and car hire.**

IMPROVE YOUR GOLF GAME

Whether it's improving your grip, changing your posture, checking your aim and alignment, or building your swing, a personalised golf lesson can make a difference to your golf game.

Healesville Country Club & Resort provides a safe and friendly environment, while golf professional Ben Eyton-Jones, right, supports and guides you to get the most out of your lessons.

● **Golf professional Ben Eyton-Jones is offering monthly 'masterclass' lessons for both seasoned players and novices. To find out more, email healesville@golf.racv.com.au or call (03) 5969 9451.**





Emerald Cruises' smaller ships can access exotic locations, like the old Mediterranean port of Kotor in Montenegro.

SEA SETS YOU FREE

Seize the opportunity to get a great deal on your next ocean cruise - and discover the wonders that await you at every port.

February is an exciting time for cruise enthusiasts and travellers who are looking for a good deal, with cruise lines releasing their new departures and itineraries for the next ocean cruise season.

Known as "Wave Season", there are promotions and special deals on offer, including discounted cruise fares, onboard credits and free upgrades. Whether it's a Caribbean cruise or an Alaskan adventure, February is a time when you can secure your preferred dates and cabin style. Many people use Wave Season to plan their holidays for the entire year.

RACV Travel & Experiences can play a pivotal role when it comes to booking, helping you navigate what's on offer and finding you the best deal. RACV Members get extra savings too. Here is a guide to what's on offer from some of RACV Travel & Experiences' trusted travel partners.

PREMIUM CRUISING

From the sun-kissed shores of Fiji to the sights and sounds of Japan, [Princess Cruises](#) caters for solo travellers, couples, groups, and families. Expect a premium cruising experience, with ships accommodating 2670 to 3140 guests. Enjoy dinner and a Broadway-style show or watch Movies Under the Stars on the giant outdoor screen while savouring a burger and beer by the pool. From the extraordinary Chef's Table to beverage packages, there are experiences to suit every budget. Along with fitness classes and spa treatments, you'll get a luxury bed that's been co-designed by a sleep expert. Fun-filled days and restful nights await.



Princess Cruises offer entertainment and relaxation.

SMALL SHIP CRUISING

[Emerald Cruises](#) specialises in small ship cruising with custom-built yachts for just 100 guests. This allows exploration of ports and harbours that are only accessible to small ships. Whether it's exploring the protected bays and wildlife refuges of Costa Rica or savouring the sunsets of the Greek Isles, you'll be able to discover each location through guided tours or active experiences, including complimentary use of electric bicycles. At the end of the day, you'll have a suite or stateroom to retreat to, with all the amenities of a world-class hotel.

ULTRA-LUXURY CRUISING

[Silversea](#), synonymous with ultra-luxury, crafts itineraries that whisk you away to opulent ports of call. Traverse the Mediterranean's ancient wonders, witness the wildlife wonders of Antarctica, or travel the east coast of Asia, from Hong Kong to Tokyo. The guest capacity of each ship ranges from 100 to 728. On board you can take a culinary journey through fine French cuisine, flavourful Asian options, relaxed Italian meals and international options. You also get free-flowing premium wines and spirits, in-suite dining, and a full butler service, as well as a complimentary shore excursion at every port.



ESCAPE

Top: Silversea luxury suite; centre, Oceania Cruises' fine dining; and below, iconic characters are part of Disney Cruise Line's entertainment. Images: supplied



CRUISING WITH EXTENDED PORT STAYS

If you're looking for multicultural and immersive experiences, with extended port stays, then [Oceania Cruises](#) is worth considering. From the ancient treasure of Crete to the diverse landscapes of East Asia, Oceania's itineraries promise a blend of cultural discovery and natural beauty. The luxurious ships cater for 684 or 1250 guests. Along with complimentary fitness classes, health lectures and vegan options, complete your wellness journey with a spa treatment. Gourmet cuisine is served in six distinctive restaurants at no additional charge, while private teak verandas feature in all suites and many staterooms.

FAMILY CRUISING

If you have children or love the idea of a multi-generational holiday, [Disney Cruise Line](#) has enchanting itineraries for every age. For children, there's entertainment with Disney, Marvel and Star Wars characters, plus pools and waterslides, and a kids' club. Teenagers have their own space for watching movies, listening to music, and playing games. For parents and grandparents, there's an adults-only pool area, intimate dining, karaoke, and luxurious spa treatments. Set sail on a Disney adventure crossing the Tasman Sea or Bass Strait and create lasting family memories.



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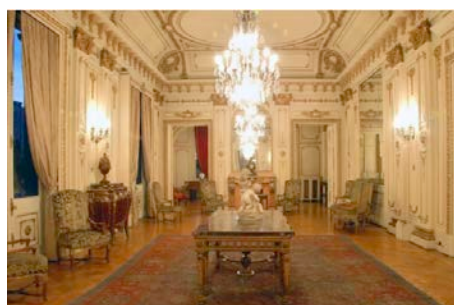
RECIPROCAL CLUB

The neoclassical building that houses the Club de la Unión in Santiago, Chile, is a sight to behold. Completed in 1925, it was declared a national monument in 1981. Covering an entire city block square and five stories high, its opulent interior decorations are the work of Carlos Cruz Montt, a famous 20th century furniture maker.

The Club's facilities are adorned with statues, paintings, vases, glass lamps, lanterns, plush curtains and wood panelling. The club also contains one of the most significant art collections in Chile, including paintings by Pedro Lira, Alberto Valenzuela Llanos and Álvaro Casanova.

Touted as the ideal place for "formal business meeting, and high-class socialising", several dining areas operate daily, including the formal dining room, where a jacket is required to dine, and the more casual "game rooms" for a drink and snack. The main bar is around 37m long and is said to be the longest in all of South America.

For RACV Club Members visiting Santiago, it's a chance to step back in time and relax in a bustling city of five million people. Other famous attractions include the National Fine Arts Museum, the Mercado Central bazaar and Cerro San Cristóbal, where you can see the 22m Virgin Mary statue and get panoramic vistas of the city.



● RACV Club Members need to arrange a letter of introduction prior to visiting Club de la Unión. Details at racv.com.au/club or scan the QR code.



WHAT'S ON JANUARY 2024

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SQUASH: ALAN CLANCY CUP

Until January 31, **Wednesdays, 6.30pm start**
Squash Courts, City Club

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KENNETH PARK SUMMER WALK

Port Melbourne #1, **Wednesday, 10am-noon**
Offsite: Beacon Cove

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KENNETH PARK DOUBLE LECTURE

Great gardens of the world, **Thursday, 11am-2pm**
Level 2, City Club

CHILDREN'S AQUA FUN

Thursday, 2pm-3pm
Swimming pool, Healesville Country Club

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JUNIOR GOLF LESSONS

Friday, 10am-11am or 11.15am-12.15pm
Short course, Healesville Country Club

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KENNETH PARK SUMMER WALK

Port Melbourne #1 (repeat), **Saturday, 10am-noon**
Offsite: Beacon Cove

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AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS TICKETS

Various options until 28 Jan
Offsite: Rod Laver Arena

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JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS

Monday, 9am-10.30am
Tennis courts, Healesville Country Club

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KIDS' CUE SPORTS WITH ROBBY FOLDVARI

Tuesday, 10am-noon
Billiards Room, City Club

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JUNIOR FIT GYM

Wednesday, 10am-11am
Fitness Centre, Healesville Country Club & Resort

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BURNS NIGHT DINNER

Thursday, 6.30pm-9pm
Members Dining Room, City Club

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CRAFT SERIES: ACRYLIC PAINTING

Saturday, 2pm-4.30pm
Tarrant Room, City Club

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MONTHLY MOVIE: MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 3

Sunday, 4pm-6pm
Theatrette, City Club

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BEGINNER BRIDGE COURSE

Eight-week course, **Tuesdays, 10am-noon**
Club Room, Level 2, City Club

FEBRUARY 2024

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TRAVEL TALK: EXPLORE AUSTRALIA

with Outback Spirit & Journey Beyond
Thursday, 6pm-7.30pm, Level 2, City Club

KENNETH PARK DOUBLE LECTURE

Story of Paris, **Thursday, 10am-1pm**,
Level 2, City Club

4

VINCE JONES QUARTET: DINNER AND JAZZ.

Sunday, 6.30pm-9.30pm
Ballroom, Healesville Country Club & Resort

6

SOCIAL 8-BALL NIGHT

Tuesday, 6pm-late, Billiards Room, City Club

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MIDWEEK JAZZ AT THE BAR

Wednesday, 6pm-8pm, Wine Bar, City Club

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THURSDAY LECTURE SERIES

Making sense of Napoleon, **Thursday, 11am-noon**
Theatrette, City Club

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CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

Saturday, 6pm-8pm,
Members Dining Room, City Club

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EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE

Western Treatment Plant, **Tuesday, 9am-1pm**
Bus departs City Club

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VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER

Wednesday, 6pm-10pm
Members Dining Room, City Club

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ARTIST IN CONVERSATION

Ember Fairbairn and Vera Moller
Thursday, 1pm-2.30pm, Theatrette, City Club

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TRAVEL TALK: EXPLORE THE WORLD

with APT, **Thursday, 6pm-7.30pm**
Level 2, City Club

FILM GROUP: FALLING FOR FIGARO

Friday, 11am-1pm, Theatrette, City Club

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO DRIVE?

Two sessions **Friday, 11am-noon or 5.30pm-6.30pm**
Level 2, City Club

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MIDWEEK JAZZ AT THE BAR

Wednesday, 6pm-8pm, Wine Bar, City Club

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MONTHLY BINGO

Friday, 10am-11.30am, Level 2, City Club

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KENNETH PARK SUMMER WALK

Williamstown #1, **Saturday, 10am-noon**
Offsite: Cnr Ferguson St and Nelson Place

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MURDER BLOODY MURDER

Five favourite crime writers, **Tuesday, noon-2pm**
Level 2, City Club

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KENNETH PARK SUMMER WALK

Williamstown #1 (repeat), **Tuesday, 10am-noon**
Offsite: Cnr Ferguson St and Nelson Place

FAMILY DOUBLES CUESPORTS TOURNAMENT

Thursday, 6.30pm-late, Billiards Room, City Club

MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

SUPERVISED BRIDGE Mondays,
9.45am–1pm: 5, 12, 19, 26 February
Clubroom, City Club

TRAVEL GROUP Tuesday, 6 February
10.30am–12.30pm Level 2, City Club

DUPLICATE BRIDGE Wednesdays, 9.45am–1pm
7, 14, 21, 28 February Clubroom, City Club

EVENING MAHJONG Wednesday, 7 February
7pm–9pm Clubroom, City Club

SOCIAL SQUASH GROUP Thursdays,
6pm start: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 February
Squash courts, City Club

SOLO & MIND GAMES GROUP Thursdays,
9am–1pm: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 February
Clubroom, City Club

BOOK GROUP 2 Saturday, 10 February
11.15am start
Clubroom, City Club

BOOK GROUP 4 Wednesday, 21 February
7.15pm start
Library, City Club

FILM GROUP Friday, 16 February
11am–1pm
Theatrette, City Club

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UNMISSABLE JAZZ

After a sellout show at the City Club, the legendary Vince Jones and his quartet are set to swing at Healesville Country Club & Resort. Ticket includes two-course dinner, beverages, and show. This is a shared table event, suitable for singles.

● Sun 4 Feb, 6.30pm–9.30pm,
Ballroom, Healesville Country
Club & Resort, \$95pp. Event +
accommodation package \$295 for
single, \$420 for double.



FREE GROUP FITNESS

**MORNING PILATES
WITH CARLA**
8am–8.45pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Mondays 5, 12, 19, 26 February

**MORNING YOGA
WITH KATHY**
8–8.45am ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Tuesdays 6, 13, 20, 27 February

**MORNING MOVEMENT
WITH FRAN**
8am–8.45pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Thursdays 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 February



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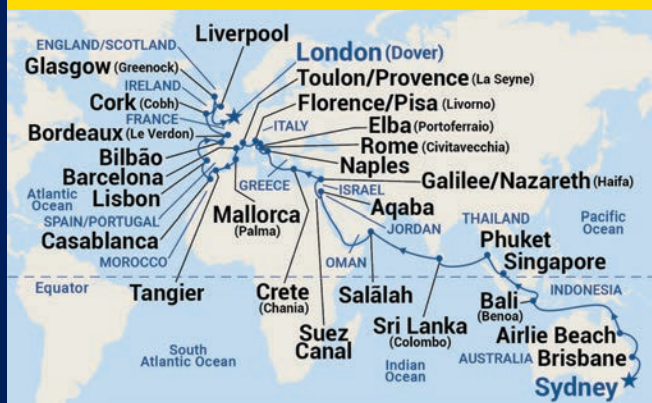


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