

*RACV Club*

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2024

# HIGHLIGHTS

## KINDRED SPIRITS

Whether it's Mother's Day, the Healesville Picnic Races, or the annual Gabriel Gaté dinner, the Club brings families and generations together

Keeping **members** connected  
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A woman with blonde hair, wearing a white dress and a gold earring, is shown in profile from the waist up. She is looking towards a large artwork that depicts a person lying on their back in a field of dense, green, round-leafed plants. The person in the artwork has their hands raised above their head. The woman is holding a white plate with a small, green, round appetizer on it, and she is holding a silver fork over the appetizer.

# ART OF LUNCH

Celebrate the Gallery Lounge exhibition *Performing Nature*, and join artists Robert Ashton, Murray Fredericks, and Prue Stent for a three-course meal featuring culinary masterpieces made in response to the artworks.

Sat 4 May, 12.30pm-3.30pm,  
Private Dining Room, City Club,  
\$130 pp. Book for this event at  
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or scan the QR code.





Club Members and guests took a thrilling journey into the world of competitive cooking, with the sizzle and drama of Four Chef Showdown. Details on page 10.

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**ROB EVERETT** RACV Club General Manager

As autumn settles in, our Club has been buzzing with activity and excitement. It's great to see so many members immersing themselves in the array of facilities and events on offer. The recent Four Chef Showdown was a sensation, showcasing the Club's culinary talent and team spirit. Congratulations to City Club Executive Chef Jason Camillo for clinching the win (see page 8).

Healesville is one of the best places to see the autumn leaves, and it was wonderful to spend a weekend at the Country Club to attend the Healesville Picnic Races and take part in the President's Cup golf competition, both of which I thoroughly enjoyed. On that same weekend, another group of members enjoyed a unique experience at Sanguine Estate in Heathcote, participating in grape harvesting and stomping—an activity that promises another delightful vintage of "The Members Shiraz", which will be bottled in 2026 and available to members in 2027. There are photos of all these events in this issue of *Highlights*.

As we eagerly anticipate Mother's Day, preparations are underway to make it a memorable celebration at both properties. You can book via the [What's On](#) page. Another cherished tradition at the Club is the exquisite special occasion cakes crafted by the Le Petit Gateau team, with this year's Mother's Day creation sure to delight.

The RACV Club Suite at the MCG continues to be a hotspot for our members, offering premium viewing experiences for sports enthusiasts. Furthermore, the unveiling of the new food and beverage service area at the Members Lounge at Healesville Country Club & Resort marks a significant enhancement, catering to members' needs throughout the day, including Aperitivo Hour for those staying in-house.

Our vibrant events calendar and diverse interest groups, such as the newly established chess and book groups at Healesville, continue to enrich the Club experience. You'll find dates and times for our member interest groups on page 19.

With so many events on offer, I look forward to seeing out the Club soon.

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Christmas dining at the Club comes with all the trimmings.

# CHRISTMAS BOOKING GUIDE

We know Club Members love celebrating Christmas at the Club with their families and like to plan ahead. For your convenience, bookings open mid-June for Christmas Day dining at four venues

## HEALESVILLE COUNTRY CLUB & RESORT

Christmas **lunch**  
bookings open  
**Mon 3 June 2024**

**Phone bookings:**  
(03) 5962 4899

### Prices\*

Adult (18+): \$225  
Teen (13-17): \$170  
Child (5-12): \$85

*\*Member pricing. No further discounts apply*

### Banyalla menu

Seafood buffet, traditional turkey and ham, roast vegetables and salads. Includes dessert buffet and beverage package.

## LEVEL 17 - CITY CLUB

Christmas **lunch**  
bookings open  
**Tue 4 June 2024**

**Phone bookings:**  
(03) 9944 8888  
**Prices**

Adult (18+): \$225  
Teen (13-17): \$170  
Child (5-12): \$85

## LEVEL 2 - CITY CLUB

### Prices

Adult (18+): \$215  
Teen (13-17): \$165  
Child (5-12): \$82.50

### Level 2 and 17 menu

Seafood buffet, traditional turkey and ham, roast vegetables and salads. Includes dessert buffet and beverage package.

## MEMBERS DINING ROOM

Christmas **lunch**  
bookings open  
**Wed 5 June 2024**

**Phone bookings:**  
(03) 9944 8888

### Prices

Adult (18+): \$225  
Teen (13-17): \$190  
Child (5-12): \$95

### Members Dining Room menu

Four-course festive menu. Catering for all dietary requirements.

## BISTRO CITY CLUB

Christmas **lunch and  
dinner** bookings open  
**Thu 6 June 2024**

**Phone bookings:**  
(03) 9944 8888

### Prices\*

Adult (18+): \$185  
Teen (13-17): \$150  
Child (5-12): \$75

*\*Lunch*

Adult (18+): \$175  
Teen (13-17): \$150  
Child (5-12): \$75

*\*Dinner*

### Bistro menus

● LUNCH:

Three-courses, plus dessert buffet.

● DINNER:

Seafood buffet, plus dessert buffet.



## DISCOVER HOPE AT THE LIBRARY

Following on from her runaway best-seller *A Mother's Story*, acclaimed author Rosie Batty's new book *Hope* shares the stories of those who have inspired her to keep going, and given her hope when she needed it most. Batty will talk about her heartfelt, at times heartbreaking, memoir in conversation with *Women's Weekly* journalist Sue Smethurst. Discover how Batty found the light on her darkest days, and how she found the hope to carry on.

**Author Talk: Rosie Batty in Conversation with Sue Smethurst, Thurs 23 May, 5.45pm-8.30pm, Library, City Club. \$35pp for book signing, drinks and canapes. Book via [this link](#).**



## GUESS 'WHODUNNIT' ON THE RAILS

Step back in time to the Flapper Era aboard the Puffing Billy Express! Experience the romance of the rails as you travel through the captivating Dandenong Ranges on a two-hour steam train journey through Melbourne's east. Indulge in a three-course meal served amid polished wood and antique charm. Delve into a captivating two-hour murder mystery in the historic Nobelius Packing Shed and dress to impress in 1920s or '30s attire for a chance to win the Best Dressed Prize.

**Murder on the Puffing Billy Express, Fri 7 June, 6pm-10pm, 1 Old Monbulk Road, Belgrave. \$121.50pp. Book via [this link](#).**

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## SAIL AWAY TO REMOTE REGIONS

RACV Travel & Experiences is hosting a travel talk with Coral Expeditions, Australia's pioneering expedition cruise line. Coral Expeditions will showcase their range of small-group cruises with unique itineraries led by experts to the pristine wildernesses of the world. Explore trips on offer to Sumatra, Borneo, Tasmania, the Kimberley and more.

**Travel Talk: Coral Expeditions, Mon 6 May, 11.30am-1pm, Level 2, City Club. Free for Club members & guests. Includes tea/coffee, canapes, and special offers. Book via [this link](#).**



## GAD(D) ABOUT AT TRIPE LUNCHEON

The Tripe Club of Victoria is hosting a delectable three-course luncheon at the RACV City Club, with a presentation by Melbourne writer Nick Gadd. With a Ned Kelly Award nomination for his compelling works and a managerial position at the Victorian Law Reform Commission under his belt, Gadd can speak to both the legal and literary realms in Australia. If you're not a fan of tripe, there will be non-tripe options available.

**Tripe Club of Victoria Presents: Nick Gadd, Tues 18 June, 12pm-2.30pm, Level 2, City Club. \$90pp for three-course lunch and beverage package with presentation. Book via [this link](#).**



Families love the Healesville Picnic Races, while the Gabriel Gate dinner is an annual ritual for Georgie Haberfield and her mother Luci, below.

# KINDRED SPIRITS

From the Healesville Picnic Races and sporting events to Mother's Day lunches and the annual Gabriel Gaté dinner, the Club brings families and generations together

From the affinity of adult parents with their grown children at fine-dining events to the vibrant energy of multi-generational activities during school holidays, the Club is a place where families can come together for occasions big and small.

Club Engagement and Experience Manager Melissa McCallum says a key component of Club membership is the events, both internal and external, that give members and their families opportunities to connect.

"We often talk about members connecting with other members, but I think the other core part of Club membership is having a place where your family can spend time together," Melissa says.

"Mother's Day is a good example, as is Christmas Day. They are both examples of big groups of family and friends getting together. Then there's the Healesville Picnic Races and Gabriel Gate's annual event as well, where we see parents and adult children really enjoying the food, wine and entertainment."

Catering for different generations across more than 250 events and

activities each year, also fosters the possibility that the children who walk through City Club and Healesville today will one day tread the same path with their own families.



"It has been lovely the last few school holidays to see three generations coming together for activities, so grandparents and parents and children cooking or watching films together in the Theatrette," Melissa says. "Whether they are children, teenagers or young adults, they can see all the components of the Club that one day will be there for them to access when they are members in their own right."

Many Club events have discounted rates when you book a full table, which is another incentive for families to come together and celebrate or enjoy time together.

"Mother's Day is our second busiest day of the year, after Christmas Day," Melissa says. "All the mothers that attend receive a gift, regardless of whether they're dining at Healesville or City Club, so Club members can trust that mum, or the special person in your life, will be getting top quality service in a very friendly and inviting setting."

## EVENTS THAT BRING FAMILIES TOGETHER

### MOTHER'S DAY

With Mother's Day celebrations across four venues at the Club, families can get together at either Bistro, Members Dining Room, Level 17 or Banyalla at Healesville on Sunday, 12 May, and make a fuss of the special women in their lives.

### SPORTING EVENTS

From last year's Matildas pre-game event to the annual Grand Final Lunch, the Club's sports-related events are often a family affair. Families can also barrack together in new RACV Club Suite at the MCG, with individual tickets or the whole suite available.

### SOCIAL 8-BALL

A family who plays together stays together. The recent success of the inaugural Family Doubles Social Pool Competition shows cue sports can be a family affair. The next Social 8-ball is on 2 May.

### CRAFT SERIES

Mothers and daughters have enjoyed unleashing their artistic talents at the Club's craft workshops. Often they're attempting to paint or create for the first time. The series is all about experimentation and having fun. The Sip and Paint event at Healesville on 19 May includes drinks, canapes and your own masterpiece to take home.

### GABRIEL GATE ANNUAL DINNER

A perennial favourite for Club members and staff, the next dinner is on 2 August at the Country Club.

### CHRISTMAS DAY

This is the busiest day of the year at RACV Club, with families relishing the chance to feast together without anyone slaving over a hot stove or doing the dishes. Booking information on page 4.



Club member Phil Johnston and his granddaughter Lara attended the Matildas' pre-game event in the Wine Bar last year. Lara plays soccer with the NPLVIC Emerging Matildas Program.

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The Four Chef Showdown event at Healesville had broad appeal across the generations.



# HEALESVILLE RACES



Racegoers turned out in force on Saturday 23 March for the Healesville Picnic Races and 2024 Golden Thong Race Day. The 2024 Fashions on the Field attracted many stylish entries and congratulations to Brooke, and Trang and her husband, who were winners on the day.

A huge thank you to Healesville Country Club team for setting up the marquee trackside and providing a remarkable three-course meal from the temporary kitchen out the back. Jockey Jack Virgona and trainer Peter Foster were victorious with Mr Zigmund in the RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort Golden Thong. If you're keen to come next year, book early, this event sells out fast.







The panfried barramundi with pomme puree, coconut coriander emulsion and crispy kale was well suited to the warm autumn weather.

The chocolate terrine with macerated berries, double cream and Persian fairy floss topped off a fun-filled day.



### 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 via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



The RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort Golden Thong trophies are a distinctive part of the Healesville Picnic Races, along with the children's race, and the Club's marquee.



Trang Spielvogel, Hediye Moran, RACV President Geoff Cosgriff, Anne Cosgriff and Club General Manager Rob Everett.



# FOUR CHEF SHOWDOWN

"Do or do not. There is no try." Drawing on Yoda's famous words from the *The Empire Strikes Back*, four chefs gave it their all, but there could only be one winner.

The tension was palpable as four culinary maestros prepared to battle it out in the second instalment of RACV Club's Four Chef Showdown. Held at Healesville Country Club & Resort, Executive Chef Himanshu Sharda and Sous Chef Lalit Kumar were on home turf, but they faced fierce competition from City Club's Executive Chef Jason Camillo and Sous Chef Josh Cochrane.

"It was a night full of surprises," Camillo says. "Each chef had their own entrance song, and I chose Darth Vader's *Imperial March* because the theme was revenge after Himanshu won the trophy last year. The room was darkened, and I walked in dressed as Darth Vader with a lightsaber. No one expected that. We also didn't name who was doing the dishes on the menu, so that was a surprise as well."

Jason says lessons learned from the first Four Chef Showdown last year contributed to a sharper format, taking the evening to new heights. "It was a fantastic night. We had as much fun as the members, so we want to continue this event and keep making it bigger and better," he says.

Jason's game plan was to show Club members the passion and skill of the team, as well as his own diversity. "I researched Naugaon, the town where Himanshu grew up in India, so I could use the beautiful spices and aromatics from that Himalayan region in my dish. I wanted to prove to myself and everyone that we could take it up another level and continue to outdo each other."

Jason's dish for the showdown was an innovative transformation of the twice-cooked lamb shoulder currently served in *Sojourn*.

"The dish is unique: we cook it until the meat falls off the bone, shred it, and put it back together in a cylinder, which is refrigerated until it



The Naugaon twice-cooked lamb was voted the best dish.

sets. Then we cook the lamb again," Jason says. "It looks simple but it's technical. If you don't do the recipe perfectly, the lamb either falls apart or it becomes very dry."

Served with spinach leaves, shallots in sherry vinegar, and hung yoghurt, the dish was a hit with Club members and guests, who voted it their favourite, allowing Jason to claim his first Four Chef Showdown trophy.

● **The Naugaon twice-cooked lamb shoulder will be served in [Sojourn](#) from May. It's a fabulous dish for the colder months. Come to City Club and try this award-winning dish.**



EAT & DRINK

The Four Chef Showdown was a night of fun and feasting, with picture-perfect dishes.



FOOD, WINE AND CULTURE

From the best cooking classes and food art to the finest ham, find out what's on at the Club at [racv.com.au/club-whats-on](http://racv.com.au/club-whats-on) or scan the QR code.



Four Chef Showdown contestants Josh Cochrane, this year's winner Jason Camillo, and Healesville's Himanshu Sharda and Lalit Kumar.



# SANGUINE HARVEST



The Sanguine Estate Harvest Day was a fun-filled event, with the ceremonial signposting of the vine row for "The Members" Shiraz.

For wine enthusiasts, the Sanguine Estate Harvest Day at Heathcote last month offered the chance to delve into the intricate process of winemaking, from grape to glass. The day started with the ceremonious attachment of a sign marking the Club's very own row of premium Shiraz vines.

Club Member Diana Burleigh, whose wine blending skills helped craft the 2022 vintage of RACV Club "The Members" Shiraz, attached the sign with guidance from Sanguine Estate owner Tony Hunter (above).



Club members and guests then enthusiastically donned gloves, and with secateurs and bucket in hand, they spent an hour under the warm autumn sun picking grapes. This activity was followed by a fine winery lunch and grape-stomping, in keeping with traditional winemaking.

The collaboration between RACV Club and Sanguine Estate is a fruitful one, with the harvest day complementing Sanguine's wine-blending course, which has been held annually for the past two years in City Club's Wine Cellar.

The fermenting grapes will be left in the capable hands of winemaker Mark Hunter, with a Club plaque identifying the oak barrels where the wine will mature and evolve for the Club's exclusive 2026 "The Members" Shiraz release.



Club Members and guests learn the art of hand-picking grapes, a technique Sanguine Estate employs to protect the vines, and to achieve optimum fruit quality and premium wines.

SPECIAL  
FEATURE



Sanguine Estate is a family affair. Tony Hunter and his daughter Jodi, top left, explain the winemaking process to Club members and guests over lunch.



WINE EVENTS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

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After a grazing lunch with Sanguine Estate wines, Club members and guests took part in the traditional grape stomping to macerate the grapes and help them break down and ferment.





# LOCAL EXPEDITIONS

The Experience & Explore tours cover the breadth of Melbourne and the Yarra Valley, discovering hidden gems like Coombe Yarra Valley and Mont de Lancey

Club Events coordinator Steven Bruce organises the Experience & Explore tours, and says Melbourne's history and culture are of great interest to Club Members. There is no shortage of attractions to visit, with Mont de Lancey in June, and Justin Art Museum in July.

Steven says many of the Experience & Explore (E&E) locations are chosen by the members themselves. "When I catch up with members during our E&E tours, I listen to their recommendations. Coombe Yarra Valley, Western Treatment Plant, and Fox Classic Car Museum were all member recommendations," he says. "We've explored a significant portion of the National Heritage listed buildings, which always draw considerable interest."

His preference leans towards tours easily accessible via public transport and places that "you may walk past a hundred times without seeing the interior".

"The essence of this member series is providing Club members with both enjoyable and educational experiences, and giving them the opportunity to connect with other Club members."

For Club member Sally Morello, the E&E tours and Kenneth Park

walks are a chance to explore local attractions. "I enjoy hearing about the history of Melbourne and the old homes and discovering new things about our city that we don't normally take the time to find out about," she says. "The walks with Kenneth Park are always interesting and informative as his knowledge is amazing."

She's hard pressed to name her favourite destination so far. "Coombe Yarra Valley, Villa Alba, Werribee Park, Williamstown walk and Labassa Mansion were all very interesting, and the chance to have coffee before or after the event is a great way to meet new people," she says. "I have met some lovely people on these outings, which means you are not wandering around on your own."

As for making the most of her membership, the Aqua Aerobics at City Club is her favourite activity. "Since I have become an Active Club Member, I have joined the aqua aerobics group, where I have made some new friends, and it has become very social. The Club outings and events at the Club are enjoyable, and the Club is a place where I feel comfortable and not alone."

● The Experience & Explore tours run every month. Check the What's on page via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



# PRESIDENT'S CUP

We had a great turnout for our signature golf event, the RACV President's Cup. Played in Stableford format on the 18-hole course, RACV President Geoff Cosgriff, Club General Manager Rob Everett, and Chairman of the Club and Membership Committee Gregory Robinson were among those participating.

Club member Nigel Stewart, who won with a score of 41 points, says it was a wonderful day. "The players bonded quickly, and the comradery and banter around the course was enjoyable," he says. "The event organisers did a great job, and the day was rounded off with a few laughs shared over drinks and a five-star meal."

Nigel took home a PING G430 driver valued at \$995. "Winning was an unexpected outcome but I cherished the moment and felt very proud," he says. I will be checking that cup every time I visit the Club, and I look forward to defending the honour next year."

Accommodation and dining vouchers went to the runners up, and a dozen Titleist balls to the 'Nearest to Pin' winners.



Left: Gregory Robinson, RACV Chairman of the Club and Membership Committee, winner Nigel Stewart, and RACV President Geoff Cosgriff, with The President's Cup.



● There are many benefits to holding an RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort Season Pass. Find out more, call (03) 5969 9451 or email [healesville@golf.racv.com.au](mailto:healesville@golf.racv.com.au)



It was a friendly game, but the President's Cup was still keenly contested by members, guests and golfing enthusiasts.

## DIFFERENT WAYS TO MEET AND CONNECT

From lectures and tours to squash and golf, there are myriad ways to meet like-minded Club members. There's also the Club's member interest groups to consider via [this link](#).



# TIME FOR A NEW VIEW?

It's a legendary train journey that takes you through the heart of Australia. Here's everything you need to know about The Ghan to make the most of your trip

The Ghan is an unforgettable train travel experience that evokes a romantic connection to our great southern land. It's easy to be seduced by the incredible landscapes of the Australian outback as you travel between Adelaide and Darwin or the other way.

There are also opportunities for immersive all-inclusive Off Train Experiences, whether it's a cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge, a lunch underground in an opal mine in Coober Pedy, or dinner under the stars at the old Telegraph Station in Alice Springs.

## WHAT IS THE GHAN?

The Ghan railway stretches 2979km between Adelaide and Darwin. The train's original name, The Afghan Express, references the Afghan cameleers who blazed a trail into Australia's Red Centre more than 150 years ago.

The Ghan turns 95 this year, and it has endured for many reasons. It's one of the best ways to see the rugged landscape and striking colours of Central Australia, and to enjoy the romance, adventure, and comfort of rail travel with like-minded travellers.

## HOW LONG IS THE JOURNEY?

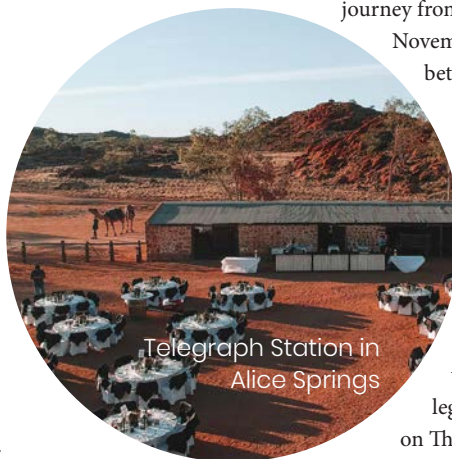
From April to October, the four-day southbound journey from Darwin to Adelaide is called The Ghan Expedition, while the northbound journey from Adelaide to Darwin (and southbound in March and November) is three days. There are also shorter rail journeys between Alice Springs and either Darwin or Adelaide.

## WHAT ABOUT HOLIDAY PACKAGES?

You can extend your journey with additional stops and experiences, like the eight-day Top End Explorer, the 11-day Red Centre Spectacular, or the 14-day Ultimate Territory Tour. Finally, The Ghan and Ponant: Outback to Ocean rail and sail tours last between 15 and 17 days. They pair the legendary train journey through Australia's Red Centre on The Ghan with a cruise on PONANT's *Le Laperouse* boat from Darwin to Broome.

## WHAT ARE THE TRAIN EXPERIENCES?

The Ghan journeys from Darwin to Adelaide stop at Alice Springs and Katherine. The northbound Adelaide to Darwin trip also briefly stops



Telegraph Station in Alice Springs



at Marla, where you can watch the sun rise over the South Australian desert landscape with a coffee and a breakfast roll. Between March and November, the southbound Darwin to Adelaide journey stops at Manguri, a rail siding 30 minutes outside of Coober Pedy in South Australia. You'll arrive after dinner to enjoy a nightcap around a bonfire while viewing the brilliant stars.

If you take the four-day Darwin to Adelaide Expedition journey between April and October, you will spend the extra day at Coober Pedy. You'll hear about this mining town's fascinating history, witnessing sights such as the informative Umoona Opal Mine and Museum and an underground home known as a dugout.



The Ghan's Platinum Service Cabin, left, and the moon-like landscape of Coober Pedy, far left. Images: Journey Beyond Rail Experiences.

### ARE MEALS INCLUDED?

All meals and drinks, including wine, are included, and special dietary requirements can be accommodated: simply advise at time of booking. The meals are inspired by different regions along the journey, with native ingredients playing a role in evoking a sense of place. Classic Australian dishes like barramundi and kangaroo usually make an appearance, and the only thing you have to do is board the train and enjoy the experience.

### WHAT SHOULD I PACK FOR THE GHAN?



Air conditioning keeps the on-board temperature steady at around 22°C, but the outside temperature varies as you travel from one end of the country to the other. Pack for both warm and cool climates. Expect mid-30°C temperatures in Darwin and Katherine, and 4°C nights and early mornings around Marla or Manguri. Most travellers opt for smart casual attire on board. For Off Train Experiences, a long-sleeved shirt, sturdy full-length pants, closed-in walking shoes, a wide-brimmed hat, and SPF30+ sunscreen are recommended, as well as a warm jacket, gloves and a beanie for cooler morning or evening experiences.

So, what are you waiting for? Climb aboard and discover the heart of Australia.

## CLIMB ABOARD THE GHAN EXPEDITION

RACV Club Members enjoy extra savings on Ghan rail journeys when booking with RACV Travel & Experiences. To book, call 1300 850 888 or make a Travel Store appointment via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.



## RECIPROCAL CLUB

From its cinematic hillsides overlooking the Rio Tejo to its ancient ruins and white-domed cathedrals, Lisbon has become a much-loved travel destination. It's a place where you can soak up the stunning views, enjoy fresh seafood and stroll around cobbled alleyways. Despite the Great Lisbon earthquake of 1755, Portugal's capital still boasts some extraordinary buildings, including the Moorish Castelo de São Jorge and 16th-century Baroque Church of São Roque.

RACV Club Members can lunch or dine at the Grémio Literário, which is one of RACV Club's reciprocal clubs. Bringing together writers, politicians and aristocrats, the Club was formally created in 1846 by the royal charter of Queen D. Maria II. Thirty years after its inception, the Loures Palace became its home.

With its old-world charm, Art Nouveau decor and elegant spaces, the Grémio Literário's restaurant includes a bar with red velvet furnishings (above, right) and a verandah (right) that overlooks a magnificent garden and the Tagus River. The restaurant is open Monday to Friday, with a daily menu that changes every day and each season.

The gilded Louis XV dining room, and adjacent "Boiserie" with its elegant fireplace, stained glass windows and oil painting are also worth viewing. Note: Grémio Literário is closed on weekends, holidays, and in August.



● RACV Club Members need to arrange a letter of introduction prior to visiting Grémio Literário. Details at [racv.com.au/club](http://racv.com.au/club) or scan the QR code.



# WHAT'S ON MAY 2024

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**PERFORMING NATURE EXHIBITION**  
Friday 1 March – Friday 24 May 2024  
Gallery Lounge, City Club

**BUSINESS BREAKFAST: UNLOCK YOUR EXTRAORDINARY POTENTIAL**  
Wednesday, 8am–9.30am  
Level 2, City Club

**JAZZ AT THE BAR: AFTER DARK**  
Wednesday, 7pm–9.30pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

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**MAKEUP MADE SIMPLE WITH IDIRIS COSMETICS**  
Thursday, 6pm–late  
Tarrant Room, City Club

**DANCE SERIES: LINE DANCING LESSONS**  
Weekly from Thursday 2 May, 7pm–8pm  
Group Fitness Room, City Club

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**ART OF LUNCH**  
Saturday, 12:30pm–3.30pm  
Private Dining Room, City Club

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**TRAVEL TALK: CORAL EXPEDITIONS**  
Wednesday, 11.30am–1pm  
Level 2, City Club

**COOKING MASTERCLASS: CURRY SAUCE**  
Monday, noon–1.30pm  
RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort

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**COOKING MASTERCLASS: CURRY SAUCE**  
Repeat session, Tuesday, 5pm–6.30pm  
RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort

**EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE: ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL**  
Waitlist only – Tuesday, 11am–noon  
St Paul's Cathedral, Flinders St, Melbourne

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**SOCIAL 8-BALL**  
Thursday, 6pm–late  
Billiards Room, City Club

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**MOTHER'S DAY BUBBLES & BOUQUETS**  
Saturday, 2pm–4pm  
Club Pavilion, City Club

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**MOTHER'S DAY – MEMBERS' DINING ROOM**  
Sunday, noon–3pm  
Members Dining Room, City Club

**MOTHER'S DAY AT BANYALLA**  
Sunday, noon–2pm  
Banyalla, Healesville Country Club & Resort

**MOTHER'S DAY – LEVEL 17**  
Sunday, noon–3pm  
Level 17, City Club

**MOTHER'S DAY – BISTRO**  
Sunday, 12pm–3pm  
Bistro, City Club

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**STEEPED IN CONVERSATION**  
2nd Tuesday of the month, 10am–11am  
Gallery Lounge, City Club

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**JAZZ AT THE BAR: AFTER DARK**  
Wednesday, 6pm–8pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

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**KENNETH PARK LECTURE: THE RISE OF THE WORLD FAIR**  
Thursday, 11am–noon  
Level 2, City Club

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**CRAFT SERIES: SIP & PAINT AT HEALESVILLE**  
Sunday, 2pm–4.30pm  
Grand Conservatory, Healesville Country Club and Resort

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**EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE: FOX CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION**  
Wednesday, 10am–noon  
Fox Classic Car Museum, Docklands

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**AUTHOR TALK: ROSIE BATTY IN CONVERSATION WITH SUE SMETHURST**  
Thursday, 5.45pm–8.30pm  
Library, City Club

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**JAZZ AT THE BAR**  
Wednesday, 6pm–8pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

# MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

**HEALESVILLE BOOK GROUP** Tuesday, 7 May  
10.30am-noon Library, Country Club

**SUPERVISED BRIDGE** Mondays,  
9.45am-1pm: 6, 13, 20, 27 May  
Clubroom, City Club

**TRAVEL GROUP** Tuesday, 7 May  
10.30am-12.30pm Level 2, City Club

**HEALESVILLE CHESS GROUP** Monday, 14 May  
10.30am-noon Banyalla Lounge, Country Club

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** Wednesdays, 9.45am-1pm  
1, 8, 15, 22, 29 May Clubroom, City Club

**EVENING MAHJONG** Wednesday, 1 May  
7pm-9pm Clubroom, City Club

**SOCIAL SQUASH GROUP** Thursdays,  
6pm start: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Squash courts, City Club

**SOLO & MIND GAMES GROUP** Thursdays,  
9am-1pm: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May  
Clubroom, City Club

**BOOK GROUP 2** Saturday, 11 May  
11.15am start  
Clubroom, City Club

**BOOK GROUP 4** Wednesday, 24 May  
7.15pm start Library, City Club

**FILM GROUP** Friday, 26 May  
11am-1pm Theatrette, City Club

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Choose from two sessions: Mon 3 June, noon-1.30pm or Tue 4 Jun, 5pm-6.30pm, Healesville Country Club & Resort, \$100 pp. Book via [this link](#).



## FREE GROUP FITNESS

**MORNING PILATES WITH CARLA**  
8am-8.45pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
Mondays 6, 13, 20, 27 May

**MORNING YOGA WITH KATHY**  
8-8.45am ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
Tuesdays 7, 14, 21, 28 May

**MORNING MOVEMENT WITH FRAN**  
8am-8.45pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
Thursdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 May



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