

RACV Club

JUNE
2024

HIGHLIGHTS



RAISE THE BAR

RACV Club's first exclusive Yarra Valley Gin was a hit, and our second release with Four Pillars Distillery is perfect for cocktail lovers

Keeping **members** connected
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FEEL THE DIFFERENCE

Imagine slipping into a soft, white dressing gown, switching off your phone and immersing yourself in total relaxation. A Hydration treatment at One Spa offers the chance to rest and recuperate, with a special deal this month for RACV Club Members. This treatment includes a nourishing full body scrub, firming and conditioning body wrap, anti-inflammatory facial refresh, and a head, neck, and shoulder pressure point massage and full-body hydration massage.

90-minute treatment | \$200[^] (package value is \$255, members save \$55). See all your member benefits for June via [this link](#) or scan the QR code.

[^]Your Club membership card must be presented to be eligible for the offer. Not applicable with any other offer. Offer available at One Spa at City Club and Healesville Country Club & Resort, 1-30 June 2024.





The Art of Lunch at City Club was an amalgam of creativity, theatrics and fine food. Details on page 12.

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ROB EVERETT RACV Club General Manager

As the winter chill sets in, we're thrilled to bring you an array of exciting updates and Club events that are sure to keep you warm and in good spirits.

We're delighted to announce the launch of our second RACV Club "Yarra Valley Gin" in conjunction with Four Pillars Distillery. Crafted with meticulous attention to detail and the finest botanicals, you can elevate your winter evenings with a cocktail or G&T in the Wine Bar. See page 6 for details.

Healesville Country Club & Resort, with its cosy fireplace, is another place where you can warm up. The Members Lounge's new food and beverage service area has been completed (see page 8), and you can order food and drinks between 11am and 3pm. If you're staying in-house, don't forget the complimentary Aperitivo Hour (5pm-6pm).

Winter reintroduces many traditional dining events, such as the Bastille Day Dinner at City Club, truffle experiences in July, and Gabriel Gate's French-themed dinner at the Country Club. We've had great feedback about the cooking masterclasses, with members honing their culinary skills with our expert chefs (see page 9).

The RACV Club Suite at the MCG continues to be a hub of excitement, with Club members bringing guests to maximise their enjoyment of barracking for their favourite team in style. Check the remaining dates for the season online via racv.com.au/club-whats-on. Before you know it, the footy finals will be upon us. Members are also enthusiastically participating in a variety of sporting tournaments. Although I was knocked out of the current snooker Club Championships, I am watching the progress of other players with interest. Two teams from the RACV Club Squash Section have made it through to the Club Circuit Grand Final, and I wish them the best of luck.

Lastly, a reminder to Club members to take full advantage of their monthly member benefits. It's a great way to make the most of your membership (see page 7). Thanks again for your continuing support, and we look forward to sharing many memorable moments with you in the months ahead.

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The Pleasures of Versailles,
Pinchgut Opera, 2023.

Words: Danielle Norton

OPERA WITH MICHAEL PETRUCCELLI

Settle in for an evening of beloved classics and sparkling arias with Michael Petrucelli, one of Australia's operatic talents – renowned for his pure, glowing tenor

Opera was the soundtrack of Michael Petrucelli's childhood. On Friday nights his family would visit his Italian grandparents, who always played the music of Pavarotti in their Melbourne home and Petrucelli would hum or sing along. Petrucelli's maternal side was Irish Catholic, and the family attended church weekly. Singing hymns with the congregation inspired him to develop his voice.

At university at the age of 18 he developed his skills with art song, the classical music which is a precursor to opera. Once he mastered his breathing technique, he progressed to opera.

"It's been a wonderful journey, learning how my voice works," he says. For the past eight years, Petrucelli has worked full time as an opera singer, performing in Australia and internationally. His contracts are set a year in advance and between gigs he teaches and gives recitals.

Petrucelli believes that opera is an enduring art form because of its universality and timelessness. "Every opera tells a story that is as relevant as it was back in the day with its themes of love, loss and heartache. Opera encapsulates these types of emotions beautifully."

He says that the storytelling is a great aspect of an operatic performance, enhanced by the musical ideas of the composers.

"There's no substitute for a wonderful melody that gets stuck in your head."

Petrucelli was influenced by the tenors of the past, such as Luciano Pavarotti, Juan Diego Florez, Fritz Wunderlich, Jonas Kauffman and Neil Shicoff.

For the RACV Club audience, he'll be singing a range of his favourite Neapolitan songs, along with some more contemporary Italian songs made famous by the San Remo Music Festival, and songs by the composer Francesco Paolo Tosti. Accompanying Petrucelli is concert pianist Konrad Olszewski.

This performance will be a unique opportunity for Club members who've never seen an opera singer in action. As part of the performance, Petrucelli will be performing *O Sole Mio* and *Torna a Surriento*. Even though the performance will be in Italian, he will introduce each piece so that the audience understands the sentiment of each song.

● **Serenata Italiana: A Night of Italian Classics, with Michael Petrucelli, Sat 22 Jun, 7pm-9pm, Level 17, City Club, \$60pp. Book via [this link](#) or scan QR code.**





EBBS AND FLOWS OF ARTIST'S BRUSH

Featuring works by RACV Collection artists William Breen, Andrew Browne, Euan Macleod and Sally Ross, *Low Tides* explores the contemplative nature of water. These artists have explored differing landscapes, from softly focused shadows to glimpses of blue through the trees, to meditations while crossing the beach. Interwoven through these works is a sense of the sublime: artworks that transcend our everyday reality.

Image (detail): William Breen, *Smells Like Rain 2016*, Oil on Linen, 92cm x 138cm. Courtesy the artist and Flinders Lane Gallery.

● **Low Tides, Fri 31 May–Sun 18 August, RACV City Club, Gallery Lounge, City Club. Mon–Fri, 9am–3pm.**



COME FOR THE TALK OR THE TRIPE

The Tripe Club of Victoria presents Nick Gadd, author of the non-fiction book *Melbourne Circle: Walking, Memory and Loss*, and the novels *Ghostlines*, and *Death of a Typographer*. Gadd, who is also Communications Manager at the Victorian Law Reform Commission, can offer insight into what it takes to have a fair, just and inclusive legal system, too. If you're not a fan of tripe, there will be non-tripe options available for lunch.

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

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



LOVE YOUR CHARDY?

One of the nation's most-planted white varieties, Australians love their chardonnay. But tastes have changed and the bold flavors and creamy textures of the 1980s have been replaced by lighter bodied wines with more acidity. Explore the world of chardonnay alongside renowned winemaker Patrick Sullivan. Patrick will guide you through his top wine selections while our chefs craft delightful pairings.

● **Chardonnay Masterclass with Patrick Sullivan Wed 3 Jul, 6.30pm–10.30pm, Wine Bar, City Club, \$69 per person. Book via [this link](#).**



EXPLORE THE ART OF ARCHITECTURE

Justin Art House Museum represents the passion and art collection of Charles and Leah Justin. Their latest exhibition, *ARTitecture*, examines how architecture is created and the impact it has on our lives. Unencumbered by the demands of functionality, the artists have been free to explore the topic in a deeper way. The collectors will take you on an insightful tour, then lead a discussion while you enjoy refreshments.

● **Experience & Explore: Justin Art House Museum, Tue 9 Jul, 10am–11.30am, Justin Art House Museum, 3 Lumley Ct, Prahran, \$30pp. Image (left): Visit Victoria. Book via [this link](#).**



Image: Matt Harvey
Words: Danielle Norton

A TWIST ON SPRITZ

The Club's second exclusive new gin, made in conjunction with the award-winning Four Pillars Distillery, promises to take cocktails and G&Ts to the next level

RACV Club's latest exclusive gin, made in conjunction with the international award-winning Four Pillars Distillery, is fresh on the palate with a citrus flavour profile, which includes cumquat, finger lime and lemon.

It's different to the first Club gin (released in 2022), which used native botanicals like lemon-scented gum. It paired well with lime and mint, making it perfect for cocktails such as a Southside.

This second-release gin invites a new approach, and it will be the hero ingredient in the Club's new signature cocktail, From the Neighbour's Tree, to be served in City Club's Wine Bar. A twist on a spritz, the cocktail will include Marionette Orange Curacao (made in Mildura, Victoria) and grapefruit soda, to enhance the citrus flavour profile.

Rob Pierce, RACV Club Bars Manager, recommends using Fever Tree Mediterranean tonic water for flavoursome G&Ts. He suggests garnishing drinks with a slice of grapefruit and a piece of thyme.

Working on this new release product with Cam McKenzie and the team at Four Pillars was, once again, a pleasure for Rob. Healesville Country Club & Resort was an early supporter of Four Pillars, being one of the first bars to stock their gin when the business first launched in the region. "Our friends at Four Pillars are great to work with because of

the positivity of their whole company. They're such bright and positive people. Because they're so enthusiastic the ideas flow," he says. Rob is always happy to promote the distillery as a destination for visitors to the Yarra Valley. "When people go to Healesville, we want them to stay at the Country Club and go to Four Pillars."

Rob says he was surprised by how much Club Members enjoyed the first-release gin. It was a "people pleaser" for G&Ts and cocktails. He has high hopes that the second release gin will be similarly received.



Cam McKenzie of Four Pillars and Club General manager Rob Everett.



The new exclusive RACV Club “Yarra Valley Gin”, will be launched at City Club on June 5, in association with Four Pillars Distillery. Club members can try the gin as part of a cocktail or G&T at venues like the Wine Bar, Sojourn and Banyalla. The gin will also be for sale in the lobby shops at City Club and Healesville Country Club & Resort. Online sales will depend on availability.

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.





EOFY OFFER

Become an RACV Club Member and receive up to \$300 credit*. Open to all new members who join before 30 June.



Become a Member today
Use promo code **PROMEXTRA**
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Image: Matt Harvey

MEMBERS' HAVEN

Experience the warm and welcoming atmosphere at Healesville Country Club & Resort, with the added benefit of a new beverage service area in the Members Lounge

Get ready to elevate your experience with the Club's latest addition. Exclusively for RACV Club Members, the new beverage service area in the Members Lounge makes Healesville Country Club & Resort your go-to destination for relaxation and refreshment.

CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT

The beverage service area offers convenience, giving you time to read the newspaper, catch up with friends, unwind after lunch, or enjoy your favourite beverages in peace. If you're staying in-house, the complimentary Aperitivo Hour is served in the Members Lounge from 5pm to 6pm.

EXPANDED SELECTION

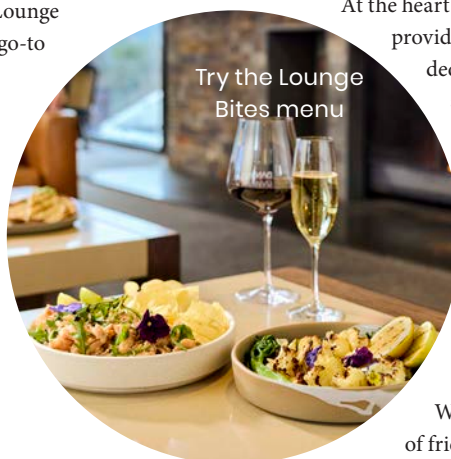
The beverage service area boasts an expanded drink selection, with 19 wines available by the glass, including Champagne and dessert wine. Enjoy your favourite tea or coffee in the morning with cake or relax and watch the sun set with beer nuts and olives. Lounge Bites include Beef Sliders, RACV Croque Monsieur and Roast Cauliflower Salad. Plus, our knowledgeable staff are on hand to offer recommendations and ensure that your drink is crafted to your liking.

MEMBER-FOCUSED SERVICE

At the heart of our beverage service area is a commitment to providing exceptional service to Club members. Staff are dedicated to making your experience as enjoyable as possible, whether it's by offering personalised recommendations, anticipating your needs, or simply providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

RELAXATION REDEFINED

With comfortable seating, a relaxed ambience, and attentive service, the Members Lounge is designed to help you unwind and recharge. Whether you're solo or enjoying the company of friends, it's the perfect setting for relaxation and enjoyment at any time between 10am and 8pm.



Try the Lounge Bites menu

- **Members Lounge – an exclusive space for RACV Club Members at Healesville Country Club & Resort. Open 7 days, 10am–8pm. Food is available 11am–3pm. Walk-ins only. Table reservations are not available. Aperitivo Hour for Club members staying in-house is served from 5pm to 6pm each day.**



SAVOURING SUCCESS

Whether they're teaching apprentice chefs or guiding eager amateurs in a masterclass, Executive Chef Himanshu Sharda and Sous Chef Lalit Kumar love sharing their knowledge and passion for cooking with others. Club members had the chance to attend two very different culinary traditions last month, with Himanshu running two masterclasses on pasta and Lalit focusing on spices.

"It was great to see the enthusiasm, with participants learning new techniques and experimenting with flavours," Himanshu says. "These cooking classes are all about community, culture and creativity. Overall, members had a great time, and we are all looking forward to offering more cooking masterclasses at Healesville."

Under Himanshu's expert guidance, participants learnt how to make three types of pasta dough, pasta sauce with fresh ingredients, seafood ravioli, and a 10-minute ricotta gnocchi, while Lalit took participants on a flavourful journey in the spice masterclass. "Whether it's cumin, paprika or cardamon, each spice has its own essence, and members learnt how to create a custom spice blend and beautiful curry sauce," Lalit says. All of the masterclasses concluded with a meal.



Club members relished the chance to expand their culinary horizons and go behind the scenes at Healesville Country Club & Resort

All RACV Club Members receive a discount on food and beverages at Banyalla. Receive 10% off when you pay by card or 15% off when you charge directly to your Club account. To book, scan the QR code.



Image: Matt Harvey

Winter warmer: come and try the Naugaon slow-cooked beef, with special sauce, and pakora, at Healesville's signature restaurant, Banyalla.



GIVE IT A WHIRL

Feel the exhilaration of the can-can dancers at the annual Bastille Day Dinner, try ballroom dancing lessons, or hit the dance floor at a Dinner Dance event

Fun and healthy, dancing is a form of expression that brings people together. Along with our Dinner Dance on 8 June, another eight-week ballroom dancing course has been added to the Club calendar. *Highlights* talks to instructor Colwyn Buckland about the artistry of ballroom dancing.

How long have you been teaching ballroom dancing?

I've been teaching ballroom and Latin dancing for the last 10 years.

What's the enduring appeal of ballroom dancing?

The best thing about ballroom dancing, and any partner-based dancing, is the social aspect. It's incredibly satisfying to enjoy the music and the movement, while socialising and having fun with your partner.

What if you're uncoordinated? Is it hard to learn?

Ballroom has a wide range of difficulty, and if you're starting at the beginning, the initial steps you'll be learning will be nice and simple. The more you dance, you will find your co-ordination improves.

What are the benefits of ballroom?

Ballroom is exercising without even thinking about exercising. It's a great way to incorporate movement into your day, while having heaps of fun and socialising.

What new skill will develop through this course?

By the end of these lessons, you'll be able to dance the cha cha!



● If you love dancing, don't miss our next Dinner Dance, Sat 8 June, 6pm-11pm, Members Dining Room, City Club, \$90pp. Book via [this link](#)

● Dance Series: Learn to Ballroom Dance, eight-week course commencing Wed 12 Jun, 7pm-8pm, Group Fitness Room, City Club, \$160 per couple, \$80 per person. To find out last-minute booking availability, email clubevents@racv.com.au

● Bastille Day Dinner, Sun 14 Jul, 6pm-10pm, Members Dining Room, City Club, \$150pp. Book via [this link](#).

For all events, visit racv.com.au/club-whats-on

HOLIDAY FUN

School holidays are fast approaching and we have a jam-packed program of activities and workshops for little ones, tweens and teens at the Club in July.

The Comedy Magic Show

Mon 1 Jul, 11am-noon, Tarrant Room, City Club,
\$20 one child, \$35 two children

Cue Sports with Robby Foldvari

Tue 2 Jul, 10am-noon, Billiards Room, City Club,
\$30 one child, \$50 two children

Kids Cooking Classes

Tinies 4-6 years, Tue 2 Jul, 10am-11am, Tweens 7-11 years,
Wed 3 Jul, 10am-11.30am or Thu 4 Jul, 2pm-3.30pm, Teens
12+ years, Thu 4 Jul, 10am-11.30am, Level 1, City Club, \$30
one child, \$50 two children

Family Movie – Night at the Museum (PG)

Fri 5 Jul, 1:30pm – 3:30pm, Theatre, City Club, \$15pp

Tie Dye Workshop

Mon 8 Jul, 11am-noon, Tarrant Room, City Club, \$20 one
child, \$35 two children

Harry Potter Science Workshop

Tue 9 Jul, 11am-noon, Tarrant Room, City Club, \$20 one
child, \$35 two children

Scavenger Hunt

Wed 10 Jul, 10am-11.30am, Meeting Point: Reception Foyer,



Healesville Country Club and Resort, \$20 one child, \$35
two children

Kids Golf

Thu 11 Jul, 6-10 years, 11am – 12pm, 11+ years, 12.30pm-
1.30pm, Meeting point: Pro Shop, Healesville Country Club
and Resort, \$20 one child, \$35 two children

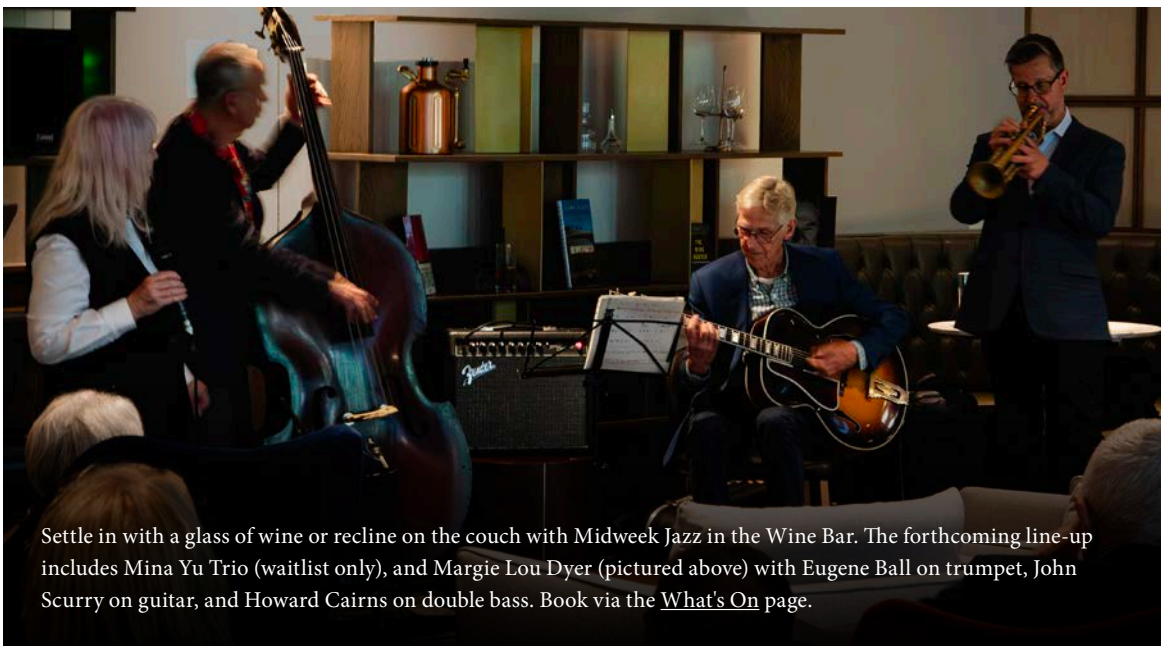
Reptile Encounters

Fri 12 Jul, 11am-1pm, Barak Room, Healesville Country
Club and Resort, \$30 one child, \$50 two children.

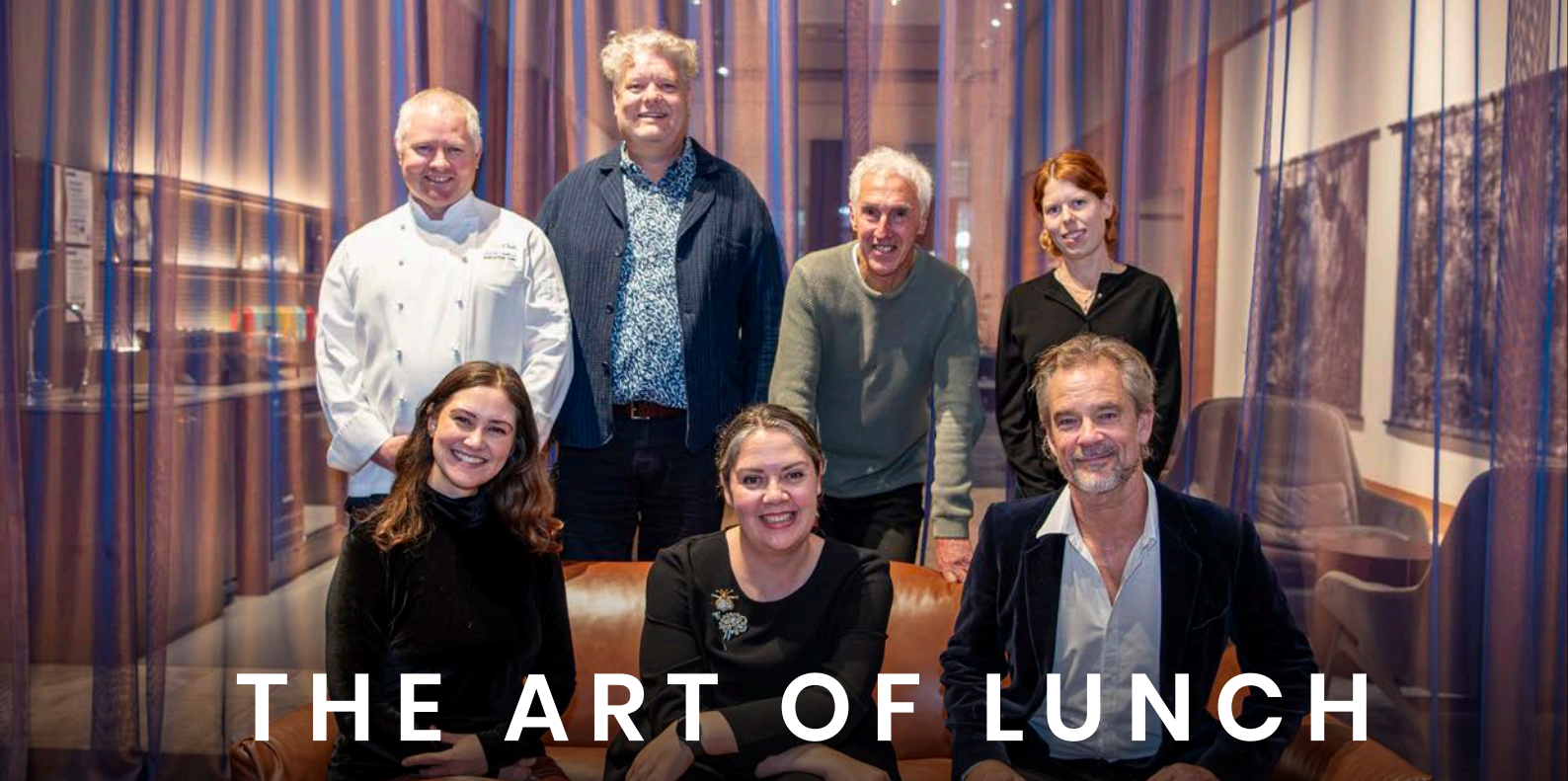
MEET &
CONNECT

BOOK FOR HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS ONLINE

See all the latest Club events and activities at
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Settle in with a glass of wine or recline on the couch with Midweek Jazz in the Wine Bar. The forthcoming line-up includes Mina Yu Trio (waitlist only), and Margie Lou Dyer (pictured above) with Eugene Ball on trumpet, John Scurrey on guitar, and Howard Cairns on double bass. Book via the [What's On](#) page.



THE ART OF LUNCH

Clockwise from back left: Club Executive Chef Jason Camillo, RACV Visual Arts Curator Adam Harding, artists Robert Ashton, Prue Stent and Murray Fredericks, RACV Head of Visual Arts Mardi Nowak, and RACV Visual Arts Curator Ellen Wignell.



The Art of Lunch was an extraordinary event, with theatrical masterpieces made in response to the artworks of Robert Ashton, Murray Fredericks (*Blaze*, detail above), and Prue Stent, whose works were part of the Gallery Lounge exhibition *Performing Nature*.



Pictured below: Detail of Honey Long and Prue Stent's *Nasturtium II* and the dish created in response by the Club's chefs for the Art of Lunch.



MAY THE
4TH BE
WITH YOU



RACV Club General Manager Rob Everett celebrated Star Wars Day with other fans, with a marathon session of movies in City Club's Theatrette, special food and a display of his extraordinary Star Wars collection.



BOOK AHEAD AND DON'T MISS OUT

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MOTHER'S
DAY 2024



With a lavish spread of seafood, roasts and desserts, mothers and grandmothers were treated to a grand feast for Mother's Day at four different Club venues.





PERFECT MATCH

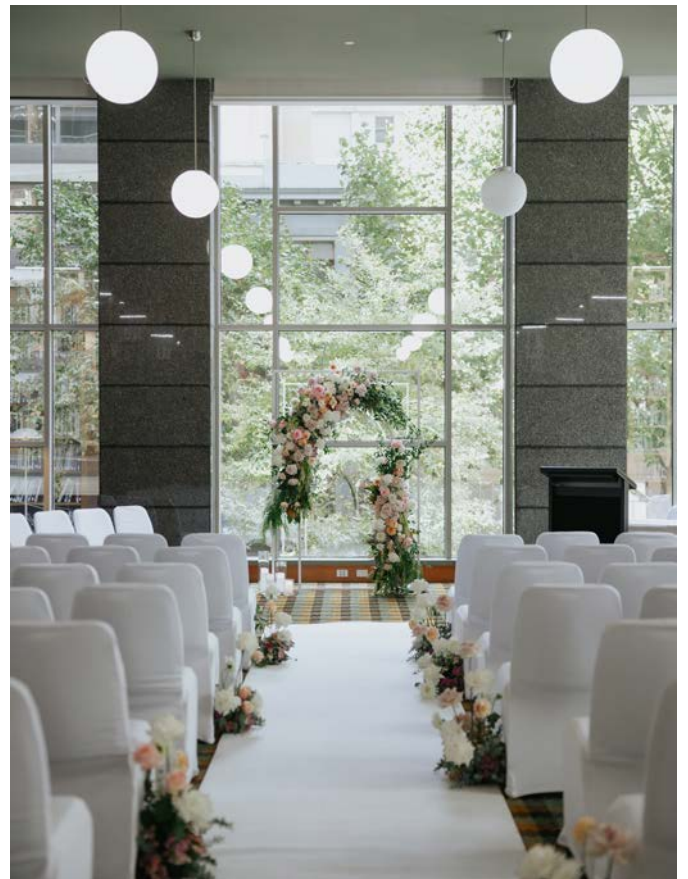
Making your big day special is easy with an all-inclusive venue. Happy couple Allan Tran and Sandra Liang talk about their recent experience at City Club

Allan Tran and Sandra Liang met through work friends. Being in the same industry (banking) and having mutual friends made the relationship easy to navigate. They'd been dating for three years and Allan knew that Sandra was the one. "It just felt right," he says. He'd been thinking about marriage for a while when he popped the question at home in their apartment, after a night out. Sandra said "yes" straight away, then the search for a wedding venue began.

The couple hired wedding planner, Jenny Chiu to help them. They considered wineries and other event venues but when they found the RACV City Club they knew it would be perfect. They wanted a central CBD location that was convenient for their friends and relatives, who all live in different parts of Melbourne.

RACV Wedding Sales and Event Coordinator Cassia Guimaraes Cardoso was also instrumental in creating a wedding reception that met all their hopes for the big day. Their ceremony was in the City Club Library, surrounded by books and framed by the windows looking out onto Bourke Street, then the reception was at the Club Pavilion on Level 2.

As is often the case, the bride and groom forgot to eat on the night. Allan says this is because they were having so much fun. The couple





hired a DJ who played R&B for the group and there was lots of dancing on the dance floor. The DJ took care of the song list and took requests during the night.

The couple's friends and family gave positive reports of the meals on the day. "The Club had a menu which was perfect for us," says Allan. "We're not particularly creative in terms of themes for wedding food so the offering was perfect for us and our group."

Allan and Sandra's photographer led them to a range of locations around the CBD. Parliament House was a great backdrop for some, but Allan's favourites were taken in the Fitzroy Gardens, under the trees, with lots of greenery in the background.



The couple had the usual pre-wedding nerves about whether the event would go well, whether their families would get along and if there would be any dramas. But in the end, he says, the RACV City Club ensured the event's success. "Everything went really smoothly and a lot of it can be attributed to Cassia and her team."

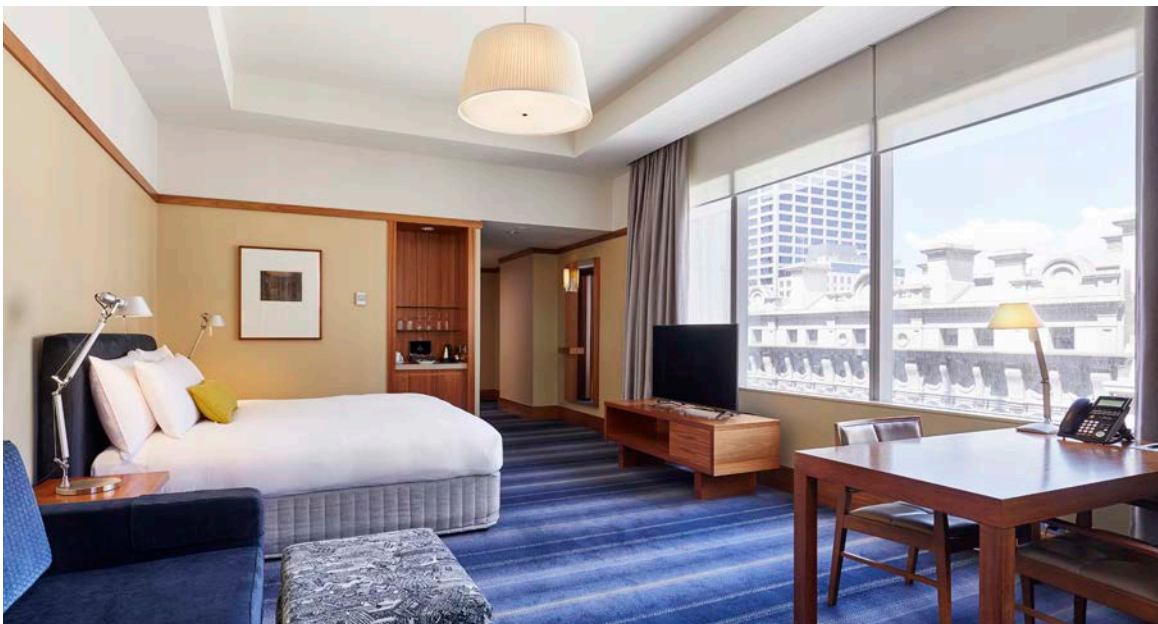
The couple had a hectic honeymoon in Japan, visiting Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto and are now back in Melbourne, starting their life as a married couple.

Images: Courtesy of Allan Tran and Sandra Liang
Words: Danielle Norton

A wedding day at RACV Club is all about helping the couple create special memories with friends and family, which they can cherish for years to come.

LET US HELP YOU CREATE YOUR DREAM WEDDING

From a black-tie ceremony with sweeping ocean views to an intimate gathering in a native bushland setting, every couple will find an [RACV wedding venue](#) to suit them.



A wedding reception package at RACV City Club includes overnight accommodation for a couple in a King Suite with buffet breakfast, late check-out and valet parking.



TAKE A DEEP DIVE

From hearing Dreamtime stories around a campfire to tasting bushtucker treats, there are ample ways to deepen your travels across our vast and sunburnt land.

With no two tourism experiences the same, we share the top regions to visit for First Nations-led tour experiences, along with how to choose ethical operators, like our partners [Intrepid](#) and [Outback Spirit](#).

ARNHEM LAND & KAKADU

Alongside visiting some of the 100+ fascinating rock art sites – some 20,000 years old – an Arnhem Land tour with Outback Spirit can include guided bushwalks, storytelling sessions, art and cultural workshops, and hunting and gathering demonstrations. The Yolgnu people have been in Arnhem Land for at least 50,000 years, so there's plenty to learn!

Also in the Top End, a trip to [Kakadu](#) is an ideal complement for Arnhem Land travels. While it is a long road journey – some 10 hours – operators like Outback Spirit take advantage of small planes to improve comfort and accessibility while maximising tour time.

A Yellow Water cruise through Kakadu's wetlands and hearing stories from traditional owners at Warradjan Cultural Centre are highlights.

THE KIMBERLEY

Visiting one of the country's most isolated and pristine regions is a rite of passage for many Australians. Highlights include the phenomenal sandstone domes of the Bungle Bungles in Purnululu National Park, guided walks through the [Pilbara region](#), and the lesser-visited Mimbi Caves with a Gooniyandi guide. Experience the latter on Intrepid's 10-day [Walk Western Australia's Kimberley](#) tour.

Outback Spirit is an avid supporter of the Kimberley and Arnhem Land's remote First Nations communities, with their [Jewels of the Kimberley](#). The rock art tour at Munurru with an Unguu ranger is recommended.



THE RED CENTRE

Witnessing the sun rise or set across [Uluru](#) can be a profound experience. First Nations tours across the Red Centre are bountiful,

including Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Kings Canyon, and north to Alice Springs. Indigenous ranger-led tours reveal the sites of cultural significance alongside Anangu Dreamtime stories.

Close to Kings Canyon, the family-run Karrake tours share their combined Luritja and Western Aranada/Pertame cultures across a one-hour Aboriginal Cultural Tour, including a chance to hold a witchetty grub. You can enjoy this tour on Intrepid's [Premium Red Centre and Uluru tour](#).

Time in Mparntwe/Alice Springs provides the chance to discover the Larapinta culture. Highlights include Araluen Arts Centre, home to over 1,000 First Nations pieces.



ESCAPE

First Nations-led tour experiences offer insights and deeper connections to places such as Arnhem Land, The Kimberley and the Great Barrier Reef.

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FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND



If you're heading to [Cairns](#), enrich your time on the Great Barrier Reef on a First Nations sea ranger-led boat trip with [Dreamtime Dive and Snorkel](#). Wunyami Tours offers insights into the significance of Wunyami/Green island to the Gungganji and Tidinji people.

In the Daintree Rainforest, there's the [Dreamtime Gorge Walk](#) at Mossman Gorge, while Walkabout Cultural Adventures also offer fascinating half- and full-day tours around the Daintree and Cape Tribulation. Outback Spirit's [Cape York Wilderness Adventure](#) reveals the Daintree's secrets and many lesser-visited Far North Queensland destinations.

To experience one of UNESCO's top 10 most significant rock art in the world, take a Jarramali tour to see the Quinkan Rock Art. Painted by the Kuku-Yalanji people, this 15,000-30,000-year-old art is accessible only by 4WD or helicopter for some additional thrills.

When choosing a tour connecting to First Nations culture and their ancient wisdom, look for confirmation that the tour company or local guide is indigenous to ensure the region directly benefits. Intrepid has a focus on engaging personally with community-based tourism for this reason.

AWE-INSPIRING FIRST NATIONS TOURS

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RECIPROCAL CLUB

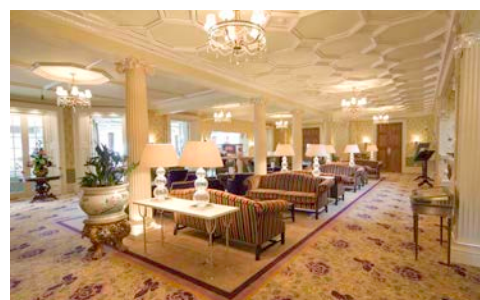
PHYLLIS COURT - HENLEY ON THAMES

Phyllis Court, one of RACV Club's reciprocal clubs, is located within 7ha of grounds on the banks of the River Thames in the beautiful market town of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

It has an enviable location right at the finish line of Henley Regatta, a world-famous rowing event that takes place annually in July, which is one of the best times to visit. The Regatta has been running since 1839 and attracts competitors and guests from all over the world.

RACV Club Members can enjoy dinner in The Thames Room or The Orangery. Both offer seasonal menus in atmospheric settings. During the warmer months, guests can sit out on the terrace with views along the river. If staying in the hotel, you can use the newly refurbished fitness centre with a gym and pool.

Phyllis Court recommends guests take advantage of the location, with a walk along the Thames or by exploring Henley and the surrounding Chilterns countryside. If you're feeling adventurous, there are many attractions less than an hour's drive away including Windsor Castle, Bleinheim Palace, Cliveden National Trust, Oxford and London.



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

WHAT'S ON JUNE 2024



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FAMILY FILM: WONKA (2023)
Saturday 1 June, 2pm-4pm
Theatrette, City Club

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CRAFT SERIES: WATERCOLOUR PAINTING
Sunday 2 June, 2pm-4.30pm
Tarrant Room, City Club

SUNDAY NIGHT ROAST
Sundays from 2 June, from 6pm
Bistro, City Club

4

BAKING MASTERCLASS: SWEET SUCCESS
Tuesday 4 June, 5pm-6.30pm
RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort

WINTER WARMERS
Tuesdays from 4 June, from 6pm
Bistro, City Club

6

TRAVEL TALK: SCENIC LUXURY CRUISES
Thursday 6 June, 6pm-8pm
Chancery Lane level, City Club

SOCIAL 8-BALL NIGHT
Thursday 6 June, 6pm-9pm
Billiards Room, City Club

7

MURDER ON THE PUFFING BILLY EXPRESS
Friday 7 June, 6pm-10pm
Puffing Billy Railway's, Belgrave Station,
1 Old Monbulk Rd, Belgrave

WORLD GIN DAY KICK OFF
Friday 7 June, 4pm-8pm
Bourke Street Green, City Club

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DINNER DANCE
Saturday 8 June, 6pm-11pm
Members' Dining Room, City Club

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STEEPED IN CONVERSATION
Tuesday 11 June, 10am-11am
Gallery Lounge, City Club

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**MONTHLY MOVIE: THE UNBEARABLE WEIGHT
OF MASSIVE TALENT**
Wednesday 12 June, 1pm-3pm
Theatrette, City Club

JAZZ AT THE BAR: AFTER DARK
Wednesday 12 June, 7pm-9.30pm
Wine Bar, City Club

EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE: MONT DE LANCEY
Wednesday 12 June, 10am-12pm
71 Wellington Rd, Wandin North 3139

DANCE SERIES: LEARN TO BALLROOM DANCE
8 Week course commencing
Wednesday 12 June, 7pm-8pm
Group Fitness Room, City Club

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**KENNETH PARK LECTURE:
RISE OF THE AMERICAN DOLLAR PRINCESS**
Thursday 13 June, 11am-12pm
Level 2, City Club

18

**MELBOURNE CIRCLE: WALKING, MEMORY & LOSS
TRIPE CLUB OF VICTORIA PRESENTS: NICK GADD**
Tuesday 18 June, 12pm-2.30pm
Level 2, City Club

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FILM GROUP: ONCE AROUND
Friday 21 June, 11am-1pm
Theatrette, City Club

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**SERENATA ITALIANA:
A NIGHT OF ITALIAN CLASSICS**
Saturday 22 June, 7pm-9pm
Level 2, City Club

23

MONTHLY MOVIE: ONE LIFE
Sunday 23 June, 4pm-6pm
Theatrette, City Club

MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS

HEALESVILLE BOOK GROUP Tuesday, 4 June
10.30am-noon Library, Country Club

SUPERVISED BRIDGE Mondays,
9.45am-1pm: 3, 17, 24 June
Clubroom, City Club

TRAVEL GROUP Tuesday, 4 June
10.30am-12.30pm Level 2, City Club

DUPLICATE BRIDGE Wednesdays, 9.45am-1pm
5, 12, 19, 26 June Clubroom, City Club

BEGINNER + COACHING BRIDGE Wednesdays,
1.30pm-3pm 5, 12, 19, 26 June Clubroom, City Club

EVENING MAHJONG Wednesday, 5 June
7pm-9pm Clubroom, City Club

SOCIAL SQUASH GROUP Thursdays, 6pm
start: 6, 13, 20, 27 June Squash courts, City Club

SOLO & MIND GAMES GROUP Thursdays,
9am-12.30pm: 6, 13, 20, 27 June Clubroom,
City Club

BOOK GROUP 2 Saturday, 8 June
11.15am start
Clubroom, City Club

BOOK GROUP 4 Wednesday, 19 June
7.15pm start Library, City Club

FILM GROUP Friday, 21 June
11am-1pm Theatrette, City Club

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● **Author Panel: Partners in Crime**
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8am-8.45pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Mondays 3, 17, 24 June

MORNING YOGA WITH KATHY
8-8.45am ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Tuesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 June

MORNING MOVEMENT WITH FRAN
8am-8.45pm ONLINE VIA ZOOM
Thursdays 6, 13, 20, 27 June



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