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# HIGHLIGHTS

## MEET THE CHEF

City Club's recently appointed Executive Chef Kyle Doody owes much of his love for food to his grandmother and it's a passion he wants to share with members

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Members are invited to participate in the annual Geoff Dewar Trophy. Details, page 13.

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**ROB EVERETT** RACV Club General Manager

There are few places in the world that can rival Melbourne during spring.

With the sun comes exciting events, concerts and productions – headlined by the Melbourne Spring Racing Carnival. We are thrilled to have an exclusive RACV Club suite at Flemington Racecourse on Melbourne Cup Day. Be sure to ask about how you can secure your place for what promises to be a fantastic day of racing, fashion, and festivities.

We also welcome former Australian cricket captain Ricky Ponting to this year's Annual Cricket Lunch. This event is a great way to kick off the cricket season, and I encourage you to join us.

Recently, I had the pleasure of hosting four member information sessions. It was wonderful to connect with so many of you, and to provide updates and answer your questions. I'm grateful for your feedback, and I look forward to hosting more sessions in the future.

In exciting news, I'm pleased to announce that next year we'll have access to a suite at Rod Laver Arena, in addition to our suites at Marvel Stadium and the MCG. This offers members even greater access to world-class events, concerts, and productions from February 2025.

It's also great to see City Club's recently appointed Executive Chef Kyle Doody making his mark on our dining offerings, and you can find out more about him on page 6.

We want to ensure your Club experience is seamless, so remember to book your restaurant and accommodation reservations in advance to avoid disappointment. Finally, a quick reminder to always tap your member card upon entry and sign in any guests.

Good luck tipping a winner during the carnival and see you soon at the Club.

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IMAGE: GETTY

WORDS: Danielle Norton

# KOKODA TRACK

Following on from Remembrance Day, join historian David Howell for a Kokoda Historical presentation where he brings Australian military history to life.

Historian David Howell is an expert in Australian military history. He specialised in the South West Pacific area of operations during World War II and is particularly captivated by the experiences of Australian soldiers on the Kokoda Track.

After 75 crossings of Kokoda Track as a tour guide and scores of trips to different regions in Papua New Guinea, his passion continues to grow. But the interest in the Kokoda Track started much earlier for him.

Raised by his grandparents, Howell heard stories about the track from his grandfather who was in New Guinea during the war. As an adult, Howell studied history then secured a job at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne, working on the gallery's Remembrance Project from 2010 to 2015.

Howell understands, implicitly, what it means to be of service in the army. He's spent time as an Army Reserve and has also been involved in leading adventure training exercises for the Australian Armed Forces.

Intrigued by a place on the Kokoda track called Templeton's Crossing, Howell set out to investigate the man after which it was named.

His new book, which took ten years to research and write, traces the journey of Irish-born soldier Sam Templeton, from his original home in Belfast to his eventual end in the highlands of PNG fighting for his new country.

Templeton served in the Irish Royal Navy Reserve and later as a police constable in the Royal Irish Constabulary. Forced to flee after the civil wars in Ireland, he ended up in Victoria, Australia. When Templeton was captured by the Japanese during the Kokoda campaign, he fed them false information and delayed their advance on Port Moresby to aid Australian forces. Sadly, he was never seen again, presumed dead.

With this book, Howell wants to highlight the story of service and sacrifice of Sam Templeton and his men.

"There is still a whole heap of men that have no known grave," Howell says. "There are people who were directly affected by the war in New Guinea who are still living within the Victorian community. I think their story is worth remembering and worth telling."

"I'm interested in the personal aspects of history. And this story spans these great events, in world history, from Ireland to Australia."

"In walking the Kokoda Track, you must go through some hardship in order to get closer to the spirit of ANZAC. Remembrance is what I've tried to do with my book. If the person's remembered it is some saving grace to their loss."

● **Thursday Lecture: David Howell – Kokoda Historical, Thu 14 Nov, 2pm–3pm, Level 2, City Club, \$20pp. Book via [this link](#) or QR code.**





## GLAMOUR FROM THE GET-GO

Pearly Shells Big Band will have you dancing to the sounds of Basie, Ellington, Ray Charles and others, as well as some of their original works. This is a chance to get your dancing shoes on and experience an old-world 10-piece band in utmost style. Ticket includes grazing platters, beverages, and show. Pre-show dining option available at Members Dining Room.

● **The Pearly Shells Big Band, Sat 9 Nov, 7pm-10pm, Level 17, City Club, \$60pp. Book via [this link](#).**



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● **Grand Pacific Tours Travel Talk, Thu 21 Nov, 6pm-7.30pm, Level 2, City Club. Free to attend. RSVP via [this link](#).**

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## OLDEST OPERATING DISTILLERY

We are excited to welcome David Witko from Hellyers Road, Australia's oldest operating whisky distillery. Using locally sourced Tasmanian barley, they craft their single malt whisky entirely in-house. With eight gold awards won for their whiskies in 2024 alone, this is an evening you won't want to miss. Ticket includes a three-course meal with expertly matched whiskies.

● **Hellyers road whisky dinner, Fri 29 Nov, 6pm-10pm, Banyalla Private Dining Room, Healesville Country Club & Resort, \$180pp. Book via [this link](#).**



## RELIVE THE BEST OF THE '80S

Bring that neon out of the closet, put on those leg warmers, and hit the dance floor with the best '80s show on the planet. Forever '80s are Australia's number one, fully costumed and choreographed 1980s tribute show cover band. All tickets include drinks, light bites, and concert. Prizes for best dressed! Pre-event dining option at Members Dining Room. This is a shared table event. Suitable for singles.

● **Forever '80s, Sat 30 Nov, 7.30pm-9.30pm, doors open 7pm, Level 17, City Club \$95pp - \$715 Table of 8. Book via [this link](#).**



WORDS: Nic Dowse

PHOTOS: Matt Harvey

# ELEVATING TRADITION



City Club's recently appointed Executive Chef Kyle Doody is on a mission to honour the Club's storied heritage, while infusing members' dining experiences with modern flair and creativity

Even from an early age, it was clear that food was in Kyle Doody's future. "By the age of eight I could temper chocolate and make marzipan roses," he says. "It was no surprise that this was the road I chose."

Doody, the new Executive Chef at RACV City Club, says he owes much of his love for food to his grandmother, a multi-talented cook, chocolatier and confectioner and the kind of person who would paint faces onto hardboiled eggs for Doody's breakfast.

"The amount of care and love that my grandmother Valerie had for food epitomised what great hospitality looks like, she would even draw pictures on my hardboiled eggs when I was a child!"

Kyle's career path has been anything but linear. He's managed hotels, worked in hatted and Michelin-star restaurants and even retrained as a sushi and sashimi chef.

He's planning to bring all the skills he's picked up along the way to his new tenure as Executive Chef, "whether it be working with the pastry team at Le Petit Gateau or with the fine dining team in the Members' Dining Room."

He's particularly excited to work in the Members' Dining Room, a venue that he acknowledges holds a lot of history for many members who are well-versed in gastronomy. "I want to be really respectful of the fact that for some people they have been coming here for 20, 30, sometimes even 40 years," says Doody. "They're also very well-travelled and well-versed in culinary experiences."



"There will always be a time-honored reverence to the Members' Dining Room. However that doesn't mean that we can't create subtle changes and have a conversation with our wonderful members."

Diners can also expect Doody's love for Asian flavours to shine through across club venue menus, be it as subtle as using yuzu or miso in a dish, or by creating punchy street food for RACV's modern laneway restaurant and bar, Sojourn.

"This journey for me at RACV is an exciting one. For me, I'm well and truly looking forward to the challenge and engaging with the members."

● Enjoy dining at City Club, with a choice of dining venues, bars and experiences. Find out more via [this link](#) or QR code.



## CHEF'S SECRETS

**Most unusual thing eaten:** "Natto. My son eats it like it's going out of fashion, I've got to leave the house."

**Favourite foodie destination:** "The Toyosu Fish Auction [in Tokyo]. The whole process is about commitment to the trade, commitment to being the best."

**Must-have kitchen implement:** "A well-honed carbon knife. I've got my Gyuto that I use for pretty much everything that I do these days, unless I'm using my Yanagiba for opening fish."

**Best cooking tip:** "Don't overcomplicate it, don't be afraid to make mistakes."



WORDS: Danielle Norton

IMAGE: Matt Harvey



# SUMMER STAYCATION

Discover hidden gems in Melbourne and save money on travel expenses, accommodation and dining out by exploring your options at City Club over summer

**N**eed a break from the everyday routine, but don't want to brave the chaos of the airport in January? A city staycation is just the thing. You can relax and recharge your batteries after the Christmas rush without going too far.

Melbourne is one of the best cities in the world in summer. The Australian Open brings travellers from all over the world and the city turns it on with live entertainment, excellent restaurant offerings and musical performances in the Sidney Myer Music Bowl.

Club General Manager Rob Everett says a stay at City Club is the perfect way to unwind in a refined setting while enjoying all that Melbourne has to offer. Club Members can take advantage of the Ultimate Melbourne Escape that's available until 12 January.

"I think one of the great things about the staycation rates in early January is they offer value for money. You can even afford to treat yourself and stay on a school night, then head straight to work," Rob says. "Bistro will be open, along with in-house dining, and you can use the pool, spa and sauna at your leisure."

The Members Dining Room and the Wine Bar are closed for a week but reopen on 8 January. Le Petit Gateau patisserie will reopen 7 January.

If you need time and space for a personal project or to get work done, City Club accommodation offers a quiet and exclusive environment that can refresh your perspective and inspire your creativity.

It's an easy escape from the humdrum of home life and you'll have access to the Club library, Fitness Centre, One Spa and the squash courts. The Shared Workspace is staffed from 6 January.

When you've finished work for the day, the Club offers social opportunities. Meet new people or connect with other members. Play pool in the world-renowned Billiards Room and order food and drinks from Carbine Bar. Within walking distance of the City Club or a short tram ride away, there's Southbank, Chinatown and the CBD. Walk the laneways and discover places to have cocktails, like Sojourn's rooftop bar in Chancery Lane, which will be open from 9 January.

The warm weather means you can also enjoy parks like the Botanic Gardens, or a cruise along Yarra River.

● **Whether you're looking for a short break or longer holiday, City Club has accommodation options, like the Ultimate Melbourne Escape to suit your needs. Book via [this link](#).**





Enjoy summer in Melbourne and explore the CBD. Take a cruise along the Yarra River, escape the heat in one of the city's galleries, shop at the summer markets and post-Christmas sales, or catch a musical such as *Sister Act* and *Dear Evan Hansen*. Here is a list of some top attractions in January 2025:

STAY  
& PLAY

## SPORT

- BBL: Melbourne Stars at the MCG, 4, 9 and 19 January, [melbournestars.com.au/](http://melbournestars.com.au/)
- Australian Open, Melbourne Park, 12-26 January, [ausopen.com](http://ausopen.com)

## ART

- The Lume Melbourne\*\* – Leonardo da Vinci, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf
- Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, NGV International, until 21 April
- Imaginator, immersive audio-visual experience for families, Docklands, until 31 January
- Rekospective: The Art of Reko Rennie, The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia, until 27 January

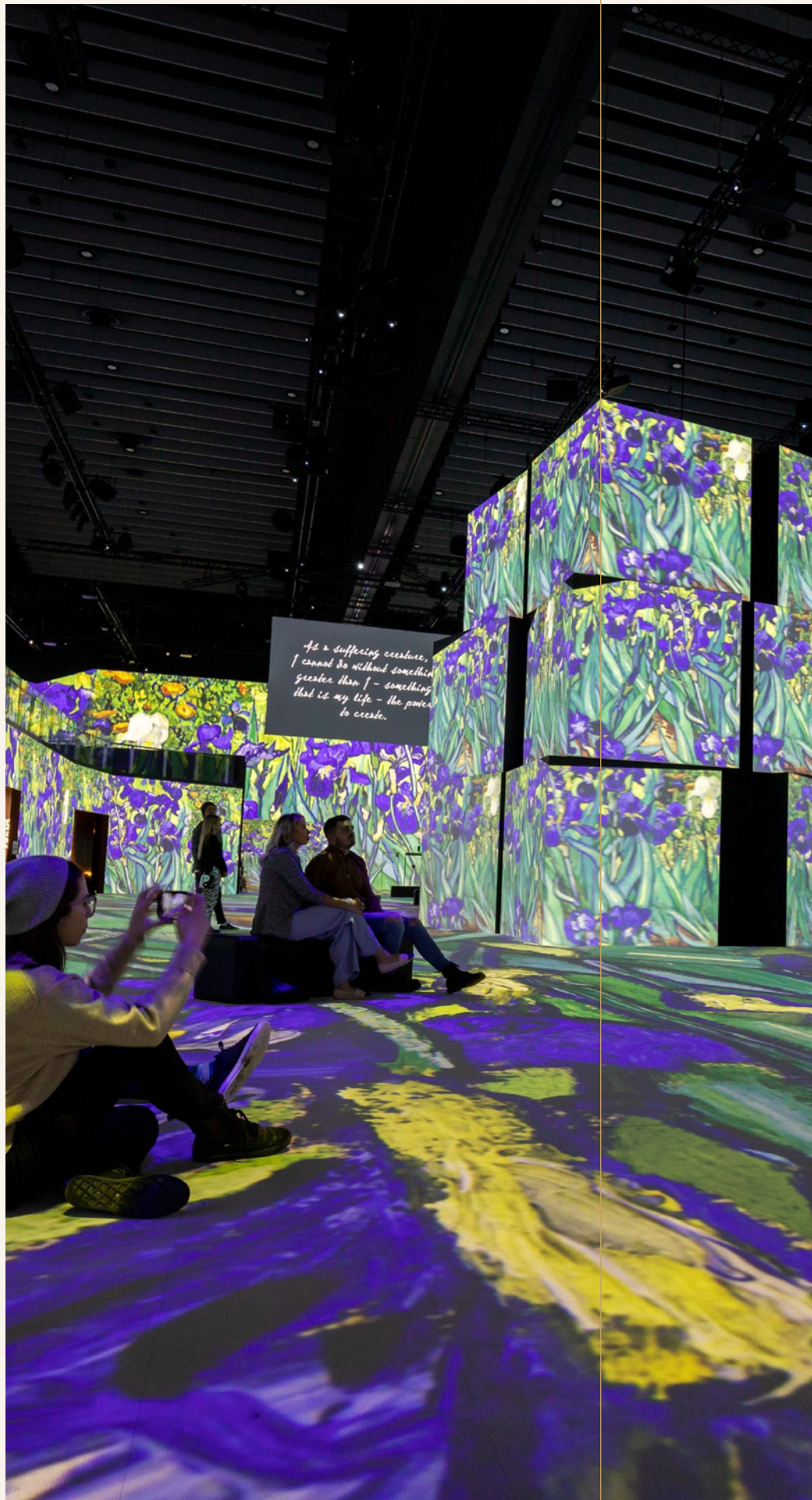
## SHOPPING

- Queen Victoria Market, every Tues and Thurs to Sun.
- Sunday Market at Southgate, every Sunday until 30 March, 10am-4pm

## ENTERTAINMENT

- Melbourne Cruising Restaurant\*\*, three-hour cruise with food and beverages, Southbank Promenade, Berth 1
- Melbourne Ultimate Skydeck\*\*, includes Edge, VR Plank and Voyager Theatre, Eureka Tower, 7 Riverside Quay, Southbank
- ArtVo Melbourne\*\*, interactive optical illusions, Shop NC F07, Level 1, The District, Docklands
- Sealife Melbourne Aquarium\*\*, corner of King and Flinders Streets, CBD
- Rain theatrical installation for all the family, ArtPlay, Russell Street, free event
- The Wind in the Willows, Royal Botanic Gardens, until 28 January
- Raiders of the Lost Ark in Concert with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Plenary Theatre, South Wharf, 25 Jan to 1 Feb, [mso.com.au/](http://mso.com.au/)

**\*\*RACV Members save on tickets to these attractions. Book via [this link](#).**



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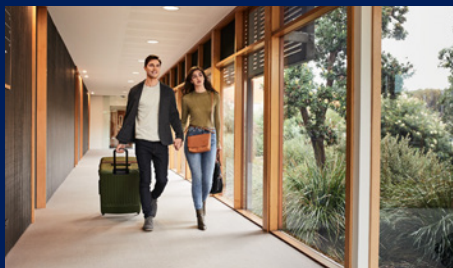
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# JOIN THE FESTIVITIES

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## HEAD TO HEALESVILLE

- Christmas Wreath Workshop – Healesville, Sat 7 Dec, 1pm-3pm, Grand Conservatory, Healesville Country Club & Resort, \$100pp
- Family Christmas Lunch, Sun 8 Dec, noon– 3.30pm, Grand Conservatory, Healesville Country Club & Resort, \$85 adult, \$45 child (5-12 years). Book via [this link](#).

## CITY CLUB OFFERINGS

- *A Boy called Christmas*, Thu 12 Dec, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Theatre, \$30pp
- Christmas Carols with Rob Mills, Sat 14 Dec, 6pm-10.30pm, Level 17, \$85 per adult (13+), \$45 per child (2-12 years). Book via [this link](#).

- Santa Photos and Kids' craft, Thu 19, Fri 20, Sat 21, Mon 23 & Tue 24 Dec, 10am – 2pm, Tarrant Room, Photo packs from \$20, Kids craft \$10 per child, bookings preferred.

**FREE GIFT WRAPPING**  
Shop in the city or at the Club's lobby shop and get your gifts wrapped for free. 19, 20, 21, 23 & 24 Dec, 10am-2pm, Level 1, City Club.



IMAGE: GETTY



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PHOTO: Matt Harvey

# UNLOCKING STORIES

City Club's new librarian Leonie Paatsch loves how books can change the way you see the world, and she's enjoying sharing that passion with Club members

It may be a far cry from working with school students, but Leonie Paatsch is thoroughly enjoying working at the City Club Library and meeting members.

## What's your favourite book?

It's an impossible question to answer, but if I had to leave the house in an emergency, I have my John Wyndham collection and a signed copy of Billy Bragg's *A Lover Sings* on a bookshelf near the front door to grab on my way out. John Wyndham is most famous for *The Day of the Triffids*, but what he really wrote about was the human condition and how we face challenges, which makes his work still so relevant today.

I credit *Apollo 13* by Jim Lovell for showing me why we as humans should attempt the seemingly impossible. *The Flight* by Julie Clark was not put down until I had finished it in one sitting, as was Alan Bennett's novella, *The Uncommon Reader*. Finally, there's a reason why *Pride and Prejudice* is still considered one of the greatest novels of all time.

## What's surprised you about the City Club library?

How much fun it is to work there! There's never a dull moment working with teenagers and I thought I might miss that element of my work, but I'm happy to admit I was wrong. It turns out all libraries surprise you with what crops up in a day.

## What hidden gem have you unearthed in the City Club library?

I was unaware of this library until I saw the job advertised, so the library itself is the real hidden gem in Melbourne. It has an extraordinary nonfiction collection and because it specialises in certain topics, the breadth of books in these areas is extensive. Notably the highlight is automobiles, but also travel, cooking, architecture, gardens, sports and local history.

I'm discovering more each week and will be working to promote the collection to the Club community. Based on requests, I'm keen to extend the biography and fiction sections.

## How has the internet affected your role as a librarian?

The internet launched in 1991 when I was at university, so it's always been part of my role. Being able to critically evaluate the quality of online resources is now a huge part of being a librarian. The advent of AI is bringing a whole new aspect to this as well. Despite the bad press, I see many benefits of using AI and supporting members with the changing online landscape is an integral part of my job.

- **Make a day of it – visit the library, have lunch and attend a lecture. Make the most of your member benefits.**

# GIVING IT HIS BEST SHOT

OUT &  
ABOUT

Club Member Glynn McConnell may prefer playing billiards to snooker but he's become something of a champ when it comes to the latter cue sport.

play, while billiards is about managing the balls around the table. I think there's an ability to score from just about anywhere in billiards, whereas in snooker that's very hard."

Not only did Glynn win the Club's Annual Snooker Tournament, but he and his team won the Victorian Billiards and Snooker Association's City Clubs' final against The Australian Club a week earlier in September.

"I am on a roll this year," he says, laughing. "I also played in the Victorian State Billiards championship last weekend and made it to the last eight. Not only is that above expectations; it's way above aspirations."

He attributes his love of cue sports to his "misspent youth at Ormond College at Melbourne University". Apart from a year-long stint working overseas, he's been a Club member since 1982 and a fixture in the Billiards Room, following the Club from Queen Street to Bourke Street in 2005.

"I do find billiards a far more creative game than snooker," says Glynn. "Snooker is very much about potting and safety



The Club's Annual Snooker Tournament is a knockout format and handicapped to create a fair competition regardless of skill. Three-times World Champion and resident professional Robby Foldvari oversees the competition, which is held over several months, with players arranging their matches at mutually convenient times.

"We're enormously fortunate to have Robby as the resident professional here," Glynn says. "His experience and ability to impart knowledge is fantastic, and he brings people into the room, runs the tournaments, and make sure that everything's the way it should be. The Billiards Room is a fantastic asset for all Club members."

● **The Annual Billiards Tournament is now underway. Club members are welcome to attend the monthly Social 8-Ball Nights.**

See all the latest Club events and activities at [racv.com.au/club-whats-on](http://racv.com.au/club-whats-on) or scan the QR code.



## COURTING A HISTORIC CONNECTION

The RACV Club Squash Section will hold its annual Geoff Dewar Trophy matches on Friday 8 November.

This is an event which celebrates the historic connection between the RACV and Naval & Military Clubs and has been conducted for more than 30 years. Squash matches from 5.30pm followed by dinner in the Club Bistro from 7.30pm. All members invited to participate and will be made most welcome. Contact [squash@racv.com.au](mailto:squash@racv.com.au)

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a white bathrobe. She is looking down at her left forearm, which has a dollop of white cream applied to it. Her right hand is gently rubbing the cream into her skin. In her left hand, she holds a small, white, shallow bowl. The background is a light-colored, textured wall, possibly made of stone or brick. The lighting is soft and warm, creating a serene and relaxing atmosphere.

# SUMMER SKIN

Warmer temperatures, longer days and more green foliage — with summer on the horizon, it's time to think about preparing your skin for hotter days and more outdoor activities.

In summer you're more exposed to the sun, heat and humidity and this can be a challenge for those with sensitive skin. One Spa Manager Erin Giulieri has some essential tips for Club members.

**CLEANSING**

Double cleanse your skin at night and use a cleansing cloth to remove your cleansing product. This is essential when you are protecting your skin with SPF during the day.

Erin says: "It's important to use a high-quality cleanser to ensure that your skin is in optimal condition. Our beauty therapists will assess you and prescribe specifically for your skin type and condition."

**SUN PROTECTION**

You need to protect your skin with an SPF every day. To reduce the risk of skin cancer and premature ageing, make sunscreen a part of your morning routine. You can be exposed to harmful UV rays, even if the sun is not out. Get into the habit of reapplying your sunscreen every two hours, especially if you're sweating or swimming. Erin says: "Don't forget to take your skincare and SPF from hairline down to your décolleté."

**STAY HYDRATED**

"Make sure you drink lots of water during the summer months to keep your skin soft and supple," Erin says.

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# ADDED PEACE OF MIND

Consider purchasing travel insurance sooner rather than later to ensure you have coverage against cancellations and other insured events on your next overseas trip

**P**urchasing travel insurance early can help provide coverage for certain situations, such as trip cancellations, and reduce the financial impact of potential complications.

The Australian government travel site [Smarttraveller](#) found that one in four Australian travellers experienced an insurable event on their last overseas trip. That's 25 per cent of Australian holidaymakers who could potentially lose money due to cancellations, theft and other incidents if they didn't have the appropriate travel insurance.

Understanding the requirements of your destination country, the coverage options for your travelling party, and specific needs like electronics and travel documents will help ensure you have the appropriate coverage throughout your journey.

## WHEN CAN I PURCHASE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

You have the flexibility to purchase travel insurance as soon as you book your trip, or even closer to your departure, depending on the type of coverage you need. Early purchase can help ensure that you have coverage from the moment you make your first payment towards your trip, for issues such as trip cancellations or interruptions that may occur before departure. It's important to read your travel insurance

policy documents carefully to understand the different coverage options available and ensure they meet your specific needs.

That said, the more information you have about your trip, the easier it is to buy the coverage that best suits your needs. For example, are you [going on an ocean cruise](#), [hitting the ski slopes](#), or planning to [drive overseas](#)? Knowing what you'll be doing on holiday will help you choose suitable supplemental coverage.

## WHAT IF MY TRAVEL PLANS CHANGE?

Travel plans can change throughout the planning process. Perhaps you want to add on a few more days or visit a different country. If flexibility is a priority, consider a travel insurance provider that allows you to purchase coverage first and make changes to your policy, such as adjusting destinations or travel dates. However, make sure you review the terms and conditions, as the ability to make changes may vary.

## DOES TRAVEL INSURANCE COVER MY ENTIRE TRAVELLING PARTY?

Travel insurance typically covers all individuals listed on the policy, but this can vary depending on the plan you choose. This can be more cost-effective than buying individual policies for each person.



IMAGE: GETTY



It's important to review the specifics of the policy to ensure that all members of your travelling party are covered. In addition, ensure that each traveller's details are accurately listed on the policy to avoid potential issues with claims.

RACV Travel Insurance automatically has cover for dependent(s),\* so you can take your little ones on holiday with you. Simply add your dependent(s) travelling with you to your Certificate of Insurance.

### WHICH COUNTRIES REQUIRE TRAVEL INSURANCE?

Some countries have specific requirements regarding travel insurance. It's crucial to check the entry requirements of your destination country well in advance to ensure compliance. Failure to provide the necessary documentation could result in being denied entry.

You should also check each country's safety status on [Smarttraveller](#), as your travel insurance policy won't cover you for destinations marked 'Do Not Travel' by the Australian government.

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Ski slopes at  
Kirchberg in  
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## RECIPROCAL CLUB

A Tokyo institution since 1928, Tokyo American Club is a vibrant hub of international exchange, where the community of more than 3,700 members and their families come together to relax, learn, keep fit, socialise, do business and forge lasting friendships.

With its iconic glass dome, Tokyo American Club's Sky Pool is year-round hub of aqua activity. Popular for laps or reading a book on the sundeck, the swimming pool boasts stunning views of Tokyo Tower and even Mount Fuji on clear days.

For an elevated dining destination, try 51 East. Named after the 51 founding American Members of the Club, the restaurant blends two rich culinary traditions. Leading the kitchen team is Italian-born Francesco "Paco" La Monica, who has worked at award-winning restaurants around the world.

The best time to visit this reciprocal club is spring, with the promise of cool sunny weather before the intense heat of a Tokyo summer. If you time it correctly, you can catch the stunning cherry blossoms. If you want to experience US culture in Japan, visit the Club in July for their Independence Day Celebration.

Tokyo is an amazing place to visit with more Michelin-starred restaurants than anywhere else in the world, along with ancient temples and pristine unique nature. Within walking distance of the Club, you can visit Tokyo Tower and the newly built Azabudai Hills – the tallest building in Japan – filled with shopping, dining, galleries and green spaces.

● **RACV Club Members need to arrange a letter of introduction prior to visiting The Tokyo American Club. Details at [racv.com.au/club](#) or scan the QR code.**



# WHAT'S ON NOVEMBER 2024

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**CANDLELIGHT: A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN**  
Friday 1 November, 7pm–8:30pm  
Level 17, City Club

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**AUTHOR TALK: VIRGINIA TRIOLI  
IN CONVERSATION WITH JACINTA PARSONS**  
Saturday 2 November, 2pm–4pm  
Members Lounge, Healesville Country Club  
& Resort

4

**CRICKET ODI AUSTRALIA VS PAKISTAN**  
Monday 4 November, 2.30pm–8.30pm  
MCG Suite

5

**LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP DAY**  
Tuesday 5 November, 10.30am–5pm  
Hill Stand Suite, Flemington Racecourse

6

**AUTHOR TALK: BACK ROADS  
WITH HEATHER EWART**  
Wednesday 6 November, 5:45pm–8:30pm  
Club Library, City Club

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**THE PEARLY SHELLS BIG BAND**  
Saturday 9 November, 7pm–10pm  
Level 17, City Club

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**SUNDAY BUFFETT**  
Sunday 10 November, 12pm–2:30pm  
Bistro, City Club

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**SOCIAL 8-BALL NIGHT**  
Tuesday 12 November, 6pm–9pm  
Billiards Room, City Club

**MONTHLY MOVIE: TWISTERS**  
Tuesday 12 November, 1pm–3pm  
Theatrette, City Club

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**JAZZ AT THE BAR - AFTER DARK**  
Wednesday 13 November, 7pm–9:30pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

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**THURSDAY LECTURE: DAVID HOWELL  
- KOKODA HISTORICAL**  
Thursday 14 November, 2pm–3pm  
Level 2, City Club

**PENFOLDS DINNER WITH PETER GAGO**  
Thursday 14 November, 6pm–10:30pm  
Wine Cellar, City Club

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**ANNUAL CRICKET LUNCHEON  
WITH RICKY PONTING**  
Friday 15 November, 12pm–2:30pm  
Level 17, City Club

**FILM GROUP - SPLENDOR IN THE GRASS**  
Friday 15 November, 11am–1pm  
Theatrette, City Club

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**DINNER DANCE**  
Saturday 16 November, 6pm–9pm  
Members' Dining Room, City Club

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**EXPERIENCE & EXPLORE: ALTONA HOMESTEAD**  
Waitlist only – Tuesday 19 November,  
10am–11:30am, Altona Homestead, 128 Queen St,  
Altona, 3018

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**MAC FORBES WINE MASTERCLASS**  
Tuesday 19 November, 6.30pm–9pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

**ITINERANT SPIRITS MASTERCLASS**  
Waitlist only – Wednesday 20 November,  
6:30pm–9pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

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**SANGUINE ESTATE VINEYARD: A COLONIAL TALE**  
Thursday 21 November, 12pm–2:30pm  
AGM to follow  
Level 2, City Club

**DOUBLE LECTURE: MACKINTOSH  
& THE GLASGOW STYLE**  
Thursday 21 November, 10am–1pm  
Level 2, City Club

**AUTHOR TALK: SHAUN MICALLEF**  
Thursday 21 November, 6:30pm–8:30pm  
Level 17, City Club

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**KENNETH PARK WALKING TOUR: THEATRELAND**  
Sunday 24 November, 10am–12pm  
Meeting Point: Princess Theatre, 163 Spring Street

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**KASEY JAEGER: POSITIVE EATING FOR AGEING**  
Tuesday 26 November, 4.30pm–6.30pm  
Level 2, City Club

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**JAZZ AT THE BAR**  
Wednesday 27 November, 6pm–8:30pm  
Wine Bar, City Club

**DOUBLE LECTURE: CITY OF STYLE  
& FRENCH JEWELLERY HOUSES**  
Wednesday 27 November, 10am–1pm  
Level 2, City Club

**MONTHLY MOVIE: TWISTERS**  
Wednesday 27 November, 6.30pm–8.30pm  
Theatrette, City Club

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**KENNETH PARK WALKING TOUR: THEATRELAND**  
Thursday 28 November, 10am–12pm  
Meeting Point: Princess Theatre, 163 Spring Street

**SEVE: THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION  
- WITH PAUL DALEY**  
Thursday 28 November, 6:30pm–7:30pm  
Theatrette, City Club

28

**HELLYERS ROAD WHISKY DINNER**  
Friday 29 November, 6pm–10pm  
Banyalla Private Dining Room, Healesville Country  
Club & Resort

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**FOREVER 80S**  
Saturday 30 November, 7:30pm–9:30pm  
Level 17, City Club

**AUSX OPEN SUPERCROSS**  
Saturday 30 November, 6:00pm–10:00pm  
Marvel Stadium

# MEMBER INTEREST GROUPS



**SHARE MARKET INTEREST GROUP** Friday,  
1 November, 10.30am-12pm Level 2, City Club

**HEALESVILLE BOOK GROUP 1** Tuesday, 12  
November, 10.30am-12pm Library, Country Club

**HEALESVILLE BOOK GROUP 2** Tuesday, 5  
November, 10.30am-12pm Library, Country Club

**SUPERVISED BRIDGE** Mondays,  
9.45am-1pm 4, 11, 18, 25 November  
Clubroom, City Club

**TRAVEL GROUP** Tuesday, 12 November  
10.30am-12.30pm Level 2, City Club

**EVENING TRAVEL GROUP** Tuesday, 19 November  
6pm-8pm Level 2, City Club

**DUPLICATE BRIDGE** Wednesdays, 9.45am-1pm  
6, 13, 20, 27 November Clubroom, City Club

**BEGINNER + COACHING BRIDGE** Wednesdays,  
1.30pm-3pm 6, 13, 20, 27 November Clubroom,  
City Club

**MORNING MAHJONG** Thursdays, 10am-12pm,  
7, 14, 21, 28 November Clubroom, City Club

**EVENING MAHJONG** Wednesday, 6 November  
7pm-9pm Clubroom, City Club

**SOCIAL SQUASH GROUP** Thursdays, 6pm start:  
7, 14, 21, 28 November Squash courts, City Club

**SOLO & MIND GAMES GROUP** Thursdays,  
9am-12.30pm 7, 14, 21, 28 November Clubroom,  
City Club

**HEALESVILLE CHESS GROUP** Monday, 11  
November, 10.30am-12pm Banyalla Lounge,  
Healesville Country Club & Resort

**STEEPED IN CONVERSATION** Tuesday, 12  
November, 11am-12pm Gallery Lounge, City Club

**BOOK GROUP 2** Saturday, 9 November, 11.15am  
start Clubroom, City Club

**BOOK GROUP 4** Wednesday, 20 November,  
7.15pm start Library, City Club

**FILM GROUP** Friday, 15 November, 11am-1pm  
Theatrette, City Club

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MONTHLY DRINKS**  
Thursday, 7 November, 5pm start Wine Bar, City  
Club

**VIRTUAL ART GROUP** Tuesday, 12 November,  
5.30pm-6.30pm Online, via Zoom

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information  
about Member  
Interest  
Groups.



## DIGITAL DREAMS, ANALOG ECHOES

The outdoor exhibition Digital Dreams, Analog Echoes, demonstrates the transformative power of AI. Featuring Tom Blachford, Collagism (see left) and Sam Leach, wander around the Healesville property for a new perspective of the world. The exhibition runs until 1 December.

Explore the exhibition around the grounds of Healesville Country Club and Resort. For more information scan the QR code below to visit the What's on page.

*Collagism, JAWS, the Great White Shark, from the series Big Things for a Big Country, 2024*



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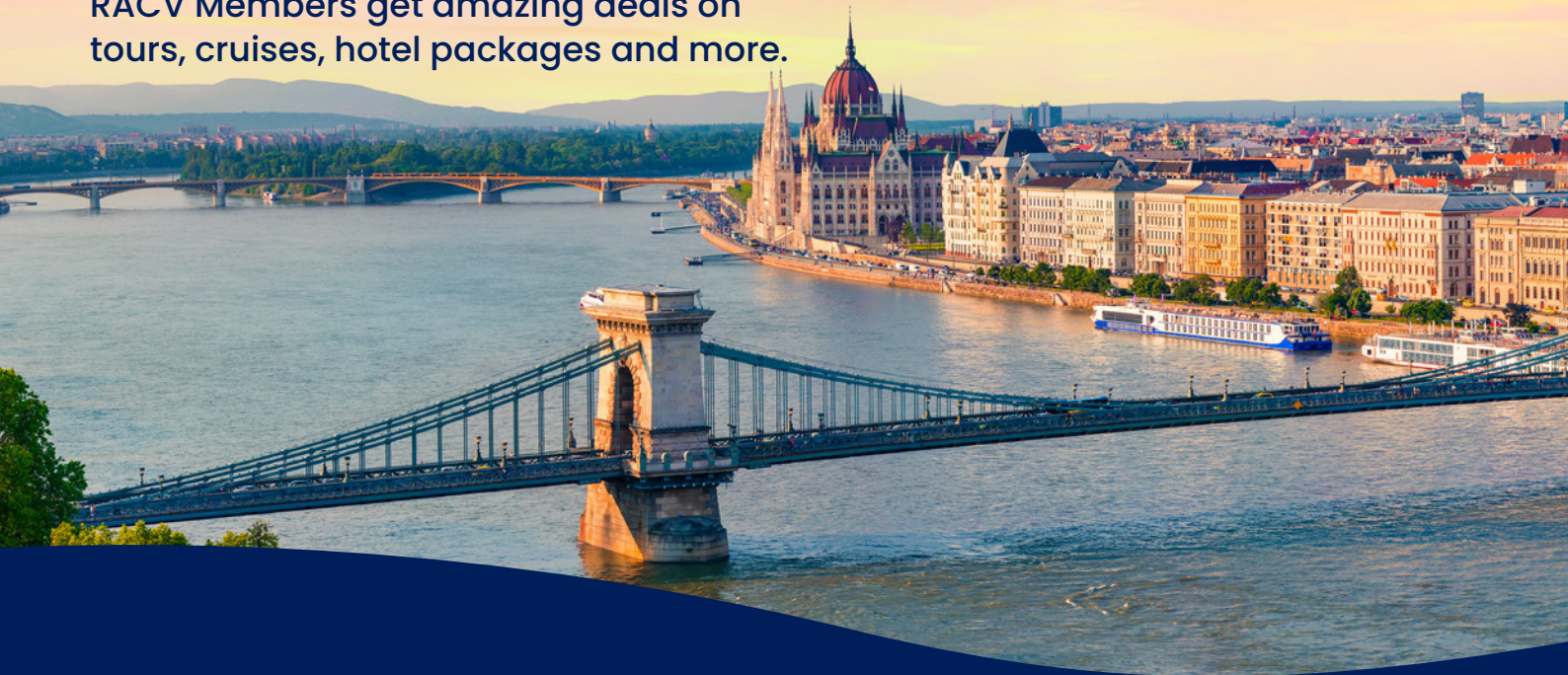


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