



Media Release

VICTORIA'S TOP-PERFORMING CLUBS CROWNED AT 2026 CCV GALA AWARDS

Excellence was celebrated at the 2026 Community Clubs Victoria (CCV) Gala Awards on Saturday evening as Victoria's leading community clubs took centre stage.

Following a record-breaking number of nominations, more than 400 club managers, staff, industry stakeholders, venue representatives, and community leaders gathered at the Park Hyatt for the industry's annual night of nights.

The event showcased the individuals and venues driving positive change across Victoria – recognising outstanding achievement in areas such as sustainability; hospitality; social impact; and wellbeing.

A major highlight of the evening was **Mulgrave Country Club** winning the Metro Community Club Award and **Bendigo District RSL** winning the Regional Community Club Award.

Nick Weaver from Maryborough Highland Society was recognised as Club Person of the Year, and **Jodie Faralla** from Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club was recognised as Club Manager of the Year.

CCV Chief Executive Officer, Charles D. Moon, noted that the evening's atmosphere reflected the significance of this year's Gala.

"At a time when many clubs continue to face challenges, it's more important than ever to celebrate the dedication, resilience, and positive impact our clubs and their incredible staff make on the communities they serve," Mr. Moon said.

"We are proud to once again shine a light on the outstanding work being done across Victoria."

"It's a privilege to honour those who strengthen our communities."

2026 award winners

Award category	Winner
Best Sustainability Initiative	Mansfield Golf Club
Excellence in Innovation	Morwell Bowling Club
Best Community Club Refurbishment (under \$1 million)	The Mess & Barracks
Best Community Club Redevelopment (over \$1 million)	Ocean Grove Bowling Club
Regional Mental & Social Wellbeing	Moe Racing Club
Metro Mental & Social Wellbeing	Amstel Club
Regional Best Club Bistro/Restaurant	The Mess & Barracks
Metro Best Club Bistro/Restaurant	Yarraville Club
Best Hospitality Team	Phillip Island RSL
Sport and Entertainment	Ocean Grove Bowling Club
Best Member Experience	Club Tarneit
Emerging Young Community Leader	Amy Davies The Moonee Ponds Club
Club Person of the Year	Nick Weaver Maryborough Highland Society
Club Manager of the Year	Jodie Faralla Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club
Social Impact	Horsham Sports & Community Club
Community Collaboration	Maryborough Highland Society
Regional Community Club	Bendigo District RSL
Metro Community Club	Mulgrave Country Club

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