



Community Clubs Victoria
Great Clubs, Connecting Communities

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RECORD NUMBER OF NOMINATIONS AS VICTORIA'S TOP-PERFORMING CLUBS PREPARE TO TAKE CENTRE STAGE

Victoria's most outstanding community clubs and staff will be honoured in July when Community Clubs Victoria (CCV) hosts the highly anticipated 2026 Gala Dinner & Awards Night.

The premier event will be held at the Park Hyatt Melbourne on **Saturday 4 July** and will bring together more than 400 guests, including club leaders, volunteers, industry partners, and Members of Parliament to celebrate excellence.

In 2026, CCV received a record 120 nominations across the 18 award categories.

This easily eclipsed last year's then record of 86 nominations.

The Gala will recognise exceptional achievement and showcase the individuals whose dedication makes Victorian clubs beacons of their local communities.

CCV Chief Executive Officer, Mr Charles D. Moon, noted that the Gala continues to be one of the most anticipated events on the industry calendar.

"Community clubs are the cornerstone of Victoria's social and economic fabric."

"This event rightly celebrates the quiet dedication that drives our clubs."

"It is a privilege to recognise the individuals and clubs making such a meaningful difference in Victoria," Mr Moon said.

Tickets are on sale via <https://www.trybooking.com/DKRSH>

The 2026 CCV Gala is proudly sponsored by Keno.



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2026 Gala Dinner & Awards Night

| Award category | Finalists |
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| Best Sustainability Initiative | Lara Sporting Club Mansfield Golf Club |
| Excellence in Innovation | Club Tarneit Morwell Bowling Club |
| Best Community Club Refurbishment (under \$1 million) | Gardiner Tennis Club The Mess & Barracks |
| Best Community Club Redevelopment (over \$1 million) | Club Tarneit Ocean Grove Bowling Club |
| Regional Mental & Social Wellbeing | Bendigo District RSL Moe Racing Club Phillip Island RSL |
| Metro Mental & Social Wellbeing | Amstel Club Bentleigh RSL |
| Regional Best Club Bistro/Restaurant | Echuca Workers Kangaroo Flat Sports Club The Mess & Barracks |
| Metro Best Club Bistro/Restaurant | Club Ringwood Mulgrave Country Club Yarraville Club |
| Best Hospitality Team | Bendigo District RSL Club Tarneit Phillip Island RSL |
| Sport and Entertainment | Moe Racing Club Ocean Grove Bowling Club Chirnside Park Country Club |
| Best Member Experience | Chirnside Park Country Club Club Tarneit Mulgrave Country Club |
| Emerging Young Community Leader | Amy Davies The Moonee Ponds Club Jordan Simpson Echuca Workers Paige Trajkovski Club Tarneit |



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| Club Person of the Year | Brad Law Moe Racing Club Glenn Ludeman Bendigo District RSL Nick Weaver Maryborough Highlands Society |
| Club Manager of the Year | Brett Rowlands Frankston RSL Sub-Branch Jodie Faralla Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club Malcolm Blandthorn Maryborough Highlands Society |
| Social Impact | Doxa Community Club Horsham Sports & Community Club |
| Community Collaboration | Chirnside Park Country Club Lara Sporting Club Maryborough Highlands Society |
| Regional Community Club | Bendigo District RSL Moe Racing Club Ocean Grove Bowling Club |
| Metro Community Club | Amstel Club Devilbend Golf Club Mulgrave Country Club |