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Ocean Grove Bowling Club acknowledges the Wadawurrung people as the traditional owners of the land on which we live and work. We pay our respects to their elders past, present and emerging, recognising that these lands have always been places of storytelling.



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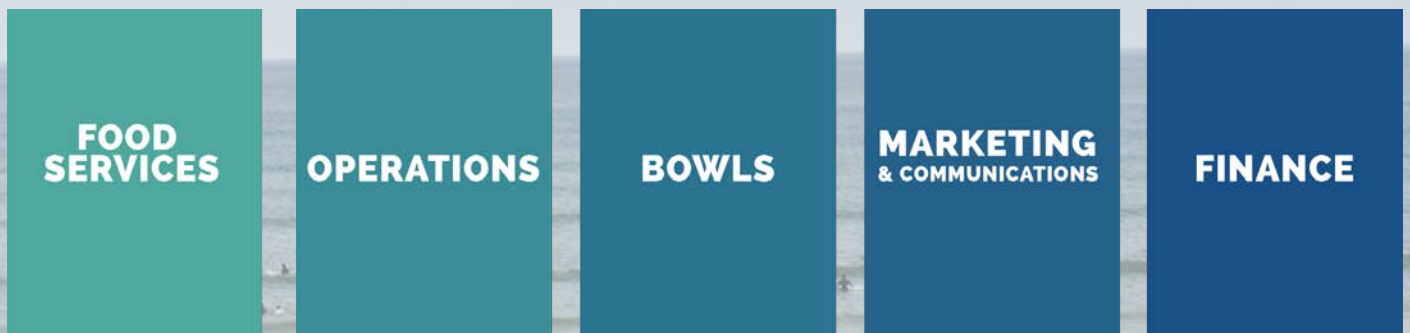
Nathan O'Neill
Chief Executive Officer



The Winter months have been generous to us, and the arrival of brighter days is upon us. We are deeply appreciative of the continued support from our members, and we remain ever grateful for their ongoing dedication.

It has been a period of notable achievement for the Ocean Grove Bowling Club, as we were honoured with the title of 'Best Club Bistro/Restaurant' for the 2022/23 season at the Community Club Victoria (CCV) Awards. This recognition is truly well-deserved, given the extraordinary efforts by our team to enhance the member experience within the food industry. Credit goes to every team member of OGBC for upholding our rigorous standards day in and day out. The CCV Awards serve as a platform to celebrate clubs' contributions to their local communities and acknowledge the exceptional individuals who tirelessly work in our industry to advance the club movement in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere. These awards reflect the vital role clubs play in their local communities and their support for the growth and development of aspiring leaders, hospitality teams, and sustainability.

Throughout the past year, we have continually evolved and charted a new course to strengthen our identity, purpose, and core values. We've recently evolved our organisational structure to better align with our strategic goals in business operations. The connection with our members, both new and existing, remains central to OGBC's strategy, and our team leaders are enthusiastic about leading the implementation of this strategy to foster even stronger bonds with our members in the future.



Solar Project



In line with our Strategic Plan, we have embarked on our Solar Project, which involves the installation of 219 solar panels, generating 85kws of power. Our collaboration with Choice Energy, the preferred solar provider of Bowls Victoria, led to the installation of the solar panels in August. This initiative showcases our commitment to sustainability and reducing carbon emissions to minimise our environmental impact. Solar panels represent just one facet of our comprehensive environmental strategy over the next five years, as part of our sustainability journey. We have recently joined forces with the Sports Environment Alliance (SEA), marking a significant milestone in our pursuit of environmental goals. We will actively share our knowledge and positive outcomes with our community to illustrate how sports clubs

can play a constructive role in addressing climate challenges. I commend the Board for championing this initiative to secure the future of our club. Congratulations to everyone involved to showcase our community leadership in environmental stewardship.

Building Inclusive Communities with genU



We are thrilled to share some incredible news with our community today. OGBC is proud to announce a new and meaningful partnership with genU, an exceptional organisation that shares our vision for a happier, healthier, and more inclusive world.

genU is a remarkable group of passionate individuals committed to improving the lives of those with disabilities, the elderly, and those facing disadvantages. Their unwavering dedication to creating opportunities and fostering independence truly resonates with our values. At genU, challenges are seen as opportunities to empower each individual they support, enabling them to live life on their terms.

At OGBC, we strongly believe in the power of collaboration to bring positive change. Through this partnership with genU, we aim to take meaningful steps towards making a lasting impact.



Ocean Grove Bowling Club

AWARDED

Best Regional Community Club Bistro Restaurant

OGBC in the Spotlight at Community Clubs Victoria's Awards Gala

Ocean Grove Bowling Club was awarded the prestigious Best Regional Community Club Bistro Award at the Community Clubs Victoria (CCV) 2023 Gala Awards.

Held on Saturday, 29 July at Leonda by the Yarra, Ocean Grove Bowling Club was awarded the winner's trophy for Best Regional Community Club Bistro at the CCV Awards Gala. The respected industry event showcases the one thousand plus licenced clubs across metropolitan and regional Victoria.

The award acknowledged Ocean Grove Bowling Club's greatest visitation, with a sheer focus on delivering memorable experiences, Ocean Grove Bowling Club revolutionised customer service standards, promotional activity, and food offerings to increase visitation and to overhaul the customer journey.

The CCV Awards Night offers an opportunity for Clubs and their employees to celebrate their achievements through a variety of award categories, including community partnerships, sustainability, entertainment, social impact, well-being and more. The night serves as a platform to recognise and acknowledge the successful individuals and Clubs whose contributions greatly impact the social and economic well-being of their Victorian communities.

OGBC's Chief Executive Officer, Nathan O'Neill, was thrilled about the Club's recognition for the relentless efforts and unwavering dedication exhibited by the team. He emphasised, "This acknowledgment truly exemplifies OGBC's exceptional standards, and we are incredibly proud to receive this recognition."



L-R: Oliver Casey (ANZ), Nathan O'Neill, Jackson Donaldson, Bri Telford & Scott Evans

Aside from securing this award, OGBC also attained finalist positions in the categories of 'Best Mental & Social Wellbeing Program' and 'Club Person of the Year'. The latter recognised Matt Flapper for his unwavering commitment to enhancing the sport of bowls through increased community partnerships, participation, and membership. This further underscores the significant positive impact OGBC has throughout the community.

CCV Chairman & President, Greg Roberts said the awards night provided the appropriate platform for Clubs to be recognised for their hard work.

"We believe it's crucial to acknowledge and appreciate our Clubs who have continued to adapt to the challenging operational climate," said Mr. Roberts

"We are thrilled to host this prestigious awards night, a celebration of the remarkable individuals and clubs whose unwavering efforts have made a profound impact on our local communities.

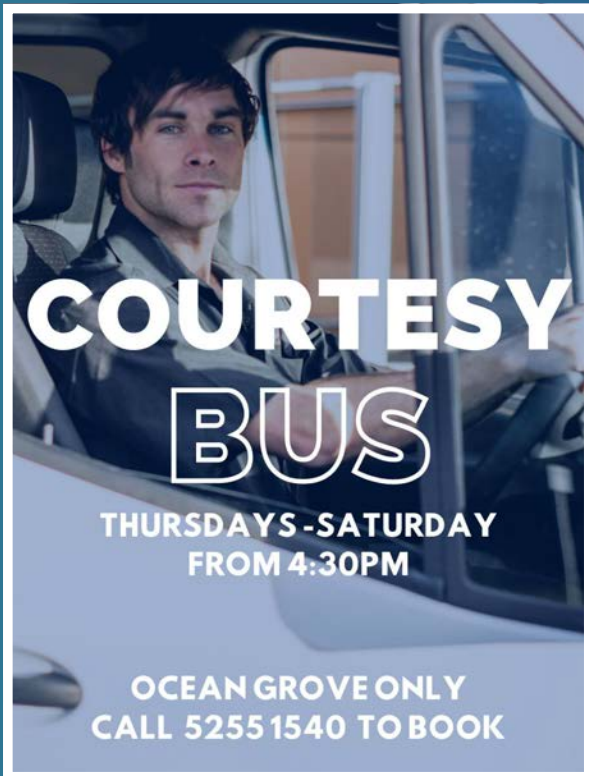
"It is an honour to recognise their exceptional contributions to the social and economic well-being of Victoria," he said.

CCV encompasses a vast network of over 1,300 Community Clubs across Victoria, 30,000 employees and has over 2.3 million adult members. These Clubs collectively contribute \$1 billion to the state economy, including community donations, subsidised access to facilities and volunteer work.

To see the full list of exceptional winners and to learn more about each head to www.ccv.net.au.

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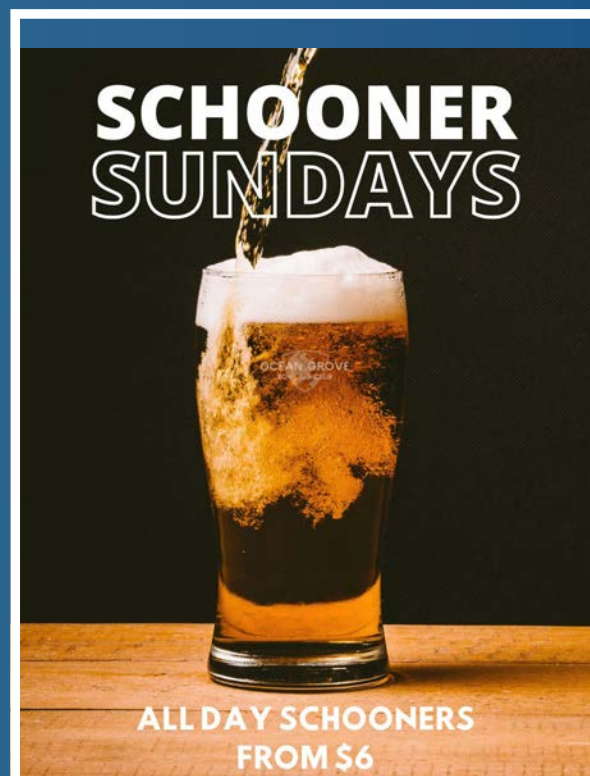
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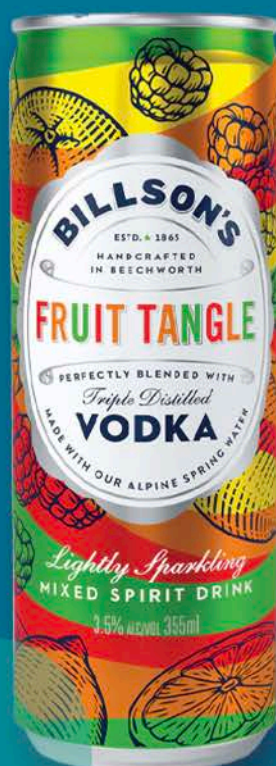
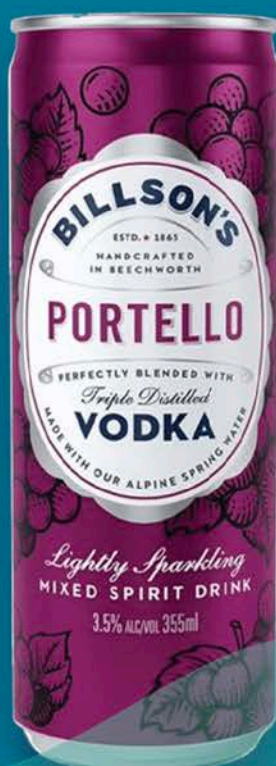
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**SCHOONER
SUNDAYS**

ALL DAY SCHOONERS
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SEPTEMBER DRINK — OF THE — MONTH



\$8

**BILLSON'S
VODKA
RANGE**





Meet the Team - Cheyne

Joining OGBC 7 years ago as a diligent groundskeeper, Cheyne's hands-on approach to nurturing our outdoor spaces caught the attention of all who walked through our doors. But his contributions didn't stop at just gardening. With an innate knack for problem-solving, Cheyne swiftly transitioned into the role of the club's trusted maintenance man. Leaky faucets, flickering lights, or creaky doors – Cheyne is our go-to guy for any issue that needed a fix.

OGBC's heartwarming tradition of recognising exceptional employees found a deserving recipient in Cheyne. He was honoured with our "Employee of the Quarter" award. This recognition is a testament not only to his technical skills but also

to his unwavering dedication to the OGBC team. Cheyne embodies the values we hold close – Unity, Excellence, Appreciation and Communication.

As we celebrate Cheyne's remarkable journey, it's important to acknowledge that our club's success is a sum of its parts. Cheyne's dedication, humility, and unparalleled commitment remind us that every role, no matter how seemingly small, contributes to the bigger picture.

He embodies the spirit of OGBC – a community-driven haven where every member plays a pivotal role in maintaining the warmth and vibrancy that define us.



Div 1 – L-R Matt Flapper, Casper John, Cheyne Verrier, Mark McMahon



Div 2 – L-R Charlie Saunders, Darren Cottier, Chris Lapham, Tyson Cromie



Div 3 – L-R Ian Donald, Peter Eberle, Barry Hair, Brian Grieve



Bellarine Indoor Bias Bowls

Ocean Grove 3 saved their best until last to take out the Bellarine Indoor Bias Bowls division one Pennant on Monday night.

Grand Finals and Presentation night was held at Leopold BC in front of approx. 80 spectators with the decider being played in Division One, Two and Three.

Ocean Grove entered seven teams for the BIBBA season and three featured on the final night of competition.

Cheyne Verrier, Mark McMahon, Casper John and Matt Flapper (OG3) took out the division one premiership with a convincing 21-11 win against the St Leonards 2 team skipped by Bill Maloney.

Our Ocean Grove 3 team were the benchmark in div one all season finishing on top of the ladder with only one blemish which ironically was against St Leonards 2 in the final home and away match of the season.

Chris Lapham, Charlie Saunders, Darren Cottier and Tyson Cromie

(OG5) threw everything they could at the division two minor premiers in the decider. Ian Robinson's Clifton Springs 1 team withstood all challenges to take the title 17-13 with the OG5 team settling for runners up.

In a match that many thought could be a blowout given the form of Leopold 3 throughout the season it turned out to be far from that. Lucas Cameron, Riley Cameron, Jane McMenaman and Skipper Mark Johnson (Leopold 3) were in defense mode in the final stages of the match as Brian Grieve, Barry Hair, Peter Eberle and Ian Donald (Ocean Grove 6) made a late charge. The culmination to this match was a fitting way to end the 2023 season as Leopold 3 held on to take the premiership 16-15 in a thriller.

Congratulations to all players and thank you to all members that contributed to setting up Marcu Hill each Monday night as well as providing the supper on each pennant night.





Behind the Blues - Koutoufides and Rhys-Jones Show

In an electrifying evening that radiated the true essence of Carlton Football Club, fans and enthusiasts alike were treated to a journey down memory lane at the highly anticipated event, "Behind the Blues, The Koutoufides and Rhys-Jones Show" at OGBC on Wednesday 7th June.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as the crowd gathered to celebrate the storied history of the club. The spotlight shone on Anthony Koutoufides and David Rhys-Jones, two iconic figures who have left an indelible mark on the Carlton legacy.

From the very start, the stage was set for an extraordinary experience. The audience was regaled with tales from the past, as Koutoufides and Rhys-Jones shared heartfelt stories, humorous anecdotes, and the unforgettable moments that defined their careers. The energy in the room was palpable as fans connected with the passion that had driven these legends to greatness.

The night held its fair share of surprises. Notably, former players Geoff Southby and Percy Jones graced the event, a presence that

injected an extra layer of nostalgia into the atmosphere. As the crowd erupted in cheers, the spirit of camaraderie and shared history came alive.

The event was not just about looking back, but also about inspiring the future. The wisdom imparted by Koutoufides and Rhys-Jones resonated with attendees, reminding them of the dedication, hard work, and love for the game that define the Carlton spirit.

As the evening drew to a close, it was evident that the magic of "Behind the Blues, The Koutoufides and Rhys-Jones Show" had left an enduring impact. Attendees departed with smiles on their faces, hearts full of memories, and a renewed appreciation for the Carlton Football Club and its incredible legacy.

The event was a true celebration of what it means to be a part of the Carlton family, both on and off the field. It served as a reminder that while players may come and go, the spirit and passion that define the club remain eternal.

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Vixen's Unleashed - with Kate Moloney & Jo Weston

In an event brimming with enthusiasm and anticipation, Kate Maloney and Jo Weston from the Melbourne Vixens Netball Team took center stage at OGBC on Wednesday 14th June, leaving an indelible mark on attendees of all ages. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as fans, both seasoned and aspiring, gathered to witness these celebrated athletes share their experiences and wisdom.

What set this night apart was the vibrant presence of numerous juniors in the audience, each hanging onto every word as Kate and Jo recounted their personal journeys in the world of netball. It was a true testament to the profound impact these athletes have on inspiring the next generation of netballers.

With captivating anecdotes and engaging insights, Kate and Jo offered glimpses into the dedication, discipline, and sheer

passion that it takes to excel in a competitive sport. The evening was more than just an event – it was a beacon of motivation for young talents who dream of making their mark on the netball court.

As the event came to a close, the gratitude and admiration in the room were palpable. Kate and Jo had not only shared their stories, but had also ignited a fire of determination in the eyes of those who look up to them. The influence of these netball stars reached far beyond the stage, as they left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who dream of donning the Vixens' jersey someday.

In a world where role models play an invaluable role, Kate Maloney and Jo Weston have certainly stepped up. Their commitment to nurturing the dreams of young netball enthusiasts shines as a guiding light, illuminating a path of hard work, resilience, and unwavering belief.



RSL - News & Events

YOUNG VETERANS

After a winter break, the Bellarine Young Veterans resumed their vibrant camaraderie with a golfing event held at the Curlewis Golf Range on Sunday, August 27.

With a turnout of over 20 participants, consisting of veterans and their families, it was an enjoyable afternoon of driving golf balls and cherishing each other's company.

The day saw its fair share of both impressive and not-so-impressive swings, offering the perfect opportunity to reconnect with familiar faces from previous golf outings and forge new friendships.

This marked the fourth golfing activity over the past two years, with two prior golf days hosted at the Queenscliff Golf Club, the most recent in May. This event at the Curlewis Golf Range was met with a heartwarming comment on our Facebook Page, encapsulating the spirit of the day: "Wonderful afternoon, always great to meet up with familiar and new faces. Hope to catch up again soon. Thanks to Alison Sloane for organising another superb event."



Looking ahead, the Bellarine Young Veterans continue their tradition of gathering on the last Friday of each month at 10:00 AM for coffee.

The most recent rendezvous took place at the Driftwood Cafe in Ocean Grove.

For more updates and news, keep an eye on our Facebook Page – simply search for "Bellarine Young Veterans."

If you have any event ideas or suggestions, don't hesitate to join our group and share your thoughts.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

Join us on Wednesday, October 11th, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM, at the Ocean Grove Bowls Club for a heartfelt "Thank You" Morning Tea.

We extend a warm invitation to all our dedicated volunteers to join us for this special gathering. We also encourage each of you to bring along a potential Volunteer Candidate whom you believe may be interested in becoming a part of our RSL Volunteers family.

Please make a note in your calendar for this upcoming event. In the lead-up to the date, we'll send out reminders and seek your input on attendance.

As always, we welcome your event ideas and suggestions. Feel free to become a part of our group and share your valuable thoughts with us. Your input is invaluable in making our events more enriching and meaningful.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POPPY SALES

Once more, we are honoured to announce our upcoming poppy sales campaign in the week leading up to Remembrance Day. As the date approaches, we will also be reaching out for volunteers to assist with our roster at the four sales venues situated across Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads.

For those eager to contribute their time and support this meaningful cause, please contact Phil Edwards, our Volunteer Support Coordinator, at volunteersupport@oceangrove.com.au.

Your participation is greatly valued.

ANZAC DAY 2023 BADGE SALES

We are thrilled to announce the outstanding outcome of our ANZAC Day 2023 badge sales, totaling an impressive \$31,025. Every dollar from these sales is dedicated to supporting Veteran Welfare.



A heartfelt and immense "Thank You" goes out to all our dedicated volunteers who wholeheartedly dedicated their time and effort during the week leading up to ANZAC Day 2023. Their tireless commitment in selling badges and engaging with the public exemplifies the many faces of our RSL. Your contributions make a profound difference in the lives of our veterans, and your dedication is truly commendable.



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