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MEDIA RELEASE

## Frankston RSL Wins Top Honour for Best Metro Club Bistro-Restaurant at CCV Gala

**Frankston RSL** has been recognised as one of Victoria's top-performing venues, taking home the coveted **Best Metro Club Bistro-Restaurant** at the 2025 Community Clubs Victoria (CCV) Gala Dinner and Awards Night, held on Saturday, 05 July.

The prestigious awards night, which honours excellence across more than 1,000 licensed clubs throughout Victoria, awarded Frankston RSL the accolade for its standout achievements.

The CCV Awards span categories such as sustainability, entertainment, social impact, and wellbeing – celebrating Community Clubs and its individuals who create meaningful and lasting benefits for their communities.

The annual event – held this year at the RACV City Club and attended by over 300 key industry stakeholders – is a highlight of the Community Club calendar, offering a platform to champion innovation, resilience and community leadership. Winners are acknowledged for making a real difference in Victoria's social and economic fabric.

Brett Rowlands of the Frankston RSL said his Club delivers a warm, community-focused dining experience, offering a diverse menu crafted with fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

"Signature favourites like lamb shanks, premium steaks, house-made desserts, and the popular 'Parmas' on Parmageddon night are complemented by seasonal specials and innovative additions like 'The Gelato Van'. Collaborations between the kitchen and front-of-house teams ensure each meal is paired thoughtfully with beverages, offering guests a fresh and exciting experience every visit," said Mr Rowlands.

"Exceptional service is at the heart of the Frankston RSL experience. Staff are known for their professionalism, friendliness, and personalised attention—welcoming guests by name and ensuring every visit feels special. The venue regularly hosts themed nights, live entertainment, wine dinners, and community events, creating memorable experiences that go beyond the plate.

"As a proud community hub, Frankston RSL actively supports local initiatives, contributing over \$200,000 annually to sports clubs, charities, and not-for-profits. With a strong focus on sustainability—through composting, reducing food waste, and eliminating single-use plastics—the club remains committed to social and environmental responsibility while providing high-quality hospitality.

CCV Chief Executive, Andrew Lloyd, congratulated Frankston RSL on their achievement and reflected on the significance of this year's awards.

"On behalf of CCV, I extend my congratulations to the Frankston RSL on this well-deserved recognition, which highlights their leadership within both the industry and the broader community," Mr Lloyd said.



“In a time when many clubs continue to face operational challenges, it’s more important than ever to celebrate the dedication, resilience, and positive impact of our clubs and their incredible staff.”

“We’re proud to once again host this prestigious event, shining a light on the outstanding contributions being made across Victoria. It’s a privilege to honour those who strengthen the social and economic fabric of our communities.”

CCV encompasses a vast network of over 1,000 Community Clubs across Victoria which employ more than 30,000 staff and serve approximately 2.3 million members. These Clubs collectively contribute \$1 billion to the state economy, including community donations, subsidised access to facilities and volunteer work.

The 2025 CCV Gala Dinner and Awards Night was proudly sponsored by Keno.

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**Frankston RSL** is Victoria's Premier RSL, where employees thrive on hospitality whilst assisting many local charity, community, and sporting groups, as well as club members, and guests. The Frankston RSL is a recognised veteran and family's wellbeing hub for the Mornington Peninsula. Operating in the very fast paced hospitality industry, and veteran wellness and wellbeing environment, it boasts a membership exceeding 14,000, 120 employees, 3,000m2 of indoor surface area, and 500 parking spaces. The venue offers two busy restaurants, a cafe, a sports bar with a 6M screen TV, two function rooms seating 250, and premiere entertainment facilities hosting a yearly calendar of 35 premium shows. Learn more about their services by visiting: [www.frankstonrsl.com.au](http://www.frankstonrsl.com.au)



**Gala Dinner & Awards Night**

# **2024-2025 Award Winner**

Presented by the Community Clubs Victoria

## **Frankston RSL**

For the Award category of

## **Best Metro Community Club Bistro/ Restaurant**

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**Andrew Lloyd**

Executive Director of  
Community Clubs Victoria







