



Dee Why

MARCH 2019

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LOBSTERS
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Dee Why
RSL Club



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Lobster Mornay

Location: The Bistro

Available: throughout March

Times: Lunch and Dinner

Whole: \$42.50 | 700pts

Half: \$22.50 | 350pts

the
Bistro

Terms and conditions apply. Not available for takeaway. Members price listed.

Meet your President

GRAEME LIDDELL

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How long have you been a member of Dee Why RSL for?

I first joined in 1967; back in those days you had to be 21 to join. Shortly after joining I was sent to the country to teach which saw a lapse in my membership.

I rejoined as a member upon returning from the country and have been a member since.

How long have you been a Director of Dee Why RSL for?

Ten years in total; six of these I have had the privilege of being President of the Board.

How have you seen the RSL change over your time as a Director?

The RSL has changed both physically and socially over my time as a Director and President.

The past developments have seen striking changes to Match, Flame, Level 3 and Aqua.

In terms of membership, I have seen a much younger demographic become more engaged with Dee Why RSL, who see us as a venue of choice for food, fun and entertainment.

What is your fondest memory as a Director?

I have several fond memories, it's hard to select just one.

The opening of the Kindergarten and Oceangrove were pretty special and are to this day, a reflection of the Board and Executive Management's vision.

Funnily enough when Oceangrove was still yet-to-exist I was selected to shovel the first soil from the mound, thus beginning the development.

The Board and Management's decision to move the ANZAC Day Dawn Service from the Peace Garden to Dee Why Beach is also a pretty special memory. This decision has made our Dawn Service the biggest service on the peninsula.

The expansion of our Community Support Program to include the Veterans Centre is by far one of the greatest achievements of the Board and the Club.

What makes Dee Why RSL different to other RSLs in the area?

It goes without saying, the visionary management and magnificent staff - floor staff and behind the

scenes staff.

Added to this is our location as the hub of the Northern Beaches, together with our ancillary businesses that support the local area, our Community Support Program and the appointment of a Salvation Army Chaplain collectively make Dee Why RSL different.

If you had to describe yourself in four words, what would they be?

Self-effacing, Positive, Conscientious, Loyal.

In your opinion, what has the impact of the Veterans Centre had on the community?

The Veterans Centre is the jewel in our Crown.

Centre Manager Ben Webb has built a professional team to assist veterans and their families with ongoing welfare and rehabilitation. Providing critical ongoing support, The Veterans Centre helps to navigate and negotiate the red tape and obstacles that are inherent in political bureaucracies. Without organisations such as the Veterans Centre, veterans would be falling through the cracks.

What is your favourite thing to eat and which outlet is it from?

To avoid upsetting our wonderful chefs, I'm listing my favourite dish from each of our food outlets,

Lamb Cutlets from The Bistro, Curried Prawns from The Asian, Lambs Brains from Flame Dining, and the Prawn Crepe from Aqua are all my favourite dishes.

What is something that we wouldn't know about you?

I have been married to Diane for 49 years now- Diane is a very understanding woman! Together, we have 46 year old twin daughters whom have given us six grand-children, aged 12 - 21 years old.

I also have a beautiful great grand-daughter Sophie May, who is now a one year old.

What excites you most about the future of the RSL?

How can one not be excited about being part of a team overseeing the biggest redevelopment in the RSL's history? The futuristic facilities and spaces will make Dee Why RSL a venue that our members deserve.



COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: IRELAND

Experience the taste of Ireland with three homemade favourites featured this month in The Bistro.

Dublin Coddle - Irish Sausage, Bacon, Onion and Potato Hotpot
Irish stew with Lamb and Guinness
Oven Braised Corned Beef with Colcannon

Available: Throughout March

Times: Lunch and Dinner

\$15.50 Members Price | **\$17.50** Non Members Price



\$8

MEMBERS PRICE

Celebrate Ireland with a pint of Guinness!

Available at Match Bar | Bistro Bar

THE REBIRTH OF IRISH DANCE
100% LIVE ON STAGE

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SUN 10 MAR | FROM \$25

OUR EVOLUTION

OUR PARKING OPTIONS

As we embark upon our evolution, the biggest redevelopment in our 70 year history, we thought we would provide you with the current parking options available to our members and guests.

WE WILL BE CREATING

409 new spaces

Multiple eateries and bar areas

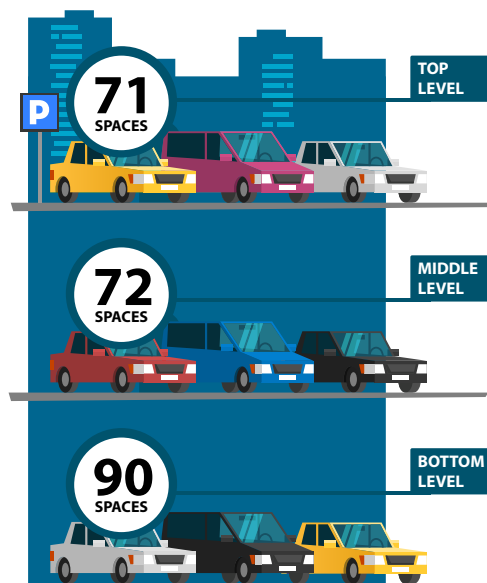
A state of the art sports bar

Additional live music areas

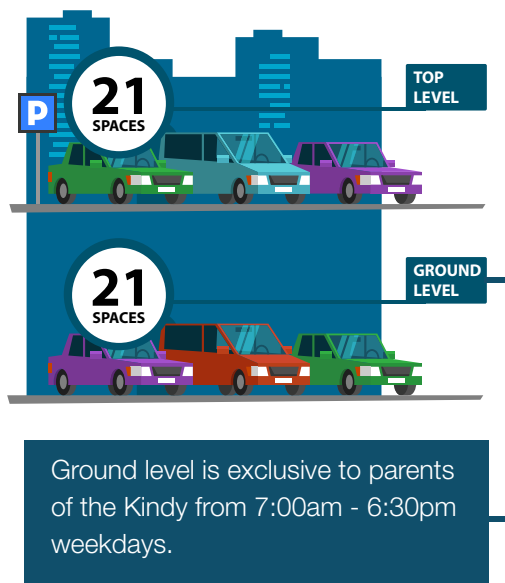
A new welcoming entrance

ON-SITE PARKING

NORTHERN CARPARK 233 SPACES



SOUTHERN CARPARK 42 SPACES



SHUTTLE BUS

Don't forget, our complimentary shuttle bus is now shuttling door to door Thursdays - Sundays and is available to all members and guests travelling to and from the RSL across two zones within the Northern Beaches.

You are able to pre-book the shuttle bus on the day, for that day's service, however bookings are subject to availability.

Contact **9454 4040** to request a pickup or drop off.

To view bus zones and operating hours, visit: deewhyrsl.com.au/shuttle-bus

On your way to the Club, scan your membership card when boarding the bus to enjoy a \$2* Club Credit.



OTHER PARKING OPTIONS IN THE AREA

There are many other parking options available in the local area for your convenience[^]



[^] Please check parking restrictions.

Congratulations on 20 Years

PAUL PHILLIPS

Paul Phillips, respected staff member and local Match Bar larrikin, has hit a milestone of 20 years employment at the RSL and we couldn't be more thrilled to find out a little bit more about his time here.



**What was your role when you started in 1999?
Where else have you worked in the RSL?**

When I started in 1999, I was a Table Waiter in the Luana Restaurant for a short time. From there I moved into the Gaming Room as a Gaming Attendant for approximately five years before heading into Match Bar.

You are currently working in Match Bar, what is your drink of choice?

I can't go past One Fifty Lashes.

What do you enjoy most about working at Dee Why RSL?

For me, it has to be the camaraderie between customers and staff.

I have really enjoyed all aspects of working in the TAB area. From my early involvement, until now, I have enjoyed watching it expand and grow. It can only get better!

Describe one of the most memorable moments of your time here at the RSL.

Moving from the previous TAB when it was in Scores to the current Match Bar/TAB has certainly been one of my highlights of the past 20 years.

How has the RSL changed over the past 20 years?

The Club has grown steadily over the last 20 years which is evident in the continued increase of customers and exciting new redevelopment that is currently underway.

What advice would you give someone wanting to work at the RSL?

Be yourself and do the best you can.

What's something people might not know about you?

I completed 21 years in the Royal Australian Navy.

In your time off, where would we find you?

Going for a run or a walk with my partner or hunting down a spot to enjoy a good coffee within our local area.

Will we enjoy seeing your smiling face for another 20 years?

Absolutely!

On behalf of all the Board, staff and members, congratulations Paul on your 20 years of employment!



WHAT'S ON



BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

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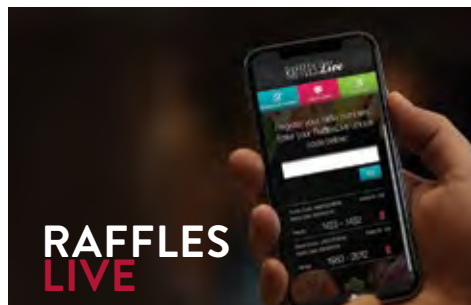
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THINGS TO DO



RAFFLES LIVE WED | FRI | SUN

Exclusive to Dee Why RSL, RafflesLIVE is our revolutionary technology that allows you to watch your raffle numbers live on your smartphone or tablet.



WEEKLY RAFFLES WED | FRI | SUN

Join us for the biggest weekly raffles on the Northern Beaches. Each raffle features a selection of meat trays, seafood trays and fun themed prizes.



AQUA SPECIALS SUN - THURS

Experience authentic Italian flavours with a variety of mouth-watering specials to suit all tastes.



LIVE MUSIC 7 NIGHTS A WEEK

Live and free every night in Flame Bar, be entertained by some of the beaches' best live musicians.



PLASTIC BAGS WEEKLY RAFFLES

Our weekly raffles are now plastic bag free. Bring your Dee Why RSL bag or any reusable bag and receive an extra six numbers to play with on the night.



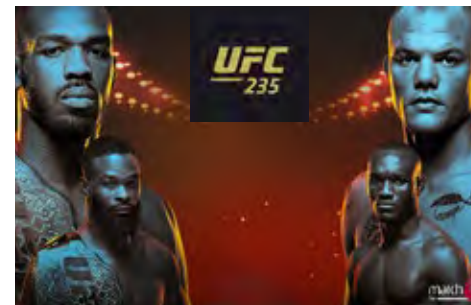
BINGO TUE | THU | FRI

Free for members. Be a part of the best bingo on the beaches for your chance to win a range of Club cards and EFTPOS cards.



THE CABANAS

Looking for a fabulous function space? We've got you covered. Talk to our Events specialists about how they can help you celebrate. Ph 9454 4055



UFC 235 SUN 3 MAR

Double title fights means double the action. Witness Jones take on Smith and Woodley go head-to-head with Usman, LIVE and LOUD in Match Bar.



CASH HOUSIE SEVEN SESSIONS EACH WEEK

Supporting local charities while playing for cash prizes, join us for Cash Housie every Monday - Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.



LIVE SPORT DAILY

Broadcasting a range of live and on-demand sports matches, head to Match Bar and watch sport at its finest.



END OF MONTH RAFFLE FRI 29 MAR

Featuring a range of gadgets, gadgets and all things technology, join us for our end of month raffle on Friday 29 March for your chance to win. Tickets on sale 5pm draws from 7pm.



\$4000 IN CASH &
PRIZES TO
BE WON*

FREE ENTRY TO ALL DEE WHY RSL MEMBERS

ROUND 1 STARTS THURSDAY 14 MARCH

**NEW! PLACE YOUR TIPS THROUGH
THE REWARDS KIOSKS ON LEVEL 1 AND LEVEL 2**

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Another Community initiative from



Meet your Executive Team

LAUREN KEKWICK

EXECUTIVE MANAGER - MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

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What does marketing mean to you?

The essence of marketing is all about building and maintaining a connection between people and a brand. This is achieved through identifying and implementing a communications strategy via data and creativity.

What is your favourite marketing quote?

You don't plan to fail, you fail to plan.

If you could describe yourself in three words, what would they be?

Passionate, Perfectionist, Playful.

Tell us about your journey to date in the world of marketing.

My journey to date in the world of Marketing actually started here, at Dee Why RSL, as I worked as a Gaming Attendant and in the Promotions team whilst I completed my degree. I spent a few years at different marketing agencies working on clients such as Channel 9, Revlon, Sanitarium and Olympus, before I decided I needed to spend some time travelling.

Luckily for me, the RSL re-hired me as part of the Promotions team and I spent the next 18 months alternating calling Bingo and running raffles with travelling with friends from High School and friends that I made at the Club.

After returning from almost two months in Central America I was fortunate enough to be hired as Marketing & Communications Co-Ordinator at Sydney Harbour Marriott and spent the next 10 years working within the 5 star hotel market at hotels such as Swissotel Sydney and QT Hotels & Resorts.

Prior to starting my role as Executive Manager – Marketing & Communications, I was part of the pre-opening team and then the first management team that transformed the beautiful and heritage listed old Sydney Water Board on Pitt Street into what is now known as Primus Hotel Sydney.

I started my current role on the day before ANZAC Day in 2017.

What have been your favourite campaigns to work on during your time as an Executive at the RSL?

ANZAC Day, The Ultimate 20K raffle, The Good Life, Meet the Directors stories, arranging the Christmas

decorations, Shuttle Bus, Our Evolution – the list goes on!

Many changes are happening with Our Evolution, what are you most excited about?

I am excited about everything! From working with the Board and the rest of the Executive Management team on solidifying the new vision of the RSL, to working with my amazing team to ensure that this vision is executed perfectly to the wider community, it is hard not to look forward to the RSL's changes.

What have been some of your favourite moments whilst working at Dee Why RSL?

In terms of a standout moment, I can't go past the ANZAC Day Dawn service at Dee Why Beach. The feeling you have knowing that over 10,000 people have come together to pay their respects is something I can't put into words.

I also have to say that some of my favourite are in the everyday, whether it be sharing a laugh with my team members whilst moving raffle prizes, seeing the look on someone's face when they have won a prize at Bingo, enjoying a grandmothers smile when they are having lunch with their grandchild in Aqua or how proud a parent is of their child when they are receiving their School Scholarship award, all of these moments are just so special.

If you were to write an autobiography, what would be the name of your novel be and why?

"Rosé, Pizza and Puppies – these are a few of my favourite things." I think the why is pretty self-explanatory!

What is your go-to pizza topping?

I honestly cannot pick just one, however, I am very much of the belief that pineapple belongs on pizza.

How does Dee Why RSL differ to other RSLs in the area?

It starts with the Board, Management and Staff. Of all the places I have worked in my career to date, nowhere compared to the supportive and friendly staff here at the RSL. From the moment you walk in, you really feel like a part of a family, which can be put down to our multigenerational demographic and the positive attitude of everyone involved.

Meet your Executive Team

SHEILA ZAKHAR-MALONE

EXECUTIVE MANAGER - COMMUNITY

"Community is brought together and connected by reaching out and caring for our fellow humans."



Tell us about your journey and how you have come to be the Executive Manager, Community at Dee Why RSL.

I came from a career background in marketing, advertising and sales in the club and real estate industries.

I first came to work at Dee Why RSL in 2015, managing the community support program as well as the Oceangrove Retirement Village sales. I was excited by this dual role not only because of the professional strengths I could bring to the roles, but also because of my longstanding affiliation with the Northern Beaches

(I have been a local since the eighties); plus, it would be hard to find a more ideal location to work in every day...750 metre stroll to the beach and just a short drive home!

How would you describe Dee Why RSL's Community Support Program?

The Club is very proud of the support program and we firmly believe that it forms the heart and soul of our local community. This year alone we have provided more than \$2,000,000 worth of cash and in-kind support to more than 100 local organisations,

that in turn support our local residents.

There is such a broad scope of support that extends to mental health, high needs, disabilities, organisations that support vulnerable children, women, the elderly, social and sporting programs, the arts and education, to name just some.

Importantly we are also deeply committed to veteran support on the Northern Beaches, and are the major partner of the Veterans Centre Sydney Northern Beaches, located on level 4 of the Club.

What do you find most rewarding about your role?

I'm extremely fortunate to have such a fulfilling role. Through learning more about these organisations and building relationships with the people behind them and the people they support, I have had the privilege of meeting so many of the salt-of-the-earth people in our community; unsung heroes, as they say. The culture of support and giving on the Northern Beaches is so heartening. So many selfless, kind hardworking people. It's humbling.

People may not know that you are also involved with our Oceangrove Seniors Living Village. Can you tell us a bit about your role within Oceangrove.

I wear two hats here at the Club. Aside from being the Executive Manager of Community, I am also the Sales Manager at our own Oceangrove Retirement Village located right next door. Oceangrove first opened in 2010 was awarded the Best Seniors' Living Development in Australia by The Property Council of Australia in 2013, recognising the Village's record breaking sales and state-of-the-art facilities. Oceangrove is a beautiful oasis of tropical landscaped gardens, stylishly decorated. The most rewarding part of my role is again the relationships I have built with our wonderful residents. It is such a pleasure to introduce our Village to prospective new residents so they can experience first-hand the close-knit supportive community of people that make our Village so special.

Are you involved in any community groups outside of the RSL?

As a local resident for more than 30 years and as a parent of three, I have formed very close ties to so many groups over the years. From parent support networks, play groups, local primary and high schools, sporting groups, personal interest groups, community education, fundraising charities, carer support networks – the list is endless!

Are there any groups that have a significant importance to you?

Every single group we support has a rightful place in our Program however, a few come to mind quickly: Manly Warringah Women's Refuge, Surf Lifesaving Sydney Northern Beaches, Be Centre, Water Skills for Life, Fisher Road School, Fighting Chance Australia,

The Community Pantry, Manly Warringah Gymnastic Club, Dee Why School for Seniors...so many incredible organisations.

What would you say to people thinking about volunteering for a community group.

I say do it! It enriches our lives to help others, and volunteer organisations ALWAYS need more help... and the culture of volunteering is infectious, too!

What do you think makes a strong community?

Communication, caring, connectedness. Talk to your neighbours, your colleagues, the person who serves you every day at your local shop or the person you pass on your morning walk. Community is brought together and connected by reaching out and caring for our fellow humans.

What impact do you think the RSL has on our community?

Above all else I believe we're a welcoming meeting place, a social hub. When I first moved to Australia from the US as a teen, my Aussie grandma gave me a very valuable cultural introduction to RSL Clubs – in particular her 'local' RSL (Avalon) and I soon came to appreciate not only the importance of the history, but also the significant social connectedness that it created for everyone, all ages. Every week Grandma enjoyed a Resches middy and a chat with her friends...that was her Saturday afternoon ritual and she looked forward to her familiar, friendly and welcoming club every week. She felt at home and it was a great education for me as to what an RSL is at its very heart.

How do you see the Community Support Program evolving even further?

The Board and Management always strive to listen and be responsive to our local community's evolving needs – we take great time and consideration with the applications we receive for support, as well as staying up-to-date on what is going on in our local community.

What are three facts most people wouldn't know about you.

1. I was born in the States (American Dad/Aussie Mum) and made the move to Australia with my family when I was 16.

2. My first love was classical singing and I studied this for years, becoming a professional singer in my 20s.

3. I am blessed with three great kids – a 19 year old daughter and twin 13 year old sons, plus I'm married to a pretty lovely guy who can cook, too!

RIDE LONG AND PROSPER

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LONGBOARD COMPETITION
LOCALS VS THE PROS / \$15,000 PRIZE POOL

SATURDAY APRIL 27TH, CURL CURL BEACH, EARTH.



DYRSL MALJAM 2019

Come along to the 'Meet and Greet' on Friday 26 April at DYRSL between 6-8pm, level two in the Cabanas. Bring along the kids to meet some of the competing world champions, as well as former Maljam winners.

Dee Why RSL is again extremely proud to be a major sponsor of the biennial DYRSL Maljam - Australia's richest one day longboarding competition. This event attracts some of the world's best surfers to Sydney's Northern Beaches' wave magnet, Curl Curl Beach.

Since its inception in 2011 the 'Curly' Maljam has brought together both the modern high performance and the flowing single fin longboarding styles in its popular one-day format, making it a must-see event on the national competition calendar.

With major sponsor Dee Why RSL, plus 4 Elements Sports Coaching Academy, Bennett Surfboards, Harbord Bowling Club, NSW Government Office of Sport and Adrenalin Wetsuits, the competitor prize pool at this year's Maljam is at \$15,000.

Headliners include 2018 Australian Longboard Champions Tully White and Declan Wyton. Touring W.S.L longboard professionals including 2009/2014 World

Champion Harley Ingleby (Aust); 2011/12/17 World Champion Taylor Jensen (USA); 2006 World Champion Josh Constable (Aust) and returning to defend her Open Women's Maljam 2017 title is W.S.L competitor Nava Young (pictured).

With this international pedigree going head-to-head with returning champs and the best Sydney longboarding locals, this event is set to be another great day of entertainment for all. Make sure you come along to support this must-see event.

Maljam is hosted by Curl Curl Longboarders Inc. Further information can be found at:
www.curlymaljam.com
and Facebook:
[@curlymaljam](https://www.facebook.com/curlymaljam).

(tbc) Pictured: Curl Curl Longboarders Club members (photo credit: Steve Dube); Nava Young and (opposite) Harley Ingleby (credit: wozthathyou.com)



\$10* Jaffa Martini

SUNDAY - THURSDAY | 5:30PM - 7:30PM



*Members Price

