

October 2020

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Welcome to the new Dee Why RSL



We asked. We listened We delivered.

When it came time to undertake the biggest redevelopment in our history, we asked you – our members – what matters most, what we could do to improve, and how we could do more for our community.

The results so far are all around you. Refreshed uniforms. A brand new bar. Additional car spaces. A modern welcoming foyer. A stunning porte-cochere.

While we've already made a lot of changes so far, there are more to come.

With the return of our beloved Flame Lounge & Dining, a new sun-lit

Courtyard and additional live entertainment areas, all scheduled to open late 2021, we will deliver even more to engage our community and a new generation of members.

Although we continue to evolve, the one thing that won't change is our spirit of service. In many ways it's business as usual.

Friendship. Fellowship. Fun.



EST. 1927

BATTERY HOUSE

GOOD TIMES SERVED DAILY

**THE NORTHERN BEACHES HAS
A BRAND NEW PUB — AND IT'S
RIGHT HERE AT DEE WHY RSL.**

Battery House is all about catching up with friends
over beers, food and sport in a place that's
welcoming to all.

We'll see you there.

**LUNCH FRI TO SUN
FROM 12:00PM**

**DINNER 7 NIGHTS
FROM 5:00PM**



MUSIC BINGO

EVERY MONDAY FROM 7:00PM

PUB TRIVIA

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 7:00PM

DISNEY™

THEMED TRIVIA*

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER FROM 7:00PM

LIMITED BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

EVEREST DAY

FEATURES THE TAB EVEREST RACE

SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER FROM 10:00AM

LIMITED BOOKINGS OF 6-10 AVAILABLE

MELBOURNE CUP

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER

THE RACE THAT STOPS THE NATION IS HERE
LIMITED BOOKINGS AVAILABLE

BISTRO

LUNCH & DINNER
• NOON • NIGHT •

A Tradition to Celebrate

Bistro has always been the perfect place to enjoy the traditional taste of the Dee Why RSL kitchen with classic dishes for lunch and dinner.

Settle in for daily roasts and fish and chips, steaks and seafood cooked to order, and freshly made desserts everyone loves.

You're always welcome at our Bistro.

Lunch

Everyday from midday

Dinner

Sunday to Tuesday
from 5:30pm

Wednesday to Saturday
from 5:00pm



Lobster Mornay

Whole: \$42.5^M / 750^P

Half: \$22.5^M / 350^P

There are some flavour combinations that just work and Lobster in Mornay sauce is no exception.

Served with salad and chips, this might just be your next favourite dish.

**Available Sunday to Thursday
for lunch and dinner until 29 October.**

Terms and conditions apply. Not available for takeaway.

TASTES OF ASIA

A World Full of Flavour

Spanning China, Malaysia, Singapore, Bali and beyond, Tastes of Asia is the place to experience authentic dishes prepared by experienced chefs to the highest standard.

Favourite Menu Items Include

- Chicken Laksa
- XO Chilli King Prawns
- Stir-Fry BBQ Duck

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Wednesday to Saturday
from 5:00pm

AQUA

The Soul of Italy in the Heart of Dee Why

Aqua celebrates the best of Italian culture where food and family are central to everyday life.

Coffee and cake? Traditional pasta? Here the flavour of the day is always *delizioso*, with contemporary Italian cuisine served in a modern and relaxed environment.

Lunch

10:00am til 5:00pm

Dinner

Friday and Saturday
from 5:00pm

What's On



Bingo

Tuesday | Thursday | Friday

Free for members. Be a part of the best bingo on the beaches for your chance to win a range of Dee Why RSL Gift Cards and EFTPOS Cards.

Thursday Trivia

Thursdays in the Fishbowl

Free to play and lots of fun, plus, there's a heap of prizes to be won! Test your knowledge every Thursday from 7:30pm

Cash Housie

Seven Sessions Each Week

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

NFL

The 2020 American NFL season has kicked off.

Catch all the action from 10am Friday, Monday and Tuesday live in Battery House.

Footy Finals

Whether you're an Aussie Rules supporter or NRL fanatic, don't miss this season's finalists in what is sure to be a thrilling end to what has been a very different football season.

Bledisloe Cup

Sunday 11 October 1:30pm

Witness New Zealand and Australia go head-to-head in the first round of this year's Bledisloe Cup. Broadcast live in Battery House.



Membership Expiring?

**We Don't Want to See You Go
Renew For 10 Years For Only \$20**

Visit reception or head to deewhyrsl.com.au/renew-membership to renew online.

Marilyn Whitney.

45 Years of Loyal Service

Q. What was your role when you commenced your employment at Dee Why RSL in 1975?

A. I actually had a dual role. I was one of the first staff members that came on board as an internal cleaner and at the same time, I also stepped in and worked as a bartender at the Bowlers Bar.

Back then, the Bowlers Bar was “the place” to be. You might not have known any of the bowler’s names, but you definitely knew what they drank, which in the 70’s, was much more important. That was 45 years ago and I have been here ever since.

Q. How have you seen DYRSL change over the past 45 years?

A. Oh gosh it has changed so much. The Bowlers Green was an L-shape where Aqua currently is, with tennis courts running along Pittwater Road. Adjacent to the

Greens, there was a public bar with a small machine room. Nobody really went to the public bar as they all liked going downstairs to the Bowlers Bar, which was where the admin offices currently are.

In those days, the public bar was only really used once the bowlers bar closed at 8:00pm.

Q. What is your earliest memory of DYRSL?

A. Long before I started working here, my family and I used to go to the club Christmas picnics at the Basin. I am pretty sure there is a photo of me when I was around 11 years old standing at the Basin with Ted Jackson, who was one of my father’s best friends.

My father was a plasterer and a member and was actually part of the team that helped build the original Luana Room.

“We have some of the best staff camaraderie which really binds us all together.”



Everyone who went to the Basin Christmas party got a present; I think I got the same present a few years in a row.

Q. Why did you start working at DYRSL?

A. I came to work here because my father was very sick, and as my brother was a merchant seaman, I had to get a job that was close to home to care for my father.

The job was initially meant to be casual, but I ended up in a dual role meaning I cleaned in the morning, and a lot of the time, bartended afterwards.

Q. What do you think of the new uniform?

A. The new uniform is the best uniform in my history of my time at DYRSL.

This new uniform is casual, coastal, northern beaches, comfortable and

with the times. It is everything we are about and is by far, the most modern in my time. We live in the best place in the world and the uniforms reflect that.

Q. What do you think makes us different?

A. For one, definitely our diversification with the Oceangrove and kindly, and our forward thinking in terms of our redevelopments. Take Aqua as an example. The Aqua al fresco area is one of the best additions to the club since I started working here.

The other best addition in my time is Level 3 where the current showroom is.

Our redevelopment is something that we haven’t ever done before to this extent. I love that we are going to include a new bar and a Courtyard area. These new spaces will be for everyone and attract

Marilyn Whitney.

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such a diverse group of people. No matter who you are or what your interests are, you will be welcome and feel comfortable.

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

A. To me, winning Club of the Year; especially the first time.

It was exciting for the staff and for the community and made us maintain that 'Club of the Year' standard.

Q. As the longest serving staff member are there any defining factors that have made you stay?

A. It is really like have two families here. I am so well known by customers, who are like a family, and I have my staff family. In fact, some of my closest friends in my whole life I met working here.

I maintain a close relationship with staff, both past and present, through Facebook. It's lovely to be able to work in a place where, if staff do the right thing, they will be welcomed back.

I have seen so many staff leave and come back and it really is so heart-warming to have them return, as it creates invaluable relationships with staff and customers.

I really think we have some of the best staff camaraderie which really binds us all together.

Q. How would you describe DYRSL in one sentence?

A. Oh that is so hard. Is that even possible?

We are an RSL and we respect our core values. We've grown to be a productive, modern ongoing business

that's always offering the unexpected.

Q. What excites you about the future?

A. Staying with our core values but progressing as we grow. The new spaces, experiences and offerings will just attract so many different people.

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

A. Through my experience you need to enjoy your time here but also make sure you do the right thing.

In working hard, you respect the club, and with respecting the club, we will look after you.

Q. What is something people might not know about you?

A. I was born and raised in the Northern Beaches. I was born in Brookvale and attended Brookvale Public School, and then went to Narrabeen Girls High.

Q. Pizza or pasta? You can only choose one.

A. Pasta. Definitely pasta.

I wish you asked me about chocolate. Chocolate anything and chocolate everything. For me, there is no other sweet except chocolate.

Q. In your time off, where would we find you?

A. Lunching on the Northern beaches and walking everywhere.

Narrabeen lakes, Long Reef, Warriewood Wetlands and Curl Curl Headland are some of the most spectacular walks in the beaches.



DYRSL Car Wash open 7 days

Accepting tap-and-go payments, our car wash is conveniently located at 825 Pittwater Road.

With two auto wash bays and four self-service wash bays, there has never been a better time to give your vehicle the ultimate cleaning experience.

Standard from \$11

Deluxe from \$13

Ultimate from \$15

Autism Spectrum Australia.

Aspect Vern Barnett School

Dee Why RSL has been consistently committed to Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) for the last 12 years, providing \$200,000 in support.

In 2019/2020 DYRSL provided financial support for the Aspect Vern Barnett School in Forestville to fully refurbish and upgrade their senior playground.

A safe space was created that specifically caters for the special needs of the older students on the autism spectrum which included artificial grass throughout the entire area, age-appropriate equipment, an outdoor gym and a beautiful mural to enjoy.

The revamped playground also includes picnic tables where the students can have their morning tea and lunch together, encouraging social interaction between the students.

It also provides a welcoming space for students to exercise or relax in hammocks and nest swings, which greatly benefits their emotional regulation and well-being.

As with so many organisations, 2020 has proven to be particularly difficult for Aspect due to COVID-19, especially earlier in 2020 when students had to be home-schooled during the Coronavirus lockdown.



Pictured above: School Principal Anna Brady, DYRSL President Graeme Liddell and Nadja Balemans.

Whilst the Aspect Vern Barnett School remained open, in March and April around 80% of the students on the autism spectrum participated in home schooling.

Children on the autism spectrum require structure and routine, so having to swap to home schooling from one day to the next was particularly stressful for them. Lessons were facilitated through online platforms, and in addition school staff worked tirelessly to drop physical learning and support packs off at students' homes.

All students have since returned to the classroom, however a range

of therapy services continue to be provided virtually. The principal and staff at Aspect Vern Barnett School have done an incredible job in providing ongoing assistance and care to all autistic students and their families, keeping everyone safe and supported throughout the recent months.

DYRSL commends the staff, students and families for their adaptability during this highly challenging time, and looks forward to continuing support for the Aspect Vern Barnett School well into the future.

To find out more about Aspect head to autismspectrum.org.au

Your Safety is our Priority.

Because of this, we have implemented a number of COVIDSafe practices so you may continue to enjoy our food, beverage and entertainment offers in the safest way possible

We thank you for following our COVIDSafe measures and hope to see you here soon.



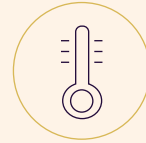
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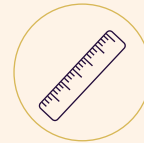
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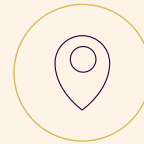


Practise good hygiene



Stay home if you are feeling unwell

For Your Health and Safety We Have Introduced.



Distancing markers



Additional sanitisation stations



Capacity restrictions



COVID Safety Marshalls



Capped restaurant capacity



Disposable menus

We're in This Together.

Nikki Noakes.

Veterans Centre Sydney Northern Beaches Manager

Q. Tell us about your journey so far and how you came to be the Executive Manager of the Veterans Centre Sydney Northern Beaches (VCSNB).

A. Having grown up in a military family, I have always had an interest in Veteran Welfare. My Dad served in the Navy as a Submariner for over 20 years. I decided to follow in his footsteps and joined the Navy as a Supply Officer and was fortunate to serve in HMA Ships Newcastle, Kanimbla and Sydney.

I recognised that my strengths and passion relate to personnel management and I became proficient in interpreting Military Personnel and Pay Legislation and became an Advisor to the Fleet.

In 2018, I left the Navy to take up an executive HR role in a Civil Construction Company where I learnt very quickly the differences between service and civilian management and lifestyle. Whilst I enjoyed my time working with Site Teams, my passion is community based work and supporting people during difficult times.

When I heard about the VCSNB I was genuinely excited to learn of all the great work which was being achieved to support contemporary veterans, like

myself, and families like mine.

I am excited to be leading the VCSNB through this new COVID-19 economy and see the Centre grow in the months and years ahead.

Q. Since managing the VCSNB, how have you seen it evolve?

A. Over the last six months, the VCSNB has improved its service delivery to ensure that clients are supported during this pandemic period – which includes the increase of service resources i.e. additional staffing.

This year, the VCSNB has seen a 25% increase in enquiries (compared to same time 2019) and is currently supporting over 130 active clients!

Q. How has the VCSNB been impacted by COVID-19?

A. The VCSNB relies on the generosity of the public and our dedicated sponsors to fund our service delivery. Due to COVID-19, our Partner, DYRSL, was forced to cancel this year's annual Resilience Luncheon (our flagship fundraiser). Social restrictions have put constraints on our fundraising ability.

“To meet people who share the same values and genuinely want to see positive change for our veteran community is exciting and encouraging”



The VCSNB Team have been working hard to engage with the public to promote our new initiatives related to veteran crisis support and our Volunteer Wellbeing Programs coming in 2021.

Q. What impact do you think the VCSNB has had on the community?

A. We have become a trusted point of contact within the Ex-Services community. The VCSNB has consistently achieved client goals and assisted families in distress turn things around to find purpose and financial independence.

Since its inception, the VCSNB has supported over 680 Clients and submitted in excess of 1700 DVA Claims on behalf of our Clients. This is a remarkable achievement for such a small team.

Q. Describe the mission of the VCSNB in one sentence.

A. To ensure current and former servicemen, servicewomen and their families have the opportunity for growth through accessible support.

Q. What are some of the most rewarding experiences that stand out to you since working at the VCSNB?

A. To be surrounded by people who share same values and genuinely want to see positive change for our veteran community is exciting and encouraging.

Q. Outside of work, where would we find you?

A. At home running after my two children, aged three and seven.

Q. What's something most people don't know about you?

A. I laugh a lot when I get nervous.

Q. What's something most people don't know about you?

A. The VCSNB has welcomed new Service Delivery Staff this month and we are building on the legacy of our predecessors. The next quarter will see the VCSNB expand its operations across local ADF Bases to support new ADF Transition Strategies.

We are also working towards re-instating our Volunteer Wellbeing Programs in 2021 where we encourage the local community to join our team and become wellbeing volunteers to support our local Veterans and their Families.

\$15 CHILLI MARGARITA

EXCLUSIVE TO BATTERY HOUSE
THROUGHOUT OCTOBER.



BISTRO



Three Course Christmas Lunch.

**Leave the Stress of Christmas Cooking in the
Past – This Christmas, We're Cooking for You**

Our Executive Chef has prepared an indulgent three course lunch available to you exclusively in our Bistro. Accompanied by live music in our recently redesigned restaurant, Bistro really is somewhere special for you to enjoy Christmas alongside friends and family.

Sittings:
From 12:00pm

Adults: \$60.0^m / \$70.6^{nm}
Children: \$30.0^m / \$35.5^{nm}

Bookings are essential and can be made through contacting reception on 9454 4000.