## OUR FRIENDS AND A HAVEN IN THE CITY an added benefit to CYCSA Senior Membership



The CYCSA and the Naval, Military & Air Force Club of South Australia (NMAFC) have had a formal membership relationship since 2017. This follows a close and long-standing affiliation between a number of members of each club, particularly those with military or defence connections and a love of the sea and outdoor life.

This agreement, upon application, allows Senior Members of the CYCSA to enjoy all the benefits of the NMAFC 'full paying town membership' and in reverse all NMAFC members are welcomed upon application to the benefits of our associate membership. For obvious reasons though, these reciprocal arrangements do not include voting rights. This arrangement has currently seen over 100 NMAFC members join the CYCSA, receive gate access, attend social events, enjoy hospitality discounts along with credit facilities as well as benefit from discounted Marine Academy instruction and avenues to participate in social sailing through Twilight patronage.

Moving forward, both clubs would like to further encourage the benefits that co-membership can provide in order to build the relationship with our friends in the city. In a nutshell, it adds value to both club's memberships at no extra cost.

The NMAFC offers a grand premises on Hutt Street that has seen the club mature gracefully over its 140 year existence. The Members Bar in the heart of this impressive building can be accessed Monday-Saturday for coffee, full bar and food offerings, as well as a library area with all up-to-date literature and tabloids on hand. Meeting rooms and accommodation are also available. It is certainly a sanctuary in which to relax as you are kindly asked to switch phones off or to silent while on the premises.



A wide range of functions and activities are conducted including monthly wine luncheons hosted by some of our state's premium viticulturists to allow patrons to enjoy the hospitality facilities by way of pre-luncheon drinks in the Imperial Room before dining in the Colonel Downes Dining Room. These occasions are well supported and a fantastic way of 'mingling and tingling' with the winemakers and other fine food and wine enthusiasts.

The 'Long Tan' room offers members 24-hour key code access to a 'safe haven' in the city where you have access to an honesty system of beverages and a peaceful area which is regularly used as a movie viewing or small meeting room. All audio and visual usage can be arranged by pre booking.

The NMAFC are introducing their 'BBQtivo' concept on Friday evenings during the summer months where members can enjoy a stylish drinks and BBQ atmosphere.

Both clubs are very keen to expand on their relationship by way of 'Interclub competitions' some of which are planned soon. Reciprocal quiz nights and snooker tournaments are just two ideas that will be advertised shortly. The NMAFC houses a wonderful billiards room with two full sized tables and cues in an impressively traditional surrounding. Any snooker enthusiasts at the CYCSA who would like to represent the club can make their interest known to the CYCSA General Manager, Adam Hays.

To find out more about the NM&AFC please visit their website at http://www.navmil.org/





