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# YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

# ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

**IF YOU'VE EVER  
DREAMED OF BEING A  
MILLIONAIRE, HERE'S  
YOUR BIG CHANCE!**

During April and May, for every \$20 you spend\* in any one transaction at Parramatta Leagues and Vikings Sports Club, you'll receive an Entry which will give you a chance of winning One Million Dollars!

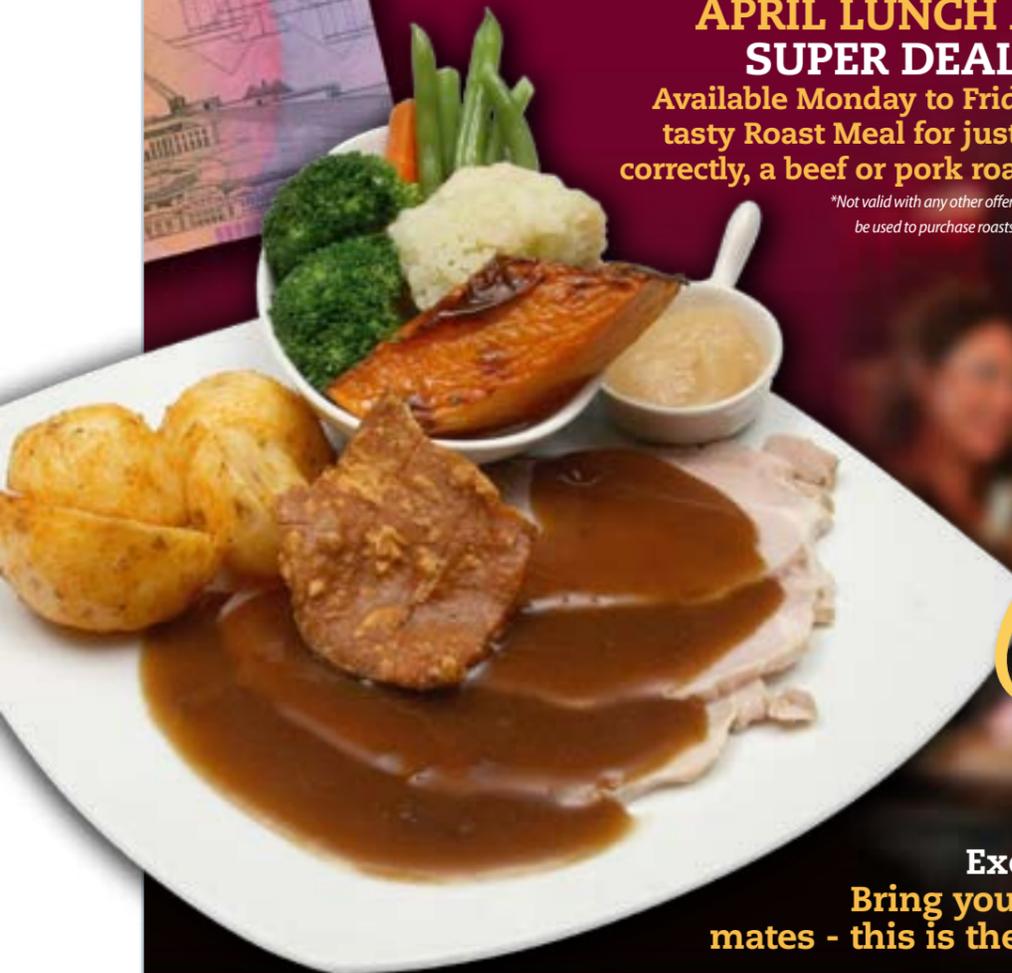
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# \$5 Roast\*

**APRIL LUNCH AND DINNER SUPER DEAL AT CAFÉ 88!**  
 Available Monday to Friday, you can enjoy a tasty Roast Meal for just \$5. Yes, you read it correctly, a beef or pork roast meal for only \$5.

\*Not valid with any other offer. Cash and eftpos payments only. Points cannot be used to purchase roasts. Roast of the day is subject to stock availability.



Exclusive to Café 88  
 Bring your friends or work mates - this is the deal of the year!

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY THROUGHOUT APRIL FOR BOTH LUNCH AND DINNER!**

**LUNCH** MONDAY TO FRIDAY 12.00 NOON – 2.30PM  
**DINNER** MONDAY TO THURSDAY 5.30PM – 9.00PM, FRIDAY 5.30PM – 9.30PM

## PAGE 27 Justin Poore delivers fresh energy to the Eels!

Former St George Illawarra hard-man, Justin Poore, is revelling in his role with the Parramatta Eels and has already demonstrated why he was targeted as a new recruit for the Club.

Read how he is enjoying his new footy home and how he brings a fresh energy to the Eels team.



## PAGE 8 Parramatta Leagues sponsors Northcott's new bus.

Parramatta Leagues has had a long association with Northcott Disability Services and recently confirmed sponsorship of Northcott's brand-new bus which is purpose-designed to transport children and adults with disabilities.



## PAGE 32 Vikings Sports Club Recreation Room a hit!

With two new snooker tables and a juke box, this facility now boasts darts, a TAB service, table tennis and an LCD screen which displays video clips from the juke box. AND it's a family friendly environment!

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If you've ever dreamed of being a millionaire, here's your big chance!

Perhaps you haven't visited Parramatta Leagues or the Vikings Sports Club for a while? Well now's the time to enjoy our facilities, because we're giving you the chance to win One Million Dollars!

Why not bring the family to enjoy a meal at either of our Clubs, because with every \$20 purchase in any one transaction\*, you receive 1 entry into the contest.

There's never been a better time than April and May to visit both our Clubs!

# YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

# ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

**GET 1 ENTRY INTO THE MAJOR PRIZE DRAW FOR EVERY \$20 SPENT IN A SINGLE TRANSACTION\*!**

**IT'S SO EASY TO ENTER!**

**1** When you spend in either of our Clubs, you'll receive 1 Entry Form into the contest for every increment of \$20 in that transaction\*. For example, spend \$40 and get 2 entries, spend \$60 and get 3 entries and so on.

**2** Complete your Entry Form/s and drop them into the Entry Vault in the Reno Room on the ground floor of Parramatta Leagues or on the main floor of the Vikings Sports Club.

**3** Keep visiting both our Clubs during April and May to gain more entries and increase your chances! The Major Prize Draw will be held at 7pm on Monday 31 May 2010 at Parramatta Leagues, and you must be at the Club to win.

See full details on page 9.

\*See Conditions for full details of Major Prize Draw and the Prize Event. Excludes gaming and change counter transactions. Vouchers cannot be redeemed for cash in gaming or any other area. Must be a Member to enter Club if you live within 5km radius of Club. Normal Club entry requirements must be met. Full terms and conditions available at Parramatta Leagues Reception and at [www.parraleagues.com.au](http://www.parraleagues.com.au). Authorised under NSW Permit No. LTPS/10/02882.

## President's Report

### Fellow Members,

After a busy start to the year that included Australia Day, Chinese New Year and the usual holiday period leisure time, it's hard to believe that it's already April and that the new NRL season is well underway. Already we have seen some massive crowds coming to Parramatta Stadium as the fans in the area continue partake in 'Eels-mania' after the wonderful feats that the team were able to achieve last season. It has been a wonderful achievement to double our number of ticketed memberships in 2010, and I'm sure the team won't let anyone down on the field.

In this edition of the Bulletin you will see there is a real football flavour with a revamped Eels section including more stories about your favourite players, as well as a look at some of our new faces and a bit of a trip down memory lane. It's all part of giving our members what they have been asking us for and we are definitely committed to being the 'Home of the Eels'.

In fact, on April 16 the Eels Squad will be coming to the Club for a BBQ with the fans in Stereo's. It's the last day of the school holidays so we want to see you and your kids come along and meet their favourite players. There will be opportunities for photos, autographs and plenty of time to chat about footy with some of the biggest names in the game, we hope you can come along!

Also in this edition you will see that we have some amazing dining offers available during April and May. You will also see how you have the chance to win one million dollars just by making purchases at either of our Clubs during April and May.



Once again I would like to thank all our members for your patronage and hope that you keep enjoying your Clubs for the remainder of 2010.

Regards,

Roy Spagnolo OAM  
President

## A note from the Chief Executive

### Welcome to our new look Parramatta Leagues Bulletin.

After much dialogue with members, we decided to revamp our bi-monthly magazine and I hope you like the makeover. You'll see that there's considerably more Eels stories, as we recognise that many of our members can't get enough information about their beloved NRL team.

We've given the Bulletin more of a 'magazine feel', with the objective being to provide you with more stories about both the Vikings Sports Club and Parramatta Leagues, our involvement in the community and the exciting promotions, dining offers and entertainment that's coming up at both venues.

April and May will go down as landmark months in this year's calendar, as members and guests have the chance to enter a contest which will give them the chance to win One Million Dollars! See page 9 for full details.

And it keeps getting better!

At Parramatta Leagues, we want to be known as the Club that delivers extraordinary value and we demonstrate this by offering dining and promotional offers on a regular basis. See page 12 for our April Meal Deal – a Roast Beef or Pork Meal for just \$5 (normally \$12.95) and page 14 for our May Meal Deal – The Giant Hamburger, with curly fries and salad, normally \$14.95, only \$7.95!

This policy is further exemplified by Parramatta Leagues offering free entertainment – the doubleheader Bon Jovi Show and Red Hot Chili Peppers Show as well as The Australian Blues Brothers Show on pages 18 – 19.



So if ever there was a time for you to frequent both our Clubs, this April and May are the months you should do it. Look forward to seeing you at both our Clubs.

Tullio Cofrancesco  
Chief Executive

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The Parramatta Water Polo Club would like to again thank Parramatta Leagues for the sponsorships it has provided to our Club. Without the sponsorship money the Water Polo Club would struggle to maintain its junior programs at the same level.



The sponsorship money continues to be used towards junior development in the Parramatta area. There is under 14s and under 16s teams competing in the Sydney water polo competition. The money is used for a variety of purposes, for the junior players such as:

1. Purchase of necessary equipment such as balls and caps
2. Player registration fees
3. Team entry fees
4. Club championship carnivals
5. Sponsorship money for juniors in representative teams
6. Advertising for players in local newspapers
7. Junior presentation day and awards
8. Club uniform
9. Club website licence fee

The average yearly costs to run the junior teams is approximately \$5,000 and the Parra Leagues grant covers 60% of our Club's expenses. As a result the Water Polo Club has been able to heavily subsidise the registration fee that juniors could have been charged.

The 2008-9 season was quite successful with the u14s boys team reaching the Metropolitan Competition Grand Final. Two players were selected in junior state teams and one of them also won a sports person award from Fairfield Council. Three boys were also selected for the U13s NSW development squad.

The Club's aim is to attract and develop as many juniors (girls and boys) in the area that are interested in playing water polo. All juniors over 10 years of age are welcome to play. If they are not quite ready for competition they are encouraged to train with the other juniors until they have developed their skills.

# Community

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## Healthy Hearts Children's Cooking Program

### Parramatta/Holroyd Family Support



Tasty fruit yoghurt muesli parfait

Parramatta Leagues Club donated over \$9,000 to the Parramatta Holroyd Family Support Inc. This grant was used to create and develop the 'Healthy Hearts Children Cooking Program'.

The program's aim is to encourage children to participate in cooking with nutritious food and learn about the different food groups as well as encouraging them to try different foods. The program was also developed to raise awareness about why we eat healthy food. The group also aimed to build self esteem and confidence in children through cooking and also through team fitness activities.

Children were given the opportunity to create different healthy meals and goodies based on the weekly theme. The children were very excited about sharing what they had made with their families as well as trying the different foods during group time. They also participated in different physical activities such as team tag, ball games, hoola hoop and skipping games.

The children have gained so much enjoyment, knowledge and self esteem from the group. Every week they improved a little each time.

The program will be run a further 3 times over the course of the year and up to 10 children will be able to attend each group. Overall this will allow up to 40 children to benefit from the program over the year and go towards educating those children of the importance of healthy food and exercise as well as building confidence and self esteem.



Making healthy savoury muffins

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FREE MAHJONG AT PARRA LEAGUES

\$500 TO BE WON!

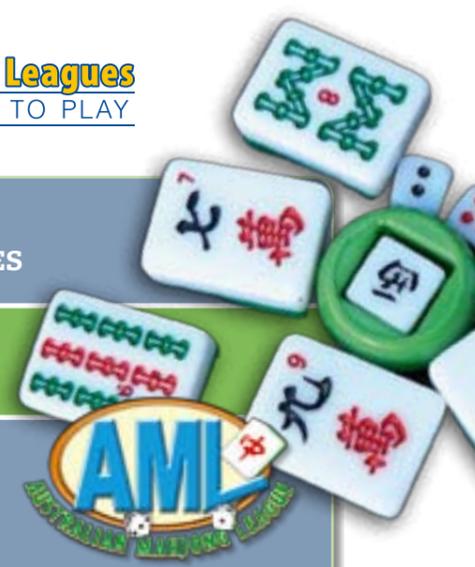
1ST PLACE \$250 | 2ND PLACE \$125 | 3RD PLACE \$75 | 4TH PLACE \$50

EVERY WEDNESDAY | REGO 6.30PM | TOURNAMENT 7.30PM

EVERY SATURDAY | REGO 9.00AM | TOURNAMENT 10.00AM

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[www.australianmahjongleague.com.au](http://www.australianmahjongleague.com.au) OR VISIT THE REWARDS LOUNGE AT PARRAMATTA LEAGUES



## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

SUNDAY 9 MAY

BRING THE FAMILY ALONG FOR A SEAFOOD BUFFET

LIVE MUSIC BY AM2PM

EVERY MUM RECEIVES A FREE GIFT

TICKETS \$60.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$30.00 FOR CHILDREN (AGED 5-12 YEARS). FREE FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 AND UNDER. LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE. BOOK AT RECEPTION OR CALL 8833 0777 BEFORE THURSDAY 6 MAY. FOR MORE DETAILS SEE PAGE 29



Children and adults with a disability will be able to access the community thanks to the generous donation from Parramatta Leagues Club, along with Sargents Pies and Variety, of a brand new \$160,000 accessible bus to Northcott Disability Services.



Kelly O'Neil with client Hayden Smith



Tullio Cofrancesco with Northcott client Ben Keyte

## Northcott's New Ride

The Variety Club Sunshine Coach, a 22 seater Mitsubishi Rosa, has been modified to transport seven wheelchairs at one time, which also allows nine other people on the bus.

Kerry Stubbs, CEO of Northcott Disability Services said the not-for-profit organisation provided a number of services in and around the metropolitan Sydney region that requires transporting children and young adults with disabilities.

"The new bus will be used across a number of different services including Northcott's centre-based respite, recreation programs, community participation program and play groups," Ms. Stubbs said.

"These activities and outings assist in developing our client's independence and social confidence," she said.

"The bus replaces an old bus which did not have air conditioning, fewer built-in safety features, no tinted windows and less capacity, meaning more clients will now not only be able to attend outings within the community, but be able to travel in comfort," she said. Ms Stubbs said Northcott relies on financial support from the community to continue to provide services and activities for the 8,000 clients and families it supports.

"I am delighted by the efforts of Variety the children's charity NSW, Sargents Pies Charitable Foundation and the Parramatta Leagues Club in collectively providing us with this much-needed bus," Ms. Stubbs said.

"Because of their generous and continued support Northcott will be able to continue to fulfil our commitment to our clients and their families in Metropolitan Sydney," she said.

Tullio Cofrancesco, Chief Executive of the Parramatta Leagues Club said: "Parramatta Leagues Club has a long and proud association with Northcott Disability Services."

"When we received the proposal to sponsor the new bus, we immediately saw how beneficial it would be to the services provided by Northcott," Mr. Cofrancesco said.

"We are honoured to be a part of such an important community project," he said.

Northcott Disability Services is an innovative and dynamic not-for-profit organisation that provides support to 8,000 people with a broad range of disabilities and their families and carers across NSW and the ACT by providing a range of services which promote a genuinely inclusive society.

To donate or for more information on Northcott visit [www.northcott.com.au](http://www.northcott.com.au) or Freecall 1800 506 071



## OFFICIAL 2010 EELS SHIRTS & SINGLET'S

# NOW AVAILABLE

See page 25 for details

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## Your Chance to Win One Million Dollars!

If you haven't been to our Clubs for a while, now's the time to visit!

Over April and May, Parramatta Leagues and Vikings Sports Club are giving you the chance to win this extraordinary Million Dollar prize.

Entry into this contest couldn't be simpler. Receive 1 entry for every \$20 spend in any one purchase. Therefore, if you were to spend \$60 in one purchase in any of our dining facilities, you would receive 3 entries. Likewise, if you were to spend let's say, \$42 at the bar in either of our Clubs, you would receive 2 entries.

So there's never been a better time to visit your Clubs, with a Million Dollars up for grabs! The promotion runs right throughout April and May, with entries closing on Sunday 30 May 2010 and a Preliminary Draw taking place at 7pm on Monday 31 May 2010.

### Why not bring the family to dinner?

With the great options available across both of our Clubs, now's the time to treat the whole family to an enjoyable lunch or dinner!

Why? Because not only can the whole family enjoy a great value meal, but also you'll be getting an entry into our Million Dollar promotion for every increment of \$20 spent! Try getting that from any other restaurant in town!

At Parramatta Leagues, you can choose from our New York style Café 88 or enjoy Asian delights at the Tingha Palace Chinese restaurant. And at Vikings Sports Club, you can enjoy delicious Asian cuisine at the Peak View restaurant. Let's face it, how often are you going to be able to go out for a bite to eat at a café or restaurant that gives you the chance to win \$1 Million Dollars?

### Say goodbye to the global financial stress!

Parramatta Leagues Chief Executive, Tullio Cofrancesco, explained how the promotional concept came about.

Tullio said "We know that the last couple of years have been tough for many people. The Global Financial Crisis has hit all of us and this is our way of providing some light at the end of the tunnel for a lucky winner.

We know that both our Clubs offer fantastic value for money when it comes to dining, entertainment and a social drink or two – and therefore we figured that we should launch a big promotion like this around those facilities - and make entry as simple as possible.

All too often, businesses like ours launch big giveaways like this, but make entry a complicated affair. In our case, we decided to make it nice and

Just imagine the feeling of having

# ONE MILLION DOLLARS!

in YOUR bank account!

simple – for every \$20 spent in any one transaction, the patron receives 1 entry into our Million Dollar contest".

Both Clubs are geared up for an expected increase in customer traffic over the next two months, as who wouldn't want to visit the Clubs more regularly than normal, in order to increase their chances of winning?

### Contest runs over April and May

Obviously, the more entries you have in this contest, the more chances you have of winning. So the good news is that the promotion runs right throughout April and May, with entries being accepted up till Sunday 30 May 2010.

When you receive an entry at the cash register point, simply fill in your details and place the entry in the "Entry Vault" in the Reno Room on the ground floor. There are no limitations on entries, so place as many entries as you like into the vault.

Note: For Tingha Palace customers, simply take your meal receipt to our ground floor Rewards Lounge and upon presentation, you will receive the appropriate number of entries into the contest.

### The Major prize draw takes place at Parramatta Leagues at 7pm on Monday 31 May 2010. You must be at the draw to win!\*

This draw will determine the entrant eligible to participate in the Major Prize Event, where this person will choose one (1) envelope from 250 numbered envelopes for the chance to win \$1 Million. One envelope contains \$1 Million and the other 249 envelopes contain a consolation prize of \$25,000. Note: At the Major Prize Draw, the person whose name is drawn must confirm their attendance within 4 minutes of being announced, otherwise their entry will be deemed invalid and another draw will take place. This draw system will be repeated, until an eligible entrant is found.

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# TAB IN STERLO'S

Sterlo's Sports bar now features a TAB self service Kiosk. Place your bets and enjoy all the biggest sporting events on our big screen!

APRIL/MAY HIGHLIGHTS

RUGBY LEAGUE NRL, TEST MATCH & STATE OF ORIGIN

RUGBY SUPER 14

CRICKET T20 WORLD CUP

TENNIS FRENCH OPEN



# FREE BBQ

## WITH THE EELS PLAYERS IN STERLO'S SPORTS BAR!

Exclusive 'FIRST' for all Eels Fans  
Meet the whole 2010 NRL SQUAD!  
**FRIDAY 16 APRIL**  
FROM 1PM

Have you ever wanted to ask **Hindy** what gives him the energy to keep making tackles?



Or ask **Jarryd** about his flashy boots?

Maybe you just want to tell **Caylo** he's a great captain!

You can do all this and more on Friday 16 April as we welcome the Pirtek Parramatta Eels to Sterlo's Sports Bar for a FREE BBQ! Get up close and personal with your favourite Eels stars as we celebrate the 2010 season here at Parramatta Leagues Club. Make the most of the school holidays and bring the kids along to meet their heroes! Everyone will be there, so get some autographs and take a few photos while talking footy with some of the biggest stars in the NRL like Nathan Hindmarsh, Jarryd Hayne and Fuifui Moimoi!

We wouldn't be the 'Home of the Eels' unless we allowed EVERYONE to see their favourite team, so Sterlo's will be serving only soft drinks for the duration of the BBQ so that Eels fans of all ages can come and join the fun!

### SEE YOU THERE!

Don't forget to grab the best range of Eels merchandise from **BGA HQ** before you arrive so you can show off your support in style!



Store opposite Parramatta Leagues' entrance  
2 Grose Street Parramatta 2150  
Phone 8843 0300 Web [www.bgahq.com.au](http://www.bgahq.com.au)



### Enjoy a Roast Meal for just \$5!

Café 88 April lunch and dinner offer – Monday to Friday!

You won't see a meal offer like this too often – a Roast Meal of beef or pork for just \$5. Hard to believe, but it's true.

Throughout the month of April, you can enjoy a delicious Roast Meal for lunch or dinner in Café 88 at Parramatta Leagues for just \$5.

You probably think that we've gone crazy, but it's just our way of saying thank you to members and guests for their wonderful patronage of our Club.

We know that times have been a little tough over the last couple of years, so we want to provide something back to our members and the community, in the form of affordable meals.

So if ever there's a time to grab some friends and family and enjoy a hearty lunch or dinner for a ridiculously low price, April is the time to do it! Let's face it, you can bring a whole team of work colleagues to enjoy lunch or dinner and a table of 10 can eat for just \$50!

Our Roast Meals are normally \$12.95 each, so this special is at an absolutely crazy price – which we know will be enormously popular.

It's a perfect offer for those who might be members of social or sporting clubs, as it's a great excuse for meeting at Parramatta Leagues before or after your activities. Let's face it, what other hearty meal can you buy in this day and age for \$5?

This offer is available for lunch in Café 88 Monday through Friday during April noon – 2.30pm, Monday to Thursday for dinner 5.30pm – 9.00pm and Friday 5.30pm – 9.30pm.



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## Dining

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Offers you can't afford to miss!

**April** Roast Meal Lunch & Dinner – \$5  
**May** Biggest Hamburger Meal – \$7.95

### The Biggest Hamburger Meal in the Land for just \$7.95!



Café 88 May lunch and dinner offer – 7 days a week!

Our May Café 88 Meal Deal is one that is sure to whet the appetite of everyone – It's probably the biggest Hamburger Meal in the land for just \$7.95!

Aside from being the biggest Hamburger Meal in the land, we believe that this would probably be the best offer of its kind anywhere in the world as well! A giant, succulent hamburger, complete with fried egg, bacon, tomato, lettuce and 100% Australian beef patty – complemented with fries – normally \$14.95 – but just \$7.95 for the month of May!

We are sure that this Café 88 special will be attracting people from far and wide, so we suggest that you get to Parramatta Leagues as close as possible to our opening times!

This offer is for lunch and dinner and will be available 7 days a week from Saturday 1 May till Monday 31 May 2010.

Given that the traditional hamburger has been one of Australia's favourite meals for many years, we thought that this would be a great Dinner Offer for our members and guests.

We can all probably remember going to the milk bar after school in our adolescent days, enjoying that good old Aussie hamburger with egg and bacon, together with some delicious fries.

Well now it's available for you during May, but this time it's a gourmet hamburger and a huge one!

So mark down the month of May in your diary for being able to enjoy the biggest hamburger meal in the land for just \$7.95 at Café 88!

## FREE SHOWS AT PARRAMATTA LEAGUES

BON JOVI – KEEP THE FAITH & CALIFORNICATION – THE RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS SHOW  
SATURDAY 17 APRIL - SEE PAGE 18

THE AUSTRALIAN BLUES BROTHERS SHOW  
FRIDAY 14 MAY - SEE PAGE 19



# APRIL LUNCH AND DINNER SUPER DEAL AT CAFÉ 88!

Bring your family, friends or work colleagues!  
**This is the Meal Deal of the year!**  
Enjoy roast pork or roast beef  
for this incredible price!



## IT'S BACK!

# \$5 Roast\*

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY THROUGHOUT  
APRIL FOR BOTH LUNCH AND DINNER!**

**LUNCH** MONDAY TO FRIDAY 12.00 NOON – 2.30PM

**DINNER** MONDAY TO THURSDAY 5.30PM – 9.00PM, FRIDAY 5.30PM – 9.30PM

Enjoy a  
**GIANT HAMBURGER**

filled with fried egg, tasty bacon, a HUGE meat pattie, onions and salad, complemented with tasty fries – for a **ridiculously low price of just \$7.95!**

Normally this giant Hamburger Meal is \$14.95!

Not valid with any other offer. Cash and eftpos payments only. Points cannot be used to purchase hamburgers. Subject to availability.



JUST  
**\$7.95**



AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH AND DINNER 7 DAYS A WEEK DURING MAY AT CAFÉ 88

**THE BIGGEST**



**HAMBURGER MEAL IN THE LAND!**



**CAFÉ 88 HOURS**

LUNCH MONDAY TO SUNDAY 12PM – 2.30PM

DINNER SUNDAY TO THURSDAY 5.30PM – 9PM,  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 5.30PM – 9.30PM



**“Our customers know that they will get consistent quality, the freshest and best range of food and excellent service from our staff each time.”**

## Tingha Palace

It's amazing how quickly time flies. It has already been over two years since Tingha Palace first opened at Parramatta Leagues after moving from Church St where it had originally been located, and according to restaurant manager Vinson Wong, the timing of the move was perfect.

“Coming to Parramatta Leagues allowed us to access a new customer base, but we also were able to keep our regulars coming along despite the new location. We needed to freshen up our service, and a new location with improved facilities was the perfect solution.”

“We have developed a great relationship with the Club and I think that success will continue into the future.”

Attracting customers is often a simpler task than retaining them, so what is it that makes people keep coming back to Tingha Palace time after time?

“Our customers know that they will get consistent quality, the freshest and best range of food and excellent service from our staff each time. I think they also like the decorations and comfort that they receive when dining here. Consistently high quality is what we strive for.”

Tingha Palace at Parramatta Leagues offers a delectable and unique Chinese dining experience. Reputable for its authentic and exceptional a la carte cuisine - the finest in Western Sydney.

Come in and enjoy the creation of one of Sydney's most authentic Asian restaurants with impressive Chinese furnishings and ambience. Tingha Palace features a relaxed dining room and fully covered terrace, giving you the choice of indoor and alfresco dining, as well as friendly and warm service.

Enjoy sensations from the sea, with live tanks featuring lobster, crab and fish or indulge on one of the Chefs very popular specials including Stir-fried Farm Abalone with XO Chilli Sauce, King Prawns with White Bait in Spicy Salt and Peking Duck.

Tingha Palace also offers a truly unique and traditional dining experience of Yum Cha. Tingha Palace is one of the largest Yum Cha offerings in Sydney's west and presents an exciting and fast paced service of unusual culinary delights. Enjoy a wide selection of scrumptious offerings such as assorted steamed and fried dumplings, vegetable, seafood and selected meat rolls, spring rolls, calamari as well as some delectable Chinese desserts.



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**LUNCH** Monday to Friday 11.00am – 3.00pm | Saturday & Sunday 10.00am – 3.00pm  
**DINNER** Sunday to Thursday 5.30pm – 10.00pm | Friday & Saturday 5.30pm – 11.00pm

## YUM CHA AT TINGHA PALACE

MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 11AM  
 SATURDAY & SUNDAY FROM 10AM

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## Mega Cash gives Gary 28,000 reasons to celebrate

Parramatta Leagues Club's Mega Cash draw has again thrilled one of our members with Gary Hulbert walking away \$28,000 richer after an innocuous trip to Parramatta Leagues during February. Gary has been a regular patron at the Club since he joined in 2005 and says he always thought it would be nice to win the Mega Cash, but never thought he would be lucky enough.

“Oh I never thought my number would be called, but I'm glad it was, must have just been my lucky day”, he says. “I have been coming here for a while and it's always in the back of your mind that it could go off, but I never expected to win, no, I was just in the right place at the right time.”

“I come to the Club once or twice a week usually, to get some dinner or to have a drink, I think it's great for people to come to the Club and have a chance of really giving themselves a financial boost, it's worth it for sure.”

Winning such a large sum of money in one go is something no one can really anticipate, but when asked what he had planned for the winnings Gary said, “Well, I think we will take a holiday that is long overdue, and there are a few other things that I can now buy, but I will then invest the rest.”



It's one of many success stories from our members who have been fortunate enough to take home cash prizes simply for enjoying their Club during one of our draws.



## Winners



## Mega Cash gave Maria 43,000 reasons to celebrate

In 2006, Maria Carro was also fortunate enough to be a Mega Cash winner, where she took home \$43,000.

“I had always won plenty of prizes in bingo over the years but winning the Mega Cash was certainly the highlight for me. It's the most excited I have ever been in my life. Everything I've won here either went to my kids or back into the Club in one way or another”, Maria says with a grin.

The Mega Cash has been a feature of Parramatta Leagues Club for the past few years. In 2009 it was reconfigured to have a monthly final draw, giving members a better chance of winning the jackpot. Promotions and Entertainment Manager Lance Rudd tells us that the Club has certainly had a buzz around Mega Cash time since the changes came into effect.

“People are definitely staying around longer, I think they appreciate that it's such an easy way of changing your life for the better, and they get to spend time with friends and enjoy the Club that they love so much. I think it's been a great initiative, but we won't rest on our laurels, and if we can think of a way to improve the promotion or implement something that the members want then we will definitely do it.”

For your chance to have your own Mega Cash success story you simply need to be at the Club during one of our draws that take place on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Remember, the more you visit the Club, the better your chances of being the lucky winner!

See pages 20 – 21 for more details on the April/May Mega Cash Series.

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**FINAL DRAW** 3pm, 3.30pm, 4pm, 4.30pm, 5pm

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# Your Team

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The Parramatta Eels hosted their biggest Fan Day ever prior to the kick-off of the 2010 season in a huge celebration in the heart of Parramatta.

## Parramatta Eels Fan Day

Church Street Mall was transformed into a carnival, with clowns, performers, music, food and a centre-stage packed with celebrities. But the centrepiece was the long table hosting every single Parramatta Eels player in the 2010 NRL squad.

Fans stayed for hours to see their favourite players, with the queue for autographs snaking around the block and past Westfield!

By the end of the day 10,000 people had passed through the area, Church St Mall had never seen so much blue and gold!

The Parramatta Eels launched their season earlier in the day at an official function inside Parramatta Town Hall, where each player was presented with their jersey for the season by dignitaries such as the Lord Mayor.

The party then moved outside and the fans were given the chance to see who they shared a passion for the Eels with. Boxer Danny Green was the star attraction and continues to support the Eels as a no. 1 fan, taking time out of his busy training schedule to be a part of the day.

World champion discus thrower Dani Samuels also attended, as well as Commonwealth gold-medallist runner John Steffensen and Australian cricketer Nathan Bracken. A major highlight was an exclusive video shot for the Parramatta Eels by 'The Mentalist' star Simon Baker, outing himself as a mad Eels fan who stays up late at night to watch his beloved team play from Hollywood in the U.S.

To cap the day, major sponsor Pirtek threw their considerable support behind the Club and in an indication of the growing strength of the Eels, committed to the Club for a further three years.



# PARRAMATTA EELS

## New Faces at the Eels

The Pirtek Parramatta Eels welcome four new players to the squad for the 2010 season. Joining the Club for the first time are front-rower Justin Poore from the Dragons, fullback/half Tom Humble from the Cowboys and back-rower Shane Shackleton from the Roosters.

These players will be joined by Timana Tahu, who previously played for the Eels between 2005 and 2007 and has spent the last two seasons playing rugby union for the Waratahs.

Also joining the Eels in 2010 is Peter Sharp, who will work alongside Daniel Anderson as Assistant Coach.



## Shane Shackleton

**D.O.B.** 8 July, 1982  
**Height** 188 cm  
**Weight** 106 kg  
**Position** Prop/Second row  
**Rep. Honours** 1 game for City Origin, 2009  
**Junior Clubs** South Eastern, Cronulla Caringbah  
**Previous Clubs** Sydney Roosters

**FG Debut** Syd Roosters v Bris Broncos, Suncorp, 2005 (Rd 25)  
**Club Debut** v Dragons, 2010 (Rd 1)

Shane Shackleton joined the Eels this year from the Sydney Roosters and comes to the Club with the reputation of having a strong work rate along with a degree of ball playing ability. He made his representative debut in 2009 for the City Origin team and is ready to take his game to the next level.

A strong runner, Shackleton is dangerous on the edges while never shirking the hard yards up the middle, and is a reliable defender renowned for pulling off big hits.

The proud dad of two daughters had been enjoying a great start with the Eels before being struck down with a severe hamstring injury in round one against the Dragons. However, he remains upbeat and will be doing his best to get back on the paddock this season.

## Justin Poore

**D.O.B.** 26 January 1985  
**Height** 188 cm  
**Weight** 108 kg  
**Position** Prop  
**Rep. Honours** 3 games for NSW, 2009  
**Junior Clubs** Helensburgh Tigers  
**Previous Clubs** St George Illawarra Dragons  
**FG Debut** Dragons v Canberra Raiders, WIN Jubilee Oval, 2004 (Rd 1)

Justin Poore has stamped himself as one of the most consistent front rowers in the NRL and has been a constant improver since his debut in 2004. His consistency and aggression saw him play all three games in the 2009 State of Origin series for the New South Wales Blues. Poore brings experience and hard-running to an already fearsome Eels pack.

The Helensburgh junior has taken on a senior role within the squad and has created even more competition for spots in the forwards. Look for him to lead from the front with his no nonsense and intimidating style of play.

See page 27 for more on Justin Poore

## Burty brings up double ton in style



Luke Burt pictured with son Lincoln at his 200th game.

Parramatta winger Luke Burt celebrated his 200th first grade game for the Club in style by helping the Eels to a memorable 24-20 victory over Manly at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday 21 March. Burt kicked four goals from as many attempts, including a couple of pearlers from the sideline, which in the end proved the difference as the sides were locked at four tries a piece. He also started a movement which saw Timana Tahu score a try after the Eels were almost trapped in their own in goal after a well weighted kick from Manly.

It had already been a special week for Burt as he committed to the Eels for a further two seasons seeing him through till the end of 2012, which will be his 14th season at Parramatta after debuting as a fresh faced and blonde haired 17 year old in 1999. Burt has scored over 1300 points for the Eels which now makes him the highest scorer among the current players in the NRL.

"I really didn't want to ever play for any other Club so I'm relieved and really excited that it has all been sorted out," said Burt. "It's also an honour to achieve 200 games in first grade for the one Club and it was unbelievable to celebrate with a victory like that."



## Timana Tahu

**D.O.B.** 16 October, 1980  
**Height** 185 cm  
**Weight** 98 kg  
**Position** Centre  
**Rep. Honours** 11 matches for NSW '02-'06; 5 Tests '02, '04-'06, Country Origin '01-'03.  
**Junior Clubs** Central Charlestown  
**Previous Clubs** Newcastle Knights, NSW Waratahs (RU)

**FG Debut** Newc. Knights v Sth Syd Rabbitohs, 1999 (Rd 12)  
**Club Debut** v Wests Tigers, 2005 (Rd 1)

Timana Tahu's game can be summed up in one word - Class. This prodigious talent returns to the Parramatta Eels after a two-year stint in rugby union, and wants to recapture the form that almost led the Eels to a Grand Final in 2007.

Fast, strong and skillful, Tahu is the complete centre who can embarrass even the best defenders with his combination of power and elusiveness. His experience at all levels of the game is invaluable for the Club's younger players and will be looked to as a senior player throughout the year.



## Tom Humble

**D.O.B.** 5 November, 1988  
**Height** 183 cm  
**Weight** 84 kg  
**Position** Halfback/Fullback  
**Rep. Honours** Qld Residents 2009  
**Junior Clubs** Blackwater Crushers  
**Previous Clubs** North Qld Cowboys  
**FG Debut** Yet to make debut

Tom Humble joins the Parramatta Eels this year from the North Queensland Cowboys. He is a classy and confident player who has impressed with his initial performances during the Eels' trial matches. A halfback or fullback, Humble adds great depth to an Eels backline that has earmarked himself as one of the most dynamic in the NRL. Humble will be looking to make his first grade debut this season.



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## Blast From The Past David Penna

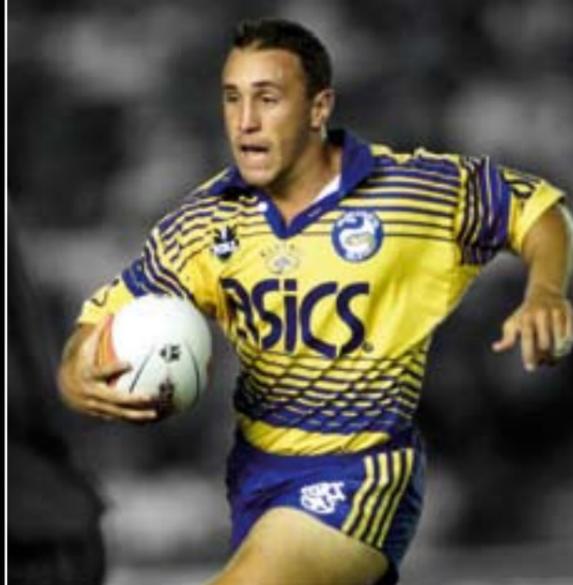
There are certain rugby league players that are remembered for unusual reasons after they hang up the boots. Despite their achievements on the field, some simply cannot shake the famous or controversial moments they were involved in during their playing days. Former Crushers hard man Mario Fenech is remembered for a stray pass causing the ball to hit him in the head, now colloquially referred to as a 'falcon'. Martin Bella is the brunt of several jokes for playing the ball in the wrong direction during an Origin game for Queensland, and who could ever forget Terry Lamb kicking a last minute field goal for Canterbury despite his team being down by two points.

Former Eels halfback David Penna has his own unique, if perhaps unwanted place in this quirky group. He was the player who not once but twice broke his neck in the one season during Parramatta's 2000 NRL campaign. It was a cruel and career ending blow to a player who at the time was displaying the consistent form that had him leading around the likes of Jason Smith and Jim Dymock as the Eels' chief playmaker. But the skills that he couldn't keep reproducing on the field soon transferred through his ability to pass on his knowledge to the game's up and comers.

"I have been involved in a fair bit of coaching since I retired, especially in the last five years or so, and I'm currently the Toyota Cup Head Coach at Manly. I really love the coaching side of things, it's great to have input with younger players in the game. Rugby league is a great sport and it has helped me get to where I am and I'm really appreciative of that."

Penna was a rugged and skilful player during his career, which began at Parramatta in 1990 where he was primarily used as an outside back. In 1994 he moved to South Sydney where he spent four seasons before returning to the Eels where he shifted into the halves. He cracked his fourth cervical vertical vertebrae in round three of the 2000 season after a collision against Cronulla and spent the next three months undergoing rehab before making his return later in the season. The second break, which ironically was also against Cronulla, was one that he could not overcome and lead to his premature retirement from playing at the age of 27 on advice from medical experts.

"It was obviously not the happiest ending, I didn't achieve all I wanted to as a player but sometimes that's the way it goes," he says philosophically. "But it's not as though I can really complain, I had a chance to play with some of the players I loved to watch when I was growing up and played over a hundred first grade games which not a lot of guys get to do."



Nowadays Penna's full time job is at Radio 2GB as an Account Manager and he has had a high level of involvement with the radio advertising carried out by Parra Leagues in recent times. It has been a good result for the man who was always determined to make his mark in the media. Despite his coaching link with Manly, he still closely monitors the team that he followed and loved when he was a child.

"I keep a close eye on the Eels of course. They set a great standard last year, which means teams will want to play their best every time they play Parramatta. If they can overcome that there is no reason why they won't be successful again."

David's Manly side clash with the Eels at Brookvale Oval in Round 10 in the curtain raiser to the first grade match. "These teams have always had a great rivalry so it will be a cracking match, I can promise you that!" He says with a smile. It's good to see his sense of humour was never damaged.



## Mortimer Stays an Eel

The Pirtek Parramatta Eels received a massive boost on the eve of the 2010 NRL season, with five-eighth Daniel Mortimer committing to the Club for the next two years, with an option for a third.

Mortimer has reaffirmed his commitment to the Eels, ending speculation about the 20 year old's future after strong interest from rival NRL Clubs, in a show of support for the Club which first signed him as a schoolboy.

The new contract will keep Mortimer at Parramatta until the end of 2012, with the third-year option possibly keeping the Orange CYMS junior at the Club until 2013.

Pirtek Parramatta Eels CEO Paul Osborne believes Mortimer's decision indicates the strength of the Parramatta Eels Club in 2010. "This is terrific news for the Club and it is an acknowledgement of the direction we're going in," Osborne said. "I think Daniel will be among some of the great players to have been at this Club due to his attitude off the field, as well as on. To keep Daniel at the Club has been the best possible start to the year we could hope for."

"He has a wonderful family, is a terrific bloke, a great player and it's a huge boost to lock him down for possibly the next three years."

Coach Daniel Anderson is ecstatic to hold onto the 20 year old Orange product, who will provide stability in the Eels' halves. "This is not only a huge boost for the team to have a player with Daniel's talent remain at Parramatta, but for the Club to hold onto a person of the calibre of Daniel is just as important," he said.

"He is an integral part of this team and Club, and at such a young age there is a lot of growth left in him. We will see even more of Daniel's ability in the next two years and that is exciting for us as a Club, and no doubt for the members and fans who will watch him every week."

Mortimer played 18 games in his debut season for the Parramatta Eels last year, scoring 10 tries.

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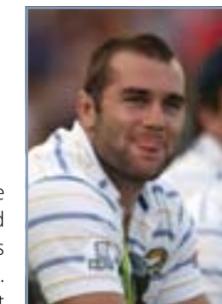
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## Justin Poore's fresh energy into the Eels



Eels new boy Justin Poore is a rugby league professional who oozes enthusiasm... and commitment. He has a smile that beams cheekiness but a steely resolve in his eyes. Beneath both is a depth of character that Parra fans can count on in 2010.

### Leading From the Back

There is no doubt that Jarryd Hayne has superstar status in Sydney. The Eels' flyer has become a household name due to his on field performances that have established him as one of the finest players in the game. But in one girl's mind, he's a hero for what he has done off the field, which is a major turnaround for the 22 year old fullback.

Jarryd Hayne kindly donated his boots that he wore in the NRL All Stars game to Aimee Bliss, a young girl from the Central Coast, who has endured a horror year battling cancer and now she and Hayne want to give something back. They were the most talked about boots in Australia following the NRL All Stars game, Phil Gould described them as the "brightest boots I've ever seen" and Jarryd Hayne's yellow boots have been put to an even better cause.

The Daily Telegraph auctioned Jarryd Hayne's yellow boots, with all proceeds going to the Leukaemia Foundation, and the final bidder was 2GB's Ray Hadley, kindly donating \$5,000 to support Jarryd, Aimee and the Leukaemia Foundation.

Hayne is the first to admit that he had some growing up to do after the off field events that took place in 2008, but it was a turning point that the NSW and Australian rep has learnt from, and used to his own benefit.

"I now really see myself as a leader on and off the field, the boys look to me on the field and when I'm not playing it's great to help the community in any way that I can".

Only a couple of months ago he also took time out on his birthday to visit Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre to spend time with the youth inside the facility, who were chuffed at having the chance to spend the afternoon with one of their sporting heroes, and show some of their own talents in the process.

"When I played for Fiji in the 2008 World Cup things began to change for me, I learnt a lot about respecting the game, and appreciating what I've got and that I shouldn't waste my opportunity to succeed in footy. We only have a short amount of time at the top of our game, so I don't want to let that slip by and look back with any regrets."

There is a lot of expectation on Hayne's shoulders heading into the 2010 season. In 2009 he was voted the game's best player, played all three State of Origin games, reclaimed his Australian jersey and led the Eels to a grand final berth after they were languishing near the bottom of the ladder. But as far as he sees it the job hasn't been done yet.

"Sure, last year was great for us with the roll on we had and to win so many games at the back end, but really, when you look at it we didn't win anything, and therefore we didn't achieve anything, that's what will be driving us this year, we want to turn all that hard work into a premiership."

A relationship struck with Eels CEO Paul Osborne during a humanitarian visit to Rwanda in 2008 was a catalyst for the career change for the 26 year old Poore after he established himself as a high quality representative front-rower in 2009. Osborne says of the NRL players he had taken to the African nation in the past two years, Poore was the most touched - enough for him to organise his own fund-raiser in Wollongong upon his return and go back for Osborne's second mission - helping build facilities in a village for dislocated people - last October.

The articulate Helensburg junior is also a qualified fitness instructor, having started his own business in 2008. He possesses a Master Trainer Certificate 3 and 4 plus his Level 1 Sports Trainers Certificate and has plans to make a career out of the field when his football days are completed.

There is a lot to achieve before that. Poore wouldn't have left the St George Illawarra Dragons, his rugby league home of six years, unless he could see success, and satisfaction, at Parramatta.

After having to drop out of 2008 World Cup calculations because of injury, he debuted for NSW Country last year and performed well enough to win his first NSW Blues jersey, ironically the same night his fellow Dragons prop and great mate Michael Weyman also debuted.

Poore played all three matches (Weyman the first two) and became a player in demand. But after being a part of the Dragons side that were minor premiers but lost both finals games, the first against the Eels 25-12 and to the Broncos 24-10, then missing selection in the Australian Quad Nations side, he wears the blue and gold jersey knowing he has much to play for.

"I'm determined to play a leading role at Parramatta in what is a very good, very powerful pack," says Poore. "I know my role is to be aggressive and be a player the other guys look to and can rely on. I take the fact that I'm a senior player and an Origin player now very seriously. I know we have a great team at Parra and the Club is just tremendous; I've been made so welcome."

It was ironic that Poore had to confront the Dragons in his NRL debut for the Eels, meaning he had an eyeball to eyeball duel with his close mate Weyman. He tried to stay out of the limelight for the week preceding the game and he and Weyman had little contact but there was no room for friendship when they locked horns. And neither expected anything different. However, there was some banter played out. Poore commented to team-mate Tim Mannah when being interviewed for the Eels website that, "He's still catching up on his extras because he's still a bit unfit"

"I couldn't believe my luck picking that as my first game but I knew I couldn't get overawed by the occasion. I really felt relaxed all week," Poore said. "I'm very excited to be here although it's very different to what I'm used to, especially the summer when we trained! I grew up on the beach on the south coast and it's very different in the west with the 40 degree-heat nearly every day."

"But I'm thoroughly enjoying it; I never met a better bunch of blokes in my whole life. I actually feel like I've been here for a lot longer than I have. The boys have made me feel really comfortable and I really love coming to training. It's good for me and it's a testament to the Club for a new player to be able to say that."

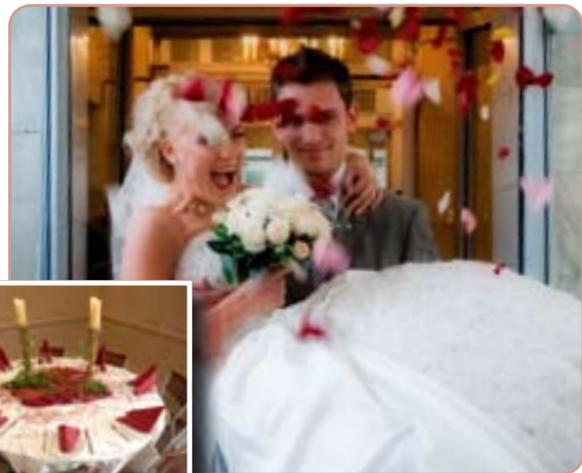


# Functions

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**"We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at the NAB Christmas party. The staff were wonderful and all the food and bar staff did an absolutely awesome job. So well done to you, we'd love to come back next time."**

Suzanne Keating, My Business People Leader at National Australia Bank



## Celebrate Your Special Occasion With Us

By Lauren Milledge, Functions Coordinator

Here at Parramatta Leagues, we are committed to making your next special event a memorable and fulfilling experience. First class service, affordable pricing and expert advice are the mantras we strive to operate by, and we will continually do what we can to enhance your event. That's our commitment to you.

Depending on what you are looking for, we have a range of different function packages available. We cater for corporate events, weddings, anniversaries and birthday parties to name a few. Our strength comes through the ability to offer you a variety of function rooms with outstanding food and beverage packages, with the flexibility to cater for your own particular tastes and requirements. We are determined to give your event the personal touches that make it especially memorable.

The Wentworth Room, our main function facility, is a multi-purpose and flexible room that can be divided into two smaller rooms to cater for more intimate occasions. I recommend this room for wedding receptions, special birthdays as well as corporate events and seminars, as it is perfectly sized and can be set up in a variety of different styles.

For larger events our Auditorium is the ideal choice. It's open and expansive space creates a grand atmosphere that also includes special lighting, stage and audio facilities to make it suitable for almost any occasion. Over the years the Auditorium has also played host to some of Australia's biggest bands and performers like The Angels, Ian Moss and Shannon Noll.

In recent times, we have had some of Australia's largest and most respected organisations making use of our function rooms including Coca Cola, NAB, Mobil, Pirtek, Bunnings and Hungry Jacks. These groups have a reputation for excellence and we have been proud to host their events at the Club.

I encourage you to download an events package from our website so you can see the different rooms, prices and seating styles to give you a better indication of all that we can offer. For more information feel free to contact me during business hours to discuss a package that will work best for you.

Phone **8833 0717**  
 Email **functions@parraleagues.com.au**  
 Web **www.parraleagues.com.au**



**"Thank you so much for all your help in getting our function sorted out. Everyone had a fantastic time and without your help we would not have had such a successful night."**

Amanda Davis, Housing NSW

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## Mother's Day Lunch

**SUNDAY 9 MAY FROM 12 - 3PM  
 IN THE WENTWORTH ROOM**

**BRING THE FAMILY ALONG FOR A SEAFOOD BUFFET**

**LIVE MUSIC BY AM2PM**

**EVERY MUM RECEIVES A FREE GIFT**

Tickets \$60.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children (aged 5-12 years). Free for children aged 4 and under. Limited tickets available.

**Book at reception or call 8833 0777 before Thursday 6 May.**



## MENU

### SEAFOOD ON ICE

Sydney rock oysters  
 Jumbo king prawns  
 Served with lemon, cocktail and tartare sauce

### COLD SELECTION

Platters of beef, turkey, ham, salami and continental terrines  
 Antipasto platter with char grilled capsicum, eggplant, marinated zucchini, artichokes, semi dried tomatoes and marinated cherry bocconcini.  
 Mustards, condiments and dressings

### ASSORTED SALAD

Potato with creamy mayonnaise, gherkins, egg and spring onions  
 Greek salad  
 Mediterranean pasta salad  
 Traditional caesar with crispy bacon

### ON THE CARVERY

Roast Pork with apple sauce.  
 Pepper crusted roast beef

### HOT DISHES

Chicken cacciatore  
 Lamb korma curry  
 Steamed vegetables  
 Roast potatoes  
 Caramelized pumpkin  
 Steamed rice  
 Continental bread rolls and butter

### DESSERTS

Array of assorted cakes and pastries  
 Seasonal fruit platter  
 Australian cheese & crackers  
 Tea & coffee

**"From all of us here at Pirtek, I would like to say a big THANK YOU to Parramatta Leagues and its staff. The evening was fantastic, everyone had a ball and the food was great. I appreciate all your assistance throughout the planning process and the credit goes to you guys for a flawless night."**

Vicki Strotz, Sales & Marketing Support Officer at Pirtek.

## SYDNEY SINGLES

SATURDAY 3 APRIL & SATURDAY 12 JUNE

7PM - 1AM | TICKETS \$15 AT THE DOOR

AUDITORIUM, PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB

With over ten years of success, Sydney Singles are proudly known as the organisers of Sydney's biggest and finest singles' dance parties. Whether you arrive alone or with friends, Sydney Singles offers you a fantastic night of dancing and live entertainment. Presented by our experienced DJ, each of our functions features a memorable mix of music from the nostalgic 60s and 70s, right through to recent dance and pop hits.

Dress etiquette: Men - Smart business attire, tie is optional. No jean design, denim or casual attire. Ladies - Elegant or formal attire. No brief tops, jean design, denim or casual attire.

[WWW.SYDNEYSINGLES.COM.AU](http://WWW.SYDNEYSINGLES.COM.AU)



# Your Club

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## A Very Important Prize for Evelyn!

A big congratulations is in order for Evelyn Kuah, one of the Club's VIP members who was the proud winner of a brand new award-winning Hyundai i30 SX Hatch in the recent VIP Car Draw. The new Hyundai won the award for best mid-sized car from Australia's Best Cars.

Evelyn won one of the weekly draws which automatically gave her a cash prize as well as entry into the main draw. She was over the moon to hear her name called out on the internal PA system on February 6 when the prize winner was announced. Overwhelmed with excitement, Evelyn said that the new car would be a welcome addition to her garage, and would be greatly beneficial for her and her family.

"It's fantastic and I am still in shock. This is great news as I will no longer have to wait for my husband to drop me off and pick me up from the Club anymore!", Evelyn said. "It's a great car, I haven't had a new car in a long time now so I'd forgotten how nice they look, and feel and even how nice they smell."

Evelyn says she has no plans to sell the car because she's so pleased with how it performs. "It's a lot better than the car I was driving beforehand, it struggled a bit, but this one had made it a lot easier for us to get around in. I love it."

The VIP Car Draw was the first of our large scale promotions for our VIP members. There are some more great promotions planned for our top tier members in the future. To learn more about VIP membership and our Rewards loyalty program feel free to come in and visit our friendly Rewards Lounge hosts or call 8833 0788.



## Lunar New Year

The Chinese New Year period was capped off in style with the Parramatta City Council's Lunar New Year Twilight Festival held during February. As a proud sponsor of the event, staff from Parramatta Leagues Club were on hand to distribute show bags to the thousands of visitors who were enjoying the festivities along Church St South.

The Club is always looking for new members so our show bags were a fantastic promotional tool as they contained a copy of the last edition of the Bulletin to inform and showcase what Parra Leagues has to offer. They also included food and drink vouchers so that people could come in and enjoy the catering facilities that the Club is renowned for. Many of the recipients were keen to come back to the Club after receiving their vouchers and were asking our staff for the address and opening hours to ensure that they wouldn't miss out.

The festival proved a great opportunity for local businesses to exhibit their offerings with a range of delicious cuisines and cultural merchandise on offer from many of the local restaurants and shops. Some of the highlights included the lantern making workshop, martial arts and kung fu demonstrations as well as free birth year readings from the fortune teller and face painting for the kids. While we usually associate this kind of celebration with the Chinese culture, the night also included an Indonesian Dance performance as well as the Platinum Indian Entertainment Traditional and Bollywood performance.

The festival really highlighted the cultural diversity that is present in Parramatta with people from all sorts of backgrounds on hand to enjoy what was on offer, while embracing the traditional Asian cultures for which the event is built around. The crowd were certainly appreciative, with thousands lining the street right until the conclusion of the night.

Parramatta Lord Mayor Paul Garrard was in attendance to welcome the crowd and to perform the traditional eye dotting duties. Also present were representatives from sponsors of the event, including Frank Feng from Parramatta Leagues who accepted a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the Club. The night was capped off with a spectacular lion dance and a firecracker ceremony that was extremely popular with the audience, if not a little loud for some!

Parramatta Leagues Club was the Gold Sponsor for the Twilight Festival as part of our ongoing commitment to supporting major public activities in the Parramatta region. Remember to check the Parra Leagues website for news and updates on our sponsorship activities and for more information on upcoming events in Parramatta visit [www.parracity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.parracity.nsw.gov.au)



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## Sterlo's Sports Bar



Parramatta Leagues Club is committed to being the number one destination for every Parramatta Eels game in 2010. When you watch an Eels match in Sterlo's this season you will be joined by a chorus of fellow Blue & Gold Army Members, each of whom shares your passion and commitment for our famous Club who will be cheering from the bottom of their lungs!

The best place to see all the action this season is at Sterlo's Sports Bar, located on level two inside the Club. 'Sterlo's' was opened in 1998 and is named after Parramatta legend and Nine commentator Peter Sterling, who played over 200 games for the Eels between 1980 and 1991. The bar looks out onto Parramatta Stadium so you can feel the footy buzz every time you enter. Just looking towards the ground invokes memories of great victories, amazing tries and famous names like Kenny, Price, Cronin and Thornett - Parramatta Eels royalty who have graced the hallowed turf.

It wouldn't feel right to watch an Eels game without the right environment so you can also expect to see the bar decked out in a sea of blue and gold balloons, flags and decorations to ensure that the atmosphere is as parochial as one would expect to see at 'The Home of the Parramatta Eels'. It promises to be a big year on the back of last season's heroics so the buzz surrounding each game will be amazing!

Sterlo's also has top class bar facilities, a TAB kiosk, Keno, an outdoor balcony and a collection of rugby league memorabilia, and most importantly - all your favourite sports on our television screens.

## Upcoming Eels matches on our BIG SCREEN

ROUND 4	SATURDAY 3 APRIL	V SHARKS
ROUND 5	MONDAY 12 APRIL	V CANBERRA
ROUND 6	16 - 19 APRIL	V SOUTHS
ROUND 7	23 - 26 APRIL	V COWBOYS
ROUND 8	30 APRIL - 2 MAY	V BULLDOGS
ROUND 10	14 - 17 MAY	V MANLY
ROUND 11	21 - 24 MAY	V SHARKS
ROUND 12	28 - 31 MAY	V DRAGONS



# Your Sports

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Remember to bring your Blue & Gold Army or Leagues Club Membership card during each away match to receive a 20% discount on drink purchases at the bar.



## Parramatta Leagues Club Fishing Club Report 2010

G'Day Fellow Members of the Parramatta Leagues Club, welcome to the Fishing Club activity report for 2010. As a Parramatta Leagues Sub Club, the Fishing Club conducts fishing outings on a monthly basis and we encourage Parramatta Leagues members to join the Fishing Club and participate in some of our fishing outings. We are supported by our Patron and Director Ron Hildich.

The Fishing Club conducts three different types of fishing activities during the year, Game Fishing (in season), Outside Deep Sea Fishing and Inside Fishing on the Hawkesbury River.

At present the Deep Sea Fishing monthly trip is well patronised on a small charter boat M.V. Romanda, out of Cronulla. Fishing has been good so far but not what you would call spectacular, with plentiful catches of Leather Jackets and modest catches of Flathead and the odd Morwong and Snapper to keep the interest up and the spattering of other species.

The Fishing Club is looking for extra members interested in participating in our monthly outings, especially on the Inside Fishing trips on the Hawkesbury River out of Brooklyn.

The Fishing Club Committee hold their monthly meeting on the first Monday of each month at the Parramatta Leagues Club, upstairs in the rear of the Sterlo's Bar at 6.30pm. Members and potential members are most welcome to attend these meetings and participate in our discussions of all things Pelagic.

For further information, contact can be made with the following members:

**President** - Steve Lawless 0418 217 212

**Secretary** - Darrel Dunn 9836 0110

**Outside Organiser** - Dave Howarth 9636 2601

**Inside Organiser** - Reg Sheedy 9630 4449



## NUROC DANCE CLASSES

**LEARN TO DANCE** - CLASSES HELD EVERY MONDAY NIGHT IN THE PARRAMATTA LEAGUES CLUB AUDITORIUM

Beginner class - 7.30pm  
Social dancing - 8.30pm

Intermediate class - 9.00pm  
Social Dancing - 9.45pm



FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT CHARLES OR MICHELLE AT NUROC DANCE COMPANY - 0412 002 755



EELS NUMBER ONE FAN ENTERS THE RING!

# DANNY GREEN V MANNY SIACA

'THE GREEN MACHINE' WILL PUT HIS IBO CRUISERWEIGHT BELT ON THE LINE AGAINST MANNY SIACA, A MAN WHO IS NO STRANGER TO AUSTRALIAN SPORTS FANS HAVING DEFEATED ANTHONY MUNDINE FOR THE WBA SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE IN 2004.

LIVE IN STERLO'S SPORTS BAR WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL FROM 7.30PM

## Your New Recreation Room

The new Recreation Room is family friendly and children of all ages are welcome!\*

The new Recreation Room has been designed to create a more sports and entertainment themed atmosphere for our members and guests to meet and play.

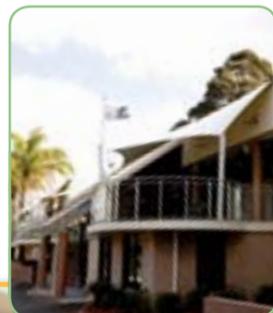
Your entertainment experience at Vikings has been enhanced with the recent addition of two new pub-sized pool tables as well as a juke box in the Club's Recreation Room. Soon there will also be sporting memorabilia positioned around the room as well as an LCD screen to display film clips from the juke box.

These new additions complement the existing facilities on offer at Vikings, including darts, a TAB service and all your favourite sporting events shown on our big screens.

There are also weekly poker tournaments on Tuesday and Saturday, as well as bingo on Fridays.

**Click the 'Vikings' tab on the Parramatta Leagues Club website to find out more information about what's on offer to you at Vikings!**

\*Management reserves the right to refuse entry in exceptional circumstances.



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT VIKINGS

### BINGO – EVERY FRIDAY

Bingo is on Fridays at 12.00pm in our Recreation Room. It's a fun, social event with plenty of laughs.

**FOR \$1 A BOOK YOU CAN PLAY FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN SOME GREAT PRIZES.**

### MEAT RAFFLES – EVERY SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

**\$450 IN GOURMET MEAT TRAYS TO BE WON AT EACH RAFFLE!**

Vikings Meat Raffles are popular with our regulars and give you the chance to win \$450 in meat trays. Held every Sunday and Thursday.

Sunday tickets are available from 4.30pm and the draw commences at 5.30pm. Thursday tickets are available from 6pm and the draw commences at 7pm.

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# FREE SHOW

AT VIKINGS SPORTS CLUB

**SATURDAY 24 APRIL 8PM TIL LATE**

## Millennium Bug



# CATCH THE BUG!

General Admission | Over 18's only

Millennium Bug hit the stage at Vikings Sports Club this April. Renowned for their diverse set list and wide range of musical stylings, they will have the audience singing along to a collection of classic hits as well as the best new releases.

Whether you are a fan of Madonna, the Black Eyed Peas or classic rock bands like The Beatles, Millennium Bug will have something perfect for your musical tastes!

## Peak View Asian Restaurant

### LUNCH

Wednesday to Monday  
11.30am – 2.30pm

\*Not open for lunch on public holidays

### DINNER

Every day from 5.30pm

FOR RESERVATIONS

PLEASE CALL 8677 7368



# \$9.95 T-Bones

Normally \$17.50!

\*Available from Sunday to Wednesday during April and May.



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General Enquiries (02) 8833 0777

Functions (02) 8833 0790

Ticketek 13 28 49

Parramatta Eels Football Club (02) 8843 0300

Trading Hours Club trading hours subject to change

Club Daily 9am – 6am

Reception Daily 9am – 2am

Pool Price – \$5.00 (Members only)

Ladies Day Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10am – 8pm

Men's Day Tuesday & Thursday 10am – 8pm

Saturday 10am – 6.00pm

Membership cards must be shown when purchasing pool tickets. Pool patrons must be aged 18 years or over. Not open public holidays.

Function Enquiries Monday to Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm

### Café 88

Lunch Monday to Sunday 12pm – 2.30pm

Dinner Sunday to Thursday 5.30pm – 9pm

Friday & Saturday 5.30pm – 9.30pm

### Café Tahoe

Monday to Thursday 9.30am – 2am Saturday 11am – 4am

Friday 9.30am – 4am Sunday 11am – 2am

### Tingha Palace

Lunch Monday to Friday 11am – 3pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am – 3pm

Dinner Sunday to Thursday 5.30pm – 10pm

Friday & Saturday 5.30pm – 11pm

### Sterlo's Sports Bar

Monday 4pm – 9.30pm

Saturday 11am – 11pm

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm – 10pm

Sunday 11am – 7pm

Thursday & Friday 4pm – 11pm

Sterlo's Sports Bar extends trading hours for special events

## Vikings Sports Club

35 Quarry Road Dundas

General Enquiries (02) 9638 1326

### Trading Hours

General Sunday & Monday 11.00am – 10.00pm

Tuesday to Thursday 11.00am – 11.00pm

Friday & Saturday 11.00am – midnight

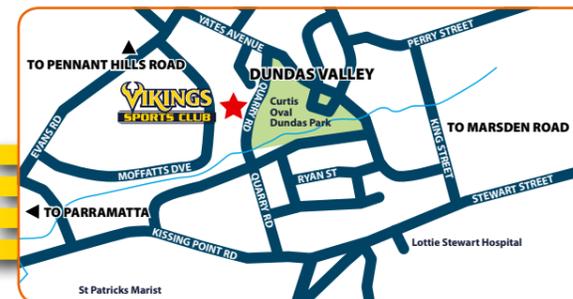
### Peak View Asian Restaurant

Lunch Wednesday to Monday 11.30am – 2.30pm

Open on Tuesdays for dinner only

Not open for lunch on public holidays

Dinner Every day from 5.30pm



# Club Info

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## Sporting Clubs

Darts Drew Fallon 0400 044 732

Fishing David Howarth 9636 2601

Golden Oldies Rugby Greg Baker 0411 694 672

Golf Greg Brown 0434 660 739

Indoor Bowls Kevin Waterman 9638 4314

Travelling Bowlers Bill Williamson 9896 7723

Parramatta Eels Supporters Club Betty Stannard 9630 5631

Snooker Pat Holman 0412 112 992

Two Blues Golf Bruce Coggins 0404 880 379 or [cogginb@cba.com.au](mailto:cogginb@cba.com.au)

Vikings Golf Club Bernie Herrenberg 0410 458 873

Vikings Rugby Michael Lilley 0415 335 368

Wheelchair Rugby Peter Baker 9837 1507

## General Information

**Dress Regulations** Members and their guests are asked to present themselves in a neat and tidy manner at all times.

The following dress is not accepted at any time: • Singlets • Caps, Beanies, Bandanas • Brief shorts that may be considered offensive • Camouflage clothing • Immodest clothing • Clothing with obscene or political messages • Torn or dirty clothing or footwear • Bare feet

The following dress is not acceptable after 7:30pm: • Thongs • Football jerseys or football shirts with numbers on the reverse • Fleecy tracksuit pants • Football jerseys are permitted after 7:30pm following a Parramatta Eels home game at Parramatta Stadium and ANZ Stadium

Management reserves the right to refuse entry to any person or ask them to leave the Club at any time.

**Car Parking** Ample free parking is available for members and their guests. In the evenings the carpark is well lit and monitored by security, for the safety of patrons.

**Courtesy Car** For the comfort and security of members and their guests, the courtesy car will pick you up from the Club's entrance and transport you to your vehicle.

**The Loop** The Loop is a free Parramatta Council bus service, sponsored by Parramatta Leagues. The Loop operates Monday to Saturday from the Transport Interchange to the Wharf every 10 minutes, with a stop on O'Connell Street, outside the Club.

Monday to Friday 7.00am to 6.30pm • Saturday 8.00am to 4.00pm  
For more information phone 9806 5050 or visit [www.parramattaloop.com.au](http://www.parramattaloop.com.au)

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**Promoting Responsible Gambling** Bet with what you can afford... not your lifestyle. If gambling is creating a problem for you or someone you know, phone (02) 9874 0744 or FREE CALL 1800 238 7233.



## FREE POKER AT VIKINGS

### EVERY SATURDAY

Registration 12.00pm | Tournament 1.00pm

### EVERY TUESDAY

Registration 6.00pm | Tournament 7.00pm

### \$300 CASH TO BE WON

1st place \$150 | 2nd place \$100 | 3rd place \$50

For more information visit [www.playapl.com](http://www.playapl.com)  
or [www.parraleagues.com.au](http://www.parraleagues.com.au)



# \$5 Roast

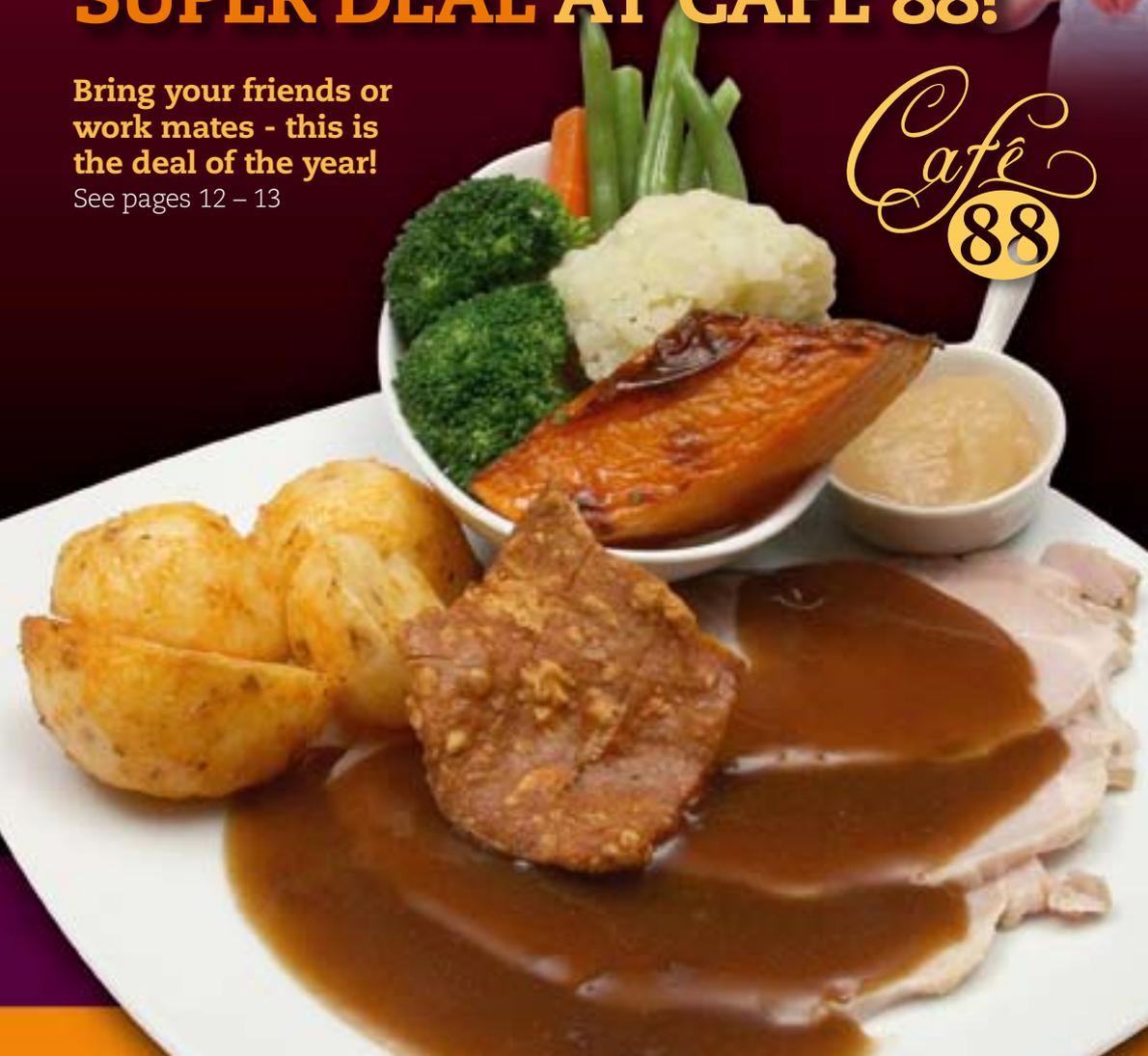
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