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PLANS FOR YOUR NEW LOCAL ARE GAINING MOMENTUM

BRING ON JUNIORS 2023!

Just over 20 years ago, Twin Towns Juniors became part of the Twin Towns family of Clubs.

The journey into ownership of the buildings was not straight forward and even after buying the real estate, it took many months and volumes of applications to gain a new Club licence.

On 14 October 2002, the licence was granted and works on modernising the Club were finalised, ready for the pouring of first beers, the first of many as it's turned out!

Juniors is at the centre of community in Banora Point and South Tweed, being right on the boundary of both suburbs. It's has always had a true 'locals' atmosphere and catching up with familiar faces is a hallmark of a visit to the Club.

Unfortunately, the Club has experienced flooding over the years and while the resilience of the members and resolve of the Club has seen the venue re-open time and time again, the increased frequency of these events has added to the need for a new elevated Club.

The Club has engaged local building firm TLF Developments to undertake the full reconstruction of Juniors. The Club will be closed from 3 April and is planned to be ready in mid-November for the next round of drinks between friends.

The new Club is a similar size to the current building but all on one floor. There is around 1,200m2 of internal space and 700m2 of covered outdoor areas, including a new elevated balcony overlooking the fields. The much-loved pavilions are retained and refurnished.

While everything is new, favourites such as the TAB and Keno remain central features, along with enhanced viewing in the lounge on two 98" LEDs.

There is an open plan and separate dining spaces and of course, a new menu. We're sure the new balcony will be a dining hot spot.

A brand new cellar will allow us to deliver all your favourite brews

and the stage in the beer garden will continue to be home to weekly tunes.

All the offers and options you currently enjoy at Juniors as part of your membership will return when Juniors does in November.

While Juniors is closed, a courtesy bus will run between Juniors and Club Banora seven days a week. You can walk or park at Juniors, as you do now, and jump on the bus to Club Banora. There will be shaded areas to wait and some amenities to keep you comfortable.



In addition, the Club will hold onsite update meetings during the rebuild as key milestones are reached so you can be part of the progress of delivering your new Club.

We expect these to be monthly and we'll share a beverage with you onsite to make sure the beer garden does not become lonely.

It's an exciting time and a project that we are so looking forward to bringing to the community that has supported this venue so well.

Make sure you call in over the next two months and say goodbye to the old club as we prepare for a whole new generation of Juniors devotees into the future.





FORCING PUNTERS TO USE A **CASHLESS GAMING CARD AT** THEIR LOCAL CLUB IS WRONG!

THE CURRENT NSW GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING A RECKLESS AND UNPROVEN 'BIG BROTHER' STYLE PLAN THAT BANS PUNTERS ACROSS NSW FROM USING CASH WHEN PLAYING THE GAMING MACHINES.

Instead, players will be forced to sign up for a card which will store their personal and banking details. Clubs don't oppose people being able to use digital accounts but cash must be an option for many years to come.

Twin Towns CEO Rob Smith believes the move will seriously jeopardise the future of all NSW Clubs, especially those located near the QLD/NSW border like Twin Towns.

He asks: "Will punters from Queensland travel across the border to Tweed Clubs, be forced to sign up for a cashless gaming card with their banking details, then allow this information to be stored or monitored by a NSW Government agency? Probably not."

"NSW Registered Clubs are already heavily regulated organisations. But this Government has chosen to announce a concept, with no details, that would destroy jobs, negatively impact on communities and charities and has not been shown to reduce harm or criminality as they say it will," said Rob.

Many Twin Towns members have already voiced their concerns to us about this plan. They are worried that empowering Government bureaucrats to track and control gambling spending is an invasion of privacy that could eventually extend to other products. The Government claims it's about criminals spending illegally gained money but I'm not a criminal so why target me?



Punters should also be concerned about the potential for cybersecurity risks if their data on spending and gambling is stored alongside their bank account details. Are your personal details safe? Can this information be used by banks when determining home or business loan approvals?

Rob said there is too much at risk and too many unanswered questions to simply accept this proposal.

"That's why we are taking our concerns directly to members and the community.

"The Government must fully detail their plan. Scaring communities and workers on the pretext of helping the very small number of problem gamblers in the population, some 1%, makes no sense.

"Clubs are here to deliver great outcomes to our members as we've done for decades. We also stand ready to help anyone with a problem while protecting the rights of the 99% of gamers who enjoy a punt as entertainment with no issue at all," said Rob.

Over upcoming weeks, we will bring you more information about the issue and how you can voice your concern and disapproval. In the meantime, head to www.reformtherightway.com.au for updates and more information.

GAMING REFORM THERE IS A WRONG WAY AND A RIGHT WAY

- X Treat you like a criminal
- Treat your right to play with respect and dignity
- X Punish recreational punters by banning cash
- Provide you with choice digital, cash, cashless ways to play
- X Impose costs on clubs, reducing community support
- Conduct proper trials involving real people
- **Enable the Government to monitor your spending**
- **Protect your data**

More than 9000 club jobs are at stake \$395m in lost taxes to NSW Over \$100m in community support at stake There is too much at risk. Let's get it right.

Local clubs support gaming reform the right way.

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TWINNIES REVS IT UP FOR MEMBERS WITH A HARLEY

MAKE EVERY WEEKEND EPIC OR TURN YOUR DAILY COMMUTE INTO A THRILL-SEEKING ADVENTURE WHEN YOU WIN THE HARLEY DAVIDSON SOFTAIL VALUED AT \$22,500.

Imagine their envy when your mates hear you rumble into the carpark at the new Juniors, Twinnies or Banora on your shiny new Harley.

Well, it's time to turn the dream into a reality. Get serious on this one, it's the one you want! Get as many tickets as you can in the barrel and be there when your name is called out at the major draw.

Members can earn up to two tickets a day when they purchase an eligible Bundaberg,

Smirnoff, Johnnie Walker or Gordon's Gin pre-mix product from: 1st on Wharf Tavern, Harbour Bar, Images Bar, Breezes Bar, Flame Bar, Orient Bar, Mezzanine Bar at Twin Towns; Banora Bar, Bistro Bar, Cube Bar at Club Banora and Twin Towns Juniors.

The barrels close at 12am on Friday 24 March.

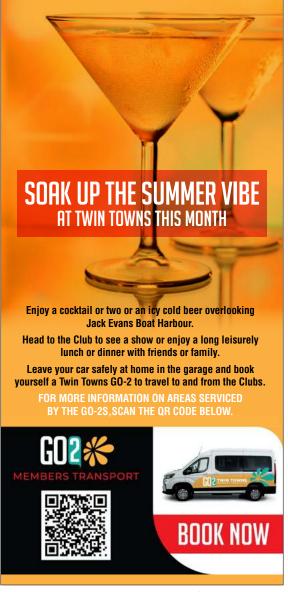
You MUST be at your favourite Club for the major draw at 4pm Qld/5pm NSW, Saturday 25 March. The draw will be held at The Stage at Twin Towns and the winner will also be announced via the public address systems at Juniors and Club Banora.

You will have four minutes to let staff know you're there to claim the Harley.

Is 2023 the year for you to fulfill a life-long dream? Climb aboard this exciting new promotion and you may just be shopping for some new leathers.

*Conditions apply. NTP/05642











MEMBERS SAVE 10% AT THE SEBEL

TWIN TOWNS MEMBERS GET 10% DISCOUNT ON ACCOMMODATION, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AT THE SEBEL TWIN TOWNS.

Whether you're a Gold Coaster, Tweed or Tweed Coast local, or you live hundreds of kilometres away, a Twin Towns getaway is the best of both worlds.

Enjoy a big night on the town without the hassle of a long drive home. Park the car, check in, and make the most of every minute at Twin Towns.

Go to the beach for a swim, walk along endless kilometres of beautiful Southern Gold Coast beaches, stroll the banks of the Tweed River, relax by the pool or explore the local shops and beachside cafes.

When the time's right, the attractions of Twin Towns are just across the overhead walkway.

Restaurants, trendy bars and an outdoor

balcony for dining and drinks overlooking the harbour.

See a world class show in the Twin Towns Showroom. There is always a star-studded line-up of some of the best Australian and international touring bands and artists.

At The Stage at Twin Towns, there's eight solid hours of back-to-back free live music every Friday and Saturday so dance your heart out from 4.30pm Qld until the early

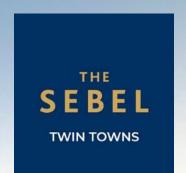
To book your stay, head to the Sebel website and book the room that suits you best. Use the code TTMEMBER to access your 10% discount on accommodation.

Your membership details will be confirmed at check in. If you're not a member, you can

still take advantage of the 10% discount by joining from as little as \$2 per year.

We look forward to seeing you soon at The Sebel Twin Towns.

Head to the Twin Towns <u>website</u> to see what's on during your stay





Lunch, dinner, anytime



Generous pub-style meal-deal specials

FLAME

Bistro-style family dining

TERRACE

Waterfront dining, smoker BBQ lunch on weekends



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Buffet breakfast daily



Authentic Asian cuisine



Perfect to share around the table



Express cantina-style
Mexican favourites



Café style, drinks, snacks



Coffee, snacks, sweet treats



TWIN TOWNS Meet you here



GET YOUR TIPS IN!

NRL SEASON COMMENCES THURSDAY 2 MARCH AFL SEASON COMMENCES THURSDAY 16 MARCH

Footy season is here again and so is the opportunity to catch up at your favourite Club to watch the matches on the big screen.

It's also a great excuse to catch up with your mates over a few cold beers and cheer on the teams you've picked in the Footy Comp.

There will be one combined tipping competition at 1st on Wharf Tavern, Club Banora and Juniors, with separate competitions for NRL and AFL fans.

The winner will receive \$300 in Members Advantage Points. Second will win \$150 in points and third \$50 in points. Prizes will be shared in the event of a draw. There'll be \$20 in points for the outright top tipper of the week.

If there isn't a single winner, it jackpots to the next week. There will also be \$200 in points for the winner of the Knockout Competition which commences in round 3.

Entry is free so register now for your chance to win. You can place your tips at any of the three Clubs.

If you registered for the tipping comp last year, just swipe your card and tip. If it's the first time you've entered, you must be a member.

Just register at the terminal and swipe to activate your card.

Every tipper is also automatically entered in the national Sportspick competition, with \$60,000 to be won.

Don't forget to get your tips in each week or that brilliant score may take a nosedive.

Competition ends at the end of last round of the season, excluding the finals. *Conditions apply. See www.twintowns.com.au



FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

SEPARATE COMPETITION FOR NRI & AFI





FREE TO ENTER REGISTER NOW.

IF REGISTERED IN PREVIOUS YEARS - NO NEED TO REGISTER - JUST SWIPE & TIP

1ST ON WHARF TAVERN, CLUB BANORA OR TWIN TOWNS JUNIORS SIMPLY VISIT THE SPORTSPICK TERMINALS, SWIPE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD TO REGISTER AND PUT IN YOUR WEEKLY SELECTIONS

YOU CAN PLACE YOUR TIP AT ANY OF THE 3 PROPERTIES

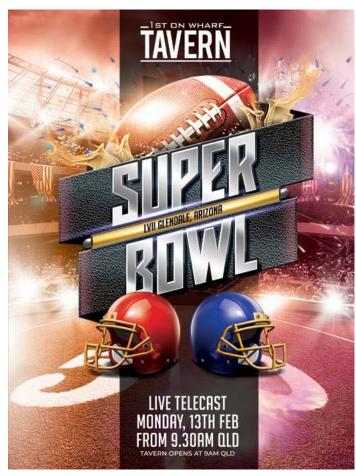
OVER \$1,000 TO BE WON LOCALLY
PLUS \$60,000 IN NATIONAL COMPETITION
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SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 1PM QLD





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RY PUCK AND THE UNION GAP

ONE OF THE 'STAND-OUT' VOICES OF THE 60'S AND 70'S, GARY PUCKETT, IS TOURING AUSTRALIA WITH HIS BAND THE UNION GAP.

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE TO SEE THEM LIVE IN THE TWIN TOWNS SHOWROOM ON SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY.

Gary Puckett and the Union Gap is a band etched in rock'n'roll history, boasting six consecutive Gold records in a career that remains prominent to this day.

They continue to maintain a busy touring schedule across the United States and Europe, in a show that is packed with hits you'll know and love, including Young Girl, Woman Woman, Lady Willpower and Over You.

Gary's velvety voice is complemented by the vocal harmony and musical perfection of the Union Gap.

This show delivers the raw Sixties sound that can only be associated with live music at its best.

Twin Towns Showroom, Saturday 25 February, 8pm Qld. Tickets \$59 + booking fee.

BOOK NOW

ESHOWROOM

TOM BURLINSON **PERFORMS**

Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the passing of the legendary Frank Sinatra, Australian star of stage and screen Tom Burlinson presents a special performance of the classic live album, Sinatra at the Sands.

Accompanied by his All Star Big Band, Tom sings all the wonderful songs from this sensational recording of Sinatra in his prime.

Come Fly with Me, I've Got You Under My Skin, One for my Baby, You Make Me Feel So Young, Fly Me to the Moon, It was a Very Good Year, My Kind of Town and many more.

The original musical arrangements by the great Quincy Jones for the magnificent Count Basie Orchestra will be faithfully recreated by Tom's big band of some of the best musicians in the country.

Tom will also perform a Bonus Set of more of Sinatra's greatest hits, including Strangers in the Night, That's Life, My Way and, of course, New York, New York.

Twin Towns Showroom, Matinee Concert, Sunday 12 March, 2.30pm Qld. Tickets \$55 + booking fee.





JOHN WATERS THE JOHN LENNON SONGBOOK TO CONCERT

with STEWART D'ARRIETTA and THE LIVERPOOL BAND

John Lennon was the voice of a generation, and for many more that followed.

Imagine and so many other albums and songs remain poignant and relevant today. John Waters has explored and honoured his relationship with Lennon's music for 30 years with co-creator and musical director Stewart D'Arrietta in many incarnations of the Glass Onion theatre show.

This time John Waters and Stewart D'Arrietta return to Twin Towns with the fabulous Liverpool Band, bringing you the latest instalment of their hugely successful interpretation of Lennon's music.

With an intimate take on classic hits, including the Imagine album favourites, come and experience this iconic show - The Lennon Songbook in Concert -Lennon like you've never heard before.

Don't miss this dynamic show for all generations, with all the songs you love, and even some you didn't know you did.

The John Lennon Songbook, Twin Towns Showroom, Friday 17 March, Tickets \$65 + booking fee.

BOOK NOW

ESHOWROOM

DON MCLEAN

50TH ANNIVERSARY "AMERICAN PIE" TOUR

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of his famous song, American Pie, Don McLean is heading downunder this year, stopping by Twin Towns Showroom for FOUR big shows over Easter.

American Pie, a ballad about the deterioration of teenage culture in America and the loss of innocence, was named by the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) as one of the top five songs of the 20th century.

One of the most revered and respected songwriters in American history, McLean gave the world a catalogue of mega-hits, including Vincent, Castles in the Air and many more. Another of his famous songs, And I love You So, was chosen for Prince Harry and Megan Markle's wedding in 2018.

McLean was honoured in 2019 with a star on the Las Vegas Walkway of Stars.

In 2020, Don signed a recording contract with Time Life/Warner Bros Records to release his catalogue of recordings, as well as the much-anticipated new album, Still Playin' Favorites.

Joining McLean on tour will be country/Americana singer-songwriter Andrew Farriss (INXS).

Wednesday 5 April, Friday 7 April, Saturday 8 April and Sunday 9 April 2023, 7.15pm. Tickets from \$89 + booking fee.

BOOK NOW

ESHOWROOM







A SUMMER TO LOVE '23

1927, Dragon, Jason Singh plays Taxiride

Friday 3 February, 7.30pm Qld

Tickets \$69 + booking fee

Get your heart pumping with this triple treat of Aussie music royalty! Eric Weideman from 1927, Jason Singh - singer. songwriter and original founding member of the ARIA Award winning Taxiride and the legendary band, Dragon, purveyors of Antipodean anthems and Australian Rock since 1973. Book now.



KENNY & DOLLY

Together Again

Saturday 4 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$45 + booking fee

If you're a Kenny or Dolly fan, don't miss this world-class tribute to country music's favourite couple. Join veteran of five Australian Tours with the original Kenny and Dolly show and The Kings of County, Marty Edwards, and America's favourite Dolly, Wendy T, for all your favourite songs. Book now.



BACK TO THE TIVOLI

Tuesday 7 February, 11am Qld

Tickets \$15 + booking fee

Twin Towns favourite daytime variety show returns with another stellar lineup to kick off 2023. This new show stars pianist/vocalist Tony Williams, comedy impressionist Chris De Havilland, violinist Hugh Matthews, star of film, stage and television Hollie Andrews, multi-award winning host Jenifer Green and the popular Tivoli band and stunning dancers. Book now.



JERSEY GUYS

Friday 10 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$49.90 + booking fee

Featuring stars of the hit stage musical Jersey Boys, with their slick moves and tight four-part harmonies, the Jersey Guys deliver a knock-out show that gets audiences begging for more. Hear all the biggest and best hits from Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons in this 90-minute extravaganza. Book now.



THE PIANO MEN The Hits of Elton John & Billy Joel Saturday 11 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$49 + booking fee

Join a two-hour singalong frenzy of piano classics like Candle in the Wind, Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me, I'm Still Standing, Saturday Night's Alright for Fighting, Just the Way You Are, Uptown Girl, Tell Her About It, We Didn't Start the Fire and Piano Man. Book now.



LEAVING JACKSON The Johnny Cash & June Carter Story Saturday 18 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$59 + booking fee

For more than 40 years Johnny Cash and June Carter enthralled audiences around the world with their songs of life, love and heartache. Now Jeff Carter along with Melanie Lewin and full backing band bring these songs back to the stage. Come and join Leaving Jackson for an evening of everything Johnny Cash. Book now.



THE WINNER IS ... The Academy Award Winning Songs from 1935 - 2020

Tuesday 21 February, 11am Qld

Tickets \$10 Members; \$15 Non-Members + booking fee

Ian Stenlake and Michelle Fitzmaurice take you on a journey of Academy Award winning songs such as Lullaby Of Broadway, Over The Rainbow, Might As Well Be Spring right through to Can you Feel the Love Tonight from The Lion King and beyond. This production is packed with hit songs from the past 80 years. Book now.

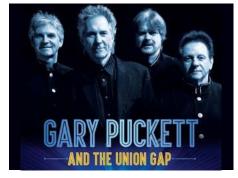


ALOHA FROM HAWAII 50th Anniversary Concert

Friday 24 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$49.50 + booking fee

2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Elvis' groundbreaking Aloha from Hawaii via Satellite concert. Relive the excitment of that night with top UK Elvis tribute artist Johnny Lee Memphis. Enjoy all the songs from that concert way back in 1973 in Honolulu including favourites Blue Suede Shoes, Suspicious Minds and C.C. Rider. Book now.



GARY PUCKETT AND THE UNION GAP

Saturday 25 February, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$59 + booking fee

Gary's velvet voice is complimented perfectly with the vocal harmony and musical perfection of the Union Gap in a show that delivers raw sixties sound and live music at its best. Loaded with hits including Young Girl, Woman Woman, Lady Willpower and Over You. Book now.



RICHARD MARX

Sunday 26 February, 7.30pm Qld

Tickets from \$89.90 + booking fee

Don't miss the opportunity to experience the captivating voice of Richard Marx when he performs his biggest hits and latest songs including Endless Summer Nights, Hold on to the Nights, Should've Known Better, Don't Mean Nothing and Right Here Waiting. This show will sellout. Book now.



HIGH VOLTAGE The AC/DC Experience

Saturday 4 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets \$40 + booking fee

Grab your horns and school uniforms, it's time to introduce HIGH VOLTAGE- The AC/ DC Experience! Front men Adam Spizzo and Joshua Overson, with their high-octane energy, will take you straight back to the 70's covering all the classics that AC/DC are famous for. Book now.



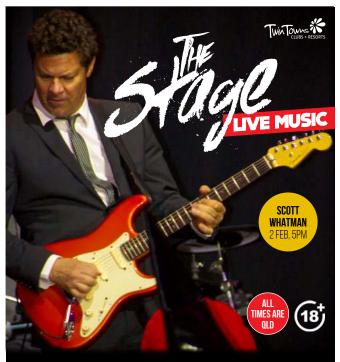
CIRQUE MOTHER AFRICA

Friday 10 March, 8pm Qld

Tickets from \$84.90 + booking fee

Experience this 90 minute entertainment extravaganza that's been described as "The Lion King on steroids!" Combining the very best talent from nine African countries including Ethiopia, South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania, peforming acrobatics, traditional dance, live music, pan spinning, hand balancing and more. Book now.





Dance your heart out every Friday and Saturday with eight hours of back-to-back FREE LIVE MUSIC

FROM 4.30PM QLD RIGHT THROUGH TO THE EARLY HOURS

Wed 1st 1pm TONY & PATTI

Thur 2nd 5pm

Fri 3rd 2pm SI DYE & STEVEN ZAMMIT

Fri 3rd 4.30pm

Fri 3rd 9pm

Sat 4th 4.30pm APTIAN WO

Sat 4th 9pm LIVING IN THE 80'S

Sun 5th 2pm

(Harbour Balcony)

Wed 8th 2pm

Thur 9th 5pm RHEANNA LE

Fri 10th 4.30pm

Fri 10th 9pm CK CITY SAINTS

Sat 11th 4.30pm

Sat 11th 9pm **DC TRIBUTE BAND**

Sun 12th 2pm (Harbour Balcony) Wed 15th 2pm TOMMY MEMPHIS

Thur 16th 5pm

Fri 17th 4.30pm

Fri 17th 9pm **HIPPOPOTAMUS**

Sat 18th 4.30pm STRICTLY BUS

Sat 18th 9pm **HIPPOPOTAMUS**

Sun 19th 2pm

(Harbour Balcony)

Wed 22nd 2pm

Thur 23rd 5pm STEVE MICHAEL

Fri 24th 4.30pm

THE GREEN SINATRAS

Fri 24th 9pm

Sat 25th 4.30pm **LEIGH JAMES DUO**

Sat 25th 9pm

Sun 26th 2pm (Harbour Balcony)

See www.twintowns.com.au for full entertainment guide. Entertainment correct at the time of printing but may be subject to change without notice



MORE THAN \$1,500 IN **VOUCHERS TO BE WON**

from leading retailers including Coles, Woolworths, Bunnings, JB Hi Fi and Ampol. Final draw for a \$200 EFTPOS card.

Tickets on sale at 5pm NSW. drawn from 6.15pm NSW.

MEMBERS GET DOUBLE TICKETS WHEN THEY PURCHASE \$5 WORTH OR MORE

FRIDAY

WIN \$50 IN MEMBERS ADVANTAGE POINTS OR A \$50 TWIN **TOWNS GIFT CARD**

TWO TO BE WON **EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4PM NSW**

> Proceeds to Junior Sports. Tickets at the door.







FUN FOR KIDS AND KIDS AT HEART

COME SEE THE EXCITING NEW STATE OF THE ART PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT CLUB BANORA!

The colourful, visually appealing architectural design features a slide, ladders, stairs and climbing apparatus.

There's also a cleverly created rope arch tunnel and tipi carousel that's guaranteed to keep the kids happily entertained for hours.

Families will love the additional picnic tables and benches and the new three by three metre outdoor umbrellas.

Beach Volleyball too!

Turf and sand have been laid and the volleyball nets are up! It's game on for some outdoor fun under the sun at Club Banora.

Volleyball is great for aerobic fitness, strength, control, reflexes, handeye coordination and agility. It's also a whole lot of fun!

Club Banora has a full-size beach volleyball court and net and there's all the equipment you need to hit the sand running.

Beach Volleyball is not necessarily just for kids though. Round up your team for a fun family challenge, and a few cold beers, after the game of course.

While you're there...

Meals, pizzas and snacks from Slice & Fork, along with hot and cold beverages from the bar, can all be enjoyed outdoors at Club Banora.



Aidan Robson and Maddie Nicholls from Currumbin Waters test out the beach volleyball court at Club Banora.



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Club Banora Juniors Luke Bofinger, Christiano De Azevedo, Cooper Thomson, Adam Grunsell and Odern Boyer attend the Junior Nationals 2023

TWIN TOWNS MEMBERS PERFORM WELL AT AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL JUNIOR SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twin Towns Club Banora Snooker Club made history at the Australian National Junior Championships by having five juniors playing, the highest number of juniors from any single club to compete in any year of the event.

The Snooker Club was represented by recent graduates of the club's free annual Junior Snooker Coaching Program - Luke Bofinger (15), Odern Boyer (13) and Adam Grunsell (11), along with 'older stalwarts' Christiano De Azevedo and Cooper Thomson (both 16).

In addition, three players were selected to play for the NSW State Team and received funding support of \$2,000 from the Twin Towns Services Community Foundation.

Cooper, Christiano, and Adam represented the NSW team and made it through to the semi-finals, where they narrowly lost to a combined WA/SA team.

As individuals, after an intense three days of round robin matches within three different age categories, the juniors had varying levels of success.

Christiano and Cooper stepped up to the



Adam Grunsell wins Sportsperson of the Championships award.

extremely competitive U18 level after their achievements at U16 level of the last few years.

Christiano reached the semi-finals in Snooker, whilst Cooper reached the semifinals in Billiards and quarter finals of Snooker.

In the U16 Championships, Luke, Odern,

and Adam didn't make it out of the group stages but performed well in their matches.

At U12 level, Adam Grunsell qualified in 2nd place in his group to make it to the semi-finals where he eventually got knocked out in a 2-0 defeat.

By far the biggest achievement was by young Adam, who was awarded with the Sportsperson of the Championships for his manner and honesty at the table.

In one of his very first matches, he called himself on a foul shot that the referee didn't see. It was a very proud moment for Adam, his dad Ric, and for our snooker club.

Twin Towns Snooker Club at Club Banora has three full size snooker tables. It is a self-funded social club with a busy calendar of events.

We have 90 members and a thriving junior division thanks to our coaching initiatives. We have been running a successful Junior Coaching Program every year since 2018.

For more information about the club and/ or junior coaching, please call Jimmy Thomson on 0427 764 286, or email clubbanorasnooker@gmail.com

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