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GA NEWS

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FROM THE MANAGER

CCM Accreditation

I wish to congratulate Andy Curtis, Operations Manager, who successfully completed his Certified Club Managers (CCM) accreditation this month.

This is a worldwide accreditation, and Andy is one of only 20 CCMs in Australia and 1500 worldwide.

Having your CCM is widely regarded as a prerequisite for obtaining a General Manager's position, especially in the USA.

The accreditation is significant, and I am confident Andy's knowledge gained through it will serve Green Acres well.



Stinky Squid Fungus

A few members recently reported an unpleasant smell near the 11th tee.

After a check by our horticulturist, Peter Brown, we can confirm it's coming from a healthy crop of Stinky Squid fungus rather than any unfortunate wildlife.

It should clear naturally soon, but we thought you'd appreciate knowing the cause.



FROM THE MANAGER

Christmas/New Year Operating Hours

With Christmas just around the corner, we would like to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

For those travelling to see loved ones over the festive season, we wish you a safe return and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

During the festive season, we will continue to keep you updated with the latest news as it happens via the Latest News on the Club's website until the GA News returns in mid-January 2026.

During the festive season, the following trading hours for the course, bar and administration will be in effect -

- Wednesday 24th December

Clubhouse closes at 7.00 pm.

The underground car park closes at 1.00 pm to ensure it can be secured for the following day. Course access and exit after 7.00 pm will be via the staff car park gate behind the 9th green only. The breezeway doors will be locked at 7.00 pm. Please ensure you close the gate behind you.

- Thursday 25th December

Clubhouse closed. Course access will be via the staff car park gate behind the 9th green only. Please park your car in the staff/Director car spaces. MEMBERS ONLY, STRICTLY NO GUESTS. The entry gate is automated; however, to leave the staff car park, you need to press the green button on the left.

Please shut the gate to the course when you enter and exit if you intend to play on Christmas Day. Please be advised that there will be no staff in attendance at the club on Christmas Day.

- Friday 26th December

Clubhouse and course will follow normal public holiday operations. Office closed.

- Saturday 27th December

Clubhouse and course normal operations. Office closed.

- Thursday 31st December

Normal clubhouse operations. The underground car park closes at 1.00 pm to ensure it can be secured for the following day.

- Friday 1st January 2026

Clubhouse and course will follow normal public holiday operations. Office closed.

Peter Busch

General Manager



THE LONGEST DAY

Cancer Council's Longest Day

On a lovely Melbourne day last Sunday, 43 participants teed off for the Cancer Council's Longest Day.

It was a fantastic effort from all members involved, with 36 members completing 36 holes, and 7 members completing 72 holes.

The commitment was certainly unequivocal as the 72 holers, Jason Dutton (2nd year), Roger Schmitt (2nd year), Keith White, Mark Dwyer, Tim Anderson, Mark Dwyer, Patrick McKenna and Will Bate were on course by 5:30 in the morning. Collectively, all members raised a cumulative total of \$23,000 – well done to all involved!



Green Acres Golf Club

**Raised
\$23,000**



THE LONGEST DAY



GOLF OPERATIONS

Cox Plate- Sunday 14th December

The T.E. & E.J. Cox Plate was introduced in 2015 to honour Terry and Joy Cox for their decades of exceptional service to Green Acres. All members may play, but only those who have previously or currently served on a Sub-Committee or the Board are eligible to win.

The perpetual trophy was donated by Peter and Jennifer French, with Peter Hopper as the inaugural winner. Given Terry and Joy's long and valued contributions, it is fitting that this event carries their name.

This year, the Cox Plate will be held as a standalone event and played in conjunction with the daily Stableford competition. Presentations will take place in the Members' Bar at 6pm, where finger food will be served.



2024 Winner Jacquie Moorhead
pictured with Joy and Terry Cox

Holiday Timesheets - Bookings Only

During the Christmas period, timesheets will operate slightly differently. This includes Medley Stableford on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as the women's golfing season has now finished for the year.

All genders may book and play in both the morning and afternoon fields through to the New Year. Each member may bring one guest, and players can choose to play either 9 or 18 holes.

Wednesday timesheets will also move to bookings only after Christmas, returning to the usual format on Wednesday, 7th January. The women's timesheets return to normal from their January Medal round on Tuesday, 6th January.

Saturday and Sunday timesheets will follow the adjusted Christmas to New Year setup, then return to the standard format from Saturday, 3rd January 2026.

Ashley Hall at the Victorian PGA

You may have noticed a big hole in the Golf Centre's staff roster these past two days. That's because Ash has been competing in the Victorian PGA tournament at Moonah Links.

A star-studded field is on show this week, including many influential amateurs. None more so than the two paired with Ash, the great Peter Helliar and Anthony 'Lehmo' Lehmann, who, by all reports, have been quite entertaining!

To see how he went, check the Victorian PGA leaderboard at www.golf.com.au

GOLF OPERATIONS

Green Acres Junior Masters

Last Friday, the course was closed in the morning for the 2026 Green Acres Junior Masters. Sixty-four boys and girls from across the state, and even some from interstate, participated in this year's event. It was fantastic to see so many young, up-and-coming golfers playing our course and posting impressive scores on our beloved track.

The boys' winner, David Zhu, from Yarra Yarra, shot an outstanding 4-under-par 67 off the stick, finishing with 41 points while playing off a 1 handicap. The girls' winner, Nicole Li, from Spring Valley, lit up the course with a brilliant 44 points.

Next year's event will be held two weeks later, on Friday 18 December, allowing more juniors to participate without needing to take time off school.



(L) David Zhu & Nicole Li (R)

Hole-in-One

On Wednesday's Medley Stableford competition, David Ellett, Greg White, Howard Slater and Leon Christoforou witnessed a remarkable shot.

Greg teed off on the 9th hole after a bogey on the 8th, looking to get a shot or two back. With a 9 iron, he struck the ball perfectly, landing just short and running straight in for his second career hole-in-one.

He joked the last one was "when Melbourne first got electricity." Congratulations, Greg, on scoring a hole-in-one on the 9th hole!!



Greg White

GOLF OPERATIONS

Keith Beats His Age, Again!

Wednesday's results delivered another highlight from Keith White, who at 91 turned in a superb gross 87. Matching or bettering your age is rare in golf, yet Keith continues to do it with ease.

A fantastic effort from a member who inspires everyone around him.



Keith White

Speed of Play Tips

In last week's GA News, we noted that the pace of golf at the club has slowed over recent months despite better weather and the removal of preferred lies.

With conditions improving, rounds should be getting quicker, along with the greens. Here are some short, clear speed of play tips:

- Be ready to play when it's your turn.
- Choose your club while walking to your ball.
- Play a provisional if there's any chance your ball is lost.
- Keep practice swings to a minimum. One or two at most.
- Move directly to your ball after playing a shot.
- Park your buggy on the side of the green closest to the next tee. Do not leave your buggy at the front of the green.
- Read your putt while others are putting.
- Putt out when safe to do so.
- Leave the green quickly and mark your score at the next tee.



Tristan Cross

Golf Operations Manager



TRIVIA

Trivia Night Recap

What a lively and fantastic trivia night we had at the Club, last Friday, the 5th of December!

Out of the 6 teams in action, it turned into a two horse race, with the Royal Rories and the Old Tom Morris' locking into a tense battle.

Entering the final round, they were tied at the top, with the final few questions becoming vital to the result. In the end, it was the Royal Rories who took out the win! (pictured below)

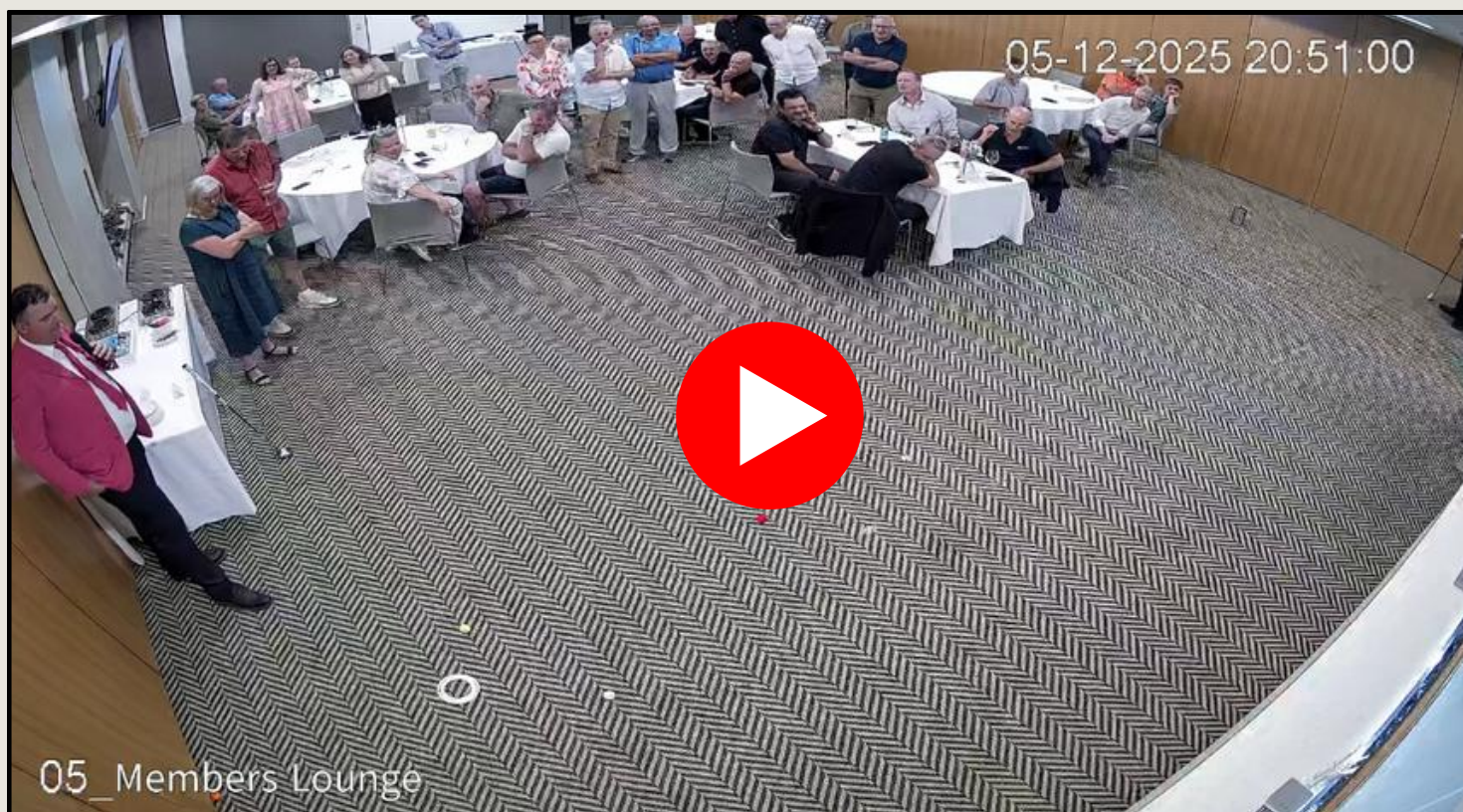
However, the highlight of the night belonged to the NTP putting competition, with the captain from each team having a crack at holing the 25ft putt for some bonus points. The only catch? If Dylan got inside them, no points were awarded.

What happened next was pure cinema...

We can't wait to be back next year for what will be bigger and better!



B. Mitchell, D. Laurie, N. Laurie, B. Wasley, B. Moore, F. Bunting, N. Hartley, J. Hartley & A. Hall



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Reciprocity

As the holiday season approaches, members can make the most of their Green Acres membership through our network of reciprocal golf clubs.

Reciprocal agreements allow members to enjoy playing rights at selected partner clubs, offering a great opportunity to experience new courses while travelling.

These agreements typically provide access to the partner club's course and facilities at a reduced green fee or, in many cases, at no additional cost.

Bookings are essential, and each club has its own conditions, so members should always contact the Club before arranging a visit.

Maroochy River GC



MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Continued

If you're planning to be away or simply want to explore somewhere different over the festive break, reciprocals are a convenient way to keep your game going. For the complete list of partner Clubs, head to the website by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions or would like help organising your reciprocal play, please get in touch!

Nathan Rees



Membership & Comms



GOLF CENTRE

Odyssey Putter Fitting Day - Last Chance!

Your putter is the most used club in the bag, so having one that matches your stroke is essential. Odyssey offers a wide range of designs from stable mallets to classic blades, each suited to different stroke types. Golfers with a straight back and through motion tend to benefit from face balanced models, while those with a natural arc usually perform better with toe hang putters.

A proper fitting also ensures the right length, lie angle and grip, helping you set up comfortably and strike the ball more consistently.

Odyssey's technology shines brightest when the putter is tailored to your posture and stroke, giving you better speed control, alignment and confidence on the greens.

Odyssey Putter Fitting Day is Wednesday, 17th December.

Book your session and discover how the right putter can quickly improve your putting and lower your scores. Click [here](#) to book.



Callaway Chrome Tour Balls

If you're looking for a reliable, high-performing gift for the golfer in your life, the Callaway Chrome Tour ball is an easy winner.

Designed for players who want tour-level control, impressive distance, and a consistently soft feel, the Chrome Tour delivers outstanding all-round performance from tee to green. It's a ball trusted by many and appreciated by golfers of all abilities.

With Christmas just around the corner, we have a limited run available at fantastic prices. Dozens are now only \$55, giving you huge savings off the recommended retail price.

If you prefer to pick up a smaller gift, individual sleeves are just \$15 each.

Whether you're filling a stocking, adding a small gift to a hamper, or treating yourself before the holiday break, the Chrome Tour offers great value and even better performance.

Get in quick while stock lasts.



Ash, Alana & Brian

Golf Centre Team



MVP GOLF

Osaka & Kobe - Japan

Our first overseas golf tour for 2026 has launched, offering an unforgettable journey through Osaka and Kobe in Japan.

Join us for 5 rounds of golf at some of Japan's best-kept courses while immersing yourself in the local culture.

Enjoy a rest day for sightseeing, with options including Osaka Castle, the Umeda Sky Building, or a relaxing Aqua Liner cruise through Osaka's scenic waterways.

Register your interest [here](#) to receive more details from Head Professional, Mark Varela.



The poster features a large background image of a golf course with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange and red. A white banner with the text "OSAKA & KOBE" in red, outlined letters is centered across the middle. Below the banner, there are four small inset photos: a river with cherry blossoms, a chef preparing food, a golf course with cherry blossoms, and Osaka Castle. At the bottom, there are three icons: a person with a backpack and a location pin, a golf flag on a green, and a house icon. Below each icon is a list of activities or locations. The bottom of the poster has a red background with the text "April / May 2026" and "8 days / 7 nights / 5 rounds" in a yellow, cursive font.

OSAKA & KOBE



Optional Sightseeing:
Osaka Castle
Umeda Sky Building
Aqua Liner Scenic
Cruise



Osaka Golf Club
Golden Valley GC
Rokko Kokusai GC
Arima Royal GC
ABC Golf Club



Voco Osaka Central
Hotel
ANA Crowne Plaza
Kobe

April / May 2026
8 days / 7 nights / 5 rounds

MVP GOLF

Junior Girls Scholarships - Last Chance!

If you know someone who might be interested, let us know!

Green Acres has recently obtained funding from The Australian Golf Foundation (AGF) to support six lucky teenage girls in pursuing their golf.

The Scholarship program is part of a national campaign to encourage more girls to play golf.

Green Acres will work closely with golf's national body, Golf Australia, throughout 2026.

This is a terrific opportunity for girls aged 10 to 16 who will receive.

- 15 clinics with Janette Borgolotto
- A one-year junior cadet Club membership
- Participation in club competitions
- And obtain a handicap

We have 2 remaining positions for 2026!

For more information on how to apply, please email Head Teaching Professional – Mark Varela, [here](#).



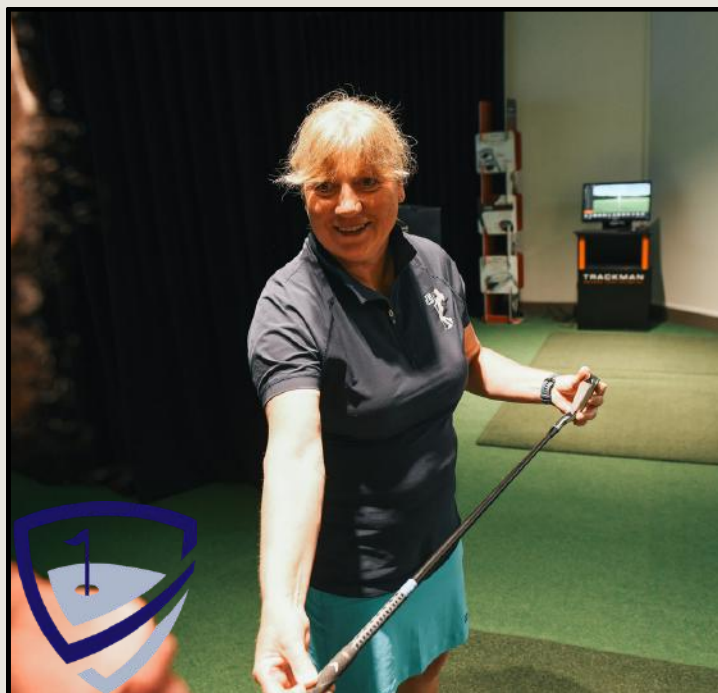
5 of the 2025/26 Girls Scholarship class

MVP GOLF

Christmas Gift Ideas

Stuck for Christmas gift ideas? Golf lessons could be just what they're looking for!

It's the perfect present as we head into the summer months, giving your loved ones a chance to enjoy the warm weather and sharpen their skills.



With personalised coaching for all levels, it's a thoughtful, practical gift they'll appreciate long after the holidays.

Gift Voucher Options

- 1 x 30min Junior Lesson - \$50
- 1 x 30min Lesson - \$80
- 2 x 30min Lesson - \$140
- 9-hole On Course Lesson - \$220

Mark Varela

Head Golf Professional





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