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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Board Update

Our Board met last week, and I am pleased to provide the following member update:

With the new OHS (Psychological Health) Regulations 2025 now in effect, our Governance and HR Sub-Committee and the Club Management are reviewing our policies to ensure we continue to support staff wellbeing across both physical and psychological safety. While Green Acres is a place where we come to relax, socialise and enjoy our golf, it's also a workplace for our dedicated staff. We ask members to please keep staff wellbeing in mind and help us maintain a positive, respectful environment for everyone at Green Acres.

The Club recorded a surplus of \$97,639 for October, with the major contributing factor being 41 new members who joined just prior to our pause in member applications. This is an excellent result, and it was noted that our waitlist for members is currently sitting at 23.

In relation to the Course, our Captain advised that we have received the course management report from John Sloan. This report will now be tabled at our next Course Sub-Committee meeting for review alongside the second Clayton Kruse Course Enhancement Plan report. The focus at present is to adopt a strategy to present the course as best we can right now without wholesale changes or course disruption. We were also advised that our popular horticulturalist, Peter Brown, intends to retire on December 20th, 2025. Plans are underway to find a suitable replacement.

Our Marketing and Communications team are looking to secure additional external functions.

The committee will work with Nathan Rees on a promotional campaign. It was also noted that a \$250 membership application fee will apply to prospective members wanting to join the waitlist. The changes to the 9 and Dine tee bookings were reviewed. The change limiting guests to one per member has resulted in more bookings being available for members. In responding to feedback, we have 'tweaked' this change so that members can contact the Golf Centre 5 days prior, and if spaces are available, three guests will be accommodated.

Our Governance and HR committee are settling into their new roles and responsibilities. The current focus is working with the General Manager to review the Constitution. A recent legal review of our Constitution confirmed it is compliant in its current form, however, we are looking to modernise its operation.

I must also say that upon visiting the club yesterday, I could see that the Women's Christmas Fun Day was a wonderful success, with 136 participants enjoying a lively and memorable day, many describing the lunch as the best yet! The clubhouse looked beautiful in its pink Christmas theme, bringing a fresh and festive spirit to the event. Out on the course, a cheerfully decorated golf cart by Anne Corboy and James Moorhead added to the fun and laughter. What a great way to finish a very successful women's golfing year.

I look forward to seeing you at the Club again soon.

Brian Wasley



President

THE LONGEST DAY

Cancer Council's Longest Day - Sunday 7th December

This Sunday marks The Longest Day Golf Challenge at Green Acres, and we're encouraging all members to get behind the participants as they take on this huge effort in support of the Cancer Council.

We have 36 members tackling the 36-hole Long Day challenge, along with 8 incredibly dedicated players taking on the full 72-hole marathon.

Their commitment deserves plenty of support out on the course and around the clubhouse.

The kitchen and bar will be open throughout the day, so come down, cheer them on, and help create a great atmosphere as they push through their rounds!

To donate to one of the participants, visit the club's Longest Day Page by clicking [here](#).



COURSE NEWS

Rainfall and Course Conditions

November delivered 151mm of rainfall across 16 of the 30 days, over 80mm above the 10-year average. Despite the high total, the course held up exceptionally well, with the recent sand slitting clearly demonstrating its benefits.

Soil temperatures have remained around 14°C, limiting the growth potential of warm-season grasses. Regular mowing is now underway, and we anticipate full course definition returning over the next four weeks. Overall, the course is well positioned for the busy golfing calendar ahead.

GREEN ACRES RAINFALL													
YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
2025	50	34.5	35	22	24	40.5	50.5	43	25	45	151		520.5
2024	98	3.5	1.5	107	32.5	28	85.5	28.5	50	51	61	28	574.5
2023	27	29	50.5	121.5	92.5	58	30.5	27	16.5	87.5	49.5	76	665.5
2022	57	2.5	21.5	72.5	41.5	59.5	52.5	85	65.5	189.5	82	35.5	764.5
2021	92	11	63	61	69	78	69	29	102	104	103	9.5	790.5
2020	117	84	79	162	63	39	40	75	48	70	55	64	896
2019	15	26	17	12	79	67	49	71	67	33	68	7	511
2018	82	5	32	16	77	46	32	48	19	34	114	110	615
2017	29	49	46	130	32	17	28	62	48	43	49	163	696
2016	58	12	31	49	64	81	82	84	111	85	53	62	772
2015	62	62	14	69	70	36	82	56	38	24	48	35	596
10 YEAR AVERAGE	63.7	28.4	35.6	80.0	62.1	51.0	55.1	56.6	56.5	72.1	68.3	59.0	

Greens

Surface density continues to strengthen, and firmness is improving due to the frequency of light dustings. Conditions are expected to progress further once consistent warm weather allows greater moisture manipulation within the profiles.

Low nitrogen inputs and high rainfall have highlighted coring marks, giving some greens a temporary polka-dot appearance. Poa annua seedhead suppression continues through a GDD (Growing Degree Day) model.

Post-renovation soil testing identified nematodes in six greens, and a nematicide program has been in place since early October using Fluopyram and Abamectin on rotation.

Affected greens have responded well, and treatments will continue through the summer months.

Plugging and returfing of weaker areas has been ongoing over the past three weeks. Some areas remain marked with blue paint until they can be mown down and returned to play.



COURSE NEWS

Tees

Avoiding pre-emergent herbicide has safeguarded early summer turf vigour. Air2G2 aeration will continue to be used on high traffic teeing areas, particularly the blue tees, to promote improved rooting and wear tolerance.

Fairways

Fairway surfaces are in good order, though not at full potential due to lower than expected soil temperatures. Couch mite activity remains present in some common couch areas, requiring ongoing 2–3 week treatment intervals.



Roughs

Roughs continue to present very cleanly, improving both course aesthetics and playability. Targeted knapsack applications are maintaining excellent weed control.

We anticipate increased debris pressure over the coming months as gums begin to shed bark and drop leaf matter with the onset of consistent hot weather.

Bunkers

Bunkers are maintained twice weekly (Tuesday and Friday). Staff continue redistributing sand to improve consistency across surfaces.

New bunker rakes have caused some sand displacement around step areas, which is being monitored and corrected.

Fortnightly edging and weeding are also underway.

Upcoming Works – December / January

- Restoration of the 12th carry and entry path, including mulch removal, turf installation, and topdressing
- Repair and turfing of the dam wall area on the 10th hole
- Removal of unwanted vegetation around the 13th and 18th tees
- Installation of Santa-Ana couch around the top practice putting green surround
- Weekly topdressing of irrigation line repairs

James Stewart



Course Superintendent

WOMEN'S GOLF

Christmas Fun Day

What a fantastic day! The wind certainly made things interesting, but the warm weather was a welcome boost, and the festive spirit was impossible to miss. It was wonderful to see so many getting into the theme and dressing up, the laughter out on the course said it all!

Lunch afterwards was excellent. Thank you to Sarosh and his team for a delicious meal, and to Dylan, Bernie, Felicity and the entire hospitality team for their outstanding work throughout the day. Your efforts made the event feel special from start to finish.

Congratulations to our winners, Sally-Ann Watts, Sue Anderson, Catherine Cameron, and Julie Bell, with an incredible 101pts!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. 2026 is shaping up to be a big one!

Enjoy a small selection of photos from the day and the presentations.

Winning Team:

Sally -Ann Watts, Sue Anderson, Catherine Cameron, Julie Bell

101pts

Runner Up Team:

Irene Grigg, Christina Moore, Ros Davies, Lee Rimes

96pts

Nearest the Pin:

9th Hole:

A Grade – Fiona Nugent

B Grade – Selina Tracey

11th Hole:

A Grade – Helen Weiss

B Grade – Susan Paxton

Straightest Drive:

15th Hole:

A Grade - Glenis Harvey

B Grade - Catherine Cameron



Women's Sub Committee



WOMEN'S GOLF







GOLF OPERATIONS

Junior Girls Scholarships - Applications Now Open

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

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 outstanding contributions to Green Acres over nearly five decades. The timesheet is open to all members, but only those who have previously or currently served on a Sub-Committee or Board are eligible to win.

The perpetual trophy was generously donated by Peter and Jennifer French, with Peter Hopper, a 50-year member, as the inaugural winner.

Terry Cox, a member since 1971 (54 years), is a Life Member, former Club Captain from 2004 to 2011, multiple Board Event winner, and has played key roles in pennant teams, course development projects, drought-proofing initiatives, and clubhouse upgrades.

Joy Cox, a member since 1983 (42 years), is a former Ladies' President, Women's Sub-Committee member, and Green Acres Women's Pennant player. Both are highly respected stalwarts of the Club, making it fitting that the trophy bears their name.

To book, please click [here](#).

Hole-in-One

Something very special occurred in Wednesday's Medley Stableford competition. As the group of Jim Anemikos, Jim Costa, John Vidovic and Anthony Rodi made the turn, spirits were high as they approached the 11th tee.

Playing a little shorter than usual at 131 metres, one of the players took out a 7 iron and aimed at the pin. The ball soared through the air, only a fraction offline, before pitching short of the hole and finding its way into the bottom of the cup.

Congratulations to John Vidovic for scoring a hole-in-one, the third of his golfing career!



John Vidovic

Tristan Cross

Golf Operations Manager



GOLF CENTRE



Odyssey Putter - Fitting Day

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.

Ash, Alana & Brian

Golf Centre Team



DINING EVENTS

Green Acres Christmas Dinner Cancellation

Unfortunately, this year's Christmas Dinner has been cancelled due to a lack of bookings.

While the event will not proceed, we appreciate the interest shown.



MVP CONCEPTS

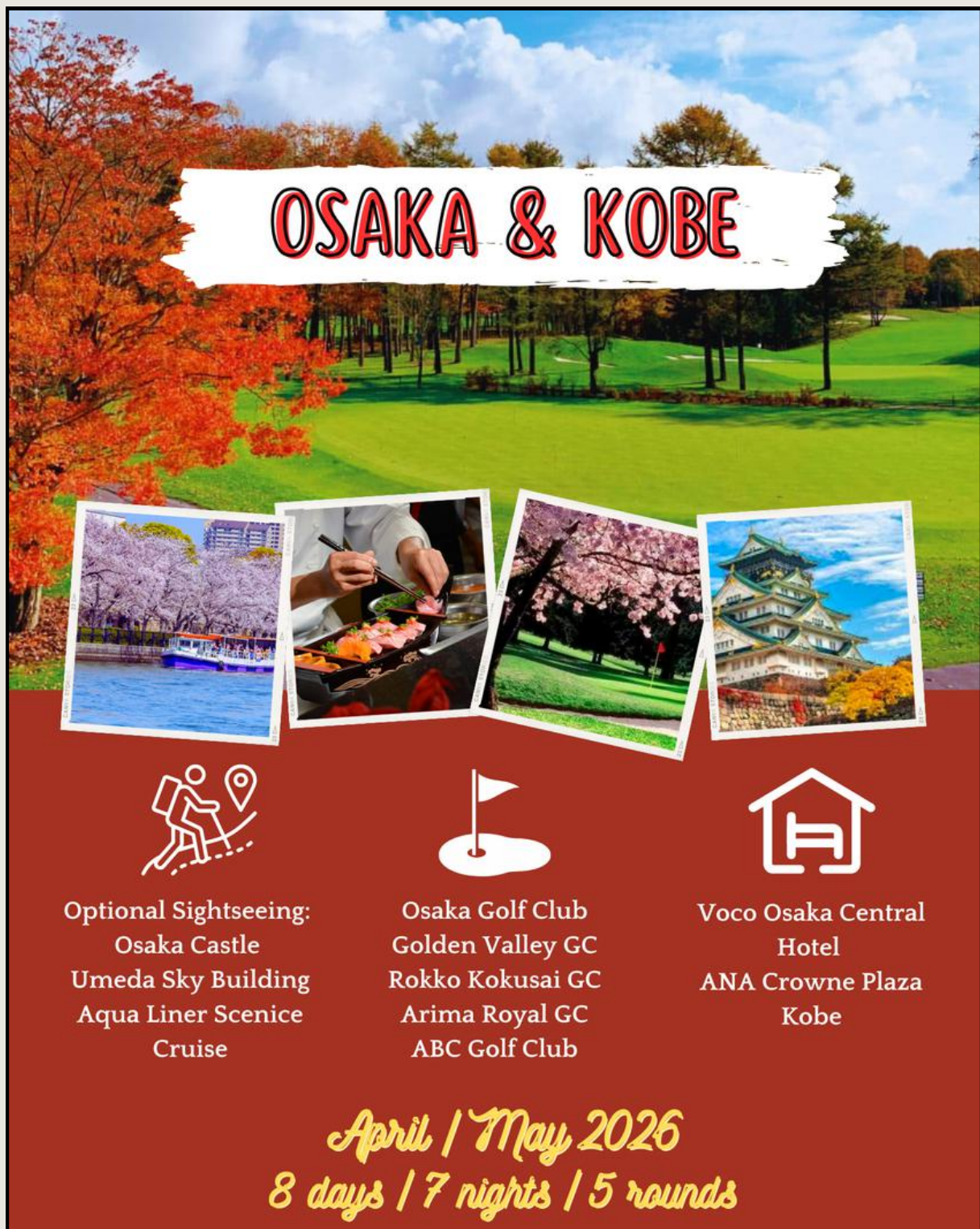
Osaka & Kobe - Japan

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 a torn-edge effect is centered over the image, displaying the text "OSAKA & KOBE" in a bold, red, outlined font. Below the banner, there are four small, tilted photographs: a boat on a river with cherry blossoms, a chef preparing food, a golf course with cherry blossoms, and Osaka Castle. At the bottom, there are three white icons on a dark red background: a golfer, a golf flag, and a house. Each icon is accompanied by a list of activities or locations. The bottom of the poster features the dates "April / May 2026" and the duration "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

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8 days / 7 nights / 5 rounds





2025 CATHEDRAL *Invitational*

**10TH DECEMBER
2025**

Adam Scott, Marc Leishman
Geoff Ogilvy, Lucas Herbert

DETAILS

Cost: \$125pp
8am Departure
Cathedral Lodge
Day Pass Ticket
Private Transfers

INFORMATION

Join Head Teaching Professional Mark Varela for an exclusive day trip to get up close and personal with some of golf's superstars as you watch them compete in the Cathedral Invitational. A private bus will depart from Green Acres, ensuring a seamless and memorable experience.

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