

Course Changes

Anniversary Cup

Doctor Dirt

GA NEWS

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GOLF OPERATIONS

Golf Connect Recap

Golf Australia is moving from GolfLink to Golf Connect, a new platform for handicap history, event registrations, and PGA Tour updates. Your GolfLink number will become your permanent Golf ID, which stays with you for life.

Key changes:

- New golf.com.au website and official Golf Australia app.
- Daily Handicap will now include a consistency factor.
- Some handicaps may shift slightly (usually <0.5) due to backdated PCC changes.
- All members will need to verify accounts by email.

At Green Acres

- GolfLink retires Sunday, 28 Sept, midnight.
- 29 Sept – 12 Oct: Social golf only (no handicapped comps).
- Handicapped play resumes Mon, 13 Oct.
- Men's Medal: Sat 18 Oct.
- Women's Medal: Tues 14 Oct.

A decision has been made to remove regular team events for the month of September, this excludes special events such as the Saturday Guest Day and the GA Classic.

This adjustment is to maximise handicapping opportunities ahead of the transition period from GolfLink to Golf Connect, during which no handicapping will take place for two weeks.

To view the full update, please click the link [here](#).

Course Options and Boundary Changes from Monday, 1st September

From Monday, 1st September, we will be implementing several changes aimed at improving your golfing experience at Green Acres.

1. Yarra River – will be a Penalty Area

The Yarra River will be designated as a penalty area, which means you will now be able to take lateral relief instead of being limited to stroke and distance or the alternative stroke and distance options.

The river will be marked with red stakes. Some areas will be classified as 'No Play Zone Penalty Areas', indicated by **red** stakes with **blue** tops.

In these zones, you must take relief, as they are considered dangerous due to steep slopes or being snake habitats.

On the 12th hole, there is limited space available to take relief, so there will be a few drop zone options available.

A new Temporary Local rule will be released on Monday, 1st September, including the No Play Zone Penalty area ruling. Click [here](#) to view.

2. Changes to Courses and Tee Options

The Golf Sub-Committee, in collaboration with the Course Sub-Committee, has reviewed ways to improve the health of our tee boxes. Our current tee complexes are not large enough to sustainably support five sets of tees. As a result, we are moving to four course options:

Back, Middle, Front, and Short.

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Along with this change, the tee colours will be updated:

- Back tees will now be Black (old Blue tees)
- Middle tees will now be Blue (old white tees)
- Yellow tees will no longer be used
- Front tees (formerly Red and mainly used by women) will now be White
- The Short course will remain Orange.

With the retirement of the yellow tees, there will now be three course options available each day, with the back (black) tees in play only on Wednesdays and Saturdays. This change will be highlighted by the introduction of new logo tee markers from the date of implementation.

We appreciate your support and understanding as we make these adjustments to improve the course and your playing experience.

Please note that these changes will not take effect until Monday, 1st of September.



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Founders Cup Results

You could feel Springtime in the air on Saturday for the final of the Founders Cup. Our match was between the #3 seed, Blake Edwards, and the #4 seed, Chung Dang.

It was a tight contest with nobody being more than 2 up. Blake got out to the early lead, being 2up through 6, but Chung fought back and levelled the match on the 13th. Exceptional putting from Blake all day would ultimately prove the difference, winning a nail biter 1up on the 18th!

This is Blake's first ever board event victory during his membership at Green Acres, and just in time, as he is moving up to QLD in the coming months. He commented on how proud he was of finally getting his name up in silver on the honour boards!



L & B Carlyon Bowl Results

The sun was shining on Sunday for the Lionel and Beryl Carlyon Bowl, with all groups ready to play the 4-ball better ball format.

With 30 pairs in the field, it was Vanessa Cariss and Sean Brett who came charging home, combining fantastically with a score of 45 points. They had kept their scorecard clean with no wipes and were each on their card nine times.

Vanessa came out firing with three birdies, and this was also Sean's first trophy win at Green Acres, which made it even more special.

Congratulations and well done to Sean and Vanessa!



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Saturday Guest Day – 12th September

Bookings for the upcoming Saturday Guest Day will open on Sunday, 3 September at 6.00 pm.

- Members intending to bring a guest must book on the front 9 and then contact the Golf Centre with their guest's GolfLink number. Please note that if guest details are not provided, the reserved spot will be removed three days prior to the event.
- Bookings for members who are not bringing a guest will open from the 10th tee at the normal time, five days prior, at 6:00pm.

Balding Golf Improvement Centre

Currently, one of the Trackman bays is out of order due to wear and tear, with a hole appearing in the middle of the screen.

Unfortunately, there will be a delay in getting this replaced as it is a specialised job and Trackman does not have local installers. The work is scheduled for early September. Once a date is confirmed, only one Trackman bay will be available until the new screen and mats have been installed.

While we are limited to one bay, we kindly ask members to refrain from playing games or completing Performance Centre tasks. Please also give way to fellow members after a short warm-up to ensure fair use.

2025 Anniversary Cup

The 2025 Anniversary Cup will be contested at Patterson River Golf Club on Sunday, the 26th of October, for a special day of golf and dinner celebrating our clubs' shared history since 1948.

Schedule:

- 12:00 pm – Arrival
- 1:00 pm – Shotgun start
- 5:30 pm – Golf concludes
- 6:00 pm – Dinner and presentations

Golf Details:

- 28 players from each club
- Team Stableford – best 7.5 scores per club
- Individual Stableford – Mixed prizes
- Novelty events – NTPs x 2 (men & women), LD x 1 (men & women)

Click [here](#) to make a booking!

Please note – Patterson River GC will randomly allocate the groups. You may not be playing with who you book with.



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Green Acres Classic - Sunday 14th September

The 12:30pm shotgun start booking sheet for this year's Green Acres Classic is due to open 15 days out at 6pm. Book your starting hole and enjoy playing the Gentsomes Ambrose format with your favourite group of members. The afternoon shotgun is strictly for those playing in the Green Acres Classic, and members' accounts will be charged the entry fee.

Gentsomes is a team event played in groups of 4. All players in the team play a tee shot, and then the team decides which tee shot is the best, and all players then play their own ball from that spot. The ball is to be placed within 1 club length from the selected spot, not nearer the hole.

All players then play out the hole with their own ball. Scoring is in Stableford format, and the two best individual Stableford scores are combined to give the team score for that hole. Men score using the men's stroke index; women using the women's stroke index. A minimum of three drives and a maximum of six drives per player must be used and recorded on the scorecard.

For a \$65 entry fee enjoy a day of Gentsomes Ambrose team event followed by a beautifully prepared two course sit down dinner and prize presentations. Prizes for best men's, women's and mixed team score as well as nearest to pins.

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CLASSIC



Sunday, 14 September 2025

Gentsomes Ambrose Mixed Event

12:30pm Shotgun Start
Dinner & Presentation to follow

Bookings open 15 days in advance

Tristan Cross



Golf Operations Manager

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GAGC Biodiversity Inventory

Ever since I first started at GAGC, I have been utterly astonished by the life that flourishes here. I had already been using iNaturalist for some time as an easy shortcut to identify things like native orchids, but here, it seems as if barely a day goes by without something new popping up, so I have made numerous observations and identifications all over the Course.

Then I heard about the Golf Fore Nature project started by the consultants Torgersen Gilbey. By joining this project, GAGC got its own page where all iNaturalist observations made within our boundaries would be collated and displayed. I was surprised to find I was only one of 25 people using iNaturalist here, and together we have all identified about 100 species (so far).



Orange Pore Fungus

iNaturalist is a citizen science platform that anyone can join and use. There is no cost involved, and it is super easy to use, so I tend to be just a teensy bit of a fan. Once you have signed up, all you do is take a photo (or upload one you already have) and tap "What did you see?". Observations from iNaturalist go into the Atlas of Living Australia (www.ala.org.au), which is a database of over 150 million records of species in Australia. When you tap "What did you see?" the app searches this database to find the most likely matches. You pick the one that looks the best and submit the observation.

It then joins the ALA database, and specialists or researchers can check and verify the identification. If two or more people agree with you, the observation becomes "Research Grade" and can be used in all sorts of studies to help us better understand our unique flora and fauna.

If you would like to see what things have been found here so far, you can visit the new GAGC page by clicking [here](#).



Eastern Short-necked Turtle

You can also sign up to iNaturalist and contribute to the tally of living things found here. If you have any questions or need assistance with iNaturalist, please don't hesitate to let me know. I would be happy to help. Please enjoy the many interesting observations on our new Biodiversity Inventory page.

Some of my favourites include Southern Marbled Geckos, the Dog Vomit Slime Mould and a fungus that looks like orange fingers sticking out of the soil – called 'Stinky Fish'.

I look forward to bringing you further updates and information about our course and our environment in future editions of the GA News.

Peter Brown



Horticulturist

FOOTY TIPPING

Our Champions!

The 2025 Green Acres Footy Tipping season has wrapped up in dramatic fashion, with nothing separating Adrian Pacor and Robert Kenway, who ended the year tied at the top after a thrilling season of tipping.

Robert had been the pacesetter for much of the competition, and at one stage, Adrian trailed him by 8 tips! In one of the great comebacks, Adrian charged home to draw level and share the title.

Jenny Smith wasn't far behind, securing a well-deserved third place and rounding out what has been a fantastic season.

Congratulations to all our tippers for making this year's competition so exciting right through to the final round.

Check out the video below to see how the leaderboard unfolded across the year!

Adrian and Robert will share the top prize, with \$840 each credited to their house accounts, while Jenny Smith takes home \$190 for her third-place finish.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part this year. We'll see you in 2026!

To view the full leaderboard, click the link [here](#).



BIRD WATCH

Feathered Bandits on Course

If you've had a golf ball mysteriously vanish mid round, you're not imagining things. A few of our feathered friends have taken a liking to the game and have been swooping in to 'borrow' the odd ball.

We're not sure whether they're working on their short game or just starting a collection, but keep an eye out for any suspicious activity!

Apparently, even the kookaburras know a Pro-V1 is worth its weight in gold!

Rest assured, while the birds might be ruffling a few feathers, they're providing plenty of entertainment out on the course.



Image - Tony Robertson



Video - Wendy Cooper

Nathan Rees



Membership & Comms

CLUBHOUSE OPERATIONS

Pizza & Pasta Night

Join us on Friday, 19th September, for Pizza & Pasta Night, a cosy evening filled with comfort food favourites.

Enjoy a menu featuring freshly made pizzas and hearty pasta dishes, perfect for sharing with friends and family!

Bookings can be made by clicking [here](#).

PIZZA & PASTA NIGHT

MENU

TO SHARE

CURRY PUFFS – Sweet potato puffs, tomato relish (5 pcs) – 15

CALAMARI – Semolina crusted, rocket leaves, chipotle – 18

SARDINES – Grilled brioche, crumbed sardines, parmesan custard – 18

ARANCINI – Pumpkin and parmesan, white bean puree (5pcs) – 15

BOCCONCINI – Roquette leaves, tomatoes, torn basil, olive oil, balsamic – 16

PASTA

POTATO GNOCCHI – Pumpkin puree, salted pinenuts, Meredith goats' feta, fried sage – 28

LINGUINE – Mussels, pippies, squid, shrimp, white wine, cherry tomato, parsley, garlic, parmesan – 34

PENNE – Tomato sugo, basil oil, bacon, chargrilled eggplant, baby spinach, parmesan, capers, olives – 26

VEAL TORTELLINI – Medley of mushrooms, white wine, garlic, cream, parmesan, truffle oil – 26

PIZZA

MARGHERITA – Tomato sugo, mozzarella, basil leaves – 22

PORK SAUSAGE – Fennel, rosemary potato, parmesan sauce – 26

PEPPERONI – Calabrese salami, tomato sugo, chili flakes, olives, parmesan – 25

MUSHROOM – Forest mushroom ragout, parmesan sauce, caramelized onion – 25

TANDOORI CHICKEN – Tandoori chicken, cucumber yogurt, coriander, shallots – 26

SWEETS

BOMBOLONE – Italian fried donuts, Nutella filling, cinnamon sugar – 15

AFFOGATO – Vanilla ice cream, espresso – 15

ZABAGLIONE – Zabaglione custard, Marsala, sponge finger biscuits – 15

CHEESE TRIO – Brie, tasty, blue, crackers, dried apricots – 22

Friday 19th September – Book now via the website

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Father's Day Gift Packs

Why not give the gift that dad really wants, some golf gear!

Choose from 1 x FJ/Ping Green Acres logo polo, 1 x Green Acres logo beanie/cap, 1 x Green Acres logo glove, all for \$149.

Or maybe it's balls and a hat! Choose any Callaway Chrome Tour or Chrome Soft Dozen with any Callaway hat, for just \$95!



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Ping Fitting Day

PING is returning to Green Acres for another Fitting Day on Friday, 12 September, giving members the chance to get professionally fitted for the latest equipment, including the impressive G440 range.

Whether you're after more distance, better accuracy or just curious about what the right fit could do for your game, this is a great opportunity to test the full lineup with expert guidance.

To book, click [here](#).



Callaway Opus Wedges Clearance

Looking to hit high, soft flop shots and stop the ball close to the pin?

Now's your chance to pick up a brand new Callaway Opus 60° wedge at a sizzling price of just \$239! That's a massive \$80 saving off the regular price.

Featuring precision-milled grooves and tour inspired shaping, the Opus 60° is designed for maximum spin and control around the greens. Perfect for players seeking to refine their short game.

Strictly floor stock only. Drop in soon to secure the best bounce option to suit your swing and turf conditions.



Ash, Alana & Brian

Golf Centre Team



MVP GOLF TOURS

We're heading to Perth!

Bookings are now open for the West Coast Golf Tour: Perth!

Join us for an unforgettable golfing getaway featuring world-class courses, stunning coastal scenery, and plenty of fun off the fairways.

Click the link below to explore the full itinerary, pricing, and all the details — spots are limited, so don't miss out!

[View tour details and book now!](#)



The graphic features a dark blue shield logo with a white golf ball and tee on the left. On the right, there are two circular images: the top one shows a sandy beach meeting turquoise water with white surf, and the bottom one shows a lush green golf course with sand traps. The text 'West Coast Golf Tour' is written in a large, elegant script font. Below it, a paragraph describes the coastal getaway in Perth. At the bottom, three icons (golf flag, house, and information) are used to categorize the tour details.

West Coast Golf Tour

Treat yourself to a coastal getaway in sunny Perth, Western Australia. With its stunning beaches, Mediterranean climate, spectacular golf courses, it's the perfect mix of relaxation and play.

 #17 Lake Karrinyup CC #21 Joondalup CC #38 The Cut GC #66 Mt Lawley GC #68 Meadow Springs CC	 Accommodation The Sebel - Mandurah Joondalup Resort & Country Club	 October 2025 6 Days / 5 Nights 5 Rounds of golf PGA Professional Host
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