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# GA NEWS

11 September 2025



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## Board & Club Update

The new committee year is off to a strong start, with Sub-Committees already meeting and planning activities. Both the Golf and Marketing & Communications groups have kicked off their work, including ideas for new member events such as a Green Acres Rules Night and regular member update presentations.

These initiatives are designed to improve communication and keep everyone informed and engaged.

Here are a few current highlights:

- **Course Enhancement Plan (CEP):** This will be a major focus for the Club over the next 12 months. We are awaiting the updated report from our designers, Michael Clayton, Harley Kruse, and Lukas Michel, which incorporates member feedback. The new CEP working group will carefully review all options and revisit the original goals of the project, with a strong emphasis on achieving maximum value for any financial investment in course improvements.
- **The Composite Day:** Hosted with Kew on the 21st September is now fully booked, a great show of member support.
- **Pizza & Pasta Night:** Coming up on the 19th September, already with 56 bookings. There's still space if you'd like to join us!
- **Twilight 9 & Dine:** Warmer weather and daylight savings means this popular event returns on the 15th October. It promises to be well supported again this year.

- **Anniversary Cup:** On the 26th October, Green Acres will compete against Latrobe, Spring Valley, and Patterson River at Patterson River. Spots are still available to represent the Club, and your support would be most welcome. For more information on the event, please click [here](#).

Green Acres has always been known as a friendly club, and it's pleasing to hear this reinforced by feedback from new members. Many tell us they chose Green Acres because of its welcoming culture.

Let's keep that spirit alive with a smile, a hello to staff or fellow members, or even introducing yourself to someone new can make a big difference.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon. As always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email me.

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Brian Wasley



President

# GOLF OPERATIONS

## Golf Connect Update

I am pleased to confirm that MiClub, our software provider, has advised that the initial two-week period of social play announced by Golf Australia will be much shorter. The latest date for the return to competition play has been brought forward.

Golf Australia originally announced two weeks of social play to cover a range of software providers with varying integration timeframes. We are fortunate that our site upgrade will be completed earlier, allowing us to resume competition golf sooner.

Here is a summary of the changes:

- Competitions will return from Monday, the 6th October
- Social play only from Monday, the 29th September to Sunday, the 5th October inclusive.
- During this social play period, play will be from one tee only, and there will be no rock-ups
- If we are ready before the 6th October, an optional medley competition will be added to the timesheets, allowing handicapping to resume.

For more details, please click [here](#).

## Keith Beats His Age Again

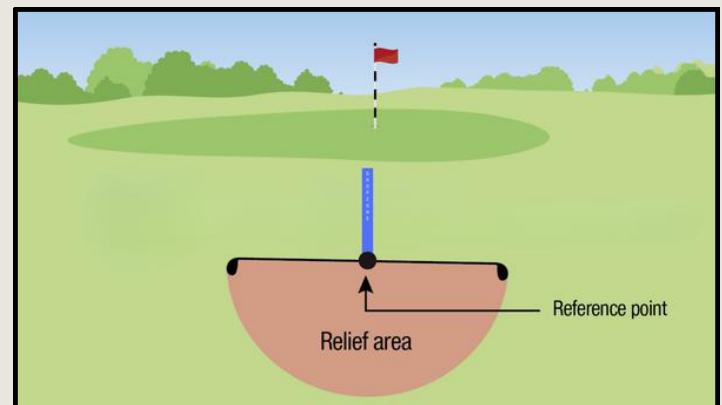
A special congratulations to Keith White, who has once again achieved the remarkable feat of beating his age. At 91 years young, Keith shot an impressive 90 in Wednesday's Medley Comp.

It's not the first time he's managed it, and it's a testament to his skill, consistency, and love of the game. Well played, Keith!

## Temporary Local Rules

The Temporary Local Rules (TLR) were amended yesterday to provide clearer guidance on the correct use of the 'no-play zone' drop zones, located at the front and back of the 12th green (see image below).

Click [here](#) to view the revised TLR.



Tristan Cross



Golf Operations Manager



# COURSE UPDATE

## Course News

With winter now behind us, our focus shifts to preparing the course for the warmer months ahead. Rainfall over winter totalled 154mm (June–August), which is around Melbourne's average. However, the lead-up to winter was unusually dry, with only 46mm recorded across April and May, compared to much higher totals in recent years. This had a noticeable impact on how the course played and held up through the colder months. The course, having held up extremely well through winter, is ready to take advantage of the ideal growing weather to come.



## Greens

The greens are in good shape with strong coverage, despite challenges from shade and traffic. We have been able to conduct a consistent dusting program over the last few months, which is starting to show the benefits with surfaces feeling a little firmer and rolling well.

Renovations will commence on September 22nd, involving hollow coring, deep verti-draining, and air injection to improve water infiltration and relieve compaction. Around 120 tonnes of sand will be brushed into the greens as part of this program. These works will set the foundations for excellent putting surfaces heading into spring and summer.



## Tees & Fairways

Couch surfaces are starting their transition out of winter dormancy as we apply herbicide applications to remove Poa, along with granular fertiliser to encourage new growth. Fairway colour has held up very well despite a record number of frosts, supported by our turf pigment program, which will continue going forward.



## Rough

Rough is currently maintained at 38mm across the course, with an intensive herbicide program supporting density and presentation. As growth improves, the first cut of rough will remain at 38mm with the rest set at 51mm to create clear definition between fairway and rough.

# COURSE UPDATE

## Bunkers

Our bunker improvement program, led by Assistant Superintendent Scott, has made excellent progress. Sand has been redistributed on faces and bases to improve playability, and steps have been installed in difficult access points.

Member feedback has been very positive. A reminder to all players to rake carefully and avoid dragging sand towards exits to maintain consistency for others.



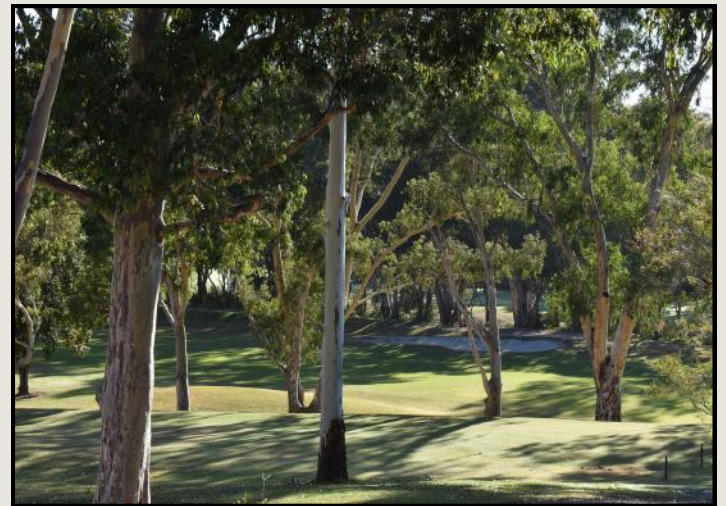
## Trees & Landscape

Our horticulturalist Peter Brown's work in the garden beds is really taking shape, with new plantings adding colour and structure.

Tree works by staff and contractors are improving both playability and presentation, with priority given to overhanging branches as part of our encroachment program.

## Rainfall

- 2024 to the end of August: 385mm
- 2025 to the end of August: 320mm



The course is in a strong position heading into spring.

With upcoming renovation works and seasonal programs in place, we look forward to delivering outstanding playing conditions for members and guests, with the ground staff committed to taking the course to the next level.

James Stewart

Course Superintendent





# WOMEN'S GOLF

## Caddies' Trophy

The Caddies' Trophy was played in conjunction with the September Medal last week. This tradition began in 2006, with D. Winter-Irving as the inaugural winner.

The event is held in recognition of all the caddies who have supported women's representative golf throughout the year. To be eligible, players must have caddied at least twice for pennant or interclub during the season.

This year, there were 10 entrants, and Jacqui Moorhead won on a countback with a score of 73 nett.

Congratulations Jacqui! (Pictured right)



## Monthly Medal

Congratulations to Glenis Harvey, who took out the September Monthly Medal with a nett 71.

Glenis just edged out Karen Teo via countback.

Well done, Glenis! (Pictured Left)



*Women's Sub Committee*



# DINING

## 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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# WILDLIFE WATCH

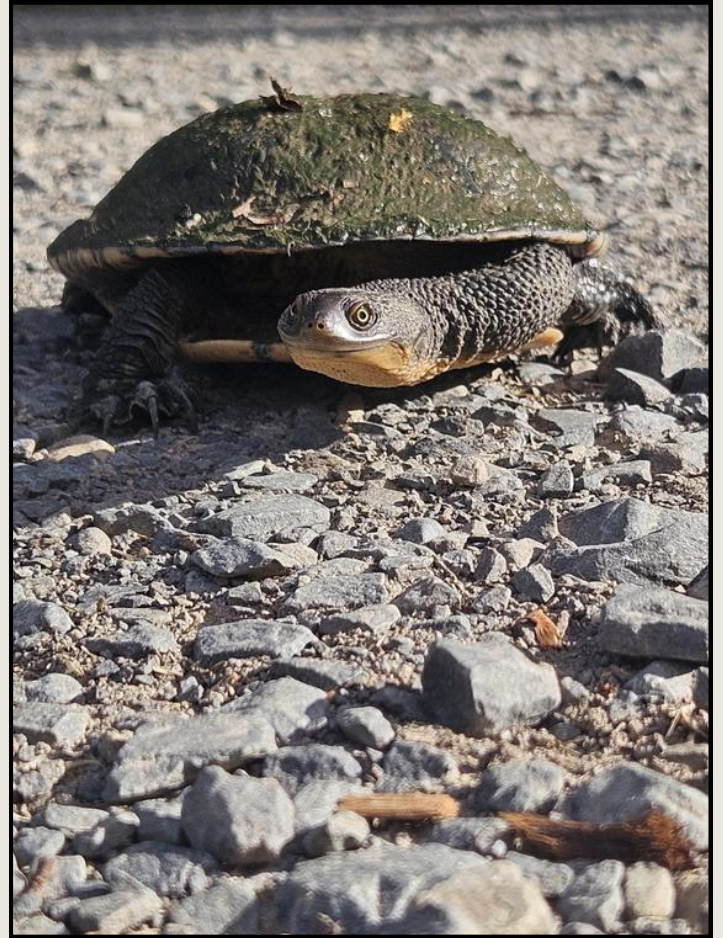
## Fore Play

It's not just our members making the most of the fairways. Recently, two cheeky birds were spotted rolling a golf ball around...

While appearing to be otherwise distracted with each other. Let's just say they've really taken "playing together" to the next level!



Video - Jacqui Moorhead



Picture - Andrew Turner

## Speed Check

One of our more relaxed spectators has been spotted beside the 18th tee. The turtle seems quite content watching players come through, though his slow stroll is a timely reminder that keeping play moving is always appreciated.

*Nathan Rees*



Membership & Comms



# FITTING EVENT

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DATE: **Friday 3rd Oct**

TIME: **12pm-4pm**

LOCATION:  
**Green Acres Golf Club**

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# GOLF CENTRE

## New Season Styles

The Golf Centre is stocked with fresh spring arrivals for women, featuring the latest collections from Röhnisch, Corsican, Golftini and Forrest. From classic looks to modern designs, the new ranges offer something for every style, both on and off the course.

Be sure to visit soon and explore the collection. Sizes and styles are limited, and the most popular pieces will not last long!



*Ash, Alana & Brian*

Golf Centre Team





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