



Kareela Kronicles

From the GM

Bouquets

Firstly, a huge thank you to our regular team of volunteers who downed tools on the golf course to take up wet vacs inside the club. After the state we were in at 9.30am on the Saturday morning, it was touch and go whether we would be ready in time for the wedding that afternoon. It definitely wouldn't have happened without your help. To all the staff that went above and beyond the call of duty I appreciate your efforts.

Brick bats

Since my tenure started at the club we have been working hard to restrict organised social groups from bringing their own alcohol on to the Golf Course. They are made to purchase off the club, and a no exceptions policy is in place. It concerns me that what started out as a member bring his own alcohol on to the course during comp day has grown into several members. The numbers over the course of a year are now starting to add up, with this practice reducing our income by about 15k per year. If you think I'm being alarmist, 8 blokes x 4 beers x twice a week @ \$5 beer, you do the math. I would ask you to stop this practice as this is an issue that will have to be addressed at board level. If you are in the majority of members doing the right thing you should encourage your peers to do the same. At the end of the day we, the club, are striving to deliver you the best possible facility that we can both on and off the course.

What's new?

As of the 1st of January, all private carts brought on to the course will incur a \$5 per person levy. This levy, along with our own cart hire, will assist Course Operations with upgrading existing cart paths and constructing new ones. In conjunction with that, cart hire will increase \$2.

Next week (or there abouts) you will see GPS fitted to our cart fleet. It is an initiative that should enhance the golfing experience for both the member and the social golfer.

The Club has now made a decision on an upgrade of the golf system. This will see the club move to a web based golf solution that has a number of benefits to the member. Included in this new system is the scanned scorecard. I am sure through the Tuesday night ballot, and golf presentations the directors will keep you updated on where we are at.

From the President

Your club experienced an excellent trading day for the Melbourne Cup with in excess of five hundred people enjoying an afternoon at the races with fine food and a few drinks. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the success of the day. Also well done to our function team and LT's Bar & Grill.

November was another good month for the Club and Course with revenue above budget again. Even though the course was closed on a number of occasions this month, the trend continues toward a healthier financial position.

The severe storm on the night of Friday 15th November caused major flooding inside the clubhouse whilst also damaging the course. The Grey Army again sprang into action assisting club and course staff in the clean-up. This enabled the LT's and our function room to operate as normal that night, which seemed highly unlikely earlier that morning. Well done to all those that gave up most of their Saturday to ensure we returned to full operation that same day.

Due to severe damage on the course and the forecast for more damaging weather, the Moran Health Care Legends Pro Am due to be held on November 22nd was unfortunately postponed. A new date of January 24th 2014 has been set (put it on your diaries!). It will be a great day with many professional golfers in attendance.

Congratulations to our Course Superintendent Peter Wall and his wife on the arrival of their first child, Ethan, born on Friday 22nd November.



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Bates Drive Donation

On Friday 30th November, General Manager Dennis Skinner and Director Lesley Aston had the immense pleasure and privilege of presenting the students and teachers of Bates Drive Public School with a cheque for \$9000.

The money was raised through the tremendous efforts of Kareela Golf and Social Club members on our annual Charity Golf Day. Our Charity Golf Day provides our local community, friends and golfing family with the opportunity to raise vitally needed and well deserved funds for Bates Drive School.

The day was an overwhelming success raising the previously mentioned total of \$9000 for the school.

Bates Drive School is a school for students with moderate to severe intellectual disability, autism and physical disabilities. The school is dedicated to providing the highest quality education and learning environment for these children.

This money will go a long way in ensuring that these children have access to the best equipment and facilities possible.

Thank you to all our Golfie family that made it possible to raise this amount of money.

"Thank You for helping us raise \$9000 for Bates Drive Public School"

Pro Am Postponed

Unfortunately due to damaging rains and flooding on the course. The Moran Health Care Legends Pro Am scheduled for the 22nd November has been postponed.

The new date for this event is now the 24th January 2014.

Mark it in your diary golfers because the Moran Health Care Pro Am will be an unforgettable day for all involved.

Golfing News

- As many of our golfing family may already know, the Kareela Cup and the Kareela Bowl will be played on the 7th December.
- Aron Price has been made an honorary member of the club due to his work promoting the sport of golf in the community as well as his efforts in assisting our juniors program.
- Congratulations to two of our members who scored holes in one for November:
 - Trevor Hill on the 18th
 - Bruce Hammond on the 9th

A warm congratulations to our **2013 Club Championship** winners:

<i>Men</i>	<i>Ladies</i>
A Grade—Scott Reid 277 points	Div 1—Elsa Hocking
Runner Up—Dean Beer 278 points	Div 2—Margaret Shanahan
B Grade—Colin Rodden 312 points	Div 3—Yvonne McIntyre
Runner Up—Craig Jones 321 points	<i>Scratch Runners Up</i>
C Grade—Greg Bradshaw 333 points	Div 1—Carol Jones
Runner Up—Jim O'Brien 339 points	Div 2—Kay Bishop
Veteran—Keith Thornley 282 points	Div 3—Avril White
Junior—Mitch Boehm 287 points	



Ladies News

Summer competition begins on the 3rd December. This competition runs each Tuesday from the 3rd December until the 22nd January. This year ladies are playing up to and including the 17th December. The 24th and 31st December however are rest days to celebrate Christmas and New Years. Ladies will resume playing on the 7th January.

Just a reminder that Golflink is down the week of 20th-24th January, so there will be a **4BBB for that day only**. Otherwise, the Summer Competition is an 18 hole Stableford event that is open to lady members and visitors. As well as this there is a Summer Salver played in conjunction. Prizes for these competitions will be presented on Coffee Morning.

Coffee Morning will be held on the 28th January 2014. All players are encouraged to come and are more than welcome. Come along and meet up with the rest of the golfing ladies and discuss the years events, sign up for pennants and much more.

Ladies **2014 Golfing Year** starts on the **4th February**. However, for the 4th and 11th February there will be no draw, you will simply play as your name appears on the timesheet.

And finally, on Thursday 19th December, the Club will be hosting the Aron Price Junior Open Tournament. The club is asking members for donations of balls and volunteers to act as helpers on the day. For this and any more ladies golfing information or enquiries contact Lesley Aston



Thank You for your Contributions

As many of our Golfie family would know, the club suffered a large amount of damage due to the harsh flooding on the night of Friday 15th November.

The majority of the upper floor of the club house was inundated with flood waters causing major damage to carpet, joinery, and electrical works. The TAB area and restaurant were hit particularly hard with up to almost half a foot of water in these areas.

It was only with the help and support of numerous staff and members who volunteered their time in the early hours of Saturday morning to help rid the club of water that the club was able to open and operate as normal later on that night.

Because of the un believable efforts of all these selfless volunteers, our functions team were also able to deliver a stellar wedding celebration that very same afternoon. This seemed like an extremely unlikely event to anyone who witnessed the state of the club that morning.

Kareela Golf & Social Club staff and management would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteered their time to get the club we all know and love back up and running.

"The new date for the Moran Health Care Pro Am is now 24th January 2014"

News from the Course

Because of the 120mm of rain that fell on Friday 15th November, there are some parts of the course that have obviously not faired all too well. The deluge caused damage to numerous playing surfaces, blocked drains and scattered debris across parts of the course. The majority of this damage has now been repaired thanks to what is affectionately known as our "Grey Army".

New practice netting and mats have been installed for our golfers to utilize as well as a new mat on the 12th for social players.

Additional turf has been laid on the 6th fairway as we prepare to reopen the hole for the Kareela Cup and Bowl on the 7th December.



KAREELA GOLF & SOCIAL CLUB

CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

Sunday 1st December - \$5000 Toy Raffle

Wednesday 4th
Wednesday 11th
Wednesday 18th **101 Hams to be won each night!**

Monday 23rd December - \$1000 Seafood Raffle

Tuesday 31st December - Celebrate New Years Eve **With Live Band
"The Culprits"**



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Keep our Christmas promotions calendar handy

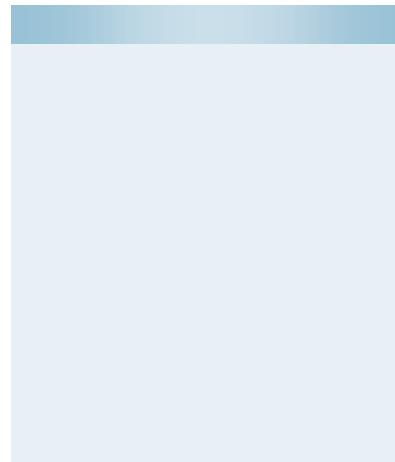
Christmas Raffles

'Tis the season for generosity and good will toward others. That's why Kareela Golf Club has a jam packed Christmas raffle calendar this year. It all kicks off with a huge \$5000 Toy Raffle on Sunday 1st December.

And our MASSIVE ham raffles are back again for another year. We're raffling off 101 half hams every Wednesday night in December until Christmas. That's 303 chances to win yourself a delicious Christmas ham on either the 4th, 11th, or 18th December.

Tickets for the ham raffles go on sale at 5:30pm and the draw starts at 7:00pm.

As well as this, we also have a humongous **\$1000** seafood raffle on Monday 23rd. That means you've got the chance to win the entire Christmas dinner for the family!



Try Something New!

We're all for trying new things here at The Golfie. That's why we've recently introduced our 'Cocktails of the Month'.

Each month, the bar staff will select a small number of cocktails that will be available for all our members and guests to delight their taste buds.

If you have any classics / tasty concoctions you'd like to see added to our repertoire simply let one of our friendly staff members know.



Aron Price

Kareela Golf & Social Club would like to give Aron Price a huge and warm congratulations on winning the NSW Open on November 24th.

Aron is an ex junior of the club here at Kareela and plays an instrumental role in our Juniors program with our Junior Open Tournament named after him.

Aron's win was his first in five years and catapulted him into the field for the Australian Open.

Aron had his lucky caddy / Dad Ray with him on the day and we were lucky enough to have the pair come and visit the club after their presentation to show off and share a few drinks with friends and fans.

We once again congratulate Aron on his win and wish him all the best in his long playing career. We're sure it's all those practice

rounds here at Kareela that got you where you are.



Aron and his lucky caddy / proud father Ray Price.

Spike Bar

Sunday 15th December is the annual **Christmas dinner for Sunday Golfers**. The price is \$20 per person and includes a delicious spread put on by our very own Rainy. All members are welcome to come, however, you must play on the day if you wish to attend. For any information see Rainy or June Beattie.

Also, keep an eye out for some very Christmassy specials in the spike bar over the coming weeks. In particular, Rainey's Mrs. Clause Special which includes turkey, camembert cheese and cranberry sauce. If that doesn't get you in the mood for Christmas then you must be a Grinch. Bah Humbug!



What's New at LT's

Have you tried LT's recently?

LT's Bar & Grill has been going from strength to strength here at the club, and this is no more evident than in the plethora of people that are dining in the restaurant every night. You would be hard pressed to find a quiet night in the restaurant these days. As they say, people vote with their feet, and there are nothing but smiles and satisfied stomachs leaving LT's.

There have also been a few small changes at LT's recently. Roast Nights are no longer on the last Wednesday of every month. Instead, Roast Night will occur **every Thursday!** As well as this, LT's have recently updated their menu, with a few delicious new additions and a few other small changes, we strongly encourage you to try it out. You won't be disappointed.

Bands Rocking The Golfie

Have you seen any of the amazing live music being played at the club recently?

Every Friday and Saturday night the club is providing *free* live music in the main lounge. These acts are guaranteed to get you up and dancing, singing along to all your favourites, or just relaxing and taking in some laid back tunes.

Put these dates in your diary to bring the family down and listen to some great local live music:

Friday 6th December— Max Power

Saturday 7th December— Skyscraper

Friday 13th December— Ted Nash

Saturday 14th December— Karl Broadie

Friday 20th December— Leon Gort

Saturday 21st December— John Vella



And don't forget that every 2nd Thursday is Open Mic Night. All skill levels are welcome as well as all acts! Contact Adam at guitar Zone Sutherland on **9542 6858** for more information.



*"The Aron Price Junior Tournament is Thursday 19th December.
Don't miss out!"*

Attention Junior Golfers

**The Aron Price Junior Tournament – Thursday 19th
December 2013**

Aron Price is a tournament golf professional based in the USA, he began his career as a junior at KGC and is sponsoring his 4th annual juniors' tournament at Karreela again this year. As in past years, he will be in attendance to meet and greet the participants, attend the presentation, say a few words and answer questions. Up to 110 entries can be accepted, entrants must be under 18 as at the 19th December 2013 and have a Golf Australia handicap.

Entry form and tournament rules are available from the KGC web site – entry fee is \$25, this includes golf, tournament prizes, a gift pack, sausage sizzle and refreshments at the 9th and 18th holes. KGC junior golfing members do not need to enclose an entry fee with their entry form.

Members available to assist in any way on the day, act as spotters etc. would be appreciated – please contact Carol Jones, Norm Jones and Ian Colley.



Kareela Golf & Social Club

Kareela Golf Club started in the late 1960's as Salisbury Golf Club. It was originally a nine hole course that officially opened in September of 1970 by Councillor A.T. Gietzett. The second nine holes were opened on July 4th 1971 by the then Minister for Lands the Honourable T.L. Lewis.

We are committed to providing the highest possible level of service in order to make your time at Kareela truly memorable.



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