



# Kareela Kronicles

## From the President

Welcome to the February issue of Kareela Kronicles.

Our first month of 2014 was also a good trading month for the Club. Revenue out-performed our budget and was an increase on the same period last year. Membership continues to grow with more than 150 new members signing up during the month. Our trend towards a healthier financial position continues in line with our Strategic Plan.

Good weather during January helped our bottom line in Operations with golf cart hire income at it's highest since we introduced carts in 2012. The installation of a GPS in the carts has also proved to be very popular.

As we go to press work has commenced on repairing the retaining wall on the western side of the 6<sup>th</sup> green. The two large gums adjacent to the slip area and which were a contributing factor in the collapse of the wall have been removed and a road constructed at the northern end of the green so that heavy equipment can gain access from Box road. Consequently hole 17b is back in play while this work is undertaken.

Planning is underway to replace the undersized pipe beneath the first bridge on the 11<sup>th</sup> hole with a culvert in order to alleviate flooding during periods of heavy rain. It is also planned to build a rock wall on either side of the creek from the bridge on 17b to the bridge on 12. In addition to containing flood water this work will be aesthetically pleasing from the club house.

The team of volunteers have commenced clearing access for the stairs leading from the deck outside the pro shop to the rear door of the club. Once completed this staircase will make the journey from the club to the shop or shop to the club shorter, faster and more convenient.



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## Special points of interest

- A reminder about the laws regarding conditions of entry to the club
- Stepping On program



## From the GM

The 2013/14 Moran Healthcare Group Pro Am has been run and won. All the comments from both the professionals and the amateurs have been really positive. There are areas we as a business can always improve on, but by and large a very successful day. A big thank you to all the staff that went that little bit further to make the day the success that it was. Also a huge thank you to all the volunteers that gave their time and energy to help us present in the best possible condition. We have already started discussing and preparing for our next event which will be programmed for November again.

- The club is wrapping up the insurance claim from November and samples of the carpet are on display in the foyer for your perusal.

- The registered clubs act required members to show their membership card on entry or on request. If you are asked to present your card please don't take it personally, the staff are just doing what they have been instructed to do.

- The members second chance draw for January was the last to be conducted. From now on instead of the draw, the money used for the prizes will be put back in to the members swipe terminal. So make sure you swipe your card every time you come to the club. We have some great instant prizes being given away through the swipe terminal.

## Ladies Golfing News

Coffee morning was a huge success with lots of ladies enjoying Rainy's excellent morning tea.

The Summer Competition was sponsored by Peter Roth who presented the prizes and told his famous jokes.

Winners were:

Division 1. (0-29) Dianne Stewart (24) 109 Pts. R/U Denise Schulz (25) 103 Pts.

Division 2. (30-45) Pat Harrold (36) 111 Pts. R/U Louise Broach (42) 102 Pts.

In keeping with our 'give back to the ladies as much as possible theme' the Committee decided to award prizes in each Division for each of the five competition weeks which was very well received.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February is the first week of our 2014 Golfing calendar and the commencement of our Eclectic, Gobbler and Birdies competitions.

The first of our Women's Golf Medal competitions is 18<sup>th</sup> February followed by the Presidents Trophy.

Our new card system has been introduced. Your Daily Handicap will be printed on to your card when you collect them. After you have finished playing please return your completed card to the Pro Shop for processing. From now on the Pro Shop will be handling the starting and closing of all competitions. There are a few changes, all for the better, and I am sure we will take no time to adjust and learn the ropes. Enjoy!



*Triple H Building Team. One proud sponsor of the Moran Health Care Pro Am*

## Moran Health Care Pro Am

The Moran Health Care Legends Pro Am was held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January with more than 220 amateur and professional golfers competing on the day.

The best scores on the day were from two very experienced and well-travelled golfers Peter 'Chook' Fowler and Mike Harwood at three under par. During his acceptance speech 'Chook' stated that he had played some difficult courses around the world and Kareela was up there with them.

All Professionals on the day were most complimentary on the condition of the course especially our greens. A special thanks and 'well done' to Peter Wall, course superintendent, and his team for maintaining the course in superlative condition. Complementing the course staff were the Grey Army who assisted in presenting the course in the best possible condition.

Thanks to all the sponsors for the day, without them it would not have been possible to stage such a great event. In particular I would like to thank Moran Health Care who have committed to a further three years as our major sponsor.

### Stepping On Programme

As you may be aware, injury from falls is a major cause of morbidity and mortality for older people living in our community. Each year, more than one in four people over the age of 65 have a fall and at least 30% of these falls result in a severe injury requiring hospitalization.

**Stepping On** is a free program for people aged 65 and older, living independently. The overall aim of the program is to build the self-confidence of participants by providing them with the information to make informed decisions and the necessary changes required so they can continue to live independently at home.

The program runs for seven weeks (two hours per week) and is conducted in small groups where you learn to identify fall risks and hazards whilst improving lower limb strength and balance.

For more information on this program you can contact the South Eastern Sydney Local Health District on 9382 8651



Just a friendly reminder that it is a condition of entry to the club that all members must show their membership card to the receptionist on duty. The Registered Clubs Act *requires ALL* members to display their cards upon request. So please, if and when you are asked to show your card, don't take it personally, staff are just performing their duties as instructed by management. No one in the club is above these rules and regulations.

## LT's Favourites

As you may have noticed, LT's has been offering a number of spectacular specials throughout the week. Keep an eye out for LT's mid-week specials and weekend specials that make the most out of fresh produce.



The creative juices have definitely been flowing with our chefs as they create something fresh, vibrant and different every week. So keep an eye out for LT's weekly specials and favourites. They're sure to give you something to salivate over.

## Golf News

It has been a busy few weeks around the club as the majority of our golfers return to play after the summer holidays. February has seen the commencement of the Qualifying rounds for Match Play Championships.

And the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Major Pennants is already off to a good start with an 8-0 win over Cammeray.

A great turnout from all Lady Members last Tuesday on the commencement of their competition. Good luck to everyone. And a big welcome to all the new Lady Members.

Pauline & Jenny have welcomed several new members to their Monday Beginners group and hopefully some of them will become Lady Members down the track.

The Thursday Social Members would like to extend an invitation to any of the ladies that would like a game on Thursday mornings starting at 7.30am.

The Kareela Kookaburras would also like to extend an invitation to play Monday Mornings from 7.30am.

And finally, we're sure you're all aware that the clubs golf software has recently undergone a complete update and overhaul. However, as with any new computer program, there are several bugs that need to be fixed and ironed out before the system works perfectly in the club. We ask you for your patience in this time of transition and urge you to remember that this is all for a greater golfing experience in the club in the future.

## Night Golf

Our very first night golf event took place on Friday the 31st of January to much excitement! The night was a resounding success with the full field of 60 golfers attending on the night. Golfers enjoyed a meal at LT's and a few beverages at the 19th hole before heading out to a course 'lit up like a Christmas tree'. All who participated in the event were more than pleased as they walked around our beautiful course bathed in the glow of hundreds of glow sticks and led lights.

It was a great night enjoyed by all who participated and a special thanks should go to the *Light it Up Night Golf* team who coordinated the event. And also a big thanks to Glen and Elliot who put in the effort of registering all the players and driving the drinks cart.

The Night was so successful that we will be holding another event at the end of February. If you are interested in this event, simply contact Glen or Elliot in the Pro Shop.



## *'Celebrate Valentines Day in style at Kareela Golf & Social Club'*

### Valentines Day at Kareela

Spoil your loved one this year by treating them to a romantic night at Kareela Golf & Social Club this Valentine's Day.

We have the perfect occasion for you to spoil your partner silly with a luxurious 4 course meal to be served as you enjoy the splendid views of our magnificent golf course.

The price for this special night is \$90 per couple and includes the choice of a bottle of house red, white, or sparkling wine as well as a flower for your special someone; as you enjoy a delicious set menu created by our creative and innovative chefs at LT's who never fail to impress.

There are to be two sittings on the night. 6:00pm & 8:00pm

Any special dietary requirements can be catered for, simply inform staff upon booking.

When you book now, you go in the running to win a beautiful Valentine's Day hamper to take home and keep the flame burning.

Bookings are essential.

If you would like to book a table for this special event, or would like some more information, do call us at Kareela Golf & Social Club on 9521 5555.



### 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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