



# Kareela Kronicles

## From the President

Happy New Year to everyone, I trust you all had a great Christmas.

The ham and sea food raffles during December proved to be most popular with many satisfied patrons walking out with ham or seafood for their Christmas dinner. The New Year's Eve function was also a great success as we celebrated the end of 2013 and welcomed 2014. Our Staff are to be congratulated on the manner they have handled large numbers over the festive season and thank you to everyone who participated and made these evenings such a success.

December was another good trading month for the Club, again revenue was above budget for the third month in a row. Membership continues to grow with more than 140 new members signing up during the month and LT's Bar and Grill continues to trade above our early estimates. The fore mentioned achievements are in line with elements of our Strategic Planning that the Board identified as critical to our success. The trend towards a healthier financial position continues.

The Aron Price Junior Golf Tournament was a huge event with some of the best junior golfers in the state battling it out in one of our most prestigious fixtures on the calendar. Many thanks to the organising committee and to the volunteers who have made this day so special to junior golf. I am certain that our editor will have more details of this event later in the newsletter.

Thank you to our members for their co-operation in helping to clean up the men's locker room. There is still some work to be done but I am sure you will agree the room now resembles a locker room rather than a storage for broken down buggies and other redundant golf equipment.

In preparation for the Moran Health Care Legends Pro Am, to be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January, the Grey Army have been busy making some changes/improvements to the Course which will enhance playing conditions and general presentation. 17b tee has been levelled and returfed along with other bare areas beside the tee and at the rear of the green. Blockages in the ag pipe along the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway have been located and cleared and new turf laid on the bare area caused by water unable to drain away. A layer of good soil was spread prior to returfing the rear of the 3<sup>rd</sup> tee to promote root growth and reduce wear. The Army is in the process of filling and covering areas on the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway that were worn by trucks delivering fill for the upgrade of the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway. The bare areas will be covered with turf early in January.

I estimate the volunteers have spent a conservative 200 man hours improving the course during the month of December. Well done Team.



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## Special points of interest

- What's on special in the pro-shop this month?
- Have you tried our new beers and ciders?
- Glen's Pro golf tip of the month



## Christmas and New Years

The month of December has always been a time of prosperity, celebration and family. And this has been especially true down at Kareela Golf & Social Club.

The Christmas Ham & Seafood raffles were a roaring success with most of our patrons going home with at least one prize to feed the mob over the festive season. We would like to thank all patrons who came down and tried their luck in our festive raffles and made each night a success in their own rite.

Our MASSIVE New Years Eve Function was one for the ages as well. We had close to 200

people in the main lounge of the club making merry and ringing in the New Year in a way that only the Kareela community and Family could manage. A very big congratulations should go to our very own Functions Manager / Coordinator Hannah who made the night what it was by putting in many, many hours of hard work.

From everyone here at Kareela Golf & Social Club, we hope you had a very merry Christmas and that 2014 is a bumper year for you and yours.

## Golf Cart Policy

As many people with their own golf carts may already know, there have been some recent changes to our golf cart policy at Kareela Golf & Social Club.

It has been decided that golfers will no longer be charged \$5 per person for the use of a private cart. Instead, if golfers wish to use their own private golf carts there will only be a single flat rate charge of \$5.

If you would like any more information on this you can contact our Pro Glen in the Pro Shop.



*Light it Up Night Golf! Now that's a bright idea!*

## Night Golf

Golf can be an interesting game at the best of times but try it after dark where everything (and we mean everything ; balls, fairways, green, flag and hole) all light up in a magnificent display of neon. This great new event is perfect for those of us who don't always have the time to hit the course for 5 hours every week because of our busy lives. So *Light It Up Night Golf* has brought the concept of night golf to Australia in a more professional yet social atmosphere and it's teeing off right here at Kareela.

The fairways are lined like runways, the bunkers and hazards are marked with flashing yellow and red lights, the pin is lit up with psychedelic colours, the greens are outlined and lit, and the very unique *Light It Up* golf balls are activated when hit, staying lit long enough for you to make it to your next shot. The idea is that all players start and finish their 9 holes at the same time. Making this the perfect social experience for you and your mates.

However, it's not all about the golf. When you book your spot, you're also getting dinner at LT's Bar & Grill, a drink, as well as your green fees and special *Light it Up Balls*. So you get ALL of this for just \$60.

Our inaugural Night Golf Event is on Friday 31st January and it is sure to be one amazing night. Spots are almost full so if you would like to take part in this event, make sure you call our Pro Glen in the Pro Shop on 9521 6279.

## End of an Era

Things just aren't the same as they used to be. And now Sutherland Entertainment Centre has drawn the curtains on its vintage film projector, symbolising the end of an era for many in our community and especially for one of our favourite locals Clive Larnach.

Clive has volunteered his time as projectionist at the Entertainment Centre since he retired in 1998. In an interview with *The Leader*, Clive described being a projectionist as a "Skill" and "a fascination". It truly is sad to see someone so passionate and such a large part of our community no longer play this role. However, the show will go on for Clive as he heads the selection committee for the Shire International Short Film Festival.





## Aron Price Junior Tournament

The Aron Price Junior Open Tournament is one of the biggest junior tournaments in NSW, outside of the State Age Championships, and was held again at Kareela Golf & Social Club on December 19th.

The tournament was open to any junior golfer under the age of 18 with a GA handicap. The day was a huge success with a field of over 90 competitors and all juniors played extremely well and with great positive attitudes.

A huge congratulations should go to all our members who volunteered on the day and made it the success it was.

*“Congratulations to all who participated in our Aron Price Junior Tournament”*

## Golf News

The break has obviously done our golfers well as it has been another great month for Kareela. Our mixed pennants team were again victorious, winning their first match against Rosnay 4 1/2 to 1/2. Our team of David Reid and Susan Harding are yet to be beaten, so congratulations to them.

A reminder to all our golfing members that the 2014 Eclectic Comp has begun. It is only \$5 to join and then only 50c per hole change. This is held on the first Saturday of the month.



## Ladies News

Many thanks to all the Ladies that gave of their time to help on the Aron Price junior Open Tournament day. It was much appreciated and definitely helped the day run as well as it did.

Reminder - Coffee Morning will be held on the 28th January 2014 at 10.30 am. All Lady golfers are invited to come along and catch up with their golfing buddies to discuss the coming years events, sign up for pennants and meet new members.

Prizes will be awarded for the winners of the Summer Competitions. We hope to see you all there.

Ladies golfing year starts on the 4th February with an Individual Stableford and is also the start of the Eclectic Competition and gobbler and Birdie Book.

## PGA News

### *Slope and My Handicap*

The handicap system used in Australia will be changed on 23rd January 2-14 to incorporate the use of Slope. Under Slope, a golfer's playing handicap on any given day will be determined according to the difficulty of the tees or course to be played. Golf Australia believes that this will be fairer than the current one-handicap-fits-all-courses method.

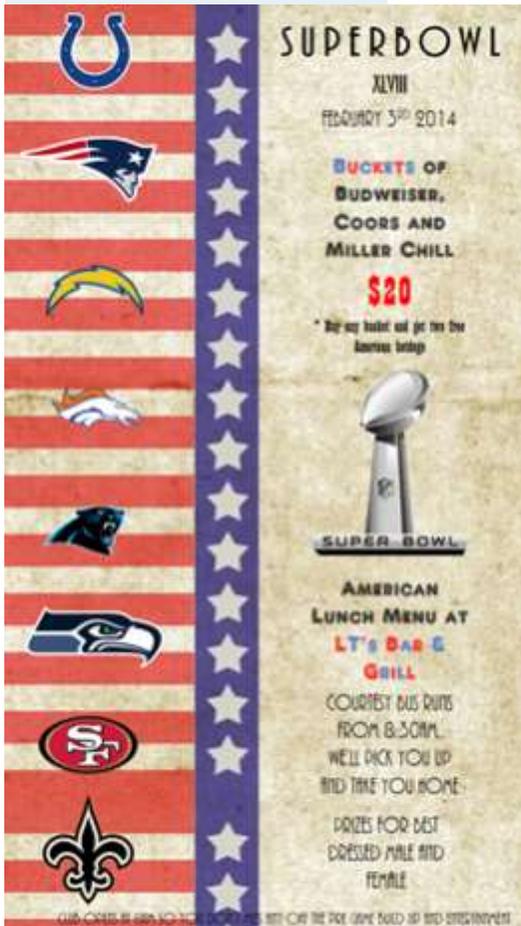
The features of Slope:

- every set of tees on every golf course around the country will have a Slope Rating. The Max Slope rating is 155 (most diffi-

cult) and the minimum is 55 (least difficult)

- GOLF link will calculate a nationally standardized handicap index called the GA handicap
- The GA handicap is not intended for use as a playing handicap. It is to be used in conjunction with the Slope Rating
- The GA Handicap will be displayed in a player's GOLF Link record on [www.golfink.com.au](http://www.golfink.com.au)

For the full details on Slope visit [golf.org.au](http://golf.org.au)



## Super Bowl Monday

Held at New Jersey's MetLife Stadium, it's the game that the whole world stops to watch.

Will it be the Indianapolis Colts, New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers, Denver Broncos, San Francisco 49ers, Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints or the Seattle Sea Hawks that take home the Vince Lombardi Trophy for the 13/14 season?

Whoever it is you're backing, you can cheer them on at Kareela Golf & Social Club. We'll have the game LIVE on our big screen's as well as have great TAB facilities for live betting.

We also have American beers Budweiser, Coors and Miller Chill available at \$6 each or \$20 for a bucket of 4. PLUS. When you buy any bucket of American beer, you'll also get two free American hot-dogs.

As well as all this, LT's Bar & Grill will be offering a very special American menu for this day only. It will be full of all your American favourites such as wings, nachos, burgers and more.

Prizes are available for the best dressed males and females on the day as well.

Our Courtesy Bus will be running from 8:30am so you don't miss any of the game. We'll pick you up and take you home.

## Australia Day at Kareela

Australia Day is a day of community, friendship, sun, barbecues and celebrating what our magnificent country means to you. And where better to celebrate than the center of our Kareela Community Kareela Golf & Social Club.

It will be a day packed full of activities to keep the whole family entertained. There's face painting for the kids, prizes for the best dressed golfer on the day, instant prizes to be won, a BBQ 'Sausage Sizzle' and Triple J's 'Hottest 100' playing throughout the day.

As well as this LT's bar and grill will be offering a number of specialized 'Aussie' items on their menu throughout the day. PLUS, every table that dines at LT's on the day will go in the draw to win one of 3 'All Aussie Hampers'.



## *'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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