



Kareela Kronicles

From the President

Welcome to the May issue of Kareela Kronicles.

I trust everyone enjoyed the Easter break and had a memorable day for Anzac. As I reported last issue the first three months of the year are generally not the greatest for trading and Kareela Golf Club was no different to any other club throughout the state. However the tide has turned and April showed a significant improvement across all business units in the club.

I am also pleased to report that we now have in excess of 5,000 members. During our strategic planning exercise last year we identified this figure as a target we would like to reach by 2016, to reach it now is fantastic and congratulations must go to Dennis Skinner, his Team and the Board on implementing a marketing plan that has produced such great results.

Anzac Day was huge. The club was chockers nearly all day and from all reports patrons were extremely well behaved even though they were forced to wait a while for drinks and food due to the presence of so many people. Thanks to the staff for their handling of such a huge crowd. Takings for the day were well in excess of last year's figures.

The concrete landing for the stairway from the rear entrance to the pro shop deck was poured early in the month and recently the timber stairs were fabricated off site. I am pleased to report that the stairs are now in place and in use with a few minor finishing touches still outstanding. Design and construction was undertaken by Mark Elton (who also built the deck) with a significant saving to the Club. Many thanks to Mark and all the volunteers who helped during the excavation and construction stages of this project.

Work has commenced on levelling the fairway and covering tree roots of the large gums on the western side of the 4th hole (commencing at around 100m from the tee) and building a low mound adjacent to the top level of the 2nd tee providing a managed egress for stormwater to enter the hazard further north.

Last week I met with Council's Tree Preservation Officer to gain approval for the removal or trimming of trees that inhibited growth on greens and tees and/or their root system damaged the playing surfaces of our golf course. As an outcome from this course inspection, a number of trees will be removed keeping Chainsaw Bob and our volunteers busy over the winter period and beyond.

The volunteers have also been busy last month poisoning and/or removing crab grass, filling hollows and topdressing on the 1st and 2nd fairways, trimming trees in front of the 8th and 9th tees in addition to repairing damage caused by the storms in March.

The Club recently obtained the Development Consent for the erection of a digital LED sign on the corner of Bates Drive and the Highway. To provide power to this sign and to minimise costs the volunteers formed a chain gang to excavate a trench for around 100 meters from the nearest source to the sign. Not an easy task by any stretch of the imagination but not beyond our Team of volunteers. Well done guys.



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Ladies Golfing News

The new MiClub card system is now operational . If all lady golfers could please swipe your card in the Pro Shop.

Our 'Chick of the Walk" competition, which was run over 4 weeks, saw the team of Carmel Fifield and Sue Harding defeat the team of Nola Maughan and Kath Turner 3/2. Well done girls!

During the month we held the Carmel Galvin Memorial Day, a 2Ball Ambrose event sponsored by Barry Galvin. The winners were Yvette Rochford and Carol Jones.

The NSW Bowl, a 4BBB stableford event was won by Janice Stirling and Lesley Aston.

Tracey Arnold achieved her first 'Hole in one' on the 18th.

For any other results please look at Lady Member Results on our web site.

Pennants

Fantastic results! Kareela girls won both the Weekend and Bronze 1 pennant competitions. There is nothing like bringing home the trophies!

The Bronze 1 Pennant competition has been going since 1967 (47 years) and this is only the 3rd time we have won, so we are all very excited.

News

One of our 'true characters', Kaye Inglis, has decided to return to her country roots. Kaye and her husband have bought a property in Parkes near her family. In true Kaye style, with a joke, a laugh and a hug we farewelled our mate on condition we keep in touch.

Men's Charity Day for Bates Drive School is Friday 16th March. All golfers, men and women are encouraged to participate and play on the day and show our support for a worthwhile cause.

Wishing you good golfing!



Congratulations to our Major Pennants Team!

Men's Golfing News

MiClub

The club's new golfing administration system MiClub is now up and running. Many of you will have noticed the new look -up screen in the main lounge as well as the new look cards. This system serves to make tee bookings and competitions much less hassle and much more friendly for those participating.

As well as this, the majority of golfers will now have had the opportunity to book your tee times online through the MiClub portal. This portal can be accessed from the Kareela Golf & Social Club website in three areas. The top right hand corner of the header, the golfing page as well as the members page.

Using your MiClub details you can log in to see and modify your tee time as well as check all the latest golf results.

Charity Day

Kareela Golf & Social Club's annual charity day is to be held on Friday 16th of May. It is sure to be a fantastic day out for all, with funds raised to go to Bates Drive public School; a very worthy cause.

There are still plenty of spots available for individuals to play, and at only \$55 per person it's fantastic value for a marvelous day out. If you wish to get involved, simply see reception or the boys in the pro shop to book your spot!



Clubs & Community Awards

We are immensely pleased and proud to announce that Kareela Golf & Social Club has been announced as a finalist for the ClubsNSW Clubs & Community Awards 2014.

The Clubs & Community Awards recognise the outstanding social contributions made by clubs in their communities. The awards also serve to highlight the important role and relationship that local clubs have in serving the communities with which they are so closely connected.

The category in which the club has been nominated is Welfare and Social Inclusion. This category is all about clubs' dedication to working with community organisations and other disadvantaged groups.

The story for which the club was nominated was all about the funds raised for Bates Drive Public School through Kareela Golf & Social Club's Annual Charity Golf Day. Over the years, the Club has been able to raise over \$100,000 for Bates Drive School in order to maximise the learning opportunities of kids with mild to severe learning and intellectual disabilities.

We would like to thank all our members, guests and sponsors who all play a vitally important role on the day in raising the most money possible for Bates Drive School.





Relay for Life

A huge thank you to everyone who got involved in this years effort at the Sutherland Shire Relay for Life. The event was a fantastic 24 hours for all involved which helped raise funds and awareness for cancer and cancer research but was also a fantastic opportunity for Kareela Golf & Social Club to get involved in the local community.

It was fantastic to see so many friendly faces volunteer their time in the freezing cold and near monsoonal conditions on the night. A very special mention should go to GM Dennis Skinner for being present for the entire 24 hours and going back to his roots by roughing it in a tent for the night.

Thank you also to everyone that was present at the dinner and who completed a lap or two in memory of friends and loved ones that we have lost in the past, as well as survivors and friends and family who are still fighting cancer.

The event managed to raise over \$500,000 for cancer research and is believed to be the biggest event of its kind in NSW.

We look forward to participating in next years event as well; which was declared to be the sister event of the Relay for Life in Hawaii for next year!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY PAULINE!

Staff and management of Kareela Golf & Social Club would like to wish one of our favourite lady members Pauline Hogg a very happy 80th Birthday.

Pauline joined us at the club in 1987 and has been a life member since 2002. Pauline has been instrumental in welcoming new ladies in to the club for a number of years now and is greatly loved and respected by all members and staff of Kareela Golf & Social Club.

Here's to many more happy and active years at Kareela!



Rewards Club

Have you renewed your membership for Kareela Golf & Social Club yet? You might have noticed a slight change to our membership format this year. Every 2014/2015 membership now comes with a subscription to Rewards Club! This means that when you become a member of Kareela Golf & Social Club, you become a Rewards Club VIP which gives you access to discounts and savings almost everywhere!

With over 150 local retailers taking part, you can get 20% off at retailers like OPSM, Oz Design, Kennards Hire, and Hungry Jacks as well as other great discounts!

To receive a Rewards Club offer, all you have to do is show your Kareela Golf & Social Club membership card prior to making a purchase. The best part is, that these offers aren't just once offs. You can use your membership to save again and again all year! For more info, you can grab a brochure and a membership form at reception!

Membership Fees to Rise

With the new financial year and renewals just around the corner, it is standard that membership rates and fees are reviewed and evaluated.

After a review of all fees and rates, the conclusion was drawn that membership fees will rise slightly in the next financial year. This rise in fees goes to keeping the course and club house in the best possible condition so that all our members and guests can enjoy their time at Kareela Golf & Social Club.

See the table below for adjusted fees.

Category	2014/2015 Rate
Men's	\$520
Ladies	\$400
Student	\$250
Junior	\$80
Social	\$10

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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