



# On The Tee



A few words from Patron, Peg Hargreaves....

April 20204

To President Denise, Committee and lady members

As your Patron, it gives me great pleasure to have this opportunity to say—thank you for your get well messages during the past year. You helped me to climb a few mountains.

My golfing days, came to a close in 2017 because of a shoulder injury; I regretfully hung my clubs up. However, during the time I was a member, I dedicated my time to being active in raising funds for our special Open Days. I was prepared for my donors with an introductory letter from the Committee for when I approached the retailers in The Boulevard shopping area. As I introduced myself, I felt the warmth and interest in their support for the Ladies Golf Club and we promoted each business on those days. I walked many miles—did you know that The Boulevard is quite steep?? BUT, I was fit and younger then. Each year, I would refer to my walk as “The Boulevard Beat”.



Your past Patron, Melva Henry, who stayed with us until 108 years of age, was a foundation member of the original 9 Hole Golf Club at Kilaben Bay in the 1950's. It was in the 1950's that I became a member of Kilaben Bay Golf Club. I played golf with Melva and other dedicated members. It was a time when I fell in love with the area and for the past 46 years have lived near the original Kilaben Bay Golf course—looking so different then to what it does today.

So many wonderful memories of how dedicated the Ladies Committee was and the support they gave when moving to the course we use today. And proudly I can say—is still happening today. My role now as your Patron and reflecting on how much I have learned—and still learning.

I recall in 1982, I was a Ladies Fashion Retailer in Blackbutt Shopping area, in Orchardtown Road, New Lambton. The shopping centre was in walking distance to Blackbutt Reserve. I was approached by Blackbutt Reserve Ranger's wife, Janet Raesbeck. Janet and husband, Ray Raesbeck, lived in a house within Blackbutt Reserve. Ray was a Council employee. Janet was not, allowing her to discuss her concerns regarding changes that Newcastle City Council had for Blackbutt Reserve.

Newcastle City Council was making moves to remove all animals from Blackbutt Reserve. Carnley Ave was a newly constructed access road from Charlestown Rd to Orchardtown Rd through to Bridges Rd. Koalas have a direct path from one area to another and unfortunately Carnley Ave was part of their path. So many koalas and other wildlife were injured and killed. Janet and Ray Raesbeck set up a shed behind the house to tend to the injured and many survived. This continued for many years.

Janet's mission to me was to ask for my help to form a committee. Information relating to the removal of the animals was advertised and the response from the public was that the animals were not to be removed. A committee was formed, named and registered as Blackbutt Reserve Support Group Inc. I was elected President with a dedicated committee which lasted 10 years.

During these years many public access meetings we attended in Newcastle Council Chambers, till midnight on many occasions. The Councillors listened intently, not all agreed, but our solid presentation of 30,000 signatures from Newcastle and Hunter Valley residents was successful. To this day, Blackbutt Reserve belongs to the citizens of Newcastle. Newcastle City Council is the carer. A safe area for families to enjoy with their young children.

It was then and now, I realise I am just an ordinary person with extraordinary determination—to continue caring and sharing and enjoying the wonderful chain of friendships that you, my golfing friends, have given to me.

Respectfully,

Your Patron Peg Hargreaves

**PRESIDENT'S PAGE**

Sooo much happening.....

Firstly, the Pennant teams. Div 2 had a loss to Pacific Dunes, a great 5 & 2 win against Shortland Waters and a loss to Waratah at Waratah to finish off their campaign. Our Bronze team has had two draws, against both Belmont and Charlestown, and a loss to Maitland. Well done girls!

On the course, we've had a couple of very heavy rainfall spells that interrupted Saturday golf. There has been major drainage work on the 5th fairway that was a bit challenging to negotiate while playing but will result in great improvements during wet weather. We played off the purple tees for the first time on 24th, with mixed opinions. A shorter course is fun but lower handicaps, well not so much. Let Linda know your thoughts about how we can incorporate the purple tees into our calendar. The new chipping green near 10th tee is now open so, hopefully, we will all become expert chippers!

A 9 hole comp, open to men and women, will be held on the last Monday of the month. The first comp was 29 April with quite a few players. Next month, it will be Monday 27 May, so hopefully it will grow and be a great addition to our regular golfing calendar. Book in online or through the Pro shop.

The Tuesday clinics have been well received and Darren was pleased to report that some of his clinic participants have been in the winning circle recently. If interested in joining the clinics, please let Linda know.

Good luck to Olga Meijer and Julie Bizant who will represent TGC at the Country Cup at Tanilba Bay on 3 May.

Our Wednesday numbers have been excellent over recent weeks, with well over 40 players on most days. It's great to see some of our recovering members and holiday makers back with us. We send our very best wishes to Wendy Rolls as she takes a break to concentrate on her health. Happy Mother's Day on 12th to all the Mums, Nans and carers.

The Open Day is fast approaching and we are very pleased to be able to close off entries at a total of 124 registered players—a great response. We are also thrilled with the contributions from our members towards raffle prizes. The money raised through the raffle makes up a considerable portion of our prize money and allows us to keep entry fees at a minimum. We are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorship we have received from local businesses. A reminder that you can bring a plate for morning tea on Thursday 11th or on the morning. Now, fingers crossed for a beautiful sunny autumn day on 10 May.

Denise

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2nd Helen Winter  
3rd Helen Freestone  
9th Lorraine Hollman  
17th Judy Tiedeman



Michelle Dunn, winner of the Lorna Millward Trophy on 17 April 2024. The trophy is presented to the best stableford score over the field.

Lorna joined TCC in 1984 and played regularly on Saturdays and Wednesday, often teaming up with her mate Mena Melmeth. Lorna won many Div 2 Championships and events between 1997 and 2010, and was an avid member of Novos.

Lorna's daughter donated this trophy following Lorna's death in 2013.

### NULLARBOR LINKS

Nullarbor Links is the longest golf course in the world, spanning 1365 kilometres between Ceduna in South Australia and Kalgoorlie in Western Australia. Each of its 18 holes is located at a participating town or roadhouse along the Eyre Highway. Each hole includes a green and tee, and a somewhat rugged outback-style natural terrain fairway. Since it opened in 2009, more than 20,000 people have played the par 72 course, some repeatedly.

The Nullarbor Links concept was developed to complement and enhance the tourism industry along the Highway, encouraging travellers to spend more time and money in the region. It involved the collaboration of four local government shires, the existing golf courses along the route (Ceduna, Eucla, Norseman, Kambalda, Kalgoorlie) and the owners of roadhouses along the Eyre Highway who developed a golf hole for inclusion in the Nullarbor Links—Penong, Nundroo, Nullarbor, Border Village, Eucla, Mundrabilla, Madura Pass, Cocklebiddy, Caiguna, Balladonia, Fraser Range.

To play the course, participants purchase a score card from Ceduna, Norseman or Kalgoorlie Visitor Centres for a cost of \$78 per person. As they travel the Highway, players complete each hole and stamp their card. Holes include the par 3 Skylab at Balladonia named for the famously doomed space probe which crash landed nearby in 1979, the par 4 Nullarbor Nymph, the challenging par 5 Dingo’s Den at the Nullarbor Motel and the 4th hole called Wombat, in honour of the local marsupial inhabitants who make up what is said to be the world’s largest population of Hairy Nosed Wombats. After completing all holes and showing their card at a visitor centre, players receive a certificate.

Earlier in the year, Chris Frederiks visited and played golf with us from Wynnum GC in Queensland. Chris has recently played the Chasing the Sun Golf Tournament on the Nullarbor Links and sent these photos. Chris and her partners won the 9 hole Ambrose competition as part of the Nullarbor adventure.



**2024 VIV ANDERSON TROPHY**

This 2BBB Par event was played on 24 April from the Purple Tess.

Congratulations to Val Smith and Barbara Roughley with a great score of +9.



"We've only played three holes and we've both already shot our ages!"

RESULTS APRIL 2024		
Wednesday 3rd	Stableford 2nd Captains 37 players	Div 1 Deb Jones 36, Erica Ford 34 c/b Div 2 Lyn Logan 35 c/b, Ruth Riley 35 Div 3 Helen Freestone 32 c/b, Sue Dawes 32 NTP Div 3 Mary Moore
Wednesday 10th	Stroke Monthly Medal LBB Putting Comp 1st Golf NSW Mabel McKenzie Brooch (Vets) 21 Players	Div 1 Sheree Bambrook 76 MM Div 2 Cathy Hughes 75 MM Div 3 Carmel Edmonds MM 80 NTP Div 1 Sheree Bambrook, Div 3 Carmel Edmonds
Saturday 13th	Par 16 Players	Esther Christen +1, Kerry Strong 0
Wednesday 17th	Stableford Lorna Millward Trophy 48 Players	Div 1 Michelle Dunn 38, Barbara Roughley 36 Div 2 Robyn Summers 37 c/b, Lyn Logan 37 Div 3 Helen Freestone 33, Olga Meijer 31 NTP Div 1 Michelle Dunn, Div 3 Shirley Smith
Wednesday 24th	2BBB Par Viv Anderson Trophy Purple Tees 48 Players	1st Linda Woolard, Donna Robinson +9 c/b 2nd Val Smith, Barbara Roughley +9 3rd Judy Tiedeman, Katherine Anderson +7
Saturday 27th	Stableford 23 Players	Kerry Strong 34c/b, Judy McDonald 34 c/b, Cath King 34

**PURPLE TEE DAY  
24 APRIL 2024**



MAY GOLF	
1st	Stroke MM LBB Putting Comp 2nd GNSW, Vets NSW Country Cup
3rd	Country Cup Tanilba Bay
6th	Bronze South Pennants—Waratah
8th	Stableford
10th	<b>TORONTO LADIES OPEN DAY</b>
13th	Bronze South Pennants—Charlestown
15th	Stableford Prosper Ellis Trophy
22nd	Stableford 3rd Captains
29th	Melva Henry Trophy 4BBB Par

OPEN DAYS	
10 MAY	TORONTO OPEN DAY
20-21 MAY	Hunter River, Cypress Lakes and The Vintage
22-25 MAY	Grafton, various events
4-6 JUNE	Longyard Open Tournament
24 JUNE	Dungog, Ind S/ford
24-25 JUNE	Fern Bay Classic, Newcastle, Stroke & S/ford