



PRESIDENT'S NEWS

COVID-19 – Clubhouse Re-opening and Golf Operations: The Clubhouse re-opened on 6 June 2020 under [COVID-19 Operating Conditions](#) and the [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#). Members and visitors are reminded to adhere to these operating conditions for safety purposes and to comply with the NSW Government's Public Health Order. We must all remain vigilant in this COVID-19 world, none of us wish to re-enter a lock-down/shut-down period.

As the playing of golf is almost back to pre-COVID-19 times, members are reminded of the [additional local rules in place for COVID-19](#) including: no play if you have cold or flu like symptoms, maintain social distancing on the course, flagsticks to remain in the hole at all times, preferred lies in the bunkers due to the absence of rakes.

Deck Extension Project: The deck extension is now completed, assisted by a \$12,500 grant from the Federal Government's *Stronger Communities Program*. Thanks to our builder, Peter Novotny, for his construction work. Thanks to our Board Directors involved in the project and the Bushrangers involved in the finishing works. The extra deck area has added a great outdoor facility for members and guests to enjoy in fine weather.

Strategic Directions and Impact of COVID-19: From March this year, the Club has responded to an unprecedented impact on its operations due to COVID-19. **The Board ensured that members were kept informed at every stage of the unfolding events during this health crisis and worked on resuming operations after the shut-down in a safe manner and to adhere to Government requirements.** The Club was fortunate to be in a good financial position coming into COVID-19 and has financially managed the shut-down period with assistance from Government grants. The Board is re-assessing the Club's strategic directions post COVID-19 and will communicate this to members in newsletters in the coming months.

In the meantime, stay COVID-19 aware, remember social distancing, stay safe and enjoy your golf.



Change in Cleaner/Bar Attendant Position:

Earlier this month, there was a change in the Club's only employment position, the part-time cleaner/bar attendant. **Janette Jones** retired from the position after a long period of service to the Club. A retirement function for Janette was held on 10 July. Following a recruitment process, **Linda Johnstone** was appointed to the part-time cleaner/bar attendant position on 3 July 2020. The Board and members wish Janette all the best in her retirement and welcomes Linda to the Club.

Phillip Peace

CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

2020 Pennants

Our pennant season came to a grinding halt with our "B" Grade beaten in the semi-final and the Juniors going down in the final.

We will find a way to win eventually, but let there be no doubt we are always trying.

Fixtures

Our 2020 fixtures have been hugely interrupted by Covid-19. We are continually monitoring the events and making forced changes.

Members are reminded to check out the calendar on our website for a comprehensive view of all events. August is shaping up to be huge, so lets hope we have some favourable weather.

Upcoming Special Club Events

The draw for Mixed Foursomes to commence on 2nd August is on the notice board and on the website. Men's 36 hole Foursomes are on 23rd August.

Other event draws will appear shortly.

Bill Vandenberg Memorial Trophy – Saturday 25 July 2020

The final Bill Vandenberg Memorial Trophy will be held on Saturday 25 July 2020. This has been a major event on the golfing calendar at Russell Vale Golf Club for over 30 years. **Many thanks to Barry Vandenberg and family for sponsoring this event during this time**. The event is a medley stableford with considerable prize vouchers – look forward to members supporting this event on 25 July.

Alan Sellers



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VETERANS

With Covid-19 restrictions easing and the Club reopening, Veterans turned out in force for both the June Veterans Open Day and the Veterans Monthly Medal.

Good scores of 39 and 37 points from Jim White and Nancy Yew for the open day and a nett 58 and 66 from Michael Momsen and Kristine Symons for the medal. Both games had over a hundred players participating.

Vets Open Days are now being played at Port Kembla, Kiama, Jamberoo and Gerringong.

The Illawarra Veterans Golf Association (IVGA) decided that Covid-19 posed many logistical and health issues for running the 2020 Trevor Bell Shield. As a result of that decision the TBS will not be played this year.

For those Veterans/Members who may need to be tested for the Coronavirus there is a direct number for Wollongong Hospital, 4222 5078.



Hillross Supernova, Woonona - sponsors of our monthly Vets Open Day

JUNIORS



The Vale Juniors were runners-up in the Encourage Shield for 2020 after being defeated by Kiama in the final at Shoalhaven Heads Golf Club on 28 June. The team: Tom Eagleton (Captain), Heath Wheeler, Jack Pritchard, Marcus Liackman, Bryn Newton, Murray Gray & Daniel Wark have been great ambassadors for the Club during the 2020 Pennant Season.

Thanks to Coach Cassidy Graham, technical advisor Tyson Beswick, Dennis & Pattie Moore and all the parents who supported the team during the 2020 Pennant Season.

MEMBER NEWS



Members can now enjoy the fresh air, friendship and ambience on our newly completed deck after a gruelling day on the course



After more than 25 years as our club's sole employee, Janette Jones has handed over the reins to Linda Johnstone.

Please make her welcome.

Vale

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