



Welcome to the October 2021 issue of The Vale Newsletter

Easing of COVID Restrictions & Reopening of the Clubhouse: On 12 October, after 15 weeks, the Clubhouse reopened under COVID Conditions of Entry (only for fully vaccinated persons, capacity limits, mask wearing if not eating or drinking). Hopefully these conditions will change as we get closer to December. Please remember to scan the QR code and show your proof of vaccination when entering the Clubhouse. Special thanks to the volunteers who are undertaking COVID marshal duties in this first stage of the Clubhouse reopening.

Changes to Golf Playing Conditions: With the easing of COVID restrictions, the golf playing conditions will change from Tuesday 26 October 2021. Including that competition day and going forward, members will be required to swap score cards with their playing partner at the start of the round and mark and sign the score cards as per the Rules of Golf. At this stage Council has not allowed flagsticks to be removed or put rakes back in the bunkers.

Clubhouse Works: During the period of the Clubhouse closure, works were undertaken to improve the toilet facilities at the southern end...thanks to John Szczur and Les & Rita Beauchamp. The Sports Bar roof is scheduled to be replaced in the coming weeks and the adjoining veranda will also be replaced with a new and higher structure to match the height of the veranda over the deck. Design work on the new ramp and front entry area has been completed.

Reminder Dates:

14 November 2021 @ 12:30pm: Volunteers Lunch & Major Events Presentation

21 November 2021 @ 11:30am: 35th AGM of the Russell Vale Golf & Social Club Ltd

**Phillip Peace
President**

MEMBER NEWS



Members will have noticed the amazing transformation of the southern end toilet block.

Les & Rita Beauchamp and John Szczur spent many hours on the paintbrush before new lino was laid.

We thank them for their sterling effort.....

Reminder - Lunch Orders

To reserve your lunch for collection at the 11th or at completion of your game, please call
0423 574 782

Presentation/Volunteers Day

Reserve Sunday 14th November for what we hope will be an outside gathering when the Directors will treat all volunteers to a BBQ lunch.

Winners of Major Events will also be invited and presented with their awards.

News from the Ladies

Our Ladies Captain, Pattie is at home and making progress with her recovery. She has been contacted by phone and is keen to stay involved in the golf operations of our Club. Hopefully we will see her smiling face back at the club in the not-too-distant future.

The Ladies AGM has been set for Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 10am in the clubhouse. A Notice of Motion will be put forward to the AGM and has been posted on the Ladies Notice Board for the information of all members. If any member wishes to make a submission to the meeting, please ensure it is in the hands of the Secretary (Janis Parker) before the date of the AGM.

Our Pennants Co-ordinator, Jane Davey, has called for all expressions of interest for players for the 2022 Pennant season. Please make sure you let her know as soon as possible to enable planning to start for this competition. We would like to have as strong a representation as we possibly can to maintain the presence "The Vale" had in recent years.

Julie Neal
Ladies Chairperson

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Drawn: Sat. 13th November

Saturday 13th November is our "Sunsafe" 18 hole Stableford.

Sponsor for this day has donated a hamper of "Sunsafe" products valued at \$350 for a raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be used for purchases outside the club for protection from the sun.....



Hole-in-One Achievements for October

Brett Rochaix - Congratulations

VETERANS NEWS

On a fine day, 126 players took to the course for the Veterans October Medal Day. There were several low scores on the day with Geoff Evans taking out the men's prize and the medal with a net 54. Lyn Garforth had a very credible 58 and took out the women's event.

October Veterans Open Day was hotly contested with the money going to Dennis Moore on 40 points. He survived a count back from three other members on 40 points. Nancy Yew showed how it was done with a very good score of 43 points. The scores for the day were quite high considering the conditions were cool and windy. 135 players took part, with 87 men and 48 women.

It is great to see that the Club has reopened, and members are enjoying a few drinks and chatter with their playing partners. Covid restrictions are still in place so remember to check in at the course as well as check into the clubhouse. You are also required to carry proof of vaccination with you for entry into the Club. Hopefully, these restrictions will disappear shortly and allow us to get back to pre-Covid days.

Les Beauchamp

INTERESTING STORY



History of our garden (for new members) It would be hard not to notice the magnificent Moreton Bay Fig tree towering over our clubhouse. It is over 300 years old and protected under a Heritage listing.

Prior to 2014, much of the clubhouse office and surrounding area under the fig, was hidden by a dense and unsightly barrier of strangling vine and impenetrable scrub. In that year, “ The Bushrangers” maintenance and garden group was formed, and set about clearing away the undergrowth. This revealed a difficult site of deep shade, spreading buttress roots, depleted soil and even areas of road base and gravel. After quite a bit of remedial preparation, planting was commenced with plants provided by Wollongong Council, as well as plant donations from club members. Further extension of the garden included areas beside the Workers Office and the 11th hole. The result is a “wild” garden habitat which attracts a variety of wildlife , as well as welcome splashes of colour provided by the orange clivias and the lovely flowering native shrubs around the 11th tee.

ALL THIS WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY VOLUNTEERS

Current Situation: During the last 7 years, Jim and I have been two of the regular gardeners, but we are not continuing in this role. Now new gardeners are needed and you may be able to help. The voluntary work is rewarding, equipment is available, no real experience is necessary and work times are completely negotiable. If you are interested, please contact the Club Office .

We thank the Club Board and The Bushrangers for their help and support, and also thank the Club members for their positive expressions of appreciation.

Lyn and Jim White

Lyn & Jim's story is a testament to the volunteers that work for our club.
Pictures below show the work that was carried out on the area.
After 7 years, they are requesting volunteers assume the role of caring for our gardens.
We thank them for their sterling service...
It's now time for a leader to take on this task?



Do you have an interesting story to share? A great achievement, an incredible volunteer, a new initiative?
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