



PRESIDENT'S NEWS

COVID-19: The NSW Government has recently announced changes to the COVID-19 restrictions. **There is now no requirement for persons to QR code check-in when entering the Clubhouse** and indoor density limits no longer apply. **From Friday 25 February 2022, there will no longer be a requirement for persons entering the Clubhouse and Pro Shop to wear masks.**

This is good news as we move into the 'living with COVID' phase. However, members are reminded to be COVID aware, where possible maintain social distancing, and if unwell to not attend the golf course or enter the Clubhouse.

A promotional graphic for 'The 37th Allotrac Vale Open 2022'. At the top left is the 'the vale' logo, and at the top right is the 'ALLOTRAC' logo in blue. The main text reads 'The 37th Allotrac Vale Open 2022' in large, bold, black font. Below this, it says 'Saturday 19th March 2022'. Further down, it states 'A Golf NSW Illawarra Region Men's Open Series Event' in red. Below that, it says 'Entries Open to Men and Women players With G.A Handicap less than 30' in red. At the bottom, it says 'Gross and Nett Event 3 Grades. Entry \$30'. At the very bottom, it says 'Tee Times posted on The Vale Website Saturday 12th March 2022', 'Enter Online Here' with a blue link, and 'Enquiries Email: captain@rvac.com.au'.

2022 Allotrac The Vale Open – Saturday 19 March 2022: Allotrac, sponsor of The Vale Open has increased their sponsorship of one of the Club's marque events. Thanks to Joel and Earle for their continual support. This year will be the start of a new type of event, as the Club, in conjunction with Golf NSW, will run **an open event for men and women**. Entries will be open to AGU and WGA players with a GA handicap less than 30. There will be gross and nett event winners in three grades and there is a \$30 entry fee. Entries are now open via the online portal: golfillawarra.com.au.

2022 Pennant Season: The Men's 2022 Pennant teams have had mixed results to date...best of luck to our representatives for the remaining matches.

Clubhouse Improvements: Work on improvements to the front of the Clubhouse with a new ramp and entry steps is almost complete. Thanks to Peter Novotny for his workmanship and to John Szczur, for his oversight of the recent Clubhouse improvements.

Phillip Peace - President



MEMBER NEWS



Latest "Hole in One" Achievers

Rod Luck - Driver on 4th!!!!

Isaac Smith - 8 Iron on 5th
Congratulations.....

Mark Wilmott (Wollongong) 6 Iron on 7th Hole

Eclectic Competitions 2022

***Mens Saturday - Event 1 & Event 2
Ladies Event 1 & 2 Tuesday & Event 3 Saturday***

Members are reminded that the Eclectic competitions have commenced. If you still wish to participate, it is not too late to enter. Forms are in the clubhouse and once you have completed the entry form, please return it to the office along with your payment.

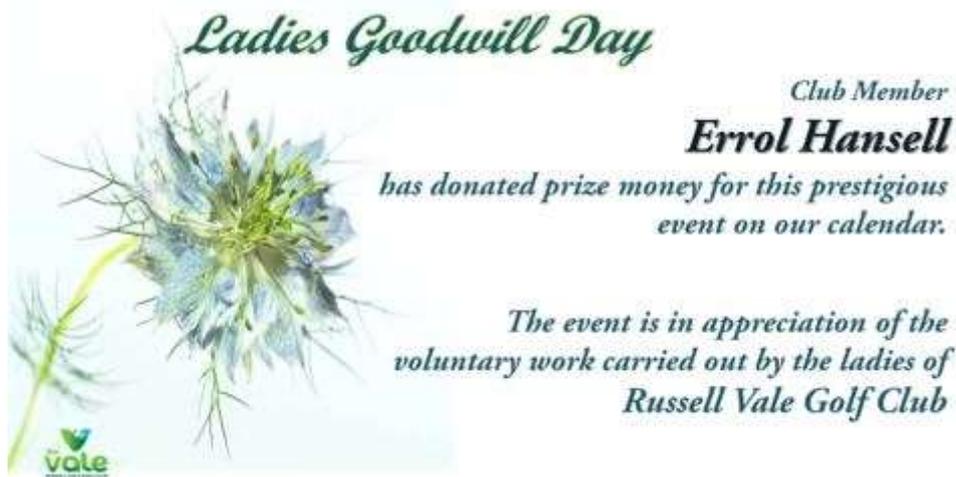
Ladies News

There are forms for all competitions in the club house. If you wish to go in the Putting Competitions, NSW Medal or WGI Trophy you will need to complete the form and give it to Julie along with your payment or leave it in an envelope in the office clearly marked what it is for.

Ladies please note, commencing **March 2022**, on Tuesdays, Division 2 ladies will play off the **yellow markers on the 9th tee**.

The Birdie and Gobbler books have also started so don't forget to record your birdies and gobblers for both Tuesday and Saturday competitions – there is no entry fee for these competitions.

The draw for the Single Match Play has been done and is on the Ladies notice board in the club house. The first round is scheduled to be played on Tuesday 22nd February and all entrants have been booked in for the day. If the tee time you have been allocated does not suit you, speak to your opponent and work out a time that does then see either Julie or Allan and they will be able to book you in.



Our Goodwill Day is to be played on Tuesday 1st March. This event is very generously supported by our long-time sponsor Errol Hansell. I encourage all ladies to participate in this event – there are very worthwhile prizes to be won. There will be a block booking on Tuesday for Goodwill Day, so don't forget to enter.

The entry sheet for the Pairs Matchplay will go out next week as the first round will be played on Tuesday 22nd March.

Unfortunately, due to unavailability of players in the Silver Pennant team we have had to withdraw that team from the competition. We will therefore only have one pennant team entered for 2022 and they are in the Gold division. Whilst we had enough names put forward for the Silver team, there was not one week where there were 5 players available. Most weeks only had 3 and one week there were only 2 players able to play on the day. It is a sad situation, but it is an indictment of the busy lives that everyone leads. Hopefully next year will be better. We wish our Gold team all the best for their competition which starts on Monday 28th February.

Any notices received regarding Open Days at other clubs are posted on the Ladies Notice Board in the clubhouse so if you are interested in playing other courses, just check the board when you scan your score card.

Julie Neal



Don't forget our second **Sizzling 11** holes to be played again on **Friday 25th February**. Be in the running for a "slab of beer" or for ladies, a **fancy** "bottle of sparkling wine" for NTP on the 11th. Finish on the 11th, enjoy sausage sizzle and drinks and be part of our meat tray raffle. The raffle and NTP prize will be announced following return of last card. NTP on 1st day Jeff Kennedy 113cm! Meat Raffle winners Col Anderson & John Szczur Congratulations!!! To be eligible, players must be a financial member/social member. If the event is successful, there may be more promotions in following months. **Application forms are available on the website www.rvgc.com.au**

VETERANS

The January Veterans Open Day was won by Grahame Tresidder with 44 Stableford points. 117 players took part with visitors from Campbelltown, Wollongong, Uralla, Jamberoo and Port Kembla. The women's event was won by Julie Neal with 37 Stableford points.

Special mention goes to Rod Luck with a Hole in One on the 4th hole. Congratulations.

Ninety players played in the February Veterans Medal Day. It is encouraging to see visitors from Wollongong, Links Shell Cove and Jamberoo visit our course. The winner on the day with a very good score of net 55 was John Green. The event was hotly contested with several low scores posted. Melinda Perrin won the Ladies event of the day with a net 63.

More names are required for the **Trevor Bell Shield** team. Please give consideration and speak with me.

Les Beauchamp

AGU Veteran Golfers Medal

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Footnote.....

For far too long our club has relied on the same members, or just one member in some cases, to assume responsibility for competitions, functions and many tasks in the running of the club. This was always going to come back and bite us.

It is quite apparent that to sit back and accept that one member be responsible for particular roles, and then have them become **unavailable**, means the club takes time to replace these members, or ultimately the role is absorbed into another role.

Bushrangers

Following our recent call for additions to our Bushrangers, it is pleasing to report that more volunteers have stepped up. There is so much to do maintaining and updating the clubhouse and surrounds, we can never have too many helpers. If anyone wants to help, the Bushrangers meet on Wednesdays, however if you are interested, any day of the week is okay as long as you arrange with a director for induction.

Bar Personnel

Our bar staff have increased in numbers, but we are still in the transition stage. We can always take on more, so if interested, speak to a director.

Functions

Once again, over the years this job has been largely left to a very small number of members, and often just one member. Admittedly it will always be a requirement that someone is at the helm, but that one person, who in most cases fulfills another role, cannot successfully do the whole thing. If we are to continue with events / functions and utilize our great facility, in my view we need to form a **Social Committee**.

It would not require a massive amount of time, and if enough members came on board, the workload could be shared by the forming of small groups within the committee to take turns in organizing the functions / events.

If you would like to discuss this newsletter item with me, please do not hesitate to come forward.

Joy Nelson - Editor