



## NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Welcome to membership of Russell Vale Golf Club, known as *The Vale*, part of Wollongong City Council's picturesque The Vale Golf Course layout, situated between the escarpment and the ocean in the beautiful Illawarra.



### Membership Card

Upon payment of the membership invoice, your application will be processed, and your Club membership card can be collected at the office. Your *GOLF Link* card will be forwarded directly to you by *GOLF Link*. Both Membership and *GOLF Link* cards may be used for competition play on any affiliated course.

### Club Credit

Included in your membership is a bar credit. Produce your *Membership* card at the bar for payment of drinks and food. The bar credit must be used before the end of the membership year (30 June) or it will be forfeited, it does not carry over to the subsequent year. You can "top up" this amount with EFTPOS, cash or any winning vouchers. Winning vouchers of \$15 or less are automatically credited to your bar credit.

### Competitions

Competitions are held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with fields made up of male, female and juniors. An 11 Hole Competition (Frantic Friday 11) is held on Fridays.

## Booking In for Competitions

Tuesday and Thursday online booking sheets are available on the Club's website (in Members Bookings tab) from 7.00pm, one week in advance from the competition day. Saturday's online booking sheet is available at 7.00pm on the Monday before the competition. Cancellations can be made online up to 6.00am on the day of competition or by phoning the Pro Shop (4283 5322).

## Website & Facebook

Russell Vale Golf Club has its own website, Facebook page, and a monthly newsletter which is e-mailed to members. These provide helpful information, services and news. On our website you can access results, book competitions and view fixtures.

## Handicap/*GOLF Link*.

If transferring from another club, it is important that you include your previous *GOLF Link* number so your details can be automatically transferred to Russell Vale Golf Club. Under the new World Handicap System (WHS), **handicaps never expire**. Initial handicaps are calculated by *GOLF Link* and are progressively amended as subsequent cards are recorded.

**Initial handicaps require three (3) cards to be played in a competition.** It is important to note that when recording your handicap cards, scores greater than 2 over par on any hole for male members and 4 over par for female members are not considered in determining a player's initial handicap, therefore please pick up your ball when strokes have expired.

## Golf Rules & Dress Code

Please familiarise yourself with Rules of Golf and Local Rules and be aware of the importance of golf etiquette at all times. At Russell Vale Golf Club, we play *ready golf* to keep a good pace of play. The Dress Code can be seen in the *Golf* Tab on the Club's website.

## Fees

Membership renewal fees are issued in June each year and are due and payable by 31 July each year. The membership fee does not include "no charge" games on non-competition days. Playing Fees are detailed on our website. It is important to note that of the amount paid to participate in Club competitions through the Wollongong City Council run Pro Shop, only \$8.00 is passed on to the Club. The \$8 is utilised for Ball Competition, NTP competition, pro-shop starter's fee, council development levy, leaving a small amount for pooling and distribution of competition prizes.

