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AUSTRALIAN HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING FORUM IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Golf Australia will hold a forum in Melbourne on 9-10 August as an integral component of the pathway towards devising a single Australian Handicapping & Course Rating System.

The two-day conference will seek to produce preferred handicapping and course rating system options for moving forward. These recommendations will then be put to Golf Australia's Member State Associations.

Golf Australia will invite up to two representatives from each men's and women's state association, plus a representative from each state golf club managers' association, and representatives of other industry stakeholders.

A forum of this scope on this particular subject has never previously been conducted in Australia and it is hoped it can build towards the achievement of a uniform system which exhibits accessibility, opportunity, flexibility, and equality to all clubs and to golfers of all levels.

Simon Magdulski, Manager of Rules and Handicapping at Golf Australia said, "The nature of handicapping and course rating makes this a challenging topic so the forum will be a perfect opportunity for all stakeholders to express their views and to build even further towards a single Golf Australia system.

We've been very encouraged by the willingness of the industry to engage on this issue. It's been yet another opportunity to foster the working relationship between the national and state bodies with a constant two-way flow of ideas."

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About Golf Australia

Golf Australia formed in 2006 and is the national sporting organisation for golf.

Our goal is to raise the level of interest and participation in the game from grassroots golfers through to the elite levels, spectators, volunteers and associated industry bodies. Key responsibilities incorporate managing national tournaments and championships including the Australian Opens as well as rules and handicapping. Working in a commercial and inclusive manner with government, business and community, Golf Australia ensures the value of golf is understood and supported in all policy and business decisions.

Golf is a game for life where participation contributes to a healthy Australian community.