



Players gather at North Adelaide Golf Links for the 2011 SA Aboriginal Golf Championships

The Live Longer! Campaign hit Adelaide in support of the South Australian Aboriginal Golf Championship.

Held at the Adelaide Links, North Adelaide on Friday 29 April 2011, the Championship was coordinated by Golf SA, in conjunction with the SA Department of Sport and Recreation and the Aboriginal advocate organisation Males in Black.

The aim of the Live Longer! Campaign is to engage the local Aboriginal community in a healthy activity and to raise awareness of things that contribute to a healthy life: getting active, eating good tucker and using local health services to help prevent and manage chronic disease.

As part of the day's activities, a mobile health clinic was present at the event and many players took advantage of the on-site health checks to have their blood pressure and blood sugar levels measured before heading out on the course.

Participants were also given State Championship/Live Longer! golf shirts and water bottles, ensuring that everyone was looking sharp and that the campaign messages were in full view.

With around 70 players competing in the inaugural SA state championship, a considerable amount of golfing talent was also on display throughout the day.

The 2011 Men's Championship title was won by 23-year-old Joshua Butler with a gross round of 81 on North Adelaide's challenging south-course layout.

Butler, an 8-handicapper from Glenelg Golf Club and a student of Adelaide's Elite College of Golf, is no stranger to the golf industry having recently undertaken further study as a qualified community golf coach.

Zell Dodd from Mawson Lakes took out the inaugural Women's championship while Lake Albert's Daryl Sumner won the men's senior event.

Having completed such a successful inaugural event, planning is well under way for the 2012 Aboriginal Golf Championship with Golf SA committed to several development programs designed to grow the game within Aboriginal communities.

Of particular interest is Golf SA's partnership with Woodville High School through the school's Wiltja program, which is expected to deliver a strong contingent of juniors for 2012.