



Report for GolfNSW - 30 July 2013

JNJG has engaged Samantha Whittle (PGA) on a part time basis as the Territory Manager responsible for the South Coast and Tanya Kirby (ALPGA) as the Southern Metropolitan, Illawarra and Southern Highlands Territory Manager. Ross Abbott has commenced teacher training and Community Coach training in the Riverina – Cootamundra, Howlong, Nerrandra and Wagga Wagga.

The 2013 Subaru State Championships were a great success despite the loss of two days play and the reduction of the championships to 54 holes. 285 juniors participated and the event crowned the NSW Junior champions, the NSW Country Junior Champions, the NSW Club Junior Champion of Champions, the JNJG Age Champions and the Inter-District Teams Champion with 12 districts competing.

The schools program continues with a number of initiatives being developed. JNJG is working closely with OTEN (Open Technical and Educational Network) to establish a Certificate 11 in Sports (Career Oriented Participation) as part of the high school program. The program is being driven by the Indigenous Unit and will be trialled in Dubbo utilising the local indigenous development officers. The program will provide aboriginal students with education and employment opportunities using the sport of Golf and the facilities of the golf club. OTEN has the expertise to assist JNJG develop online resources and the program will then be available for mainstream students.

JNJG has partnered with the State School Sports Disability Unit to develop a teacher training program to complement the current teacher training program offered in the professional development program. This will enable teachers to provide golfing opportunities to disabled students in primary and secondary schools. This will commence with two training days in term 4.

JNJG is in discussions with a Fernwood (women only) fitness centre to pilot introductory golf lessons to women and look to transition participants to the golf course. This program will be trialled with JNJG staff members Tanya Kirby and Sherida Graham-Tupaea.

Our schools program continues to expand with the ever increasing importance of the Active After Schools Care program. In term three and four this year 120 centres have requested program's introducing over 4,000 children to golf in 8 week programs.

JNJG has ordered 300 beginner sets to be used in the pilot high school programs. PASS and SLR programs are being driven by JNJG territory managers and will commence in term four. Together with the Certificate in Sport, these programs will encourage students to complete their HSC studies and provide recognition of prior learning for future education and employment opportunities.

The pilot program for girls in the ACT has commenced at the Federal Golf Club with girls from the local soccer team involved. Results will be used to develop a model to be distributed to clubs.