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## Welcome to March edition of Drop Zone

As the summer of men's and women's golf comes to an end, our attention will soon focus on Augusta National Golf Club, where Adam Scott will attempt to defend his 2013 Masters title.

With the heightened exposure golf will enjoy in the weeks leading up to, and during the tournament, Golf NSW has embarked on a State wide "Play Golf" radio advertising campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to promote the game of golf ("the game anyone can play"), and encourage golfers to visit their local Golf Club.

The campaign features Adam Scott and will air on Sydney radio 2GB, in addition to fourteen regional radio stations throughout the State.

The campaign involves a total of 69 broadcasts (39 Regional and 30 Metro), and the call to action is to encourage listeners to visit [www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org), to locate their local Golf Club via the [Playgolf website](#), by entering their postcode.

I would ask all Clubs be at a heightened level of enthusiasm, to service any enquires you may receive as a result of the campaign.

If successful, Golf NSW will work closely with all District Golf Associations to assist in driving future marketing/promotion campaigns, to maintain a presence for Golf in what is a very crowded sporting landscape.

Until next edition of Drop Zone, good golfing.

Stuart Fraser

Chief Executive Officer



## Ricky Ponting - New NSR Australia Director

Newly appointed NSR Australia Director, former Australian Cricket Captain and Golf Fanatic, Ricky Ponting will be the guest Scout at the inaugural *Golf NSW and NSR Australia USA College Golf Event*.

Events are FREE to attend for all males and females aged **15-19 years of age**

**Date:** Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>

**Venues:**

Morning: Terrey Hills Golf and Country Club, Booralie Road, Terrey Hills; and  
Afternoon: The Ridge Golf Course & Driving Range, Recreation Drive, Barden Ridge.

Come along and have an opportunity to meet Ricky.

Register at <http://www.nsr australia.com/event-registration>

Not only being recognised as a former Australian cricket captain, Ricky Ponting is an avid golfer who has lately become more recognised for his golfing ability, particularly after shooting an impressive three-under 69 in the Victoria Open pro-am in February at Thirteenth Beach Golf Club. He said " I am excited to be appointed Director of NSR and am especially looking forward to meeting the young golfing talent from across NSW," before adding "this type of event is the first of its kind whereby athletes are getting a chance to be scouted by a US College Golf company so it should prove to be an exciting event for all those that attend".

For more information [\[Click Here\]](#)



## Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update



- Golf NSW circulated the 2014 National Rules Newsletter Summer Edition to Rules Officials and subscribers. To view the edition [\[click here\]](#).
- [Changed and New Decisions effective from 1 January 2014](#)
- [Changes and clarification regarding use of smartphones as Distance Measuring Devices \(DMD's\):](#)
- [Rules Quizzes - 2014](#)

## Recent Headlines



- [Felicity dropped 37 strokes off her handicap in one year](#) - 19/03/14
- [Teachers learn golf at Queanbeyan](#) - JNJG | 17/03/14
- [Bettencourt and Luck win WA Amateurs](#) - GolfWA | 16/03/14
- [Dale Brandt-Richards wins third Monash Masters](#) - 15/03/14
- [Wollongong Golf Club to open new holes on 13 April 2014](#) - Golfplus Media | 07/03/14
- [KENO Jackpots in Byron Bay](#) - ClubsNSW | 07/03/14

## Events Update

### 2014 Srixon Major Metropolitan Pennant

The 2014 Srixon Major Metropolitan Pennant main rounds have concluded and the Semi Finalists have been decided. The Men's competition is made up of five divisions with four sections in each, which has made for an extremely competitive season throughout all divisions. The Semi Final Line-ups are:

- **Division 1:** St. Michael's v Mona Vale and Bonnie Doon v Castle Hill
- **Division 2:** Avondale v Pennant Hills and Fox Hills v Bankstown
- **Division 3:** Campbelltown v Lynwood and Cronulla v Cromer
- **Division 4:** Eastlake v Macquarie Links and Leonay v Lakeside
- **Division 5:** Kareela v Barnwell Park and Parramatta v Palm Beach



The Women's inaugural season has seen some matches of the highest quality and has seen some clubs come to the forefront of the newly formatted competition. The Women's competition has had some standout teams throughout the main rounds with the Finalists being:

- **Division 1:** Concord v Pennant Hills
- **Division 2:** St. Michael's v Oatlands
- **Division 3:** Cabramatta v Ryde-Parramatta

The Men's competition will involve Semi-Finals and Relegation Contests due to be played on Sunday 23 March across a number of venues. The Men's and Women's seasons will come to a close with the five Men's and three Women's Divisional Finals all being conducted at Terrey Hills Golf and Country Club on Sunday 30 March. This is set to be a day of exceptional competition throughout all divisions and we encourage any spectators to attend the day to see the State's best golfers on display.

- Click to view SRIXON Major Pennant Website: [MEN'S](#) | [WOMEN'S](#)
- Click to view the latest [Event eNews](#).

## High Performance Update

### Golf NSW announces 2014 Men's State Team



Golf NSW is pleased to announce the 2014 NSW Men's State Team. The team will contest the 2014 Australian Men's Interstate Teams Matches at Federal Golf Club, ACT from April 29 - May 2.

Congratulations to the following members on their selection: Dale Brandt-Richards (Mona Vale), Cameron Davis (Monash), Jarrod Freeman (Cumberland), Ricky Kato (The Australian), Troy Moses (Bonnie Doon), Zach Mullins (St. Michael's), Brayden Peterson (Monash), Jordan Zunic (Bonnie Doon), Coach -Dean Kinney and Manager - Les Browne.



### Riversdale Cup NSW High Performance Wrap

Shelly Shin can now add to her string of wins the 2014 Ladies Riversdale Cup Champion. Steeped in tradition, the 106 year old event is one of the oldest Amateur events in the world. Both men and women played concurrently for the respective Men's and Ladies Riversdale Cup held from 6-9 March at the Riversdale Golf Club, Mt Waverley, VIC....[more](#)



### Santoso and Shin join Queen Sirikit Cup team

New South Wales pair Shelly Shin and Cathleen Santoso will join Hannah Green (WA) in Golf Australia's team for the Queen Sirikit Cup next month in Malaysia...[more](#)

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### Voting is now open for the 2014 People's Choice Competition

Men, women and children from across the state will have the chance to decide which club is the best with voting now open in the 2014 People's Choice Competition. Voting is now also quicker and easier than ever, with the competition running via the Your Local Club Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/YourLocalClub](http://www.facebook.com/YourLocalClub) ... [more](#)

- [Unsung Hero Award - Closes 31/03/14...more](#)
- [Sport & Recreation Participation and Facilities Program - Closes: 02/04/14...more](#)
- [Caltex Sponsorship Program \(areas where there are Caltex facilities\)...more](#)
- [Youth InterACT Scholarships \[ACT Region\] ...more](#)
- [Indigenous Governance Awards - Closes: 30/05/14....more](#)
- [Elite Indigenous Travel & Accommodation Assistance Program - Ongoing...more](#)
- [Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme - Ongoing...more](#)
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