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## Welcome to Drop Zone

This week marks the 25th anniversary of [National Volunteer Week](#) (12-18 May 2014). It is a great time to acknowledge the wonderful work volunteers do in our community. They are definitely the lifeblood that helps grow the game we are all passionate about. Golf NSW would like say a huge "thank you" to the thousands of volunteers across the state.

In the last Drop Zone we introduced the Golf NSW Strategic Plan. We are in full swing to implement the strategies outlined in the plan...more to come in the next Club News. In case you have missed it click:

[Golf NSW's Strategic Plan 2014-17](#) | [Golf Australia's Strategic Plan 2013-16](#)

We have entered our last quarter this fiscal year. Keep a look out for a number of key mail-outs posted to our affiliated Golf Clubs and District Golf Associations. These include the [Club & District Delegate Nomination Forms](#). Club Affiliation notices have also been posted and are available in the [Club Login](#) section of the website. The 2014/15 fee represents an increase of approximately 4% - Golf NSW has absorbed in this fee a 5.43% increase in the Golf Australia capitation fee.



After a successful return to metropolitan Sydney in 2013, the historic NSW Open Golf Championship moves to the much heralded Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club near Blacktown from 13 -16 November 2014. Mark your diaries ... Spectator entry will continue to be FREE.

Yours in golf

Stuart Fraser  
Chief Executive Officer

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## Cancer Council NSW urges men over 50 to Protect. Check. See your GP

Skin cancer is Australia's national cancer and despite decades of sun protection advice, men are still putting their lives in danger by not acting on the fact that too much sun, or not keeping watch for any changes to their skin, can be deadly. Cancer Council's new campaign is targeting men aged 50 and over as new data on men's attitudes towards sun protection and sun damage are released.

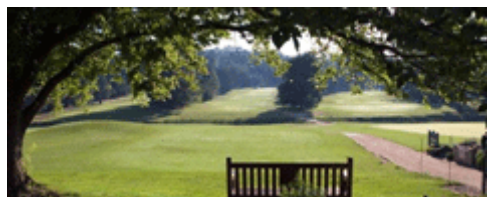


NSW men over the age of 50 are three times as likely to die from melanoma as women of similar age and the new data reveal that over half of men in NSW over the age of 50 are not aware of the high risk associated with skin cancer among their age group, and more than a quarter (26%) believe it's already too late to take action to reduce their skin cancer risk.

The latest research also shows that almost half (48%) of men in this age-group are not worried about developing skin cancer but two out of three Australian men will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime. Cancer Council wants men to Protect. Check. See your GP when it comes to skin cancer prevention and early detection...[more](#)

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## New Legislation to target match fixing in sport



The NSW Government has introduced legislation to Parliament to combat match fixing in sport, former Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Hospitality and Racing, George Souris and former Minister for Sport and Recreation, Gabrielle Upton, announced on 19th March.

Mr Souris said the legislation, known as the Racing Administration Amendment (Sports Betting National Operational Model) Bill 2014, provides a framework for betting agencies to enter into integrity agreements with sports controlling bodies.

This will also let the Government determine which sporting bodies are appropriate for wagering activity. It will allow for increased scrutiny of betting on sports that may not be considered professional...[more](#)

## Working with children checks

There are a number of video tutorials on the NSW Commission for Children and Young People website which provides an overview of the Working With Children Check legislation. [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au)

### When should you apply for the working with children check?

- If you are starting a new paid job in child-related work;
- If you are already in paid child-related work or are a volunteer there is a Phase in period [View [FACT SHEET: Phase in schedule](#)];
- **If you are self-employed** and hold a Certificate for Self Employed People, you can continue to use this until it expires, then you must apply for a Check.

The next online webinar session will take place on **3rd June at 10:00am**. [\[REGISTER\]](#)



## New Golf NSW Director

Gemma Dooley was recently appointed as Golf NSW's Director appointed by the Board. Gemma is an experienced and knowledgeable investment professional with over twenty years in the financial services industry, spanning both Australia and Singapore...[more](#)

## New NSW Premier and Sport & Recreation Minister

With the announcement in April of the new Cabinet by the new [NSW Premier Mike Baird](#) (a member for Manly), NSW has a new Sport & Recreation Minister, [The Hon. Stuart Ayres, MP](#). A member for Penrith, the Minister's other portfolios include Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister Assisting the Premier on Western Sydney.

## Federal Budget - Sport and Recreation

Whilst the NSW State Budget will be announced in Parliament on Tuesday, 17 June 2014, the Federal Budget has been released. Under the Department of Health Portfolio, Outcome 10: Sport and Recreation, one of the aims of the Australian Government is "to increase participation in sport and recreation activities by all Australians and foster excellence in Australia's high-performance athletes."

A new Sporting Schools program will start in 2015, replacing the current Active After-school Communities program. The aim is to encourage lifelong interest in sport within a school setting to tackle chronic disease as a result of physical inactivity and obesity.

- Australian Government 2014-15 Health Portfolio Budget Statement - Outcome 10: Sport and Recreation...[more](#)
- New **Sporting Schools Program**...[more](#)
- **NSW 10-Year Plan** (Goal #27, p.51) - *Enhance cultural, creative sporting and recreational opportunities*...[more](#)

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CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CLUB

## Playgolf WEEK . . . . . 17 - 23 November

Playgolf WEEK is a Golf Australia-led participation initiative (in conjunction with our State Associations), using a national engagement campaign to raise awareness and involvement in golf...[more](#)

## Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

- **The Seminar & Rules Nights Schedule**

For details and to register online visit: <http://www.golfnsw.org/default.aspx?s=Rules-Accreditation>

- **[May Rules Quiz - 2014](#)**

## Recent Headlines

- [Howlong CGC receives Highly Commended Clubs NSW Clubs and Community Awards](#) - Howlong Country Golf Club | 15/05/14
- [Shelly Beach Golf Club named best club in NSW two years running](#) - The Daily Telegraph | 13/05/14
- [Alexander Brodie Spark & his impact on golf in Australia](#) - 29/04/14
- [Peak bodies enter historic joint venture for junior golf](#) - 22/04/14
- [Shin and Gannon Capture Inaugural Western Sydney Junior Masters](#) - JNJJG
- [Miranda OOSH AASC complete 7-week MYGolf program](#) - JNJJG | 02/04/14
- [Gaunt celebrates win, Leeton celebrates centenary](#) - PGA | 01/04/14
- [Golf Professionals support junior golf in their district](#) - 25/03/14



## High Performance Update

### UPDATE ON INTERSTATE SERIES

The NSW Men's, Women's, Boy's and Girl's Teams all placed second in their respective Australian Interstate Teams Matches. In the finals, the Men's team was narrowly defeated by Victoria 4.5-3.5 at Federal Golf Club. The Women's team was defeated by WA 5-1 at Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club. It is WA's third Gladys Hay Memorial Cup win...[more](#)

In the Australian Foursomes NSW's pair Doey Choi and Shelly Shin shared their title with WA pair Hannah Green and world #1 amateur Minjee Lee...[more](#)

Victoria took out the Boys' Interstate Series and Queensland won its fourth consecutive title in the Burtta Cheney Cup. Blake Windred finished second in the Boys' Junior Championship. NSW had a number of Top 10 performers: Jessica Lasky (5), Harrison Endycott and Celina Yuan (T9).

The teams, although disappointed by their loss, performed well and we are all proud of their finalist position. For full junior results view: [Boys' Interstate Blog](#) | [Girls' Interstate Blog](#) | [Junior Championships Blog](#)



## Event eNews ♦ Open Entries & Upcoming Events ♦ Full Events Calendar ♦ Club Results

The 2014 Australian and World Blind Golf Championship just concluded. The Championships were held at the Nelson Bay Golf Club from 12th - 16th May 2014.

The 2014 ISPS Handa World Blind Golf Championship winner is Malcolm Elliot, Womens Champ Jenny McCallum. B1 winner Zohan Shaorn, B2 winner Malcolm Elliot and B3 Winner is Paul Appleyard.

Kris Adams from Scotland won the 2014 Australian Blind Golf Championships. The Winner of the 2014 Blind Australian Golf Open is Paul Appleyard from England and the Women's Champion is Jenny McCallum from WA. For full results visit: [www.blindgolf.com.au](http://www.blindgolf.com.au)



## Grants...Awards...Scholarship

### Hole-in-One Register

A hole-in-one is arguably the greatest achievement a golfer can execute on a golf course. Golf NSW recognizes a golfer's achievement in gaining a hole-in-one by placing their name on the **Golf NSW Hole-in-One Register** [*conditions apply*].

In recognition of this accomplishment, St Hallett Wines have decided to ensure that recipients receive a lasting reminder of their feat, provide the club with an avenue to reward their members, while also receiving financial benefits through the parent company, Fine Wine Partners.

Congratulations to all the hole-in-one achievers!...[more](#)

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## NSW Golf Foundation helps Wee Waa GC get back in the green!

About eight hours from Sydney, in the North West of New South Wales is the rural town of Wee Waa, home to a nine hole golf course and some passionate local volunteers. The NSW Golf Foundation and the local businesses and residents rallied to support Wee Waa Golf Club acquire a new bore, as the one they had was beyond repair...[more](#)

- Junior Sports Star Award (various regions) - Closes: Oct 2014...[more](#)
- Youth InterACT Scholarships [ACT Region] ...[more](#)
- Indigenous Governance Awards - Closes: 30/05/14...[more](#)
- ACT Health Promotion Grants...[more](#)
- Elite Indigenous Travel & Accommodation Assistance Program - Ongoing...[more](#)
- Australian Communication Exchange (to support Australian Deaf community)...[more](#)
- Local Sporting Champions Program - Closes: 30/6/14...[more](#)
- Satellite Phone Subsidy Scheme - Ongoing...[more](#)
- Veteran and Community Grants - Ongoing...[more](#)
- OurCommunity.com.au Funding Centre...[more](#)
- GrantsLink...[more](#)



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