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## Welcome to Drop Zone

Golf NSW is thrilled to see the efforts of Kareela and Oatlands Golf Clubs being recognised by Clubs NSW after they were named as finalists in the the 2016 Clubs and Community Awards.

Oatlands Golf Club has been selected as a finalist in the 'Clubs in Collaboration' category for their efforts in working with their country Buddy Club partner, Oberon Golf Club. They have been instrumental in showing what good can come from clubs joining forces that have a genuine desire to help build a relationship that benefits each, their members and the local community.

Kareela Golf Club has been named as a finalist in the 'Disability, Welfare and Social Inclusion' section for their efforts in the disability sector through the club's ongoing work with NOVA Employment. The Club offered a Green keeping apprenticeship to an 18-year-old man with a profound hearing impairment after he completed eight weeks of work experience at the Club.

The work that many of our wonderful member clubs do is often unseen. Acknowledgement like this however helps illustrate the benefits of initiatives like the Golf NSW Buddy Club Program, and the rewards to be had by working with industry and charity partners across the state.

Yours in golf

Stuart Fraser  
Chief Executive Officer

## Industry Update

### Employment Opportunity

#### Job Alert - Golf NSW Events Coordinator

An exciting opportunity exists for an exceptional Golf Administrator to come on board at Golf NSW. This role will manage and oversee Golf Events across NSW and will involve extensive liaison with Host Clubs. For more information visit: [www.sportspeople.com.au](http://www.sportspeople.com.au) Please forward your CV with a cover letter addressing the selection criteria to Graeme Phillipson at [info@golfnsw.org](mailto:info@golfnsw.org) as soon as possible. **Applications close Monday 4 April.**



#### MyGolf School Ambassador program tees off

The inaugural MyGolf School Ambassador program has officially teed off. Launched at Greythorn Primary School in Melbourne, the initiative developed by Golf Australia and the PGA of Australia will allow golf to be more accessible and easy to deliver for teachers in the classroom and in the schoolyard while providing a reward for their effort. The free program aims to recognise, resource and reward school teachers for delivering and promoting MyGolf in their school community...[more](#)



#### Nominations Open for Junior Development Program

Nominations are now open for the JNKG 2016 Boys and Girls State Talent Development Squad Program. The aim is to identify as early as possible junior players (u/18) that have potential to excel at a higher level of competition and to nurture and support these players through the provision of appropriate training and resources. Entries close 6th May 2016. For more information [\[Click Here\]](#).



## How healthy is your club?

Do a "**Club Health Check**" - The Club Health Check tool is an online self-assessment tool developed by the Australian Sports Commission to help clubs of all sizes examine how they are operating and performing. It takes about 20-30 minutes to complete the questions...[more](#)

Stay abreast with club support resources by clicking [Golf NSW's Club Support News](#)



## Gail wins Mazda 3 in Fourball prize draw

Coffs Harbour's Gail de Groot is the lucky winner of a Mazda 3 after entering the 2015 Golf NSW Fourball Championship...[more](#)

## Rules, Course Rating & Handicapping Update

### Test your rules knowledge...

If you haven't received your new *Rules of Golf* booklet for 2016, contact your golf club. To recap, the following is being placed here to assist you in being aware of the changes with the 2016 Rules of Golf:

- **Summary of key changes to the Rules of Golf** to come into effect 1 January 2016: [CLICK HERE](#)
- PDF of **Rules of Golf Booklet** with 2016 changes highlighted in yellow: [CLICK HERE](#)

To view the **2016 National Rules Newsletter Summer Edition** in PDF [CLICK HERE](#) or click on the image below. Contents include: Rules on Tour, Distance Measuring Devices, Root of the Problem, Ball in Play, It's Your Shot!, and Rules Quiz.

To view previous editions of the Rules Newsletters [CLICK HERE](#).

Also keep going to our Golf NSW "**MONTHLY RULES QUIZ**" – *It's free!*

[www.golfnsw.org](http://www.golfnsw.org) > Rules > Rules Quizzes 2016

2016 Rules sessions at clubs will be published shortly on our website (likely to commence from June).



## Recent Headlines



Driving  
golf  
forward

- In the last Drop Zone #92 edition under "Recent Headlines" it mentions Gibraltar CC as being a 12 hole course now. It has now reverted to an 18 hole course.
- [Oatlands receive Buddy Club accolade](#)
- [Kareela Golf Social Club recognised with Disability Sector Award](#)
- [Club helps Joel pursue dream](#) - The Young Witness
- [Barrenjoey week of Golf success](#)
- [NSW best sand greens players at Hay](#)
- [Artis and Kemp to represent Australia at World Ladies Championship](#)
- [Rick latest inductee](#) - The Young Witness
- [Australia's Biggest Morning Tee-Off](#)

## Golf History Nuggets

1. When was golf first played in Melbourne?
2. What is the oldest golf club, still in existence outside of the UK?

Questions are provided by the Australian Golf Heritage Society History Sub-Committee. To view the answers from the last edition of Drop Zone [click here](#).

**"Golf in Sydney in 1839" - presentation by Dr. Michael Sheret, Australian Golf Heritage Society (AGHS)**

Also on show will be interesting items from the AGHS Museum.

**WHEN:** Thursday, 14th April 2016 at 2:15pm

**WHERE:** Community Hub, 49 English Street, Kogarah.



## High Performance Update

### WHERE GREATNESS BEGINS

Australian Junior Amateur & Interstate Teams Matches  
Australian Golf Amateur & Interstate Teams Matches  
Deport Golf Club  
Australian 19-21 April 2016  
Australian Boy Amateur & Interstate Teams Matches  
Victorian Golf Club  
Australian 19-21 April 2016

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## NSW HP Squad ready to reclaim Interstate title

Golf NSW's High Performance Program athletes are busy preparing for the upcoming Interstate Series which will take place in April for the Boys and Girls in QLD then in May for the Men's and Women's in TAS.

Up and coming player to watch is Golf NSW's HP star Harrison Endycott, who recently added the 2016 Riversdale Cup to his trophy cabinet...[more](#)

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

### Finalists decided in Major Pennant

Bonnie Doon will square off against Concord Golf Club for the Division 1 Srixon Metropolitan Major Pennant Championship for 2016 after a dramatic semi-final day at Glenmore Heritage Valley Golf Club.

To view the latest Pennant News [\[click here\]](#). To view the latest results [\[click here\]](#). Mudgee Golf Club has groundbreaking win in the Division One Central West District Golf Association pennants after winning the title for the first time in the club's 109-year history...[more](#)

Pictured left: Mum and daughter Karen and Jess Lasky faced-off in this week's Srixon Major Metropolitan Pennant semi-finals...[more](#)



March's mail-outs include a Media Release on Kyogle acquiring a grant for their Workplace Safety Upgrade project; Rules eNews; EDMs and SMSs to invite juniors to trial for the American College Recruitment Program run by NSR Australia, and an EDM seeking support for golf clubs to participate in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Tee-Off in May. To view the latest Club Mail-outs [\[Click Here\]](#)

## Grants...Awards...Scholarship

## GRANTS



- **Jindera Country Golf Club** receive NSW Golf Foundation grant to repair storm water damaged carpet...[more](#)
- **Kyogle Golf Club - Keeping up to standards...**With the help of the NSW Golf Foundation, Golf NSW, the Club Support Program and the Kyogle volunteers, the club was able to build a new depot to house fuel tanks, install a new emergency shower and eyewash facilities, and erect emergency signage in appropriate areas. All the work was completed by qualified volunteers and the club now meets the safety standards required...[more](#)
- **Cart making members happy at Walwa** - Elspeth Greenville and Hayden Drummond grace the fairway at Walwa Golf Club in the club's recently acquired Golf Cart, which was bought with the help of a grant from the NSW Golf Foundation...[more](#)

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## St Hallett Wines Hole-in-One Achievers

Congratulations to the latest hole-in-one achievers: George Belogiannis, David Bishop, Glenn Cook, Arthur Crittenden, Bradley Crowe, Fred Duncan, Wendy Fleming, Tony Guo, Garnet Johns, Clifford Lamont, Sandra Lewis, Tara Mackie, Jacqueline Moore, Salvko Planinic, Wayne Rowlands, Bill Teasdale, Cliff Treloar, Tony Watkins, and Douglas Yeend.

Send us your Hole-in-One Story to [info@golfnsw.org](mailto:info@golfnsw.org) | [View archived HIO's](#)



## Congratulations

- To all the recipients of the **NSW/ACT PGA Awards Recipients** - visit: <http://www.pga.org.au/news/industry/nswact-awards-honour-states-best>
- [Hard work pays off as Charlestown husband and wife team claim NSW PGA club professional crown](#) - Newcastle Herald



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