

History & Honour Roll –

Victorian Women's & Friday Women's Pennant

History

Within six months of forming the Victorian Ladies Golf Union in 1906, a decision was made to introduce a pennant competition played between Eaglemont (Yarra Yarra), Albert Park and Royal Park Golf Clubs and five of the Union's six founding clubs: Caulfield (Metropolitan), Essendon (Northern), Geelong, Kew and Surrey Hills (Riversdale). In 1907, Surrey Hills went through the season undefeated to win the inaugural VLGU pennant season.

In 1908, the increased number of clubs affiliated with the Union justified the introduction of three pennant divisions - Senior, Junior A and Junior B. These divisions remained in place for quite some time, until the Union abandoned the Senior Division in 1946 and awarded pennant cups to winners in the Silver and Bronze divisions.

Pennant cups had been awarded to winning teams since 1910, with the exclusion of years between 1925 and 1946, when the Union awarded Pennant flags to winning Senior and Junior A teams only. One year later, the decision was made to award Senior, Junior A and Junior B pennant winners with a flag for their first win. The club could purchase another flag for additional wins at a price of 3.10.0. In 1970, the Union became a little more generous, offering to put an extra date on pennant flags if the club wins more than once, as the price of flags had risen to \$27.

For most of Pennant's early years, Royal Melbourne Golf Club dominated the competition, including winning all three divisions in 1914. A few years later, in 1925 the Union abolished handicap limits within divisions, and ruled that teams were to be made up of five players, playing in handicap order. However, five years later, in 1930, the Union changed this rule stating that player order was up to the Captain as handicaps are not important in matchplay.

Many changes were occurring to the rules of Pennant, and in 1931 the Union established pennant guidelines. Firstly, pennant was played in handicap divisions. Pennant A, Scratch - 18, B: 19-30 and C: 30-36. Secondly, each team was to consist of seven players, all to play off scratch, and finally, cost to clubs to enter a pennant team was 10/-.

Pennant experienced even more changes in the 1960's and 70's, with many of the decisions made still applicable to today's game. In 1961 a decision was made to allow clubs to give golf balls to pennant players, as the Union ruled that such an act would not affect a player's amateur status.

Interestingly, the VGA did not agree to this at the time. In 1963 it was decided to allow town players to also compete for country pennant teams within the same season. In 1964, matches square after 18 holes were to go down the 19th, however this rule changed in 1968 with squared matches accounting for a half. In 1972 pennant teams were played with the lowest handicapper hitting off first. A discussion was had in 1974 to play teams in reverse order, however it wasn't until 1976 that this rule took effect.

Today, as has always been the way, women's pennant matches are fiercely contested, with all players representing their Club with passion and pride. Women's pennant in Victoria has been privy to have some of Australia's golfing legends play for city Clubs, such as Gladys Hay, Burtta Cheney, Nellie Gatehouse and Mona McLeod. We have also been privy to have current or previous touring professionals such as Nadina Light, Sarah Kemp, Emma Bennett, Kate Combes, Rebecca Stevenson, Stacey Keating, Grace Lennon, and Su-Hyun Oh playing for their Clubs.

Honour Roll – Victorian Women’s Pennant

Year	Winner
1910	Royal Melbourne
1911	Riversdale
1912	Royal Melbourne
1913	Metropolitan
1914	Royal Melbourne
1915-1918	Not Played
1919	Royal Melbourne
1920	Metropolitan
1921	Royal Melbourne
1922	Royal Melbourne

Year	Winner
1923	Royal Melbourne
1924	Royal Melbourne
1925	Royal Melbourne
1926	Royal Melbourne
1927	
1928	Royal Melbourne
1929	Metropolitan
1930	Metropolitan
1931	Royal Melbourne
1932	Royal Melbourne
1933	Royal Melbourne

Year	Winner
1934	Royal Melbourne
1935	Royal Melbourne
1936	Metropolitan
1937	Royal Melbourne
1938	Kingston Heath
1939	Kingston Heath
1940-1948	Not Played
1949	Royal Melbourne
1950	Yarra Yarra
1951	Yarra Yarra

Year	Winner
1952	Royal Melbourne
1953	Victoria
1954	Metropolitan
1955	Royal Melbourne
1956	Metropolitan
1957	Royal Melbourne
1958	Metropolitan
1959	Yarra Yarra

Year	Silver Division				Bronze Division			
	Sub-Div 1	Sub-Div 2	Sub-Div 3	Sub-Div 4	Sub-Div 1	Sub-Div 2	Sub-Div 3	Sub-Div 4
1960	Metropolitan	Peninsula	Keysborough	-	-	-	-	-
1961	Royal Melbourne	Kingston Heath	Long Island	Rosanna	Kingswood	-	-	-
1962	Woodlands	Victoria	Commonwealth	Amstel	Kingston Heath	-	-	-
1963	Victoria	Keysborough	Latrobe	Eastern	Royal Park	Southern	Yarra Yarra	Woodlands
1964	Yarra Yarra	Royal Melbourne	Northern	Riversdale	Kew	Spring Valley	Croydon	Royal Melbourne

Year	First Division (name changed 1965)								Second Division (name changed in 1965)								
1965	Metropolitan		Kingston Heath		Kew		Long Island		Kingston Heath		Royal Park		Waverley		Spring Valley		
	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Lowest</i>	
1966	Victoria	K.Heath	Latrobe	Kew	L. Island	P. River	Ro.dale	Rosanna	R.Melb	Rosanna	Waverley	G.Acres	Northern	L. Island	Latrobe	K.ingal	
1967	Victoria	Yarra	L. Island	K.Heath	G.Acres	Ro.dale	P.River	Waverley	Southern Waverley	Keysb.	Amstel	Ri.dale	Spring V	K.wood	Che.ham		
1968	H.dale	Latrobe	Keysb.	G.Acres	Southern	Eastern	H.berg	Rosanna	Southern RoyalPark	Northern	Wav.ley	Amstel	K.wood	Rosdale	C.bourne		
1969	H.dale	Victoria	Latrobe	YarraY	Spring.V	H.berg	Croydon	Rosanna	H.dale	Northern	Yarra	Rosanna	R.dale	Victoria	Spring.V	H.berg	
1970	H.dale	Metro	Southern	Spring.V	YarraYarra	P.River	R.dale	Rosanna	H.dale	Peninsula	Metro	Ri.dale	Croydon	Eastern	Victoria	Wav.ley	L.Island H.berg

Year	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8	Section 9	Section 10
1971	Southern	Victoria	Spring Valley	Medway	Woodlands	Commonwealth	Victoria	Green Acres	Box Hill	-
1972	Huntingdale	Metropolitan	Kingston Heath	Cranbourne	Southern	Metropolitan	Rosanna	Spring Valley	Waverley	-
1973	Victoria	Yarra Yarra	Green Acres	Kingswood	Royal Melbourne	Amstel	Spring Valley	Eastern	Rosanna	-
1974	Keysborough	Spring Valley	Northern	Southern	Metropolitan	Yarra Yarra	Eastern	Waverley	Eastern	-
1975	Keysborough	Commonwealth	Rossdale	Riversdale	Amstel	Spring Valley	Patterson River	Eastwood	Box Hill	-
1976	Victoria	Royal Melbourne	Kingston Heath	Green Acres	Spring Valley	Eastern	Koorinal	Kingswood	Amstel	-
1977	Victoria	Commonwealth	Kingswood	Spring Valley	Yarra Yarra	Rosanna	Kingswood	Long Island	Eastwood	-
1978	Huntingdale	Royal Melbourne	Long Island	Medway	Rosanna	Kingswood	Eastwood	Amstel	Kew	-
1979	Victoria	Keysborough	Kingston Heath	Kew	Royal Melbourne	Croydon	Long Island	Kew	Croydon	-
1980	Royal Melbourne	Kingston Heath	Long Island	Rosanna	Amstel	Eastwood	Kingston Heath	Croydon	Koorinal	-
1981	Victoria	Keysborough	Peninsula	Metropolitan	Keysborough	Victoria	Peninsula	Rosanna	Medway	-
1982	Victoria	Northern	Rosanna	Keysborough	Eastern	Commonwealth	Heidelberg	Kew	Cranbourne	-
1983	Victoria	Royal Melbourne	Metropolitan	Woodlands	Victoria	Eastwood	Northern	Cranbourne	Churchill Park	-
1984	Commonwealth	Metropolitan	Woodlands	Eastern	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Riversdale	Box Hill	Sunshine	-
1985	Huntingdale	Yarra Yarra	Rosanna	Cranbourne	Green Acres	Rosanna	Long Island	Latrobe	Medway	-
1986	Huntingdale	Royal Melbourne	Woodlands	Royal Melbourne	Eastwood	Commonwealth	Koorinal	Heidelberg	Patterson River	-
1987	Huntingdale	Yarra Yarra	Keysborough	Eastern	Green Acres	Northern	Kew	Amstel	Tullamarine	-
1988	Woodlands	Kingston Heath	Eastern	Latrobe	Commonwealth	Medway	Waverley	Rossdale	Green Acres	-
1989	Keysborough	Peninsula	Rosanna	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Koorinal	Sunshine	Cranbourne	Box Hill	-
1990	Woodlands	Victoria	Kew	Commonwealth	Koorinal	Sunshine	Kew	Green Acres	Koorinal	-
1991	Huntingdale	Kew	Spring Valley	Southern	Sunshine	Medway	Cranbourne	Koorinal	Eastwood	-
1992	Commonwealth	Peninsula	Long Island	Eastwood	Yarra Yarra	Kew	Patterson River	Long Island	Patterson River	-
1993	Commonwealth	Royal Melbourne	Eastwood	Sunshine	Victoria	Patterson River	Long Island	Eastwood	Sunshine	-
1994	Victoria	Spring Valley	Sunshine	Yarra Yarra	Patterson River	Box Hill	Kingswood	Patterson River	Heidelberg	-
1995	Commonwealth	Metropolitan	Yarra Yarra	Southern	Croydon	Spring Valley	Peninsula	Churchill Park	Tullamarine	-
1996	Yarra Yarra	Kingston Heath	Southern	Green Acres	Box Hill	Peninsula	Churchill Park	Tullamarine	Melton Valley	-
1997	Commonwealth	Yarra Yarra	Keysborough	Commonwealth	Riversdale	Long Island	Tullamarine	Sunshine	Centenary Park	-

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1998	Commonwealth	Metropolitan	Kew	Victoria	Woodlands	Riversdale	Medway	Eastwood	Rossdale	-
1999	Woodlands	Southern	Huntingdale	Woodlands	Heidelberg	Tullamarine	Keysborough	Southern	Croydon	-
2000	Huntingdale	Long Island	Woodlands	Rossdale	Croydon	Kingswood	Southern	Heidelberg	Werribee Park	-
2001	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Eastwood	Heidelberg	Long Island	Medway	Heidelberg	Melton Valley	Green Acres	-
2002	Kingston Heath	Yarra Yarra	Sunshine	Kingston Heath	Green Acres	Kew	Eastwood	Sunshine	Centenary Park	-
2003	Yarra Yarra	Long Island	Heidelberg	Royal Melbourne	Latrobe	Eastwood	Melton Valley	Werribee Park	Patterson River	-
2004	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Royal Melbourne	Latrobe	Royal Melbourne	Kingswood	Southern	Latrobe	Eastern	The Heritage
2005	Kingston Heath	Heidelberg	Cranbourne	Riversdale	Kingswood	Southern	Metropolitan	Cranbourne	The Heritage	Yarra Valley
2006	Huntingdale	Kew	Spring Valley	Rosanna	Eastwood	Metropolitan	Cranbourne	The Heritage	Kingswood	The Heritage
2007	Heidelberg	Commonwealth	Sunshine	Patterson River	Kew	Northern	Latrobe	Cheltenham	Sandhurst	-
2008	Yarra Yarra	Long Island	Rosanna	Keysborough	Metropolitan	Heidelberg	The Heritage	Kingswood	Sandhurst	Croydon
2009	Kingston Heath	Metropolitan	Riversdale	Kingston Heath	Medway	Long Island	Koorngal	Sandhurst	Medway	-

Day of competition changed to Sunday

Year	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
2010	Commonwealth	Woodlands	Sunshine	Northern	Sandhurst
2011	Commonwealth	Southern	Kingswood	Sandhurst	Koorngal
2012	Kingston Heath	Long Island	Sandhurst	Patterson River	Waverley
2013	Metropolitan	Huntingdale	Spring Valley	Medway	Box Hill
2014	Metropolitan	Long Island	Sunshine	Rossdale	Gisborne
2015	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Riversdale	Latrobe	Heritage
2016	Victoria	Heidelberg	Rosanna	The Heritage	Eastern
2017	Commonwealth	Kingston Heath	Green Acres	Gisborne	-
2018	Commonwealth	Royal Melbourne	Keysborough	Rossdale	-
2019	Huntingdale	Victoria	Rosanna	Latrobe	-
2020	Not played due to Covid-19				
2021	Commonwealth	The Heritage	Kew	Sandhurst	-
2022	Commonwealth	The National	Rosanna	Rossdale	-
2023	The National	Kingston Heath	Kew	Medway	-

2024	Commonwealth	Yarra Yarra	Woodlands	Spring Valley	-
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Honour Roll – Friday Women’s Pennant

From 2010-2014 Friday Women’s Pennant was known as Women’s Metropolitan Matchplay.

Year	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
2010	Royal Melbourne	Long Island	Cranbourne	Centenary Park	Sandhurst
2011	Yarra Yarra	Heidelberg	Eastwood	Sandhurst	Heritage
2012	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Spring Valley	Heritage	Northern
2013	Huntingdale	Southern	Long Island	Kingswood	Patterson River
2014	Huntingdale	Cranbourne	Rosanna	Patterson river	Box Hill
2015	Victoria	Long Island	Keysborough	Box Hill	Gisborne
2016	Huntingdale	Peninsula Kingswood	The Heritage	Yering Meadows	-
2017	Huntingdale	Metropolitan	Green Acres	Eastern	-
2018	Huntingdale	Kingston Heath	Woodlands	Spring Valley	-
2019	Victoria	Cranbourne	Rosanna	Yering Meadows	-
2020	Not played due to Covid-19				
2021	Huntingdale	The National	Riversdale	Sandhurst	-
2022	The National	Eastwood	Centenary Park	Keysborough	-
2023	Royal Melbourne	Southern	Woodlands	Spring Valley	-
2024	Huntingdale	Metropolitan	Kew	Latrobe	-