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## PRESIDENT'S NEWS

### **Appointment of New Directors**

Due to the resignation of Robyn Crowe the Board requested Expressions of Interest from our members to fill the vacancy. We were fortunate to receive two applications.

Patti Moore tendered her resignation from the Board, effective 21st March and Alison Crossley and Les Beauchamp have been confirmed as Directors.

Even though the Directors were reluctant to receive Patti's resignation, she was adamant she was not planning to seek re-election in October, but of course, is happy to continue with her role as Ladies Captain as well as "Minister for Everything"! We thank her for her service as a Director, and welcome Alison and Les.

It has been a busy few weeks at the Club with Pennants in full swing and the Russell Vale Open held last Saturday. News on those events follows. Best of luck to our men's teams in the upcoming Pennants Semi-finals, let's get a title this year. We look forward to the Ladies Pennants competitions starting soon.

**Sponsor News:** Bruce Etheredge and Peter Reilly have combined to provide a \$1,000 sponsorship of a Saturday medley event which will be held this year on **28 September** and is titled: **Bronco Bruce's Canadian Foursomes**. Huge thanks to Bruce and Peter for their support of the Club. Thanks also to Clifford Terry for his sponsorship of a 2 ball Ambrose event to be held on 30 March.

During February the Board Executive met with local State and Federal MPs, Ward 1 Councillors and Wollongong City Council Executive Directors to re-acquaint them with our Club and the golf course; discuss grant funding opportunities; and to outline the Club's proposals on future directions for the golf course. The meetings were constructive and will continue through the year.

**Phillip Peace (President)**

## CAPTAIN'S UPDATE

The 2019 Russell Vale Open was held on Saturday 16th March with a strong field of 140 players, including many visitors aiming to earn the crown. In the end, it came down to two local members who battled it out to earn the title this year.

Congratulations to [Jason Cavanough](#) and [Paul Fairall](#) who both recorded excellent 1 under par rounds of 58. Jason came through with the victory after 7 playoff holes!!

Jarrold Egbers recorded a fine 62 to clinch 3rd spot.

Congratulations to all who participated, and thanks to those who stayed for the playoff.

***Thanks to Baines Transport and Concrete for their generous support of this event. It is greatly appreciated.***

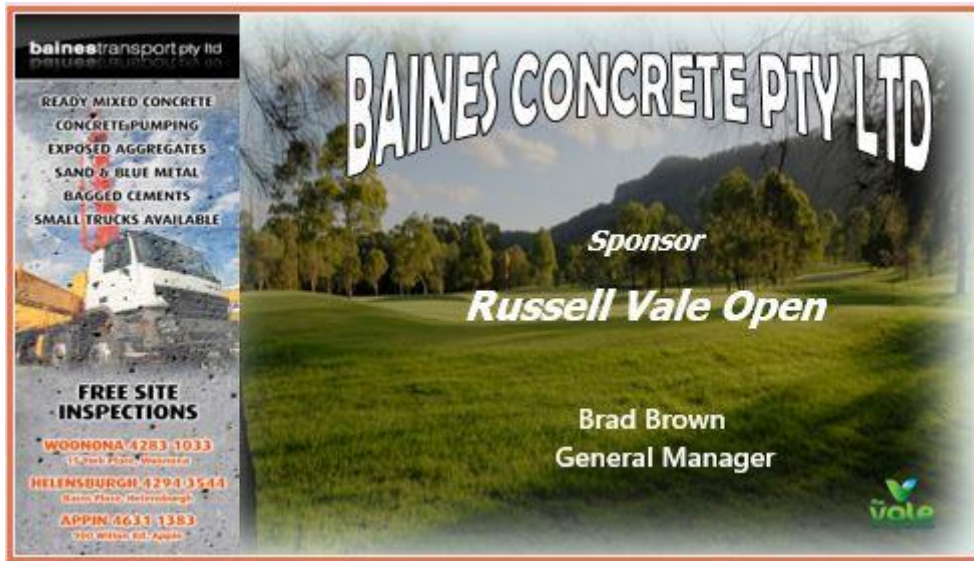
A big thank you also to the many volunteers who gave up their time to fulfil various roles across the day, as well as many hours planning in the lead up to the event. Particular mention must go to Patti and Dennis Moore, Noel Sussman and Robyn Crowe.

Entry forms have now been posted on the clubhouse notice board for ***Men's Master Pennants & Trevor Bell Shield.***

**Alan Sellers (Captain)**

***Pictured - Jason and Paul teeing off on 12th hole in play off and Jason being presented with the trophy by Brad Brown, General Manager Baines Transport & Concrete.***





## MEMBER NEWS

### NEW MEMBERSHIP PROMOTION - NEW MEMBERS ONLY

Commencing 1st March we are introducing a **part year** membership for the first time. Join after March 1, and be eligible for membership to June 30 this year, when fees for existing members fall due.

Full Member                                    \$170 (including \$30 Bar Credit - to be redeemed by 30/6/19)

Pensioner                                        \$145 (including \$30 Bar Credit - to be redeemed by 30/6/19)

Others classifications available

Application forms at the office or on website.

### **Congratulations to Captain Alan Sellers on passing the R&A Level 1 Online Rules Exam**

*We are always up for a "good news" story! Being the proud owner of a Mercedes Benz, Club Member and Director John Szczur recently participated in the Mercedes Golf Tournament which was held at Wollongong Golf Club last week. Following lots of rainy days and with the course not playing that friendly, John produced some fine golf to take out the "A" Grade event of the day. He now flies at Mercedes expense to Sanctuary Cove to play in the next leg, and should he be successful there, off to Germany!!!! Well done John, we wish you well!!!*


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## JUNIORS

### Pennants

The Juniors Encourage Shield Team of Tom Eagleton (Capt.), Jack Pritchard, Heath Wheeler, Sarah Eagleton, Bryn Newton, Kaydn Fleuren and Max Stewart have completed their six matches and ended up with 2 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses and finished second on points. The good news was that it has been our best result in a few years, bad news the team was relegated to 3<sup>rd</sup> place on points for, and miss the final.

The team is improving all the time and is now well placed to take out the title next year. Most of all the juniors have displayed great team spirit and sportsmanship – they are a credit to the Club. Thanks to all the parents who walked the matches with the juniors and special thanks to Dennis Moore who walked all matches to provide support and guidance. Patti Moore attended the last match at Vincentia and got drenched with the rest of the supporters on that wild weather day – but our juniors played on.

### Phillip Peace



# PENNANT NEWS

## **Pennants**

Some spectacular results from our pennant teams leading into the semi-finals. Both "A" and "B" teams have made their way into Sundays semi-finals which is a tremendous result.

### **Illawarra Pennant**

Making it to the semi-final The Vale defeated a strong Links side recording a 4/1 win. For a great day out, take a drive to The Links Shell Cove on Sunday, The Vale "A's" play Shoalhaven Heads at Links Shell Cove, tee off time 7.45am. Good luck to all players and caddies.

### **B Grade**

This result must surely be the highlight of this year's pennants. Our "B" pennant team have snuck through to qualify for the semi final on Sunday 24th March. Needing a 5-0 win, and relying on Port Kembla to beat Kiama, it was always going to be a challenge. Our boys got the job done 5-0, and after a tense wait, looks like they owe the Port boys a drink or two for defeating Kiama 3-2. If your not following the "A" team on Sunday, take a drive to Gerringong and support the "B" team. Hit off time 8.00am against Shoalhaven Heads. If you are available to assist as a caddie, contact the club. Proof that its never over until the final whistle!!!

Well done, and good luck next week!

### **C Grade**

Another year of what could have been!

### **White Horse Cup**

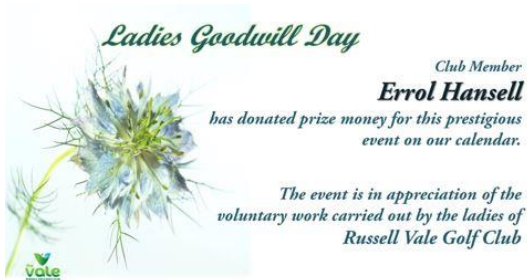
Next year guys!

# LADIES UPDATE

## **Saturday Ladies Monthly Medal**

*Following the Match and Handicap meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March it was voted to cancel Saturday's Monthly Medal. Commencing Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April it will now be called "WGA Super Saturday" and all ladies will be eligible to play. Maybe this will encourage more ladies to play on a Saturday.*

## **Patti Moore (Ladies Captain)**

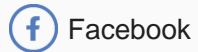


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### **Upcoming Events**

Lady Pennant Teams Morning Tea - Monday 25th March at 10am. This get together will also include a rules update and light lunch.

### **Robyn Crowe - Chair**



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