



Hi \*|FNAME|\*,

## PRESIDENT'S NEWS

**Members' Survey 2019:** 151 members completed this year's survey which was a similar number to last year; thanks to all those members who took the time to complete the survey. It was pleasing to note that 87% of respondents were satisfied with their club membership. The golf competitions, club bar and overall facilities rated satisfactory to very satisfactory. There was good use of the Club's website and 83% read the monthly newsletter. There was a low access to our Facebook page and this area of our social media will require promotion among members. The respondents noted that the strengths of the Club are: affordable membership, quick games, online booking, and a friendly club atmosphere.

There was large number of suggestions to improve the Club and the golf course. The suggestions on golf course improvements will be passed onto Council staff. The other suggestions are being reviewed by the Board and an information session will be held early in the new year to go over a number of items and provide further information to members.

**Competition Fees:** At its November meeting, the Board resolved to increase the competition fee from **\$7 to \$8 commencing 1 January 2020. This decision was made to allow us, once again, to increase our prize structure.** We will put out a separate notice later in December to remind members of the structure of the competition fee and what amount is left for prizes after covering Council levy, starter's fee, ball comp and software costs to run the competitions.

**Volunteers:** A special thank you to all the members who assist with the running of this volunteer-operated not-for-profit licenced club. Their work in 2019 was crucial to the success of the Club and if you would like to volunteer and put something back into the Club, we would welcome your input.

Enjoy the warmer weather on the course and I look forward to seeing you at the Club

over the Festive Season.

Phillip Peace  
**President**



## MEMBER BADGE DRAW

Friday nights badge draw has been placed on hold for now. In line with permit regulations, and the need to justify having the member draw, the board have not been able to reach a reasonable decision to proceed with it under the previous permit arrangements. It will be addressed in the New Year.

## CAPTAIN'S UPDATE



These 4 guys fought it out in the final of the 4BBB Match Play recently. Brett and Mike were successful over Alex and Isaac 4/3. The score did not reflect the closeness of the game.

Matches yet to be completed:  
Cock "O" Vale Final  
Juniors Final  
Singles Semi - Final

*Alan Sellers*

## MEMBER NEWS



Join us on the last Friday each month, commencing January 31st, for pizza and wine (or other).

The ladies will take orders based on numbers present, and order in the pizzas at 6pm for delivery 6.30pm.



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December is a big day for Byron, Isaac, Alex and Jarrod.

Commencing at dawn they will commence the huge challenge of completing 72 holes of golf in one day. It will be an even greater challenge for Isaac who is currently undergoing more chemotherapy for his cancer.

Please help them reach their goal by clicking on either link below and help them reach their goal.

[www.longestday.org.au/fundraiser/Flushers-club](http://www.longestday.org.au/fundraiser/Flushers-club)

or individuals

[www.longestday.org.au/](http://www.longestday.org.au/)



### MOVIES ON THE GREEN

An estimated 200 parents and children enjoyed an evening of "movies on the green".

Footgolf began at 4pm followed by music, steak sandwiches, hotdogs, popcorn and drinks.

Was good to be able to introduce residents to their hidden jewel, beautifully located course and the golfclub.

Thanks to all volunteers.

# SPONSOR NEWS



## SPONSORSHIP WANTED:

May and October Men's Monthly Medal and Ladies Gold Medal.  
Talk to one of the Directors now.

**molenaar + mcneice**

Your team for  
Real Estate &  
Property Management  
273 Princes Highway,  
Bulli 22516  
Contact: Melanie Whant



Sponsors of  
**Veterans  
Open Day**



2019 Winners of the **molenaar + mcneice** stableford were:

Bill Yearby 42 points  
and  
Cheryl Milan 37 points

Congratulations and thanks to our sponsors.

**Play Sunsafe Golf**

Free Sunscreen available  
at various locations around the golf course

Slip Slop Slap Seek Slide

Protect yourself in five ways from skin cancer

**the vale**  
HOMES, VEHICLES, ONLY CARE  
**Supports**

Winner of the inaugural **Sunsafe** stableford was Don McCorquodale with 41 points -  
Congratulations Don and thanks to our anonymous sponsor.



**Len Hughes Memorial** trophy winner was club "chef" Dennis Moore. Congratulations Dennis.



November winners of the **Pro-Shop** sponsored event were;

"A" Dave Biddulph

"B" John Szczur

"C" Paul English

Congratulations to all and thanks to Tyson and staff

## JUNIORS

**2020 Summer School Holiday Junior Golf Clinics** will run on Wednesday 22 January and Thursday 23 January 2020 from 11:00am to 1:00pm each day. The clinics are free and children participating are welcome to bring their own golf clubs, but all equipment is provided. Children are also requested to have a cap, sunscreen and a water bottle.

Please register your child to attend these clinics using the form on the link

below: <https://www.russellvalegolfclub.com.au/juniors>

### 2010 Encourage Shield

The draw for the 2020 Encourage Shield has been released:

Round 1: Sunday 2 February 2020: Kiama v The Vale (@ Kiama GC)

Round 2: Sunday 9 February 2020: St Georges Basin-Vincentia v The Vale (@ St Georges Basin/Vincentia)

Round 3: Sunday 23 February 2020: The Vale v Wollongong (@ The Vale GC)

Round 4: Sunday 1 March 2020: The Vale v Kiama (@ The Vale GC)

Round 5: Sunday 8 March 2020: Wollongong v The Vale (@ Wollongong GC)

Round 6: Sunday 15 March 2020: The Vale v St Georges Basin-Vincentia (@ The Vale GC)  
Final: Sunday 29 March 2020: 1st v 2nd (@ The Grange GC)

## CRAIG'S CORNER



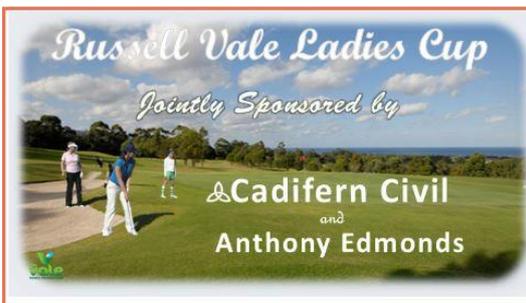
We hope you're enjoying our newly opened tees! It won't be long before the 13th tee is also in play and we ask for your help by replacing all divots and fill them with the soil provided.

You may have heard that stage two water restrictions will come into effect on 10 December. This will have an impact on our staff, so we ask for your patience as we hand water the greens, some tee's and young trees around the course.

Those of you who've been playing at The Vale for many years will know Mark our tractor man who's been part of our team for 22 years. On behalf of the staff, I'd like to wish Mark all the best as he takes extended leave and transitions into retirement.

Remember to stay hydrated in these hot conditions and enjoy your golf!

## LADIES UPDATE



2019 Ladies Cup winner was **Chris Tolhurst from Links Shell Cove**.  
Gross winner was our own Alison Crossley.  
Thanks to **Peter & Helen Reilly from Cadifern Civil & Anthony Edmonds** for their generous sponsorship.

Below: Chris and Alison receiving their trophies from Anthony.



**The Vale Golf Club**  
**Family Christmas Party**  
Friday 6th December, 2019 from 5:00pm

Please bring a wrapped gift  
clearly marked with your child's  
or grandchild's name and age  
(maximum \$15.00 value)  
for santa to give out

**free**  
Hotdogs  
Soft Drinks  
Popcorn  
Face Painting  
Games

Santa will arrive approx 7:00pm



**Footnote from Editor:** This will be the last newsletter until the new year. On indulgence, I would like to thank the members who have answered my call to lend a hand when asked. Since taking on function arrangements together with my other tasks, I can honestly say I have had wonderful support from the members I have asked to do bar duty, catering etc etc. I would not even try to name names, but you will all know who I mean.

Unfortunately, more helpers for our surrounding gardens has not been successful, but we will keep trying.

Talk to any of the directors if you can help.

***This club cannot succeed without volunteers,***  
so make it your new years resolution.

Wishing everyone a very ***Merry Christmas and Good Health*** for 2020.

**Joy Nelson**

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