



WARATAH WOMEN MEMBERS

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"POSTCARD"

Have you been anywhere interesting lately?

This is the section for you to communicate with members. Share information about outside competitions you have attended or places of interest you have visited.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have news, humorous anecdotes, stories or information for inclusion in

Down the Fairways

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PRESIDENT'S PEN

June has come and gone, how quick does time fly, and we were able to play all our weekly re-scheduled rounds of golf! Welcome to a new player, Esther Christen, hope to see you competing in many more Tuesday Events.

July programme only has two changes and the first being a special day, 14 July, to celebrate with our Patron/Life Member, Beryl Tobin, who will have reached her 98th year. Please remain after your game as there will be a special presentation and cake to celebrate this auspicious occasion and to congratulate Beryl!

Charity Day is scheduled for 28 July. Once again we are requesting for teams to pool their money and purchase a substantial prize for our Raffle.

Header Photos of Singles K/O and 4BBB Championship winners. In the 4BBB Championships photo players missing from photo are Kerrie Brooks and Janelle Everett. Congratulations to all!

An 'O' birthday this month – see Page 2

Quite a few of our ladies have been attending other Club's Open days and golfing brilliantly – see Pages 2

Lorraine Smith, Women's President

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Well June has come and gone and thankfully we were able to play all of our programmed games.

Results for June as follows:

Secretary's Trophy - Margaret Godbee 35

Monthly Medal - Robyn Forbes 73

Singles Matchplay

Div. 1 Louise Renshaw, R/U Renay Robertson (Photo 1)

Div. 2 Gael Andrews, R/U Liz Suprano (Photo 2)

4BBB Championship (Photo 3)

Div. 1 Margaret Turner and Esther Christen 83
R/U Gael Andrews and Janelle Everett 82

Div. 2 Kerrie Brooks and Virginia Alexander 83
R/U Lynne Page and Mindy Simmons 79

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for competing in the trying conditions of winter golf.

Coming up for July we have an individual Stableford, a 2 person Canadian Foursomes (Beryl Tobin's 98th Birthday), our Monthly Medal for July and our Charity Day on the 28th. There are still spots available for that, so add your name to the entry sheet in the ladies club room.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER continued

Just an update on Pennants for next year. Waratah will be submitting two teams for 2027, a scratch Division 1 and a handicap Bronze team. Both teams require 6 players and you will play in groups of 4. Season starts on Monday 8 February. The district would also like more teams entered in the weekend Pennants competition. This is a team of 4 players and is open to all handicap levels. If you are interested and would like to play in any of our pennant teams for next year then please come and see either myself or Louise Renshaw and let us know of your availability. We need more ladies to represent Waratah!

Best of luck for the month ahead Ladies.

Renay Robertson Acting Captain

PROGRAMME FOR JULY 2026.

(Changes in RED)

- 7 ~~Foursome Championships~~ **Stableford**
- 14 ~~Par~~ **Beryl Tobin 98th Birthday Celebration 2-Person Canadian Foursome**
- 21 Stroke/Monthly Medal/Nett/Putting/6th Rnd
GNSW Medal/President's Trophy
- 28 Charity Day – 4-Person Drop out Ambrose

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 4 Shortland Waters Silver Salver
- 6 Belmont Campbell Cup
- 26 Merewether Bowl

September

- 3 Tanilba Bay Open Day
- 14-17 Nelson Bay Classic
- 25 Waratah GC – **Jokers Wild** – **Mixed Event**

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Birthdays are filled with yesterday's memories, today's joy, and tomorrow's dreams.

JULY

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Lynne Page | 21 Joanne Dusterhoft |
| 3 Helen Donaldson | 23 Michelle Crawford |
| 13 Donna Drake | 26 Carole Becklar |
| 14 Dianne Watson | 27 Liat Baddock |
| 18 Beryl Tobin (98yrs) | |



OUT AND ABOUT

Louise Renshaw and Deb Plummer have been playing at Open Days. Louise, VWGA Tournaments, at Woollooware and Georges River with wins at both. Deb, Merewether Open Day, wins the Clarke Cup. CONGRATULATIONS!

1. Louise and Partner Div. 1 Winners



1. Georges River

2. Louise and Partner Div. 1 R/up



2. Woollooware

3. Deb winning Clarke Cup



3. Merewether GC

—SIP, GRIP AND RIP — Waratah GC Fiji Legends 2026

On the 7th of June 2026, six golf friends, Jo and Gary Brown, Mindy, Lou, Liat and Deb, set off on a holiday to Fiji to play in the Fiji Legends Golf Tournament at Denarau and Natadola golf courses. Before we left from Sydney Airport Mindy and Liat gave us all a tee shirt to wear with SIP, RIP and GRIP on the front that we all proudly wore on the plane and elsewhere. On arrival at the beautiful Sheraton we had a tribal drum greeting. Our accommodation at the Sheraton was beautiful. We played at fantastic golf courses that were very challenging. There was gorgeous hospitality from staff and locals; BULA was our greeting everywhere we went. From Nadi Airport on arrival BULA, from the restaurants BULA, to the BULA bus and the locals and shop keepers.....BULA. Everywhere you went you felt welcomed by the beautiful Fijian people.

To the Golf. Both courses were very challenging. Lots of water, hills, and bunkers but mostly beautiful photographic scenery. Needless to say, both courses have kept many Australian golf balls, although we all thoroughly enjoyed playing such amazing courses, there were varying results. None of the very talented Waratah team came home with any prizes, but the trip was the biggest prize to all of us. We all got to meet and make some new friends and played with great professionals. Peter Senior was there and he made conversation with many. We all did some shopping mainly at the Denarau Marina.

Some funny moments during our stay:

- ☺ Riding the Bula bus and yelling BULA to all we passed.
- ☺ Drinking lots of cocktails and Fiji bitter beer.-
- ☺ One of our group pretended to be a masseur and another nearly fell for it.
- ☺ Whenever we lost each other we had special signal of raising one arm in a crowd. It really worked, no one got lost-
- ☺ One enjoyed water aerobics with the scantily clad Fijian male instructors.
- ☺ One got a nose bleed on the plane over to Fiji and it took six gorgeous stewards to apply first aid and comfort.
- ☺ One nearly missed the bus as they stopped for Ice-cream, cheers from the bus saying "run forest run" and they just made the bus.
- ☺ One showed their authority, who you wouldn't expect, to stop photos being published everywhere.
- ☺ One thought they were in New Zealand several times when they asked if they could get New Zealand money out of the ATM. Had to be reminded a few times we're in Fiji.

Sadly our trip came to an end on the 12th June and we had to leave the warm weather of Fiji and return to the cold winter of Newcastle, and our families both human and fur babies.

Until our next great golf adventure, bye for now.
Jo and Gary, Mindy, Liat, Louise and Deb.

