WARATAH GOLF CLUB

WARATAH WOMEN MEMBERS

DOWN THE FAIRWAYS



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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*** forward to Loraine Smith no later than 22nd of the month in written format or via email loraineasmith47@gmail.com

"Down the Fairways" is available on our website: www.waratahgolfclub.com.au

PRESIDENT'S PEN

Our 2026 golfing season is almost over. It has been a busy year and we are heading into our last few weeks.

More '0' birthdays to finish the year and there have been quite a few during 2026, see page 3!

Congratulations to the 2026 Champions- Well done! Photos on Page 4!

Our Black Cat Day has been cancelled for this year, due to adverse weather conditions throughout the year which required many programme changes.

Our Back to Waratah Cake Cutting and Christmas Fun Day is scheduled for the 24th November. It is Stableford event and don't forget to wear Christmas attire and only three clubs plus a putter allowed for this day – we did say "fun"! I have commenced inviting ex members, who can no longer play golf, to join us for lunch.

Our Presentation night is another special event on our calendar and is set for 25th November and will commence with Drinks and Nibbles on the Deck (weather permitting) before moving inside for Dinner and Presentation. Cost is $35 per person and final numbers and payment is required by 17th November, and no refund after this date. A list is in the ladies club room so please add your name, choose your preferred main and dessert from the menu, and come along and celebrate the end of a great season!

Please donate or purchase raffle tickets to support our 'crazy' ladies who are participating in the Cancer Council Longest Day – see ad on Page 2!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Committee members for their support throughout the year. I would also like to thank our lady members who always put their hand up to bake slices for morning teas etc. for our Open and Special days whenever I ask, without this support we could not function as a club. Enjoy the break and great golfing in 2027.
Loraine Smith, Women's President

"As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses, for you only get to play one round." — Ben Hogan.

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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

The end of the year is approaching and so too is the women's program of events.
October was a busy month with our annual Club Championships being played and completed.
Congratulations to the following ladies:

Club Champion:	Debra Plummer	A Grade Gross R/U:	Joanne Brown
B Grade Champion:	Gael Andrews	B Grade Gross R/U:	Michelle Clarke
C Grade Champion:	Pat Swan	C Grade Gross R/U:	Kate Brownsmith
A Grade Nett Winner:	Louise Renshaw	A Grade Nett R/U:	Janelle Everett
B Grade Nett Winner:	Cas Wright	B Grade Nett R/U:	Donna Drake
C Grade Nett Winner:	Marlene Russell	C Grade Nett R/U:	Deborah Baird

Quist Family Trophy Winner:	Mindy Simmons	Joyce Frith Rose Bowl:	Marlene Russell
November Monthly Medal:	Cas Wright	Jackie Johnston Memorial:	Colleen Wilson

Well done to all winners and participants.

The Glad Todkill Gold Medal Playoff (stroke) will be contested on the tenth of November between Robyn Forbes, Cas Wright, Colleen Wilson, Linda Penhall and Lynne Page with the rest of the field playing Stableford.
The District playoffs will be held at Pacific Dunes on the sixteenth of November for our Club Champions, District Medal Winners and GNSW Medal Winners. These ladies are: Deb Plummer, Gael Andrews, Pat Swan, Ledene Israel, Louise Renshaw, Loraine Smith and Susan Mingay.
Good Luck to you all and thank you for representing the ladies of Waratah GC.
This will be the last Captains Report from me, so I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas and a festive new year. See you on the course. *Renay Robertson, Acting Captain*

Donate Today Cancer Council The Longest Day **Change a Life**

We will be hitting off just before 6am on Monday 9th November.
Last year I think it took us about 12 hours so we should finish around 6pm.
The raffle in the club house will be drawn at the Friday Draw on 13th November
Submitted by Louise Renshaw



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PROGRAMME FOR NOVEMBER 2026

(Changes in RED)

3 Melbourne Cup Day (ProShop Comp)
10 ~~Par~~ Glad Todkill Gold Medal Playoff – Stableford Rest of Field.
13 Black Cat Day - Cancelled
17 President v Captain - Stableford
24 Back to Waratah/Christmas Fun Day
25 Presentation Night

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

11 East Leisure (Maitland Gala Day)

NHDLGA EVENTS

16 Champion of Champions, GNSW Medal, District Medal (Pacific Dunes GC)

BIRTHDAY WISHES

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

NOVEMBER

01 Kim Valentine
04 Diann Miller
05 Morag Shaw
10 Karen Davis
11 Jan Gillies
16 Manon Thomas
22 Carol Tutt
26 Jenny Quist
30 Lloma Laws
30 Natalie Barthofer

DECEMBER

01 Kerrie Coughlan
06 Vicki Done
11 Alexis Moanaroa
14 Hazel Skinner
22 Margaret Turner
27 Robyn Hamilton
28 Sue Oakey
Esther Christen



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24th NOVEMBER 2026

BACK TO WARATAH CAKE CUTTING
AND
CHRISTMAS FUN DAY
PLEASE NOTE - ONLY 3 Clubs plus Putter allowed on this day!

Organise your timeslot and don't forget to dress in Christmas attire.

PRESENTATION DINNER

Date: **25th November 2026**

Time: 6:00pm for Drinks and Nibbles on Deck (weather permitting), prior to moving indoors for Dinner and Presentation.



Cost: $35 per head

Final numbers and payment required by 17th November for catering purposes. NO refund after this date.

CONGRATULATIONS



Colleen Wilson winner of the Jackie Johnston Memorial Trophy presented by Col and Peter Johnston



Marlene Russell winner of the Joyce Frith Rose Bowl



Alexis Moanaroa r/up Junior Classic

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CONGRATULATIONS – 2026 WOMEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS



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Club Champion



Joanne Brown
A Grade Runner/Up



Gael Andrews
B Grade Winner



Michelle Clarke
B Grade R/Up



Pat Swan
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Kate Brownsmith
C Grade R/Up

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Hazards/Penalty Area/ Local Rule
Correct Procedure for Dropping Ball

On the subject of hazards, golf's governing bodies have declared golfers can now **touch the ground with their golf club in hazard** and can even move impediments in a hazard without any penalty. The rule has been classed as "relaxed rules in a penalty area." No **penalty** for moving loose impediments, touching **the ground**, or **grounding your club in a penalty area**.
So this sort of rule will help you out the next time you find yourself trying to balance yourself in a stream in order to make sure you don't touch the hazard. You won't be penalised for now doing so.

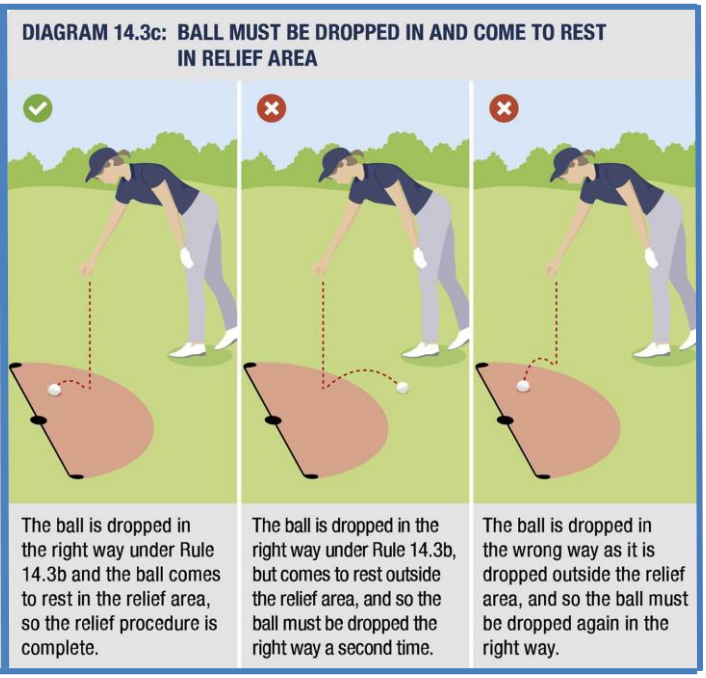
LOCAL RULE



Ground under Repair: Bare patches and tree roots on **fairways** only. Areas defined by white stakes/lines, except in a penalty area. Artificial surfaces, gardens and mulch gardens containing white stakes, staked trees, exposed geo-textile in bunkers, and grass or soiled filled irrigation trenches. Roads, paths, and bare shoulders of paths. Material piles and any damaged area. Wheel marks or damaged areas made by mower, tractor, golf cart or motor vehicle. Machinery shed and surrounds,
Free Relief can be taken (within one club length) but NO closer to the hole, from Drains crossing 7th, 8th and 13th fairways (fairway only).

These diagrams show how a ball must be dropped and come to rest





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