

Vale - Roger McConville

Sadly, one of our early members, Roger McConville, passed away recently. He joined the Hume Vets in 2010 and remained a member for nearly 10 years, until health issues forced him to retire from golf. He was firstly a member of RAAF Williams G.C., then joined Koorungal G.C for the remainder of his playing days. He was a good friend of Kerry Bayly's and often assisted John Peart and Kerry on event days at the co-ordinator's desk with scorecard duties.

Roger was 80 years of age, and his funeral was held on 20th August

First round of the 2026 Club Championships.
Thursday, September 3rd at Goonawarra Golf club Sunbury 3429. Corner of Sunbury Road and Francis St. Entry via Francis Street

All Cart bookings via the club email address
info@humevetsg.com.au

Private Carts are allowed. Proof of insurance coverage may be requested

The course map is AVAILABLE at the rear of the newsletter.

VVGA State Championships Horsham
November 9th & 10th 2026 entry form below



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Horsham.pdf

Slow Play

Slow play is the scourge of all golf clubs; our club is no exception. We all play golf for enjoyment, and if you are trapped behind a group that is playing slower than you, you start to lose your rhythm and enjoyment, which leads to bad shots. We can all play a bit faster simply by being ready to play.

When reaching the green, park your carts or buggies at the side of the green closest to the exit to the next hole. When the group is finished putting out, do not linger on or beside the green but proceed promptly to the next tee. The first player to

the tee selects their club and proceeds to tee off. While they are doing this, the rest of the group can enter their score for the last hole. The player teeing off first can enter his score after teeing off.

If you find your group falling behind the group in front, you need to make up time. All players do not need to watch the last player putting out. As long as one player remains to confirm the score, the other one or two players can proceed to the next tee.

If you can save 1 minute per hole, that equates to 18 minutes overall. Your round may then take 4 hours or 4 hours 10 minutes, instead of 4 hours 20 minutes or 4 hours 30 minutes. All we ask is to be ready to play and think of your fellow members playing behind you.

Hume Vets Golf Club V Dalhousie Vets Golf Club
to be played at Broadford

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW EVENT ADDED TO OUR SYLLABUS

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN ON ONEGOLF

Members who were in attendance at our May event at Gisborne will recall being informed that a representative from the Dalhousie Veterans Golf Club met with Alan Kinnaird late last year and proposed an annual match commencing this year. Final arrangements have now been made, and the Dalhousie Veterans have organised, with the support of their major sponsor (Kingsgate Retirement Village), a perpetual trophy called "The Kingsgate Cup".

The event will be played on an individual Stableford basis, and the top 40 scores will determine the winner. Both clubs are aiming for between 40 and 50 players to participate. Prizes will be on offer for the top 3 scores in each club, plus ball run down and NTP on the 4 par 3's. The entry fee is only \$40 and includes lunch (BBQ and sweets) which is extremely generous due to the Dalhousie members organising the lunch.

Date:- Monday, 19th October.
Venue:- Broadford Golf Club.
Shotgun Start:- 9 AM Shotgun Start.
Hire Carts:- 10 only available to be booked online. Personal carts permitted.

Entry:- Book on OneGolf after our August

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event at Craigieburn.

All enquiries to Alan Kinnaird, 0418564760.

2026 Fee Structure

Annual fee: Members \$70 (+\$10).

New Member: \$80 (+\$10). Includes club shirt/cap/badge.

Member monthly event Fee: \$60, Koorungal \$70, Xmas event \$40. **(No change)** /

Guest of Member, monthly events : \$70 (+10 Koorungal \$80 (+\$10)

September Birthdays

VVGA 2026 Championship

Hume vets will be entering one team in this year's event.

The 3 top players on the Order of Merit have accepted our invitation to represent Hume Vets.

They are
Jacinta Shelly
Ian O'Keefe
Faye Edwardson.

The club will pay for their entry, \$255 and give them \$100 to cover costs that they may incur.

Congratulations to the above members for their selection to represent our club at this prestigious event

Goonawarra Local Rules

Goonawarra Golf Club

Temporary Local Rules Dated 12 June 2026

Preferred Lies / Lift Clean and Place .

Preferred Lies WHEN IN PLACE means that when any part of a player's ball touches part of the general area at ground level the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from within 1 hand span from the original ball position not nearer the hole and still in the general area. Once the players ball has been placed it cannot be moved a second time. This includes when a ball is close to the green and a player is trying to line the ball up as if on the green.

Bare Earth / Top Dressed Areas - Updated 12 June 2026

The below areas have free relief under abnormal round condition rule. Areas of bare ground within 50 meters of the right of 18th green and 8th green that are within an area that would normally be

classified as rough are GUR. Area of bare ground between green and mulch on right side of 9th green is GUR. Newly Top dressed areas on 6th hole

Fallen Branches – Updated 22 Feb 2026

Any broken branch more than 2 club lengths that is touching the ground is classified as an abnormal ground condition. Relief can be taken under Rule 16. This applies only to branches that are no longer permanently attached to the tree. This includes a broken branch that may still be tangled in the tree but has disconnected from where the break has occurred, and is dead or dying. It does not include any branches that are still clearly still alive and not disconnected from tree, eg Where a split has occurred at ground level and the branch is still alive

Local Rules 18 May 2026

Out Of Bounds

OOB is defined by the line at ground level of any boundary fence posts and /or white stakes and/or white vertical lines on wooden or metal posts. The practice putting green and surrounds including all path areas is OOB. The old pro shop and all paths surrounding it are OOB. There is no relief from the old pro shop as it is OOB. Any area between old pro shop and first tee is not OOB A ball coming to rest beyond any road or path that is defined as out of bounds, is OOB even if it comes to rest back in another area of the course that would otherwise be in bounds. EG a ball crossing over onto 18th hole while playing 9th or a ball crossing the road on 10th back onto the course on 11th .

Abnormal Ground Conditions

In General Area

Ground Under Repair.

Any area with a boundary of blue lines or blue stakes or clearly defined by signage.

The area on the 8th hole where ground staff have piled items for removal in the area just left of a small gum tree left of two larger gum trees approx. 20-30 meters from the blue/white tee area left of the path. The area extends along the edge of the rough to 1 club length past the last rock at the pile of rocks, near the fence line. The area also extends directly to the left boundary fence.

New Turf.

If a ball lies in, or if there is interference to a player's stance or swing from a NEWLY TURFED area, the player MUST take relief.

Sunken Drainage Lines.

Any sunken drainage lines, which is an area where it is known or virtually certain that a drain has been laid in the past and the ground has sunk below the

surrounding area.

Mulch.

Any piles of mulch around the course, Relief may be taken for stance or swing (not line of sight/play). Mulch that has been spread out is a loose impediment.

Embedded Stones.

Embedded stones of any size, impacting the lie of the ball only. Embedded stones are stones that are not easily removed.

Wheel Marks.

Wheel marks made by any heavy equipment or machinery (including golf carts)

Cracks.

Cracks in the ground defined as an area where the ground has split apart, leaving a hole in ground. Relief is provided to eliminate the risk of injury to player or damage to their club while making a stroke. Relief does not include small cracks or dry hard ground that would not affect a player's swing/shot. Relief is for lie of ball only.

Tree Roots.

Ball resting on or near a tree root impacting the lie of ball or line of swing only (no relief for stance).

Staked Trees.

If a player's ball touches, or stance or area of intended swing is impacted by, a staked tree that is under 2 club lengths in height. The player must take relief under rule 16.1f.

Immoveable Obstructions.

Penalty Stakes. Boundary Stakes. Purple Stakes. Distance Markers (plates and posts) Retaining Walls. Tee signage. Steps (general area and bunkers). Drainage Grates. Sprinkler Heads. Concrete Paths. On Course Toilets.

In addition to normal relief options The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is:

On the line of play, and is:

On or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and Within two club-lengths of the ball.

In area cut to fairway length.

Bare Soil.

Area of bare soil (soil only, does not include dead grass or divots) impacting lie of ball only.

Bunkers.

Areas where sand has been removed by movement of water resulting in deep furrow

Penalty Areas

6th Hole Burn.

All parts of the burn bordered by either red lines, red stakes or the outer edge of any rocks lining the burn are part of the penalty area. While playing the 6th hole, when a ball lies in the penalty area the player as an extra relief option may drop on the

opposite side of where it entered the penalty area.

Provisional Ball - 3rd Hole / 11th Hole

If a player does not know whether their ball is in the penalty area ONLY on the 3rd or 11th hole the player may play a provisional ball under Rule 18-3 which is modified as below. In playing the provisional ball, the player may use stroke and distance relief option (Rule 17.1d(1)) or the back on the line relief option (Rule 27.1d(2)). The provisional ball **MUST NOT** be played from a drop zone unless prior shot was also played from drop zone. Once the player has played a provisional ball under this rule, they may not use any further options under rule 17.1 in relation to the original ball, In deciding when the provisional ball becomes the players ball in play or if it may be abandoned rule 18-3c(2) and 18.3c(3) apply except that When original ball is found in the penalty area within 3 minute search time The player may choose to continue to use the original ball as it lies in the penalty area or Continue to play the provisional ball. If the original ball is found outside the penalty area within 3 minute search time then it remains the ball in play. Otherwise, the standard rules apply, and the provisional ball becomes the ball in play when struck from a point closer to the hole than the point that the original ball was expected to be found.

Drop Zones 3 RD Hole

If while playing the 3 rd hole from the Black Tees a player's ball is in the red penalty area (water area between tee and green), including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for **one penalty stroke**:

1. The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or
2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone within 2 club lengths of either blue tee marker. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

11th Hole

If while playing the 11th hole a player's ball enters the red penalty area at the right of the 11th green from the 11th hole, past the drop zone located past the pump shed, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke: 1. The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or 2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone, located past the pump shed. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

15th Hole

If while playing the 15th hole a player's ball is in

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the red penalty area at back of the 15th green, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

1. The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or
2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone next to the water left of the 15th green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

16th Hole

If while playing the 16th hole from any tees a player's ball is in the red penalty area, water, rocks or area in front of drop zone, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

1. The player may take relief under Rule 17.1, or
2. As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone marked with a sign (tee length grass) in front of the forward tee area. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

11th Hole / 15th Hole

The penalty area that makes up the water between 11th hole and 15th hole includes the area of dense vegetation between 15th green and 11th green as marked by red lines and stakes, this is one continuous penalty area, with no gaps. A ball that has crossed the water but is not known or virtually certain to have crossed the penalty line around the vegetation back into the general area is deemed to have not cleared the penalty area. Relief needs to be taken where the ball last crossed the penalty line. The **island tee area of the 16th hole** is part of the surrounding penalty area while playing all holes except the 16th. Relief cannot be taken by dropping onto this area unless the prior shot was played from the same area.

11th Hole

Trees on 11th hole that overhang the penalty area, any/all branches that overhang the penalty area are part of the penalty area. A ball that hits these branches and drops directly into the penalty area is deemed to have not crossed the penalty area. If while **playing the 11th hole** a player's ball enters the red penalty area at the back of 15th green **from the 15th hole**, (not from across the water) including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that penalty area even though not found, the player is limited to these TWO relief options, each for one penalty stroke:

1. player may take stroke and distance relief or
2. As an extra option, the player may drop the

original ball or another ball in the dropping zone next to the water left of the 15th green. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

Clarifications

Roped off Areas / Signs / Hoops

Areas of the course roped off from carts are not GUR unless otherwise marked, Metal hoops, ropes, and their supporting posts as well as direction signs are moveable obstructions, please replace them after moving.

Track Left side of 15th hole.

The track itself IS NOT an abnormal ground condition, there is no free relief, however cracks, embedded stones, wheel marks are abnormal ground conditions where free relief may be taken.

Animals.

Holes or damage caused by animals is covered under rules of golf, rabbits, birds, dogs etc free relief is available in general area and bunkers. There is no relief from animal droppings unless there is also damage.

Out of Bounds

There is no free relief from any conditions that are out of bounds, e.g. embedded rocks, staked trees etc. There is no free relief from any boundary fence or OOB stakes.

Lifting/Marking a Ball - Rule 14.1a

Before lifting a ball under a Rule **requiring the ball to be replaced on its original spot anywhere on course**, the player must mark the spot. This includes lifting to check for cracks etc. Failing to do so results in a 1 shot penalty, When a ball is lifted to take relief under a rule, i.e. drop or place the ball in a different position, the player is **not required to mark the spot before lifting the ball**, however it is recommended to do so to ensure that relief is not taken closer to the hole, which would be a 2 shot penalty.

Lost Ball.

There is no rule that allows for a ball to be declared lost. A ball is deemed lost when 3 minute search has been exhausted, even **if it is later found**. A ball is also deemed lost if a replacement ball is dropped or placed with the intention of it being the ball in play, **even if the original ball is later found**. A ball is lost/abandoned when a provisional ball is played from a position closer to the hole than where original ball is expected to be found, **even if the original ball is later found closer to the hole**.

HVGC Captain's Report

The rain held off, and I believe the course was in good condition with a bit of run on the fairways. There were some great scores, and a little bit of local knowledge came in handy. Thank you to Vice Captain Colin for standing in for me and getting the field organised, and for assisting Ian with the registrations. Thanks to Ian for coordinating the event, Peter for collecting the money and Michael for running Shane's swindle. Welcome to new member Glenda Wu and visitor Wendy Hopkins.

Results

We had 53 players, with 4 players equal to or better than 36 pts.

The Top 4 scores on the day were.

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| 1. Peter Caple | H'cap 24 | 42 pts |
| 2. Frank Tadic | H'cap 18 | 41 pts |
| 3. Glenda Wu | H'cap 24 | 40 pts |
| 4. Linda James | H'cap 26 | 39 pts |

Grade Winners:

A Grade:

Winner	Frank Tadic	H'cap 18	41 pts
Runner Up	Jacinta Shelly	H'cap 12	34 pts

B Grade:

Winner	Peter Caple	H'cap 24	42 pts
Runner Up	Glenda Wu	H'cap 24	40 pts

Ball Comp: 15 players received a ball going down to 31 pts.

Encouragement Award.

Terry Richards

Nearest the Pin

4 Golf Balls	
3 rd Hole	Neil Cunningham
5 th Hole	Brian Smith
12 th Hole	Peter Denny
16 th Hole	Keith Heard

"Raffallo" Draw

1 st Prize – Gift Card	Ray Davidson
2 nd Prize 3 Balls	Colin Braithwaite
3 rd Prize 2 Balls	Kevin Elliot
4 th Prize 1 Ball	Steve Bieleny

Birthday Draw

Terry Richards free game next month
NEXT GAME: **Goonawarra Thursday 3rd Sep**

8 am Start – Entry \$60 Visitors \$70

All players must check in with the starters.

We need to check that all players have arrived
issue cards and correct handicaps when required.

Bill Mandouit

NAME TAGS

Name tags play an important part in camaraderie and friendship on a golf course. The committee puts a high value on members wearing their name tags on game day, and it's the reason that they are included a part of the welcome pack upon joining the club. Club members are reminded that should their name tag be lost or broken/destroyed, they can be replaced for a cost of \$11.00. This covers the cost of producing a new tag

GOLF BALLS AVAILABLE



Members are reminded that the club is holding a small number of golf balls for members to purchase at a competitive price. These golf balls are sourced from one of our sponsors and are a good quality mid-range ball. If you are interested in purchasing bulk golf balls (i.e. 1 dozen ball packs), contact Club email to order) or on a comp day, come up to the match table and see what is available.





Notes 2 is directly to the left of green 1

5 is to the left of 4th green

6 is behind 5th green

Follow path from 6th green to the 7thtee



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Hume Veterans Golf Club is now accepting new members.

**Play at these quality courses for only
\$60 a game (hot lunch included).**

**Werribee Park
Melton Valley
Trentham
Goonawarra
Koorinal *\$70****

**Gisborne
Mandalay
Mt.Derrimut
Bacchus Marsh
Craigieburn**

&

Melbourne Airport Christmas Lunch/Raffle and Golf

For an annual fee of \$70 New Members first year \$80 (which includes 5 tickets for the annual Xmas raffle to the value of \$1200) and \$60 per game with lunch, you'll be invited to play once a month at each of the above courses.

Prizes are given to top scorers, nearest the pins and a generous ball rundown.

All games count towards your handicap.

The final game of the year is only \$40, and everybody goes into the Parmaker raffle.

All new members are given a Hume Vets shirt, cap and name badge after paying there first membership fee..

Applicants must be aged 55 years or older and have a current Golfink handicap.

Ladies are most welcome to join.

HVGC has fully electronic booking, scoring using MiGolf & MiScore and EFTPOS payments available

For a membership application form please contact Mario Caruso.

email Hume Vets at info@humevetsgc.com.au or Tel: 0401 604 501

For more details on our club's activities, visit our website: www.humevetsgc.com.au



President Graham Roper
Captain: Bill Mandouit
Secretary: John Misitano

All Email: info@humevetsgc.com.au

Application for Membership

Membership Secretary,
Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.
Bill Mandouit [0439 032 822](tel:0439032822)

Sir,
I hereby apply for membership of the Hume Veterans Golf Club and if elected, agree to abide by the Articles of Association, By-Laws of the Club and Committee rulings. I have obtained the age of 55 years I am a financial member of a Golf Club affiliated with the Australian Golf Union and have a current handicap recognized by the Australian Golf Club Union or have a current Golfink handicap.

Name in full, (In block letters)..... Polo Top Size.....

Golf Link Number

Address.....
.....Postcode.....

Email Address.....

Home Club.....Date of Birth.....

Any Emerg Info.to be included on Data Base.

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Home Telephone no.....Mobile.....

Emergency contact & Phone No.....

Signature.....

The above-mentioned candidate is personally known to us and we believe the applicant to be a suitable person to be elected a Member of the Hume Veterans Golf Club.

Proposer, (In Block Letters).....

Signature.....

Seconder, (In Block Letters).....

Signature.....

Membership fees can be paid via direct debit to Hume Vets Golf Club
BSB: 033-118, Account Number: 344854,

Provided that the Directors shall not be bound to accept the application for Membership of any person, provided also any inaccuracy or misrepresentation in the particulars relating to the applicant or their description shall render the applicants election voidable at any time at the discretion of the Club.

Date received by the Membership Secretary...../...../.....

Signed.....