

NSW GOLFING magic

Scone Golf Course

WHETHER you choose the Hunter Valley, Newcastle or Port Stephens, you will have hit on a region rich in golfing treasures. Each region can boast numerous top-quality golf courses and venues and over the next few pages we feature a selection of the finest in these areas.

For golfers who are easily distracted, there are magnificent beaches and wineries and mountains further inland.

There's plenty to see and do, so take your time to explore and make sure you acquaint yourself with the locals, who are always friendly and go out of their way to make your golfing holiday worthwhile. There's also a wide selection of comfortable accommodation.

The entire region really is a one-stop golfing playground.

So, what are you waiting for; isn't it time to get acquainted, or re-acquainted, with some terrific layouts in New South Wales?

SCONE GOLF COURSE

THE redeveloped Scone Golf Course was officially opened in May 2019 and has gained a reputation as one of the premier layouts in the Hunter Valley.

Situated in the 'Horse Capital of Australia', Scone NSW, the new \$4 million facility was constructed as a result of the New England Highway Bypass of the Scone township dissecting part of the old golf course.

Works were completed by golf course contractor McMahons Pty Ltd with Pacific Coast Design responsible for the detailed design of the revised layout. All playing surfaces have been rebuilt, including tees and their surrounds, greens and their surrounds, fairways and short roughs. The revised course is a 9-hole (18 tees) par-72 measuring 6,044m and features manicured kikuyu fairways and USGA specified tees and bent grass greens. A fully automated irrigation system ensures all playing surfaces can be irrigated all year round.

The course has natural features like gullies and mature Red River Gums, as well as the thousands of plants that have been put in, which has improved the diversity and ecology of the site.

Play is open to the general public every day with the exception of member competition block times on Saturdays from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Thursday mornings – Ladies 18 hole competition.

Scone Golf Course has already played host to a Hunter River District Golf Association 36-hole event. More recently, the HRDGA Ladies Golf Playoff Day was held and was a resounding success with a number of visitors vowing to return.

MORE INFORMATION:

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Port Stephens Golf Getaway

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\$435 including green fees per person (one day clinic)
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All golf schools have a minimum of two students. Private schools for one individual may be booked with a slight single surcharge of \$150.00.



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East's Leisure and Golf Club

EASTS LEISURE AND GOLF CLUB

EASTS Leisure and Golf Club have issued an open invitation to golfers planning their next golf trip after lockdown.

"We would love to have you at East's," is the club's message.

Nestled in the heart of the beautiful Hunter Valley, East's Leisure and Golf provides the perfect setting for Golfers of all levels.

The golf course is centrally located and within easy reach of The Hunter Valley

vineyards, Newcastle and Port Stephens making it a must see on your next golfing holiday to shake off the lockdown blues.

Established on June 12, 1899, the golf course is Australia's 14th-oldest.

Whilst the course has been extensively developed over the past 100 years, the club has retained its rich history with each hole telling a story.

Water hazards are in play on eight of the tree-lined holes and a strategically placed dam on the second hole will worry some players.

The par-3 13th is well known with locals with players needing to place their shot on an undulating green over a former quarry.

The addition of a state-of-the-art course irrigation system allows for play year round and the golf cart paths and architecturally-designed greens complete the resort-style feel.

East's has a modern clubhouse, well-appointed pro shop and the award-winning The Valley Restaurant makes the club a must-visit destination when in the Hunter Valley.

The club understanding the need to cater to all golfers in this changing environment and East's offers membership from as little at \$205.

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Tee off at the newly redeveloped

SCONE GOLF COURSE

The new, improved Scone Golf Course is open to the public.

The 9 hole (18 tees) 6,044 metre par 72 layout is situated in the picturesque Upper Hunter region of New South Wales, just 2 hours from Newcastle and a comfortable 3+ hour drive from Sydney.

The new course includes manicured kikuyu fairways and USGA specified tees and bent grass greens. A fully automated irrigation system, on site bore and two enlarged ponds storing treated water.

It has natural features like gullies and mature Red River Gums, as well as the thousands of plants that have been put in, which has improved the diversity and ecology of the site.

The new course is open to the public everyday (except block times for Member competitions on Saturdays (social play after 3pm) and Ladies 18 hole competition on Thursday mornings).

Scone Golf Course Green Fees: 9 holes - adults

\$15, juniors (under 18 years) \$5, Pensioners and Concession Card Holders \$10.

18 holes - adults \$25, juniors \$10, Pensioners and Concession Card Holders \$15.

There is a ticketing machine near the 1st hole which accepts credit cards



*Come and play what is destined to be one of the finest
9 hole golf courses in Australia!*

Keep in touch via the Upper Hunter Shire Council website at upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
For general enquiries contact Upper Hunter Shire Council on (02) 6540 1100





Richard Mercer Golf Academy

RICHARD MERCER GOLF ACADEMY

NAMED as one of "50 Great Australian Golf Coaches 2016" by Australian Golf Digest, Richard Mercer is the Head Golf Professional at The Vintage Golf Club in the heart of The Hunter Valley. Richard Mercer Golf offers a state-of-the-art facility, including an indoor/outdoor hitting bay, video lessons and FlightScope launch monitor analysis. Golf lessons and schools are available for all levels of golfer, from Beginners/Juniors through to Tour Professionals.

A great way to maximise your game and enjoyment are one-, two- and three-day golf schools at The Richard Mercer Golf Academy (with accommodation packages at the 5-star Chateau Elan). Packages and lessons are tailored to each individual and his/her specific needs on the course.

Richard's relaxed and fun approach to golf can help you play the best game of your life. In the words of one student: "After my golf school with Richard at The Vintage I am now playing better and enjoying it more than I ever have. His style of teaching is relaxed and encouraging and his ability to diagnose

swing faults is great. His approach to teaching golf goes beyond technique to include ideas about course management and the important area of mental skills. I highly recommend lessons and golf schools with Richard."

A member of the PGA of Australia since 1978, Richard played on the Australian, European and Asian Tours (including qualifying and playing in the 1984 British Open at St. Andrews). Since leaving the Tour, Richard has been Head Golf Professional at several golf clubs throughout NSW and has designed and built golf courses in the Hunter Valley (Hunter Valley Golf and Country Club) and Harrington Waters. He has been the Head Golf Professional at The Vintage Golf Club for 14 years.

From \$75.00 for ½ hour lesson, or \$435.00 per person for a one day golf school.

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Pacific Dunes

PACIFIC DUNES

EARNING its place in the Top 100 courses Australia-wide, Pacific Dunes, designed by James Wilcher and located in the picturesque Port Stephens region, just gets better with age. The natural vegetation on the front nine paints the perfect backdrop as it winds its way through woodlands that make the playing arena feel enclosed and rewards accuracy over bravado. In contrast, the far more open back nine is spacious but water-laden, with hazards in play near enough to every hole. The opportunities for rewards are frequent, accompanied by a commensurate level of risk.

The \$180 master-planned golf course residential estate is complete with not only a world-class 18-hole golf course but also offers golfers practice facilities including a full-sized putting and chipping green and practice nets.

The newly-completed, state-of-the art, environmentally-friendly \$3 million clubhouse offers golfers and visitors alike a dining

experience like no other at The Greenhouse Eatery, taking advantage at every point of the stunning golf course.

Pacific Dunes is located only 25 minutes from Newcastle, 20 minutes from the golden beaches of Port Stephens and only two hours' drive from Sydney.

Catering for the single golfer or large social and corporate groups, you won't be disappointed in what is one of NSW's finest public access courses.

Pacific Dunes is excited to announce its new promotional rates running from April to August. Only \$65 Monday to Thursday or \$75 Friday to Sunday for golf and cart hire. Tee times available 7 days a week with competition days running from Wednesday to Sunday.

MORE INFORMATION:

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The best 19th Hole just got better!



Harrigan's Pub manager Chris Codd giving Golf To The Max Golf Pro Kieran McMahon a "Free Drop" in the brand new bar area

Harrigan's
HUNTER VALLEY

"Harrigan's had great atmosphere all-round! Excellent steaks whilst we watched the footy on the big screen and some of the boys had a punt in the sports bar.

We also loved the fantastic new outdoor area with an awesome cover band to keep us entertained. The best part was when any of us wanted to retire our cosy motel room was a short stumble away!"

- Ben - June 2019

GOLF PACKAGES INCLUDE:

- ✓ The Vintage
- ✓ Cypress Lakes
- ✓ Crowne Hunter Valley
- ✓ Breakfasts and Dinners
- ✓ Quality Accommodation
- ✓ Private Transfers



GOLF GROUP PACKAGES 2022

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Contact Golf Pro Kieran McMahon **0408 633 377** kieran@golftothemax.com.au



GOLF TO THE MAX

WHEN you book a golf Play and Stay package to the Hunter Valley you better make sure you have booked the right 19th Hole!

Golf To The Max owner and local golf pro Kieran McMahon is known for being one step ahead of the pack. He will schedule and host the perfect golf weekend for your group of friends right in the heart of Hunter Valley Wine Country.

McMahon works closely with two of the best accommodation and 19th hole facilities in the wine country. Harrigans Irish Pub and Accommodation have recently spent millions of dollars upgrading and renovating the famous Irish Pub so that golfers have the perfect grip on a weekend away. Wine Country Motor Inn encompasses the fantastic facilities of the adjacent leagues club as well as the award winning Vincent St Bar and Kitchen. Your group will receive club prices on all their food and drinks - just like a local.

Golf To The Max Packages can include dinner, bed and breakfast with morning golf tee times and transfers to The Vintage, Cypress Lakes and Crown Hunter Valley.

"It was fantastic to have local golf pro Kieran meet us on the first night to buy us all a drink and ensure we had everything we needed to know about the package." - Brian May 2021.

"The personal touch of having Kieran and Kristine organise our Hunter Valley trip, gave us the opportunity to relax and enjoy the golf ...and wine!" - Bec and Jason May 2021.

Golf To The Max have their travel office right in the heart of Wine Country and are valuable to quote you the best value Play and Stay packages available.

MORE INFORMATION:

Golf to the Max

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