



Dubbo Golf Club



The many colours of the **NSW** **CENTRAL WEST**

The secret is out . . . some of the finest layouts in country New South Wales can be found in the Central West of the Premier state. So, it's time we gave readers a 'heads-up' on where to play and the country treasures that are greener than you expect, closer than you realized . . . and better than you imagined.

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COWRA GOLF CLUB

LOCALS will tell you there are few tougher finishes on any golf course west of the Blue Mountains.

And having seen and played them all, Cowra Golf Club professional Tom Perfect is inclined to agree.

Considering this is a course where there is no water to come into play, players find their game is tested to the max on the way 'home'.

"They're tough driving holes, those last six and there's also a 195m par three, which can sort players out a bit too," says Perfect.

"The holes indexed two and three are also in those last six holes, so you cannot drop your guard for a moment."

So, where's index one, the hardest hole on the Cowra layout?

"That's the ninth – so you face a tough finish to both nines, for sure," said Perfect.

With a course record of 63, held by local legend Peter Kirwan. Perfect, who has been the pro at Cowra for about five years, says there was a 64 in the Pro-Am last year and a couple of pretty handy 65s shot in that time.

So, what is Cowra's defense against par?

Perfect says it is probably Cowra's smallish greens, which make it hard to stop the ball there when you do hit one in regulation play.

"It's also well-bunkered if you miss the green," he said.

"There are some subtle breaks and slopes on those greens when you do get there too.

"It's quite a challenge to get up and down if you land in the wrong areas, I assure you.

"They can be pretty quick too."

As for a signature hole, Perfect says it had long been the sixth hole because of

an old gum tree that came into play for everyone.

"Amazingly, whether you were a 96-year-old or a plus two marker, that old gum tree affectionately known as 'Mrs Hanna' came into play for everyone," said Perfect.

"Some suggested it was about 500 years old but sadly we lost the tree in the massive flood here about 18 months ago and the course lost a real landmark that day."

Now the signature hole would have to be 16, a long par 3 195m, a narrow avenue between trees to a narrow green guarded by bunkers either side at the front of the green.

Cowra Golf Club can certainly stand alongside all the fine courses west of the Mountains and full playing fees are just \$650 although social golfers will be thrilled with some of the current offers such as \$22 for nine holes or \$30 for 18 holes.

The latest tempting offer is \$70 for two players and a cart for 18 holes.

The club also boasts some worthwhile annual events to attract golfers to the region.

Their biggest event is probably the Easter Classic, which normally draws a field of about 180 players.

Another big event is their two-person ambrose feature event run on the June Long Weekend while their annual Open Championship is normally played in August.

So, if you're looking for a game anywhere out west, don't miss your chance to tee it up at Cowra.

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Duntryleague Golf Club

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CONSISTENTLY rated among the top 100 courses in most worthwhile rankings, Duntryleague sweeps you off your feet when you first set eyes on the place.

The Heritage-listed Duntryleague Mansion dominated the landscape when you arrive . . . some say the mansion, built in 1876, even has a ghost living there.

If so, he must sleep as peacefully as you will if you stay in one of their guesthouse's well-appointed 14 rooms.

Still, it's the golf that will ultimately capture you as this course is a marvellous test of your game and it's only a stone's throw from the centre of Orange, one of Australia's best inland cities with every modern amenity.

Indeed, Orange is only three and a half hours' drive from Sydney (one hour by plane).

The lush South African couch fairways, bent grass greens, fairways lined with more than 400 species of trees from across the world and its strategic layout make Duntryleague a pleasure to play.

The team at Duntryleague can tailor a stay-and-play package to suit your requirements.

With seasonal local cuisine featuring on the modern Australian menu, all meals and desserts are created from scratch in-house.

Social golf groups are always welcome with access to the course available most days but particularly Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays outside members' activities and corporate golf bookings.

The annual tournament schedule at Duntryleague is bustling.


On March 3 and 4, Duntryleague will host a two-day charity pro-am held in conjunction with the Women's NSW Open regional qualifying event.

Other stand-out and popular events on the Duntryleague golfing calendar are Hahn Open Amateur Championships on November 2 and 3 as well as the West Orange Motors Duntryleague Classic from January 18-21, 2025.

More details can be found on their website.

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BATHURST GOLF CLUB

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Take a spin around the world-famous Mt Panorama racing circuit, check out the local wineries, breweries and distilleries as well as the abundant accommodation

providers including two of our favourite sponsors in the Bathurst Motor Inn and the beautiful, on farm, luxury eco-studios at rest private escape BoxGrove.

Regarded as the perfect place for everyone, Bathurst GC will challenge the best from the tips or provide a more manageable experience from the forward tees, making it the perfect challenge for players of any handicap.

Surrounded by an oasis of green with putting surfaces arguably as good as any in the Country with breathtaking views back to the Blue Mountains, the Club is the proud host of the 2024, 2025 and 2026 NSW Women's Open regional qualifiers. This 18-hole championship layout has also played host to the 1990 Men's NSW Open and is regarded as one of the state's finest courses.

The picturesque, tree-lined layout offers an invigorating test to players of all abilities, thrilling lifelong members and first-time visitors in equal measure.

Dedicated PGA-qualified golf professionals provide coaching and accompanying practice facilities on-site, enabling the aspiring golfer to become as good a player as their talent, determination and time permits.

The club boasts a full calendar of events for members and stages several prestigious annual open competitions such as the Bathurst Open Vardon event for men and the Professionals Real Estate Bathurst Women's Open.

Fine food, great service and good company can be enjoyed in the clubhouse, offering the comforts of home and a great place to catch up with friends and enjoy a drink or a delicious value meal in the Birdie and Eagle Bistro. Bistro is open for lunch Tuesday-Saturday and dinner Wednesday-Saturday. We can arrange golfing snacks for visiting groups on the Sunday/Monday with prior notice.

Bathurst Golf Club caters for functions of all kinds, from birthday celebrations and weddings to meetings and conferences. We have 20-30 seat private function room for that intimate special occasion or work gathering with full AV fitout.

There's a myriad of reasons to visit Bathurst Golf Club, but right at the top is the promise of the warmest of welcomes.

You will leave there intent on a return visit.

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Dubbo Golf Club

DUBBO GOLF CLUB

AN inland oasis, Dubbo Golf Club features a lush 27-hole championship golf course in a natural setting. The area boasts native trees and flora, and is home to an abundance of wildlife including kangaroos, wallabies, possums, echidna and native birds. The course hosts 11 waterways to guarantee a challenging and picturesque round. Located on the western banks of the Macquarie River with Golf Links Creek running through the course, it is the complete package for the avid competitor and social golfer alike.

The club has been purpose-built to accommodate everyone... not just golfers. It includes a function centre with its own dedicated bar and entrance, main bar, sports bar, indoor/outdoor gaming facilities, cafe/lounge area. The Fairways Asian Restaurant boasts the best Asian cuisine in Dubbo, and with an amazing outlook over the course, it's second to none.

The course features demanding par-3s, daring par-4s and long par 5s that can withstand the longest of long drives. The 1st is particularly challenging at 472m. The

gentle slope of the fairway and traversing dry (when it hasn't rained) hazard requires the deft touch of a long drive, or a layup shot to attack the green. The 21st is a particularly challenging par-4. While only 293m, you will navigate five separate waterways, including two off the tee.

Built in a quiet leafy subdivision, with no traffic noise, the only distractions to your day will be the occasional bird call or kangaroo for an audience.

Dubbo Golf Club has full irrigation of its 27 hole golf course, with all tee, fairway's and green perfect all year around.

A challenging championship layout which has played host to the 2020 Women's NSW Open and to previous Men's NSW Open qualifiers, the course is set to welcome senior golfers in 2024 for the Dubbo Veterans Week of Golf, scheduled for September 23-27.

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Wellington Golf Club

WELLINGTON GOLF CLUB

NESTLED in the foothills of the Catombal Ranges with the Bell River flowing gently behind it, Wellington Golf Club is one of the most picturesque courses in Central West NSW.

Known as the Central West's best kept secret, the course boasts 18 holes with irrigated fairways and grass greens which are sure to test all aspects of every golfer's game.

The course is open every day for social golf. Visitors are welcome to club competitions on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and veterans' competitions on Tuesdays.

An onsite clubhouse is available for functions with barbeque facilities available.

Accommodation overlooking the golf course and within walking distance can

be found at the Wellington Caves Holiday Park. With an abundance of different accommodation options available you can relax, unwind and discover the spectacular Wellington Caves.

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