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Be a Sport

By Hawkeye

Thurgoona Football & Netball Club

Thurgoona Football & Netball Club is busily preparing for season 2011, last season was an extremely successful one with the club taking out the **Tallangatta & District League's 2010 Champion Club award**. The Club was also recognize for its proactive approach to alcohol management by not only taking out the **NSW Good Sports Club of the Year awards**, but also the inaugural **National Club of the Year title**. 2009-10 senior coach Danny Hargreaves has decided not to continue as coach but will remain with the Bulldogs as a player. Danny leaves the coaching department in great shape and surely leaves the job as Thurgoona's most successful senior coach ever, having led the Dogs to fifth & third positions on the ladder in his 2 year tenure. Fellow Fairway Gardens resident Leigh McGlynn & James Gunn, who resides in Mitchell Park are the joint senior coaches for 2011, and Assistant Coach will again be dual best & fairest winner Lucas Mellier. The Reserves will be coached by Craig Bosley, who has coached Culcairn Reserves to back-to-back flags in the last 2 years. **Training** is in full swing, on every Tuesday & Thursday from 6pm at The Kennel. The Thirds (Under 17's - for those born after 1/1/94) commence training on Tuesday 8th Feb at 5pm at the ground, and every Tuesday & Thursday thereafter. The Fourths (Under 14's - for those born after 1/1/97) will be again coached by Craig Taylor and will commence training on Tuesday 22nd Feb at 4.30pm at the ground & Tuesdays & Thursdays thereafter. See our website www.thurgoonafc.vcfl.com.au for more information & contact details. The majority of our senior group have recommitted to the club for 2011, and we have added quality recruits in Lachie Hutchins (who owns & runs Hume Health and Fitness in Wagga Rd) and Luke Donnan, who is a podiatry lecturer at CSU. Local boys Jarred Weeding and Daniel Kannenberg have also joined us for season 2011

Construction of our new clubrooms is progressing well, with Josh Godde Concreting completing the slab and Albury Steel Fabrications erecting the steel frame. ANM Bricklaying is booked for the week beginning 7th Feb. Thank you to all those wonderful community supporters who have committed to the projected by **purchasing a brick**, and those who have pledged their time and skills to help in the construction. Bricks are still available and if you would like to buy one or if you have skills to help in the construction of the

building, please call Tony on **0438 574 823**. We are very proud of our local football and netball club, but it does take many volunteers to ensure that the club runs smoothly and our local kids get the opportunity to participate in organized team sport. Don't be afraid to get down to the club and lend a hand and be part of this fantastic community group.



For club news see www.thurgoonafc.vcfl.com.au

Thurgoona's Family Focus pays dividends.

Congratulations to the Thurgoona football and netball Club for taking out the top prize in N S W for the **Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports program**. After finishing runner up in 2008 hard working Club President said "it was a nice surprise to be nominated and to take the top honour in 2010".

Having been involved with the **Good Sports program** since 2006 the club has seen significant improvement in areas such as alcohol related problems, membership and spectator numbers, a dramatic turnaround in profits and spectacular success in both the clubs football and netball performances.

The Australian Drug Foundation Good Sports program is a free national initiative aimed at creating safe, healthy and family friendly environments for community sporting clubs by helping them manage alcohol responsibility

Saturdays at home matches are now a fantastic outing for the whole family thanks to

President Tony Way and his committee.

Our Thurgoona Golf Champion

Lindsay Wright reached 12th spot in the women's LPGA. Since she became a regular LPGA contender Lindsay has climbed the ladder twice finishing fourth and last year was second in the U S - L P G A Championship after an epic final round battle with Swede champion Anna Nordqvistg. Lindsay was a Local resident who learnt her skills at the Thurgoona Golf Course. She was revered by other members for the number of hours she spent honing her skills.

A Fabulous Win - Thurgoona Golf Club

Congratulations to the Thurgoona Golfing Club for being acknowledged as the winner of the 2010 Murray District Pennant championship.

Captain Jason Cawthray and his team can stand tall

Thurgoona Netball Club

"The Thurgoona Netball Club experienced an incredibly successful 2010 season. All players worked hard on and off the court and this showed when all 5 netball grades were successful in making it into the finals. Every grade played competitive netball with B Grade ending the season as **minor premiers** and the Under 18's finishing off a remarkable year winning the **Under 18's Premiership**. The Netball Club was also honoured to receive the **Tallangatta District League Netball Club of the Year award**.

The Netball Club has a new committee structure for 2011 and there is great enthusiasm and excitement with everyone looking forward to what we hope will be another enjoyable and successful year. Recruitment for coaches was a great success with the club retaining Candy Rule (under 11's), Samantha Bensted (Under 15's), Zanelle Gerecke (Under 18's), and Kylee Imlach (A grade) from the 2010 season and welcoming on board Kelsey Shaw (under 13's) and Amanda Evers (B Grade).

Recruitment for players is well under way and the Netballers look forward to building on the achievements from 2010. All past and new players are welcome to attend **try outs** for season 2011. For try out dates please check with the Thurgoona Football Netball Club.

WANTED WANTED WANTED The netball Club is in need of umpires for all grades- If you can possibly assist please ring Joanne Gray on **0404 686 178**



Be a Sport

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Thurgoona Football Club

Yes we are proud of our teams who worked so hard and conducted themselves in a professional way. Every team has improved and all worked towards winning the flag. Congratulations to the Reserves team who took out the flag for the **first time** in Thurgoona's history. Our Senior team were runners up. This was the closest they have come to winning the flag and we all felt for them. We are very proud that they represent us. Our junior teams have also improved their position and are a credit to us. Thanks guys for a great season.

Our best and fairest award went to Marcus Gostelow for 1st, Reece Tanner for Reserves, Fraser Oakman (Pictured) for 3rds and Cody Beaumont for 4ths. Thanks for all your enthusiasm and work throughout the season. We are especially grateful for the effort

that so many put into our vibrant and energetic club. We not only have the great teamwork of the players, but we have the support of families and Thurgoona residents who love to follow each game.

Congratulations to Tony Way who has accepted the position of president for the 6th year. What incredible achievements have been made with a new club house that has been built at a portion of normal costs thanks to so many tradesmen and others who have donated their time freely. Training has started in earnest every Tues. and Thurs. at 6pm. Vacancies exist for under 14's and 17's. You can see more info at: www.thurgoonafc.vcfl.com.au



Thurgoona Netball Club

After great success with all grades this season the following are the awards to players.

A GRADE:

Best and fairest: Renea Pickering
Runner Up: Kim Miller

B GRADE:

Best and fairest: Sophie McRae
Runner Up: Lisa Browne

UNDER 18:

Best and fairest: Millie Medcraft
Runner Up: Cassidy Schultz

UNDER 15:

Best and fairest: Chloe Laundess

Runner Up: Sharlet Medcraft
UNDER 13:

Best and Fairest: Tayla Rogers

Runner Up: Lucy Findlay

The following players were also awarded with the following club awards:

50 Games:

Jess Chalmers, Kianna Douthat, Tamara Gugger, Amy Howard, Tahyla Howard, Tayla Rogers, Melissa Smith

100 Club Games: Eliza way

Hole In One – Thurgoona Golf Club

The Thurgoona Pro-am has been played and won by Leighton Lyle who shot a 7 under par for a 65. It was a brilliant tournament with 48 Professional golfers teeing off. The Vet's Classic held on November 21s to 22rd attracted a full field.

The Lindsay Wright classic for Junior Girls is set for 11th Dec.

The Murray District Golf Association Junior one day tournament is scheduled for Sunday 11th Dec - tee times 11 to 1pm. Handicap limit 36 for boys and 45 for girls.

Also to be played on the same day are the Open Championship 36 hole stroke, the Senior Championship 36 hole stroke and the Champion of Champions,

Some great golf has been played in the past months complimenting the immaculate greens.

Charity Rodeo: Bucks 4 Bucks

Thurgoona is the destination for a large crowd that will gather for the 2012 Kinross Pro Charity Rodeo on Saturday 18th February. Last year over 2000 attended the rodeo which was held at the Albury Wodonga Equestrian centre located on Corry's Road. The rodeo is an Australian Professional Rodeo Association affiliated event for championship points with Australian top bucking stock, and riders as well as mini bucking bulls and ponies. Music will fill the air with songs from live entertainer Danny Pheagan and new band Longreach. Proceeds from the event will go to Table Top Primary School. For rodeo information contact Mick Rake on 0429 128 131 Yee hah!!!



Picture: Doug Crawley

The Bud Vine – News from the Buds art group

From Dawn Gibbs

The Thurgoona Bud's Art Group, now in our 12th year of painting on Mondays at our community hall now number 23 regular members. – Three of our members have been coming since the turn of the century!

Travel is still big on the agenda with Jan Pepper touring Australia Barbara Manly making her yearly pilgrimage to Hawaii, Judy Balfour just back from her son's wedding in Canada and Cyn Stewart back from China. Marie Lee has returned to the fold after her trip to South America – great photos and sketches from your holidays Marie!

Full marks to Neriene Gadd whose Botanical artwork is really "Blowing" us away! We are pleased to welcome our latest artist, Doug Hoth from Wodonga.

Thanks, Bruce Fraser, for your garden "Goodies"; Beautiful Flanders Poppies our gardens now boast. Our budding "buds" Glenys and Kelly own the business "Lasting Images" (opp. P.O Kiewa St) and have wonderful photographs of our local and regional area. Please visit their gallery for a real treat.

Art Joke for the day: An artist asked the gallery owner if there had been any interest in his paintings on display at that time. "I have good news and bad news" the owner replied. "The Good news is that a gentleman inquired about your work and wondered if it would appreciate in value after your death. When I told him it would, he bought all 15 of your paintings."

"That's wonderful," the artist explained, "What's the bad news?" "The guy was your doctor!"





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THURGOONA MURRAY GREY VETERAN GOLFERS

The Murray Grey Veteran Golfers have been enjoying the hospitality of the Thurgoona Country Club Resort for the past twenty years.

Membership is automatic and free to any full golfing member of the Thurgoona Country Club Resort upon reaching the age of 50 for women and 55 for men.

We are members of the "New South Wales Veteran Golfers association" and play several tournaments within this group.

We currently have in excess of 100 active members and are always looking for new members.

We play a range of competitions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout the year, apart from Christmas week and any other public holidays which fall on those days.

Tee-off times commence at 8-00 am in the summer and 9-00

am in the winter. Bookings are made on the day, in person prior to tee-off.

We try to arrange two trips away each year to various golf courses. These outings usually include one overnight stay and two rounds of golf. Travel is by coach. These trips are proving to be very popular.

Our annual "Alatalo Bros Seniors Golf Classic" is held each November; we also play a variety of internal tournaments including the Monthly Medal, The Memorial Shield, the Perpetual Trophy and the Match Play Event.

New members are more than welcome. For any enquiries you can contact either:

President: Graham Harris
Ph: 02 60 431702

Captain: John Croft
Ph: 02 60 432008



Veteran Golfers enjoying a day in the sun. Picture: Peter Hamilton

Hole in One - Thurgoona Golf Club

Thurgoona Golf Club Championship. All the great lead up and excitement of the Club Championships were washed away as rain flooded the greens. The event has been rescheduled for April. (contact Pro-shop for date and details).

Lindsay Wright Our home grown champion Lindsay Wright excelled in New Zealand winning the Women's New Zealand Open - Lindsay nailed a four metre birdie putt on the final hole to win the championship by one shot - well done Lindsay.

The March Program will be sponsored by Flair Cabinets whilst the April events by Lodges Buses.

Thurgoona Murray Grey Veterans Golfers.

Congratulations to the effervescent Graeme Harris in his role as President for 2012.

The Greens Congrats to Tim Hicks and his staff for presenting fantastic greens despite the weather.

Thurgoona Football Club

Sam Hargreave & Jayden Lyndon McIlroy from Myrtleford. Beaumont leave us to try their hand at O&M footy, with Lavington & North Albury respectively. Both boys have been at the club for the whole six years of my Presidency, and they and their families have been a huge part of the club's rebuild.

They go with our best wishes and we hope to see them with long O&M careers before returning to the kennel some day.

Jake Bruce leaves us to travel and work in WA, taking the world's best team manager Erin Bye with him. Joe Milgate has finished his University degree in Physiotherapy and has returned home to the Western District.

Ben Hunt has left to undertake a Uni degree in Criminology in Geelong.

We welcome Sam Field, a Thurgoona local who has played football with Lavington & Culcairn, and Scott Fagan & Haydn Coulson, also from Culcairn. Sam will add a bit of grunt to our backline, whilst Scott is a very versatile player and Haydn is a nippy little goal sneak.

Former Henty coach and dual O&M premiership player Adam Wiseman also joins the kennel, along with Matt Bain, a premier-ship player from Albury and

Braydon Strauss won Wodonga Saints B&F last year and will be a handy defender and Todd Miller returns after a stint in Melbourne. Adam Way from Berrigan will fill a hole in the Bulldog's big man stocks, all 6'7" of him.

Season Launch is on Thursday night, 29th March from 6pm at the new clubrooms, BBQ tea, presentation of jumpers and reading out of the teams for Round 1. All welcome. Thurgoona Bulldogs Round 1 game is against Wodonga Saints at Martin Park, and is a night game, Seniors kicking off at 6pm.

First home game Sat April 14th v Wahgunyah - Family Fun Day "Kick Off at The Kennel" As our thank you to the Thurgoona community for their support we have free jumping castles, face painting, clowns and this year a GIANT SLIDE, courtesy of Hume Building Society & Charles Sturt University. Stay on for one of our famous spit roast meals for the bargain price of \$10 single or \$20 per family.

Our new function centre is ready for function bookings, see www.thurgoonafc.vcfl.com.au for details.

Tony Way

Thurgoona Netball Club

After another fantastic year in 2011 which resulted in the club winning the league Netball Club Champion Award for the second year in a row. 2012 promises to be even bigger and better.

Coaches for 2012 are:

A and B Grade - Zanelle Gerecke, with Sharla Sutcliffe assisting
C Grade - Amanda Evers

18 and under - Steph Pearce

15 and under - Andrea Baldwin

13 and under - Candy Rule

11 and under - Jo Barber, with Kelsey Shaw assisting

There has been an influx of strong new players, particularly in the senior sides, which is great for the club and we hope will mean another successful year.

C Grade is being introduced for the first time in 2012 and we are looking forward to this growing across the league so that all clubs participate.

Senior training has been taking place since Christmas and has been tough but very rewarding, with the girls showing some great fitness. Registrations for the junior grades have recently closed and we are very pleased with the numbers. Training has commenced.

Thurgoona Country Club Resort- Your local Club for almost 30 years



The Thurgoona Country Club Resort: the par 3, 16th hole

The Thurgoona Country Club Resort has been a fixture in Thurgoona for almost 30 years. We are very proud of our championship quality 18-hole golf course designed by Peter Thomson and Mike Wolveridge. It features wide fairways, large sloping greens and cavernous bunkers to catch any wayward shots. We offer multiple sets of tees to ensure golfers of *all abilities* can enjoy their round. With a golf membership of over 700, Thurgoona is one of the most active clubs in the Murray region. We're open for public play 7 days a week so even if you're not a member you can enjoy a great golfing experience. Full golf memberships are \$600 per year and can be paid on a monthly payment plan. Social members of the club (\$15 per year) save 10% on green fees.

Not a golfer? No problem- there's lots more to do. With 16 tennis courts and a fitness room we can keep you moving. *Sound a bit strenuous and just want to relax?* We've got you covered. The Club is open 7 days a week from 10am and offers a great spot to unwind and watch the action on the golf course or on one of our big screen TVs. The Bistro is ready to satisfy your culinary cravings.

Planning a party? Whether it's a large wedding or small birthday celebration, we offer flexible room arrangements and a variety of food and beverage options to make your event one to remember. *No room for visitors at your place?* Why not send them down to enjoy our on-course accommodation while in the area. Our 26 clean and well-appointed rooms overlook the 18th fairway and offer many different options including Spa Retreats, Romantic Escapes and Golf Stay & Play packages. Guests even have full access to the pool, tennis courts and fitness room during their stay.

As you can see, there truly is something for everyone at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort. Come and check us out today or visit us online at: thurgoonaresort.com.au.

The future of golf: Junior golfers are the lifeblood of the sport and the Thurgoona Country Club Resort is proud to run a very active junior program under Teaching Professional Penny Graeber. Boys and girls under the age of 18 are welcome to join our coaching sessions. They run during school terms 1, 2 and 4 on Sunday mornings from 8:30am to 10:00am. Equipment is provided or bring your own. Junior memberships are just \$65 for the year and include all coaching and access to the course at no additional charge.

We are a registered MyGolf Centre, specialising in programs for novice to advanced golfers using the Golf Australia Skills Challenge coaching framework (see MyGolf.org.au). Our juniors participate in golf competitions at club and district level and we have teams playing in the district Junior Pennant series. The Pro Shop offers a range of junior golf equipment and our driving range is open 7 days/week to help your skills. For more info see thurgoonaproshop.com.au or speak to Kirk Nederpelt, the Club's PGA Professional.

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In March 2013 twenty five members are embarking on a golfing tour of the North Island of New Zealand. This follows a very popular and successful tour of the South Island earlier in 2012.

Our annual "Alatalo Bros Seniors Golf Classic" was held in Nov. with 284 players played over 2 days. The event was booked out 2 weeks prior. This event has become a landmark event in the district, which is now has over \$4000 in prizes.

Our golfers are a very active group and welcome new members. Please contact Graham Harris on 0417429870 or Peter Hamilton on 0412690102.



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Thurgoona Country Club Resort would like to wish all residents a safe and happy festive season.

Proud to be part of the community for 30 years.

Getting To Know You

An interview with Barry Young OAM

My Guest – Peter Hamilton

Peter joined the TCC committee in 2014 and has been a wonderful help with the Grapevine advertising networks, using his time and expertise to aid in the process of its production. He is also very involved with the Murray Grey Veteran Golfers.

Where were you born Peter?

I was born in Werris Creek NSW which is a railway town 30 minutes from Tamworth. My parents returned to Albury when I was 2

What schools did you attend?

North Albury Public School, North Albury High School (now James Fallon). I was one of the pioneers – being in the first year to commence at North Albury High School

Did you enjoy your school years?

No – I finished my intermediate and couldn't wait to start work.

Any Education qualifications of note?

Real Estate licences in NSW and Victoria Stock and Station Agent, Auctioneers Licence, and Business Licence. Company Directors Course at

the University of Armidale

Tell us about your family

I have been married to my beautiful wife Carolyn for 42 years and we have two

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Members of the TCC Committee discussing the future direction for the BBQ area on the centre grounds. Pictured are Chairperson Hugh Hargreave, Secretary Barbara Manley with Peter Hamilton.
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children Melissa and Luke and two grandsons. Our daughters' two boys are Harrison 10 and Hudson 8. I am the eldest of five, having three sisters and one brother. My mother is 89 and she is still independent and driving.

You have had a very distinguished career. Can you tell us about that?

Upon leaving school I commenced work with Younghusbands Stock and Station Agency in Albury. I was posted to Holbrook for 2 yrs., then moved to Culcairn opening a new office. After 2 years at Culcairn I returned to Albury as a trainee Auctioneer. In 1972 Younghusbands was taken over by Elders where I moved into Stud Stock, conducting auctions and sales throughout Victoria and the Riverina.

After Stud Stock I joined my wife's family business called ATA, where I worked for seven years starting in contract management before moving to the UK opening up a subsidiary office with 19 staff. I was responsible for marketing, sales, R&D and manufacturing, 7 months of the year was spent travelling through the Middle East and North Africa. Upon returning to Albury for a short period my next venture was Real Estate. I was a partner in a local real estate business for four years, then opened my own business Peter Hamilton Real Estate in 1987, selling residential, commercial,

farms, farmlets and new homes. In February 1990 I started and commenced trading as Ray White Albury until we sold the business and retired in 2007.

As an expert in Real Estate where do you see Thurgoona heading?

Fantastic future, it will grow to be the newest and vibrant suburb of Albury. It's been better planned and services will continue to grow as they are needed.

I believe you love sport, especially Golf.

I was a member for many years of the Hume Country Golf Club which is now an upmarket housing estate.

What position do you hold with the Thurgoona Murray Grey Vets Golf Club?

Vice President

I'm told you need to improve your handicap is that so?

Yes, I have gone out a few shots in the last two years. I would like to find more time to practice.

Who do you barrack for in the AFL and of course Thurgoona?

"The Cats" – Geelong, and of course Thurgoona

What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy?

My football, basketball and competitive swimming are long past. Besides golf I

enjoy family, fishing, camping, travelling and gardening

Peter you give of your time and capacity to the Thurgoona Community Centre what do you enjoy most about your role.

I enjoy helping others, giving back to the community, and trying to make things happen

What is your favourite movie?

Lawrence of Arabia

Who is your favourite movie star?

Clint Eastwood

Who is your favourite Author?

Wilbur Smith

What is your favourite meal?

I enjoy good food and wine, however, Veal Scaloppini is one of my favourite dishes

You seem to be involved in so many Thurgoona affairs so what is the best thing about living in Thurgoona ?

It is the lifestyle and the location that I like with easy access to the freeway, Lake Hume and the airport. I also like being part of a new vibrant community with a great sense of living in a semi-rural environment.

The TCC Committee meets monthly. Please feel free to contact the centre with any ideas, comments or contributions

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Thurgoona Tennis Club

The Thurgoona Tennis Club has recently been taken over by new management. Garth Quast, from Garth Quast Tennis, accepted the contract to manage the Thurgoona Tennis Club back in October 2014.

Garth is a local from Wodonga and has been coaching in and around Albury/Wodonga since 2008. His aim is to provide a fun, family friendly atmosphere where everyone can come down and enjoy some tennis.

Since February 2015 Garth Quast Tennis has begun coaching programs including Tennis Australia endorsed ANZ Tennis Hot Shots for kids and Cardio Tennis, a tennis based fitness program. Lessons are available at the Thurgoona Tennis Club for juniors and adults of all ages and abilities in a group format or one on one.

Thurgoona currently run 2 social mixed competition nights on Tuesday and Wednesday and are looking to introduce a new competition night in October with a slightly different format that will encourage new and experienced tennis players to come down and enjoy some tennis. A junior competition will also be established sometime in the summer months. We also include teams in the

Albury Tennis Association Saturday pennant during summer and winter.

On September 13th Thurgoona Tennis Club had an Open Day to encourage everyone in the community try some tennis. There were all sorts of tennis based games and activities including a speed serve where everyone could test how fast their serve was.

Thurgoona Tennis Club now has its pro shop up and running with all the latest racquets, clothing, shoes, grips and more from Babolat and Head.

As the weather begins to warm up come down and enjoy some tennis at the Thurgoona Tennis Club.

For information please contact Garth on 0419 789 788 or

gqtennis@outlook.com.au Or check out the Thurgoona Tennis Club page on Facebook.



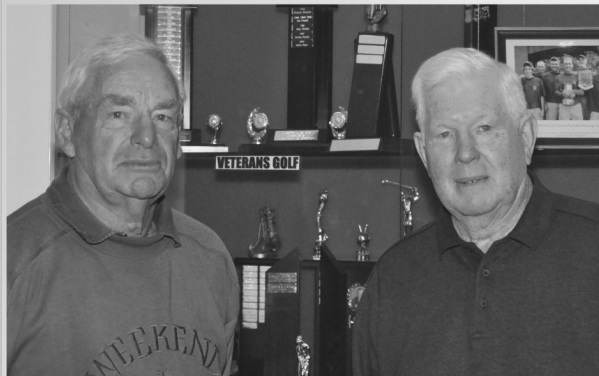
A BIG HEARTY THANKS.

The Murray Grey Veterans, generously have donated \$500 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the Thurgoona Community Centre.

A well renowned active Thurgoona group, the "Vets" as they are known, average 65 players each day every week of the year. To become a member requires club members to have a handicap and be over 55 years. It is a very prosperous club and everyone just loves it.

"We have coffee to start our day and coffee half way through which helps fuel the close comradery," says active member Peter Hamilton.

"Membership is for men and women and it has a strong supportive committee. Each year we hold a senior's tournament. This year it will be on the 16th and 17th November. The proceeds of the event is used to operate the club for the rest of the year and allows us to be major sponsors of the junior golfers." he said.



Theo Terhaar (Captain) and Graham Harris (President)
Photo: Jim Caldwell

A Creative Adventure

My name is Pam Roskosch and I am a student studying the Diploma of Community Services at Wodonga TAFE. A major component of my course is placement in a local community services organisation, and the involvement in a meaningful project. The Thurgoona Community Centre was suggested to me as a placement opportunity. Upon introducing myself to Sherylyne the Coordinator and becoming aware of what the centre offers and its value to the community, I knew I had found a venue that would provide me with a significantly beneficial experience and assist in my personal and professional growth.

It was in that initial meeting with Sherylyne, after a chewing the fat for some time and sharing with her what I knew of my strengths and interests, that I became aware of the creative genius (although the person in question would modestly scoff at the compliment paid) behind the coordination of the Thurgoona Community Centre. Sherylyne initially was openly honest in explaining that she was unsure of what she could

offer me in terms of a 'meaningful project', but during the course of our introductory chat she appeared to have an epiphany, and seemingly out of nowhere came up with the perfect project for me: <cue light bulb flashing> "Oh wait!" She exclaimed, "I know what you could do," going on to offer me an opportunity to develop a social impact analysis and report on the benefits of community art groups, using the Thurgoona Buds Art Group as research subjects.

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Pam with Cynthia Stuart and Pam's Jimi Hendrix portrait

Help!

In Australia many feel that compared to other nations we are free to speak up and have our voice heard. But how important is it to have the skills to do so? When we speak about what is important to us, do people really listen?

"Did you know the human brain is an amazing thing. It starts to work before you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public!"

Almost everyone has moments of nervousness for many reasons but overall, speaking in front of an audience is the big one that makes everyone dive for cover. The prospect of having to express our point of view can prove difficult at times. To clearly express our thoughts so that they are heard and understood is important if we are to be successful in life.

The Thurgoona Community Centre has the opportunity to run a fun initiative for young people and interested adults next year. This has been a Thurgoona Toastmasters initiative with funding



Matt Ortiz at the Youth Space opening.
Pic: Tamara Binder

provided through the Thurgoona Country Club Resort.

The course will run for 8 weeks with participants attending a 1 hour session per week. Transport assistance may be available from schools.

This course will make attendants 'lol' while providing strategies to more clearly express personal opinions and views. How you speak and your tone of voice sets the mood when you speak. Learn the tricks to thinking on your feet. Learn

what makes meetings more effective. Gestures and body language are really important also when putting ideas forward. And yes, of course we are listening but do we hear what is said? Not always. Listening well is a real skill, often under-rated.

Certainly a lot about being heard has to do with our ability to communicate. The 8 week adult program will run in Term1 and the teen program in Term 2 with an initial information meeting in February next year. Please register your interest in these Leadership Workshops by ringing Sherylyne on 02-6043 1588. There are only 20 positions available for the courses. They will be FUN, FREE and will include all refreshments and course materials. Ring us today.

Oh no, that's not a muffled whisper of..."but I'm a bit nervous." Problem solved. SEE YOU THERE... we'll be ...umm un-nervous together.

By Heather Bruce TCC Volunteer



Young people enjoying the new equipment at the "Chill Zone" Pic: S Moran



Makayla Boots volunteered to help at the "Chill Zone" pictured with Blake Wayenberg and Jacob Steele.
Pic: S Moran



Meeting to discuss future developments for the BBQ area at the TCC. Pictured is David Armstrong (ACC) Hugh Hargreave (TCC) and Thurgoona Lions Reps Ian Crane and Vailia Brushe. Pic S. Moran

New Opportunities at the TCC

This year has been so incredible at the TCC with many developments. Thanks to AlbureCity we can now enjoy the new grassed irrigated area that the young people can run and play sport on. We saw the BBQ shelter being craned in and we are looking forward to when we can install a BBQ. This will be available for the public to use with playground equipment and access to toilet facilities. All in good time and as funding becomes available. The Thurgoona And District Lions Club have a close relationship with the TCC and have decided to help us with this project in partnership with AlbureCity Council.

This year we have also been successful in securing support through other grant funding.

Our major funding for the operation of the centre annually comes from AlbureCity Council. This year we were also provided with a defibrillator through the Murray Grey Veterans (\$500) and The Thurgoona Country Club Resort (\$1945). The Commercial Club provided \$2000 to buy a TV and Xbox for the youth space and the Lion's Club gave \$540 towards our youth program. Xavier High School donated 150 chairs for our use.

These wonderful resources are here for the Thurgoona Community which can be hired at very reasonable rates. The centre has a variety of programs for the community many of which are run by volunteers. The sustained success of the centre is because of the dedication and vision of these volunteers.

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History of Thurgoona A Promise Delivered.

By Barry H Young O A M

It is now over 30 years that Peter Thomson and Mike Wolveridge world champion golfers were commissioned to design a golf course on vacant grass and tree lined hectares of land. Housing had begun and Real Estate agents were advertising land adjacent to a super golf course and club features.

Fast forward to the year 2002.

The year 2002 I wrote in the March edition the story of the ratification of the amalgamation between the Liverpool Catholic Club and the Thurgoona Golf Club. If you recall the Thurgoona Club was ailing and heavily in debt. The Liverpool Catholic Club announced an extensive update of the clubhouse to be completed by mid-2004. It promised to rebuild the club and provide the community with a facility to be proud of. Well it certainly delivered on that promise. Saturday the 18th September 2004 saw the official opening of the multi-million showpiece investment now renamed the Thurgoona Country Club Resort the then Mayor Cr Arthur Frauenfelder doing the honours. Our new club cost \$6 million to build and equip while another \$4 million was spent on the

adjoining 26 room motel and the tennis courts. The motel was refurbished whilst the tennis courts were all resurfaced. The state of the art complex was fantastic beyond all our expectations of what was proposed in 2002. Little of the old drab club buildings exist today. A welcoming attractive foyer to the bistro, lounges with panoramic views, reception rooms, special poker playing areas adjoining a T A B, golf pro-shop, gymnasium, dressing rooms all done out in brilliant and cheerful colours. The membership of the golf club grew from 300 to 1000 now 1500 whilst the social membership skyrocketed. The club employees of which many are locals are a pleasure to meet. The club is dedicated to its role of giving something back to its members and achieves this through friendly staff making all feel welcome with discounted meals. The bistro meals are delicious and the modern function rooms are in demand for social functions. The golf course has currently undergone a revamp which members say is terrific, especially the golden oldies - the Greys who number in excess of 140 members and who play twice a week. The club is a credit to the Liverpool Catholic Club which has demonstrated a massive expression in our rapid expanding Thurgoona community so let's applaud them who kept their promise.

The Murray Grey Veterans Golfers.


The objective of the Murray Grey veteran golfers is to promote and encourage golf and social activities within the group. MGVS supports Junior Golf financially, locally and state wide.

Membership is automatic and free to any full golfing member of the Thurgoona Country Club Resort upon reaching the age of 50 for women and 55 for men. We have over 140 playing members.

MGV playing days are Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Competition fees are \$10.00 per game. We organise several away golfing trips each year to various parts of the country. Plus Overseas, including China and New Zealand. In March 2016 a trip to Thailand has been arranged.

The 24th annual "Alatalo Senior Golf Classic" was played on Monday and Tuesday the 16th and 17th of November 2015. We have over 60 sponsors from local Business.

We have full fields of 130 plus players on each day. On the Tuesday we had a 3 course presentation luncheon and monster raffle. We had a total prize value in excess of \$8,000.00. Including holiday/ golfing packages. 7 nights at the Horizons Apartments Narooma. 3 nights at the Mercure Hotel Sydney and 2 nights at the Lake Hume Resort including meals. Plus many other prizes.



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Giving is receiving with Murray Grey Veteran Golfer Lorraine Prior

Darryl Starr

WHEN Lorraine Prior's husband Brian passed away five years ago, it was her beloved Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran Golfers club in which she sought solace.

"I would come to the club feeling sad and lonely, but within minutes I was laughing and feeling good about myself thanks to these wonderful people," Mrs Prior said.

A year later it was Lorraine who was doing the comforting and giving support to club members in their hour of need.

Lorraine is not only a committee member, but the club's welfare officer and now imparts her own take on compassion.

She is very involved with her work for the club, not only visiting club members who are in hospital, but going those extra yards to make sure everyone is cared for.

"I not only visit or phone members or their partners who are in hospital, but also arrange a get well card which is of our own design.

"When a member does pass on, I make contact with the family, organise a bereavement card which is signed by club members, attend the funeral service and organise members to form a guard of honour. There is always something going on to keep me occupied," Mrs Prior said.

"When the club was formed 30 years ago it had 20 members. Today there are over 100. It is a very sociable club.

"Both Brian and I had a great concern for others, and now that I am the club welfare officer, I am able to be more actively involved in not only comforting club members in their hour of need, but I also make certain I introduce myself to new club members and organise one of our yellow and white club shirts for them".

During her spare time, Lorraine house sits, something she and Brian had done since 1997.

"We would house sit all around Australia, but these days I confine myself to Albury-Wodonga."

The Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran Golfers, as the name suggests, is based at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort and welcomes new members.

"It is a socially active club," Lorraine said.

"We have donated money for a defibrillator at the Thurgoona Community Centre, and we have organised golf days and helped at open days at Kensington Gardens.

"The club competes in a tri-series against Jubilee (Wangaratta), Bandiana and Gundagai, as well as compete in Group 32 against Albury and Wodonga."

The club's major tournament of the year will be held on November 21 and 22.

Due to the increasing numbers of players, last year's event was changed to include two 18-hole rounds on the Monday, followed by another 18-hole round the following day followed by a luncheon and presentation.

Sponsors or their representatives also played on the Monday, followed by lunch and presentations.

Club spokesperson, Mr Peter Hamilton, said last year's event was the first time in 25 years that an extra 18-holes had to be added to the tournament to accommodate the growing number of players.



Lorraine Prior a proud supporter. Pic: Tamara Binder

Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran Golfers



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Getting to Know You

My Guest: Chef Tony Kerkow

An interview with Barry Young



Chef Tony Kerkow Pic: Eric Bocquet

Are you Hungry? Then just pop into the Thurgoona Country Club Resort Restaurant. There you will have a choice of fantastic delicious meals, every day specials and members discounts. But it gets better - a happy smiling chef and staff who will welcome and serve you and give you as much as you can eat.

Where did you live as a young person Tony?

In Bundaberg

What Schools did you attend

Norville primary and Bundaberg State High School .

Did you enjoy your school years and life.

Yes, I loved school. Really busy playing sport all the time and going fishing, mud crabbing and prawning every weekend. I once caught a Barramundi. A beauty 1 metre and 26 cm long.

Tell us about your family.

My parents and brother live in Bundaberg and all love fishing

especially prawning. My partner Megan of 18 years and I came to the border 9 years ago. We have a wonderful little boy Archie just 4 who loves playing different sports and the outdoors. Megan is a school teacher and we love camping holidays.

What sport did you enjoy playing?

Basketball – played for Queensland back in my young days – now play golf most Wednesdays on my day off. Play at Albury and Thurgoona at our golf course which is in top shape.

I hear you are a big hitting golfer who has ruined some greens. What handicap do you play off.

I have one of the biggest slices in the golf game - they go about 100 metres sideways – I can certainly bend that golf ball - my handicap is 17 (bugger).

Tell us about your work.

I have had great pleasure planning menus and cooking at our Thurgoona Golf Club for 6 years. I love talking to the locals and regulars. I've met heaps of lovely people and made some great friendships and mates. I may not know all their names but I know their faces. Every day is different - a joy - for you never know what to expect. I get a lot of satisfaction out of making people happy and enjoying fabulous food.

Do you realise you pile our plates so much with great tucker you are making us all too fat but happy.

Yes - I do so, but better more than not enough - My dedication as a Chef - "No-one will ever go hungry."

Your special Sunday roasts are fantastic how do you cope with the hungry queues?

I enjoy the service pressure, the busier the better. I thrive on that but always make time to say hello .

The food is always fresh - the \$5 roasts on Sundays are wonderful value - and I thank you all for coming.

We love the Roasts, Chicken Parm and the Battered Crumbed Fish and chips is to die for but what are other favourites?

Lamb Shanks, Garlic Prawns, Surf and Turfs are very popular and the giant Hamburgers are in demand.

You must have seen many changes in the Thurgoona community can you share some of those?

Thurgoona is a rapidly growing population. Our township has every facility - shopping, schools, medical and sporting grounds. It is a great place to live and to bring up our kids.

Who do you barrack for in the A F L?

The Mighty Bulldogs - Fottascray!

What is your favourite movie?

All the James Bond Films

Who is your favourite movie star.

All the James Bond actors and Steven Siegal - have to tape when cooking.

Who is your favourite Author

Has to be our local author Barry H Young and his exciting Westerns– Ha Ha!!

A tasty question - What is your personal favourite meal

Fresh Seafood - you can't beat it specially when you fish for and gather it yourself.

Thanks Tony for your time

Barry Young



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Community Partners

Darryl Starr

THE next phase in the expansion of facilities at the Thurgoona Community Centre can now begin thanks to a substantial grant courtesy of the Thurgoona Country Club Resort.

Money has been made available from the resort's community grant scheme which will go towards the construction of barbecue facilities at the centre and improving the park/playground area.

Thurgoona Country Club Resort manager Mr Adam Fitzgerald said the club was heavily involved in helping out the Centre and hoped the relationship would continue well into the future.

"We are only a small club but we put money back into the community via these grants and when good ideas are put forward, we are only too glad to help out", Mr Fitzgerald said.

"We have struck up a strong relationship with the Community Centre. Our last grant went towards the purchase of a defibrillator".

A double electric barbecue will be constructed under a separate shelter



with seating yet to be built.

Other improvements planned for the recreational area include the installation of a basketball ring, play equipment, plus more landscaping at the TCC.

Resort Manager Adam Fitzgerald presents the Club grant cheque to TCC Vice Chairperson Peter Hamilton.
Photo: James Caldwell

Thurgoona golfers helping local mums

Sherylyne Moran

A big grateful thanks to the Murray Grey Veteran Golfers for their donation to our little ones in Thurgoona. Their cheque for \$498 will be spent on a much needed mountable change table.

The wonderful Child and Family Health services at the Thurgoona Community Centre are provided by Albury Community Health. They supply the suburb with trained nurses who provide appointments and support for young families.



Happy Birthday Kate at the TCC
Left to right: Toni Schliebs, Kerry Gosstray (TCC Staff) and Kate Jelbart.
Photo: Sherylyne Moran



This year while our long-term nurse Elizabeth Burge has been on long service leave, we have had the enthusiastic partnership of Kate Jelbart and Toni Schliebs. Their hours of work at the Centre have had to be increased to keep up with all the new bubs being born in the area. Elizabeth will be returning in November to a very busy schedule ahead.

"Normally in a two month period we see between 10 and 12 new babies", said Toni. "However, this has jumped to 19 babies. It's obviously a reflection of the phenomenal growth in the suburb with predominantly young families", she said.

The other fabulous service that these nurses provide is home visits to families when their new babies are brought home. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents to ask questions and be reassured about their baby's progress.

"We've seen a pleasing trend that at these visits there are often more than just the mums present for the

Murray Grey Veteran Golfing President Graham Harris handing their support cheque to TCC Vice Chair Peter Hamilton and TCC Committee member John Greenfield (all keen golfers!).
Photo: James Caldwell (yes a golfer too!)

consultation. This is very helpful for all involved to be engaged in the wellbeing of the new baby", said Kate

At the Centre we also have other services for new parents. There is a six weeks educational programme held each Monday for new parents. This is supplemented by a workshop called "Tucker, Teeth, and Toys" which is presented by nutrition and dental professionals.

For more information about these services you can ring the Child and Family Health nurses on 6043 1038. If when you ring they are in an appointment, you can leave a message and they will get back to you.

Read Graham's story on page 8

Thurgoona Men's Shed Leading the Way

Sherylyne Moran

The local Thurgoona Men's Shed are delighted with the wonderful response to their recent Men's Expo which was held at the Albury Show Grounds.

"We had a great turnout of 10 regional men's sheds", said Thurgoona Mens Shed Secretary Ian Crane. "It was a great opportunity for everyone to see how diverse men's sheds are and also receive valuable information from the three health and wellbeing stalls that were there", he said.

Each shed provided displays of their handiwork with the takings from the entry fee and BBQ raising \$1300 on the day for the Thurgoona Mens Shed.

"The great interaction with the sheds from the district helped us share information and learn from each other about how they run their individual sheds and what they do. The activities in the sheds are a reflection of both the members and the surrounding regions", he said. "We are planning to run the expo again next year".

The Thurgoona Men's Shed's major project has been the construction of the squirrel glider urban nest boxes which they have made for the Albury Conservation Company.

"We've made nearly 200 of these with more being required in the future", Ian said.



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Getting To Know You

Profile - Graham Harris.

An interview with Barry Young O A M.

Graham has a long history of voluntary work in Thurgoona. He presently is the very well respected President of the Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran Golfers.

Where were you born Graham?

Melbourne.

What was your schooling background?

Trinity Grammar at Kew Victoria.

Qualifications

Matriculation.

Do you have any interesting details about your youth growing up?

I lived in Fitzroy—there I sold and delivered newspapers. I even sold a paper to Bob Menzies – I did not get a tip though. I really loved playing Football-Aussie rules and Cricket.

What was your family background?

I was an only child to my father Norm and mother Edna. I worked in the family butcher shop in Fitzroy.

What were your sporting interests growing up?

At Trinity Grammar I captained the football and cricket teams from the under 8's to the under 17's. At 17 I trained and played in practice matches at Collingwood but unfortunately I wasn't good enough to make the list.

You have had a very interesting career.

Yes, I worked as a junior butcher then ran my own butcher shop in Glen Waverley. I then worked for Caltex Oil as a manager which lead to me running my own fuel business. I purchased a fuel distributor business in Benalla which I ran for many years. After selling that business I retired to the golf course.

You are a very keen golfer and for many years given your time and capacity to the Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran Golf Club- what positions have you held and tell us a bit about the Greys?

I play each Tuesday and Thursday for the Murray Greys. I enjoy my position as President which I have held for seven years. The Greys comprise mainly retired men and women and play each Tuesday and Thursday mornings. They have great social events.

What do you enjoy most about giving so much of your community service time to the Thurgoona community?

I have had great satisfaction witnessing the spectacular growth of Thurgoona in my 26 years of residency.

What is your favourite food?

Lambs fry and bacon, hot dogs and sauce, good pies from our Thurgoona Bakery and roast pork with crackle.

I believe you have had an interest in some racehorses and fast cars?

I have a love of thoroughbreds and have had winners at all the major Melbourne courses. One horse Senyah Sirrah saluted 17 times. I have also bred some young horses without success.

I drove rally cars which I enjoyed.

What AFL team do you barrack for?

I'm a one-eyed supporter of Collingwood – the mighty magpies. I also support Thurgoona – the Bulldogs.

Favourite film?

Rocky Balboa Series with Sylvester Stallone.

Favourite film star/stars?

Julie Roberts.

Best Book read?

Seven Sisters.

Any bad habits?

You'd have to ask Pauline my wife.

Any other details of interest?

I enjoy life and have a wonderful wife and family whom I live for.

Thurgoona Junior Golf Club A Fantastic Project

By Barry H Young OAM.

The Thurgoona Country Club Resort has always had a strong junior following over many years but now with record numbers thanks to many wonderful members who help promote the game to our young Thurgoona residents.

This was evident back in the early nineties when Des and Glenys Ratcliffe ran weekly junior clinics for many of the local kids. They made the game fun in a safe and friendly environment.

One of those young girls was Lindsay Wright who started golf at the age of nine and went on to have a stellar career both as an amateur and a professional. As an amateur she represented Australia in the 2003 team that won the World Cup then turning Pro in 2003 went on to win the Womens New Zealand Open in 2011/12 as well as having lots of top ten finishes in world events.

Thurgoona has developed some very fine golfers, many of them starting off at the Thurgoona Junior clinics.

Penny Graeber who is a teaching professional, has excelled in the position of junior co-ordinator and with the help of other volunteer coaches, runs the junior clinics on Sunday mornings in school terms one to four.

The programme is for juniors up to the age of twelve and teaches them basic golf skills. It is fun based around developing

their balance and coordination. To view kids as young as five swing a tiny club is a sight to behold.

The girls and boys muster on the putting green at 8.30 am. Penny has a quick chat and then it's into their groups for the fun and games. The youngsters rotate between two activities for the session which finishes at 10.30 am. Some kids love driving, others putting. At least they don't lose the golf balls like the members of the Murray Grey Vets do!! The highlight of the morning is a lolly treat however only if they have helped pick up the golf balls!

The Junior Academy is for the older and more advanced kids who play regulated golf competitions and believe me there is an Adam Scott and Lindsay Wright waiting in the wings. Penny also runs this and is delighted with the talent and enthusiasm by all involved. This group meet after school for coaching sessions, girls on Tuesdays and boys on Wednesdays. As well as playing in club competitions these young players often travel away to both junior and senior events throughout the Border region to enhance their golfing skills.

Every school holidays the Thurgoona Murray Grey Veteran Golfers invite the juniors to play with them in an Ambrose team event. It is always a wonderful fun day the juniors interacting and socialising with the senior golfers. The Vets with a membership of 100 plus do a fantastic job helping and supporting the

juniors and Penny is extremely grateful for their contribution to our junior clubs.

The Thurgoona Country Club Resort under the guidance of Adam Fitzgerald also provides great support and is very strong in promoting junior golf within the club. They provide equipment and offer financial assistance when required. Penny says golf has a myriad of wonderful qualities. It teaches many life skills, they meet new friends, learn to enjoy the great outdoors and best of all learn a great game to play for life.

Penny would like to invite juniors and teenagers to join our great club so just ring the Pro Shop 6043 1902 and one of the friendly staff will give you all the info you need to get started.

We in Thurgoona are very proud to have Penny Graeber teaching our young people not only golf skills but lessons on good living—she is a lovely dedicated lady - a Thurgoona gem.



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Thurgoona Tennis News

Interested in playing tennis in Thurgoona?

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Currently, our club has an A and B grade mixed social competition on Wednesday nights at 7.00pm during the school terms. Persons interested in becoming a part of this social night are very welcome, either as an emergency player or putting in a team.

We also have players involved in a Saturday afternoon pennant that has Section 1 ladies, Section 2 and 3 men's teams which begins at 1.00pm in the afternoon (1.30pm in the summer). Once again, if you would like to be involved, you would be very welcome.

Currently, it is only \$27 to become a tennis member, which includes social membership at the TCCR until the end of this year, so only \$20 if you are already a social or golf member of TCCR. This membership offers you free use of the tennis courts anytime during the day, reduced fees in our night social competitions, as well as all the privileges that come with being a member of the TCCR, eg. discounted meals and drinks, draws, courtesy bus etc.

I, as a Thurgoona resident, moved here with my husband and children seventeen years ago, not knowing anyone in the area. At that time, being a keen tennis player, I happened to read in the Thurgoona Grapevine about a ladies' tennis coaching morning and thought I would give it a try. As a result of that decision, I have since got to know many like-minded people and formed great friendships. Our children have also been involved in coaching programs and round robins, as well as the Saturday pennant competitions over the years.

The tennis committee is keen to see more competitions happening at our courts, such as more social competition nights, mornings, coaching for both children and adults, mini round robins and/or a shortened format of tennis, but would



Left to right: Bernie and Bernadette O'Donnell, with daughter Rachael, son in law Ryan with daughter Emma.

like to know what you as Thurgoona residents would like to have. There is an Interested Tennis Player's Form available for you to complete at the Tennis Clubhouse, The Thurgoona Country Club Reception, The Thurgoona Community Centre and online at the website below.

We are attempting to cater for all levels of ability and ensure that fun is had by all.

For further information, follow the links at the end of this article. We look forward to meeting you,

Bernadette O'Donnell

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HoneyBee Kidz Tennis returns to Thurgoona Tennis Club



Barbara Honey-Martin with her Red Group at the HoneyBee Kidz Tennis Free Fun Day

Thurgoona resident and Tennis Australia & ATPCA Coach, Barbara Honey-Martin, has returned to Thurgoona Tennis Club with her **HoneyBee Kidz Tennis** business after a 10-year break. She's now back teaching the next generation of tennis players at Thurgoona Country Club Resort's tennis complex.

Barb's specialty is introducing tennis to kids aged from four years and above and making it an enjoyable learning experience for them. Her goal is to motivate young players to develop their skills in a fun environment and encourage an ongoing love for the game. She uses modified equipment such as small racquets, mini-nets, low-compression tennis balls and other special teaching aids – assisting children develop skills according to their age, size and ability.



Kiersti and Donna with the Orange Group enjoying the Free Fun Day on 25 June.

Barb and her team successfully operated **HoneyBee Kidz Tennis** programs in Albury and Thurgoona from 2001 to 2007

– but everything was put on hold when family commitments and a serious ankle injury kept her out of the game for an extended period. Barb was born into a tennis-playing family and has played tennis most of her life. She is passionate about spreading the love of the game and has also coached children for several years in Sydney with Champions Tennis School and Tiny Tots Tennis. Barb is pleased to be back at Thurgoona and recently completed a couple of refresher coaching courses with ATPCA and Tennis Australia. She is keen to implement some new ideas learnt into her already successful programs.

A Free Fun Promotional Day and sausage sizzle was held at Thurgoona Tennis Club on Sunday 25 June where approximately 30 children enjoyed an introduction to the modified tennis program with Barb and her team of assistants (Donna, Bunt, Mahnee and Kiersti).



After school lessons have been running since then on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Barb will be offering lessons on additional afternoons and Saturday mornings from Term 4 onwards. She also plans to run a Junior Competition on Saturday mornings and a School Holiday Clinic on Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September. Newcomers are invited to join the fun and try out **HoneyBee Kidz Tennis** at the School Holiday Clinic. If these newcomers subsequently enrol in Term 4 lessons they will receive a 10% discount on the total cost of the 8-week program.

Contact Barb at **HoneyBee Kidz Tennis** on 0438 130 100 or email tennis@honeybee.net.au to enrol in the School Holiday Clinic or Term 4 program. Hurry, as numbers are strictly limited!

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THURGOONA TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Well, much has happened in our club since the last Grapevine! Two new competitions have now begun as a result of people's requests.

FAST 4 TENNIS – Mondays at 6.30pm

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This comp is a fun, fast format where after playing five games, partners are swapped and begin another short set. Number of sets played depends on time. The night ends at 8.00pm at the latest.

SINGLES – Mondays at 6.30pm

For those wanting a more serious challenge

Players play a few singles sets –shortened format to save time

No need for a partner

Once again, great way to meet others!

This comp gives you a real workout due to the singles format. Opponents are swapped after each set and also ends around 8pm.

We also have our popular original comps: -

MIXED SOCIAL DOUBLES – Wednesdays at 7.00pm

Teams of four consisting of two men and two ladies

A and B grades

Three sets played for the night

Great group of people playing!

This comp consists of one ladies' doubles; one men's doubles then two mixed sets are played. Join at any time, as new

players are always welcome! Put your name down as a reserve or join a current team if on your own.

SATURDAY PENNANT – 1.00pm Men's teams and ladies' teams of four

Sections 1, 2 and 3

Three sets are played with each team member

Form a team with your friends, join an existing team or put your name down as a reserve. Once again, new players are always welcome.

We now also have resident children's coach, Barbara Martin at Honey Bee Kidz Tennis, providing many fun, various activities.

So, come and join us for some enjoyable exercise!

Contact us at thurgoonatennisclub@gmail.com or Facebook.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Bernadette O'Donnell

(President of Thurgoona Tennis Club)



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Thurgoona Community Christmas Tree

Sue Caldwell

A very special Christmas tree is celebrating its sixth anniversary. The Christmas tree at the Thurgoona Plaza stands proud in its place every year. a big thank you to Rob and Jenny Stevens, managers of the Plaza for making the space available for our tree, and thank you also to Woolworths Supermarket and their staff at Thurgoona.

Every year the tree project supports adults, children, and families in need; persons who would otherwise find Christmas challenging.

I am very proud of our co-ordinator, Sherylyne and the volunteers from our Community Centre for the support they give each year – there are many volunteer hours spent collecting, gift wrapping and delivering the donated presents.

The tree will stand again from 12 November until Christmas Eve.

To all who donate gifts a big thank you from Mr and Mrs Claus.

Merry Christmas.



TCC Volunteers deliver presents to YES Youth and Family Services. Photo Sherylyne Moran

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Friday 15 December – 6.30pm at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort

Coming soon is the local well-loved Christmas celebration of *Carols on the Green* at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort which is hosted by the great partnerships of the Thurgoona Lions Club, the Thurgoona Country Club Resort, and the Thurgoona Fire Brigade. This was a huge success last year and attracted more people than everyone anticipated to the delight and shock of the Lions Club catering team!!

President of the Thurgoona Lions Club, Ian Crane said, "We are ensuring that this year we won't be taken by surprise with additional help from the Thurgoona Golf Club. In addition to the usual sausage sizzle, sandwiches, hamburgers, and soft drinks, we will have hot dogs and a coffee van on-site to make sure everyone's catered for".

"We've made special arrangements for Santa to visit and he's looking forward to arriving in style in the Thurgoona fire truck. He will distribute small packets of lollies to delighted children. Battery operated candles will be available for sale as will

Lions Christmas Cakes and ice blocks", Ian said.

"We are putting a big effort into ensuring a great family night out for all of our Thurgoona community so we hope that it will be well supported again this year. A great outcome is that proceeds made by the Thurgoona Lions on the day will be spent on various community projects, mainly within the Thurgoona area", Ian said.

Carols on the Green will be held at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort on Friday 15 December and will commence at 6.30pm. It is recommended that all attendees supply their own seating and insect repellent.



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And the Wall Came Tumbling Down Sherylyne Moran

Attending computer classes can be a daunting prospect for seniors but at the TCC we have a very popular program run by volunteer tutors James Caldwell and Mervyn Brent. Jim provides classroom experience and Mervyn one-on-one tutoring.

In the past, it was a bit of a sardine experience with classes conducted in what was previously, in the 1980's, the rear bedroom of the once Brown's Store residence. The TCC, which is now owned by AlburyCity, is a repurposed building and this gives it much of its homely charm. This situation however does provide a few limitations. Now, thanks to a \$5,000 ClubsGrant from Thurgoona County Club Resort and the remaining \$15,000 funds from AlburyCity, the computer's 'Berlin Wall' was removed and the unused bathroom space claimed to make a new more open classroom.

AlburyCity Mayor Kevin Mack said the council was delighted to have helped 'bring down the wall'.

"The volunteers at TCC do an amazing job in helping seniors navigate the sometimes daunting digital world and the results that the teachers and students are getting speak for themselves," he said.

"So, it was really pleasing for Council to be able to contribute to the program in a

small way and we look forward to many more 'graduates' tapping their way into the world of 21st Century technology."

Jim estimates that he's seen over 180 people come through computer studies at the TCC and about 40 people through his much-loved camera club over the past 8 years.

Dot Clark, a retired worker from 'Reliable Mail', is one of Jim's longest attending students having started in 2011.

"I come to be sociable with everyone – I love the people here. When I first came I didn't know very much but now I can email, improve my photos and I can put music on USBs", Dot explained.

Adam Fitzgerald, manager of the Thurgoona Country Club Resort was delighted to meet one of Jim's appreciative classes.

"From a community aspect, I've definitely seen an increase in the growth of community groups in the area. As a business, we want to do our bit to accommodate community groups and support the growing community organisations in the area", Adam said.

"Our vision is to help support the growth of locally based facilities so that there is more on offer for people who live in Thurgoona rather than having the inconvenience of travel into the CBD. We too are trying to grow with Thurgoona. We now have around 8,000 members", he said.



Tutor James Caldwell and the 'Berlin Wall' which is no more. Photo: S Moran

Through ClubsGrant, the club also provided funds towards the BBQ area which is developing at the TCC this year and will be available for public use as well as users of the centre.

The Thurgoona Country Club Resort teamed also up with the Thurgoona and District Lion's Club and the Thurgoona Fire Brigade to host the much-loved Christmas Carols on the Green. Around 1500 people came to sing along, enjoy the Christmas dancers, and meet up with others. Santa arrived in style aloft a fire truck helped by the friendly elves.

"We've also made arrangements with the Charles Sturt University so that students can utilise our club facilities. Working alongside other Thurgoona based organisations helps strengthen the community", Mr Fitzgerald said.



Enjoying the freedom of the new space: Front row: L – R Ray Tobin, Adam Fitzgerald Back row from L-R Jim Mansell, Michael Courtney, Ros Ward, Dot Clark, Iris Ellis, Zan Morley, Karen Northey, James Caldwell (tutor)



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Tennis Talk

Welcome to another new year of tennis!
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Larry loves his tennis—it keeps him fit!

Our Fun 4 Tennis comp on Monday nights from 6:30 – 8.00pm is for all abilities and players are welcome any week! No need for a team- just bring yourself and/or a friend or two to join in. Each set, every player has a serve then everyone is swapped around to have a new partner and opposition. It's a great way to get to know new people in a fun format.

We also have our Wednesday night social tennis comp at 7.00pm. Form a team of two ladies and two men or offer to be an emergency player. We have both A and B Grades where anyone is welcome and can be included any time.

Become a tennis member at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort for just \$50 for the year, which provides you with free use of our tennis courts during daylight hours and cheaper comp fees.

We also have HoneyBee Coaching for children in which numbers are

constantly increasing.

So come and join us or contact us on Facebook- Thurgoona Tennis or thurgoonatenniscub@gmail.com

See you on the court!

Bernadette O'Donnell

(Thurgoona Tennis Club president)

Picture far right: Fun 4 tennis group



Thurgoona's A grade grand finalists



Thurgoona's B grade grand finalists.



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2018 NSW Senior Open Golf

The second annual Lincoln Place NSW Senior Open Golf Championship was held at Thurgoona Country Club Resort Golf Club on the last weekend in October. Players travelled from around the country, and indeed around the world, to come and compete for a \$100,000 prize purse.

Professional golfers who entered included world-renowned champions such as Peter Senior, Peter Lonard, Craig Parry, Peter Fowler, Peter O'Malley, Mike Harwood, Michael Long (the eventual champion), and many more. A field of this quality is rarely assembled in Australian Golf for any event, and this Senior Championship (open to players 50 years of age and older) is quickly becoming a highlight on the Australian golfing calendar.

The golf course – designed by the late Peter Thomson – was presented in impeccable condition by Greens Superintendent, Dean Lewis, and his staff. The players were unanimous in their praise for the layout and its conditioning with a great number of them remarking on how the event was world-class.

Conducted over 54 holes (3 rounds of golf), Day 1 on Friday was full of highlights. Many of these were provided by Australian Tour legend and stalwart, Peter Senior, who fired a scintillating 11-under par round of 61. This included a miraculous hole-in-one on the 16th, which happened to be caught on video by an enthusiastic spectator. In addition to this, Senior holed his second shot on the 8th hole for an eagle, adding to a long list of birdies on the day. The remainder of the field were left wondering if Senior had played a different course, as they battled with the tricky layout.

As the tournament continued into Day 2, the highlights continued to roll on, with Ben Jackson recording an albatross, holing his second shot on the Par 5, 7th hole. Peter Senior, playing in the afternoon groupings, was challenged with windier conditions and recorded an even-par 72 to lead by four shots from Kiwi, Michael Long, who carded a 5-under 67 to be seven under par, and a further shot clear of Mike Harwood on 6-under.

The final day was full of drama, and some truly world-class golf with Michael Long recording 6 birdies and an eagle to card another 67 and win the event by one shot from Peter Senior. Long's round was outstanding, highlighted by a stretch of eight holes that included five birdies and an eagle to take the lead.

A great crowd of spectators took up the offer of free entry to come and watch these legends of Australian golf, and they were not disappointed. The professionals were generous with their time, interacting with the crowd and contributing to a wonderful atmosphere.

A large contingent of volunteers, numbering almost 100, donning bright red shirts (known as the Red Rangers)



An elated Michael Long wins the day.
Photo: courtesy of Golf NSW

were instrumental in the smooth running of the event and are to be highly commended for their contribution to another successful tournament. As Captain of the Golf Club at Thurgoona, I could not be more proud of this outstanding effort and I look forward to working with this great group of people in preparation for next year's event.

After the tournament, player feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the entire field of professionals are already pencilling this event into their schedules for next year. Thurgoona Country Club Resort, Liverpool Catholic Club, Golf NSW, and the PGA Legends Tour have done an outstanding job of building a tournament that players and spectators alike can embrace and enjoy.

Adding to the enjoyment and value for locals, two instructional clinics were held. On Saturday, Canadian Tour Pro, Ken Tarling, hosted a Members Master Class, offering some wonderful insight to improving your golf game. During Sunday's final round, a Junior Clinic was attended by a large and

enthusiastic group of local Junior Golfers, and they were treated to a range of instructional activities including lessons and advice from leading Australian Tour Pro, Tim Elliot. Alongside these activities, a long drive competition was held, with many locals chancing their swing to see who could launch the ball the furthest. It was a festive and fun atmosphere that contributed positively to the overall success of the event.

If this event has inspired you give golf a try, come down to Thurgoona Country Club Resort and step out onto our practice range or the championship course. Perhaps talk to the staff about lessons and introductory packages. We would love to welcome you to the club and to the fantastic game of golf, which you can enjoy for a lifetime in a friendly, fun and social environment at Thurgoona.

Michael Lane—Captain

Thurgoona Country Club Resort Golf Club and Murray District Golf Assoc.

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By Barry H Young OAM.

A fabulous three-day NSW Senior Open Tournament, preceded by a ProAm day, was held at the Thurgoona Golf Course in November after months of organisation and course preparations which attracted 113 top senior professionals.

The greens were described as exceptional by the participants, with past British Open Winner Ian Baker-Finch describing such as 9 and a half out of 10 and whose praise was joined by a chorus of many other participants.

Such praise is a credit to the greenkeeper Dean Lucas and his staff.

Adam Fitzgerald, the Resort manager, also deserves a pat on the back for his superb organisation, and not forgetting the Murray Grey Veterans for four days of extensive demanding marshalling.

The event was won by Grant Kenny, who on the last day stole an early lead on the overnight leader Peter Senior and got over the line by three strokes with Senior challenging.

It was great to hear many of the players expressing their desire to attend next year, that being the second year of a three year hosting of the tournament.

I repeat - all those involved in making this such a wonderful event can stand tall.



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Getting To know You Profile - Mike Warburton

An interview with Barry Young OAM.

Where born?

I was born in a mining town Broken Hill in 1954-that makes me over 60!

Any interesting details about youth, growing up – schooling memories?

Schooling was not my favourite past time and I left when I was 15. I had just taken up golf and thought I would be a better golfer than a scholar.

Growing up what sports did you enjoy?

I enjoyed playing most sports including Tennis, Squash and Football but Golf was my favourite. I was playing “A” grade golf by the time I was 16 and loved the game.

What about your family? – My Mum and Dad were wonderful parents and they too had a love of golf, both competent players and I learnt the fundamentals and etiquette of golf from them-fantastic memories. I am married to a wonderful wife Carmel and have three great children-Craig, Mathew and Nicole. Carmel and I loved the area and our kids settled in very quickly.

Can you tell us about your career memorable highlights?

I won the Club Championship in Broken Hill at 17 years of age, missed it the following year in a play-off, and then won it nine years in a row for a total of 14 championships by the time we left.

Back then the highlight of my career was one year in South Australia winning the foursome championship partnered with a dear old friend Dave Bennett. I then went on to win the S A country championship.

That same year I was fortunate to win the SA Champion of Champions which was played over 72 holes at the Royal Adelaide Golf Course. Winning that gave me automatic entry into the Australian Open in Sydney.

You have outstanding golfing achievements particularly at the Thurgoona Golf Club. What is your history here?

Humbly - six time Thurgoona Club Champion - match play—five times senior champion - four times club foursomes, 10 times, and the mixed foursome championship 16 times. I have been successful in all other open events on the border. The joy of winning all these golf events could not have been possible without the blessing of my family particularly my beautiful wife Carmel. Our two boys Craig and Mathew are keen golfers and still play today whilst our daughter Nicole reckons golf is boring and has better things to do with her time!

What do you most like about living in Thurgoona?

We moved to Thurgoona in 1989 and thus began a wonderful life with my family which we have treasured. Thurgoona has everything—Schools, Shopping Centre, Medical Facilities, great Sporting Facilities, a great Golf and Community Resort and a wonderful Community Centre that brings joy, activity, fun and support to our residents.

You give of your time in Community Service particularly to Cancer patients can you explain what you do?

Carmel and I are both retired from working life but give of our heart, mind and capacity to community work

especially as volunteers at the Albury/Wodonga health supporting those in need.

Have you a favourite football team?

I barrack for the Sydney Swans and Melbourne Storm.

What is your favourite film?

My favourite film is “Shawshank Redemption”.

What about a great book you have read?

Currently I’m reading “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris.

Have you a favourite meal?

That would have to be Indian Curry - I make it and we call it “Guys Curry” because the girls say it is too hot to eat!

Do you have any bad habits you are game to share?

You need to ask Carmel but I am sure I have a few - one could be spending too much time playing golf or perhaps enjoying a glass or two of red wine.

Thank you Mike - we are very proud of your achievements and being one of us in our lovely Thurgoona Village.



Mike Warburton—able to enjoy his love of golf at the Thurgoona Country Club Resort golf course.

Inspiration from an Australian Great

Recently retired Professional Australian Tennis player Sam Groth visited Thurgoona Tennis on Friday 1st March. The visit was organised by Tennis NSW to help inspire the young players who are coached by Barbara Honey-Martin of HoneyBee Kidz Tennis at Thurgoona Country Club Resort. The children were thrilled to have a hit on court with Sam and to get his autograph.



Sam Groth with Olivia O'Kell, age 6

Sam also returned to The Border to support the Albury City Pro Tour event held 25th February to 3rd March at the Albury Grasscourts. Sam participated in a social tennis night at the Albury Grasscourts competing with and against keen local adult players. Thurgoona Tennis entered some players in this Pro-Am event and they very much enjoyed playing on court with Sam and some of the other professional players from the Pro Tour.

It is hoped such visits from Sam and the other professional tennis players can become an annual event.



Sam Groth with HoneyBeez and coach Barbara Honey-Martin

Tennis Talk

Bernadette O'Donnell

(Thurgoona Tennis Club President)

Another new year of tennis at Thurgoona has begun!

Our club has hit off the New Year with much enthusiasm and laughter!

Fun 4 on Monday nights from 6:30—8.00 pm is growing in numbers, with people aged from 14 upwards. For those of you new to the area, these evenings are for all abilities and no team is required. Come on your own or with a friend or two, to try it out. We have a couple of racquets that can be borrowed for the night, if you don't own one. The beauty of this night is that it doesn't matter if you cannot attend every week, just turn up when you can as there is no commitment.

Our Wednesday night mixed social comp has also begun, so if you are interested, put your name down as an emergency or organise a team of four (two ladies and two men) for the next term. We have both A and B grades to cater for the different standards.

Two Hour Tennis is another comp we are now running from 3.00-5.00pm on Saturday afternoons which is a similar format to the Fun 4. Just turn up ten minutes before to register and be placed with a partner for a quick set then swapped around to play other sets with different partners- a great way to meet people!

Thurgoona Tennis Club currently has three teams playing Saturday Pennant, which is run by the Albury Tennis Association. In summer, this is held on the Albury and Wodonga Grass Courts whilst in winter (starts in May), matches are played at various tennis clubs in Albury and Wodonga. If interested, you could join one of our teams, form a team, or be an emergency.

All comps are only \$6 for tennis members and \$10 for non-members (excluding the ATA pennant). It's easy to become a tennis member; just pay \$50 at the Thurgoona Country Club reception



Fun 4 Tennis Group in Thurgoona

(which includes social membership), and you will have free access to our courts during daylight hours with cheaper comp fees.

In October last year we held our inaugural Club Championships. Congratulations to our winners:

Singles: Men's: A- Carmine Adamo,

B- Simon O'Kell,

Under 18 boys- Cooper Inskip,

U 18 girls- Kari Graovac

Doubles: Men's: A- Jason Woodhouse, Tim Peverell:

B- Tony Hill, Drew Casey

Women's: A- Linda Jacobs, Bernadette O'Donnell:

B- Pauline Goonan, Michele Nesich

Mixed Doubles: A- John O'Neill, Bernadette O'Donnell:

B- Jason Woodhouse, Chrissy Clarke

Under 18- Cooper Inskip, Kari Graovac

A very successful day to which we look forward to an even bigger and better championship this year!

Our club also offers adult and children coaching with Barb Martin from HoneyBeeKidzTennis.

So, if you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact us as we are happy to help.

Find us on Facebook – Thurgoona Tennis, Thurgoona Fun 4 or Two Hour Tennis.

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Partnership in Thurgoona

Sherylyne Moran

Community support is part of the ethos of the Thurgoona Country Club Resort and so the TCC has been a grateful recipient through ClubGRANTS from our local Thurgoona golf club. In conjunction with donations from the Murray Grey Vets, over the past four years the TCC has received \$16,443 towards our BBQ recreational area, computer room extension, defibrillator, mounted baby change table and play equipment.

A shared volunteer between the two organisations, the very community minded, retired but very busy Peter Hamilton invited TCC Liverpool Catholic Club President, Michael Coffey OAM and Thurgoona CC Resort Manager Adam Fitzgerald to see how their investment had benefitted the community and to meet many of the volunteers who make the TCC a thriving community.

The TCC would also like to congratulate Adam Fitzgerald on the birth of his son Fergus and wish he and his wife, Beth, many happy days ahead. We are really pleased that Beth will be able to use the TCC Child and Family health clinic for support and nurture.

How does your Garden Grow?

Sherylyne Moran

Thurgoona seniors in need have been feasting on 'organically' grown greens from TCC. The community garden is flourishing with garden produce donated by Nic Mensinga from Howlong Nursery and lovingly tendered to by TCC volunteers. A big thank you to all for helping to keep TCC supplied and seniors nourished.



Howlong Nursery manager Eva with TCC committee Secretary James Caldwell. Photo: Sue Caldwell garden coordinator

Thurgoona Lions Help Local Kids

Alan Brink

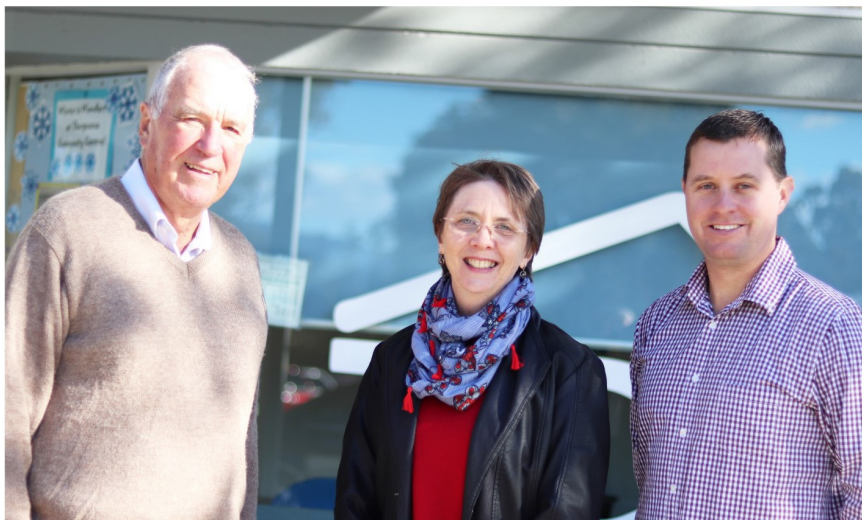
The Thurgoona and District Lions Club took very little time in deciding a part of its annual end of financial year disbursements. This part was to the Thurgoona Public School to provide financial assistance to needy children for certain educational costs such as specific school events and uniforms. The donation, made on 3rd June, was \$2,000.00. It will be called the "Thurgoona Lions Club Program Contribution Fund".

President of the Thurgoona Lions Club, Ian Crane said, "We felt that a good way to put back into our community was to ensure that certain local children do not miss out on some school events such as excursions or clothing such as sports or school uniforms. When brought up at a recent Board Meeting, the suggestion was soon approved by the Club".

Principal of the Thurgoona Public School, Theresa Kane said, "The generosity of our local Lions Club is certainly appreciated. We see these type of activities that this funding targets, as being a fundamental part of a child's development and education. All children should have the opportunity to attend excursions and feel part of their school in what they wear. Parents who feel the need to access some of this funding should apply directly to the school and of course, this will be highly confidential".



President Ian Crane together with Lions Club member Tricia Ray presenting the cheque to Principal Theresa Kane and Deputy Principal Jessica Brooker.



L-R Michael Coffey OAM, Sherylyne Moran and Adam Fitzgerald
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Tennis Talk

Welcome to the winter season!

Even though it is winter, our tennis activity still continues!

Every Monday night our Fun 4 comp takes place from 6:30—8.00 pm, even during the holidays. This is a competition for all abilities and is open to players from 13 years upwards. No need to play every week and no team needed! Just turn up ten minutes beforehand to register. This is a great way to meet people especially if you are new to the area or haven't played tennis for a long time. Many of our players played as children and have decided to give it a go again! Each player is paired with another, to play a short double set then swapped to have a different partner to play another set. We normally play about five sets and have a novelty activity at the end if there is time.

Our Wednesday night mixed team tennis comp runs from 7.00 pm during the school terms. Teams of two ladies and two men join either A or B grade and play three sets each week; one men/women's doubles set then two mixed sets. If



you don't know anyone, just contact us and you can either play as an emergency player or ask to join a team. All are welcome!

On Saturdays, we run a two-hour tennis comp that is a similar format to the Fun 4 on Monday nights every week. Once again, all playing abilities are welcome and no commitment is necessary—just turn up ten minutes beforehand when you are available. This is ideal for those that have busy lives yet want to have a bit of enjoyable exercise thrown in!

We also have Saturday Pennant teams that play with the Albury Tennis Association from 1.00 pm during the school terms. Just ask to join either our Section one women's team or Section two or three men's teams. This competition suits those players that would like a bit more of a challenge with commitment.



Our club also offers coaching for children and adults with our resident coach, Barbara Martin from Honeybee KidzTennis. Like our membership, these numbers have grown considerably since its onset, involving many of the young junior players in our area!

So come and get involved in our vibrant expanding tennis club!

Look forward to seeing you on our courts!

Bernadette O'Donnell

(President-Thurgoona Tennis Club)

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History of Thurgoona Our Fantastic Golf Course

By Barry Young OAM in
conjunction with Jack Cevaál.

It was in the early 1980's when the Albury Wodonga Development Corporation (AWDC) had the vision to plan a golf course on vacant grass and tree lined hectares of land adjoining St Johns Housing Estate at Thurgoona. Housing had begun with display homes by A V Jennings with agents advertising land adjacent to a planned super golf course and club features. Building blocks were available next to what is now the 13th and 14th fairways. Discussions were underway with Thompson and Wolveridge and Associates to design the best golf course between Melbourne and Sydney. Peter Thompson the great Australian Golfer had won five British Opens. The ultimate plan was to design a 27-hole golf course. The golf course architects designed 18 holes-covering 6365m, par 72, rating 74. The AWDC built nine holes and waited the outcome of further developments. The building of the golf course was not without problems. Thompson and Wolveridge had to build the front nine holes above flood level coping with drainage with water from the local paper mills and heavy rain all endeavouring to skip across the Riverina Highway. Considered were the two creeks that ran through the course. Some of the creek holes were built

virtually on the creek banks making it a difficult slicing trap plus penalty or lost ball.

Thompson and Wolveridge purposely under-bunkered so as not to tax the fledgling club finances. With the first nine holes popular the existing social club made way for the Thurgoona Golf Club formed in early 1984. The inaugural President was Ken Morgan an Albury chiropractor. The board formed in 1984 immediately set about raising money to build a club house. The club used a caravan and a heavy-duty money box for green fees collection - sometimes robbed.

The club sought a tenant, the obvious choice was the Albury Golf Club but the offer was rejected. Several licensed clubs in Albury considered the golf course for their members but also dismissed the idea. The club had a recorded 385 members on the master register, 80% of which were new players. Membership was \$25. A club emblem was designed by the board. The club went it alone starting from a credit balance of \$10,000. With money raised the club house was completed in 1985 and opened by Gordon F. Craig OBE Chairman of the AWDC on Friday 22 March 1985. The building comprised 33 squares and contained an office, kitchen and dining room with views over several holes and toilets and change rooms. Much of the club house construction was done by volunteer labour. The club applied for an annual

function liquor license which was granted but only on Sundays between 10.00 am to 6.00 pm. Further consideration were a Motel and Tennis Courts. With money raised the nine-hole golf course was extended to 18 holes in 1985. Against opposition the club became affiliated with the NSW Golf Association through the tireless efforts of Club Captain Jack Cevaál, the club's first life member who was there from day one and pivotal in the success of the project which we enjoy today. He is also a Club Champion and was President for four years. Other tireless workers were - Kevin Burns, Bryan Gee, Lew Pellizer, Wayne Clough and Peter Crow to name a few. The opening of the 18th hole and clubhouse was complemented by an attendance of 1000 people, with parachutist and a band. The days golf winner was Joe Amalfi on a play-off from Dave Drury. On the first two-day tournament held the professionals playing rated it a tough course with massive greens and one of the best courses in Australia. They expressed their respect and admiration for the course lay-out with pro Ken Trimble shooting a course record of 68. The first hole-in-one at the club was by David McGrath playing off the par 3 seventh 152 metre hole. The best golfers of that time were; Case Lustic and Mike "Warbo" Warburton who was described in a Border Mail article early in his career "he clouts the ball a mile and consistently drives around 250m. He has adapted well from the sand greens of Broken Hill his former hometown to our grass greens".

Tom Melouray - a left-handed club champion who played both right and left-handed. Also Bob Orman who is still playing now with the Murray Greys. Graham Hulm also still plays. Penny Graeber who held course records at Corowa, Rutherglen and Thurgoona Courses is the current teaching professional and runs the fantastic junior clinics.

In the late 1990's the club was not traveling well, and it was in 2000 that The Liverpool Catholic Club stepped in and saved the Club.

See previous Grapevine history article "A Promise Delivered". Contact Thurgoona Community Centre or Barry Young for a copy.

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TCC Chill Zone enjoyed their time on the practice fairway organised by Thurgoona Golf Club member John Greenfield. Photo: Peter Smith

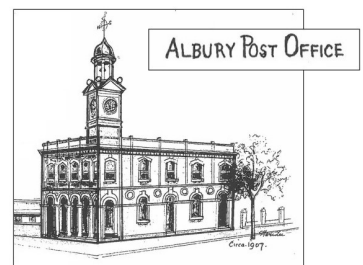
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Story from previous page



Joel delighted with his purchase for Elizabeth in the outskirts of Kathmandu

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After this Elizabeth was taken to the rest of the school and went into every classroom.

"We then walked on home along a new path, passed beautiful vegetable gardens and some stately brightly coloured homes".

"I loved every minute of my time at Hope Home. The home parents Nepal and Sapan are such wonderful people to provide this place for children from severe disadvantage. The children themselves are so beautiful, so appreciative of every aspect of the home and they contribute to the working of the home. Up early in the morning feeding the animals, walking the dogs, gathering vegetables from the garden and preparing meals. I'd love to go back again one day", she said.

If you would like to know more about Hope Children's Home you can see them at:
www.actioninternational.org/child-summary

Thurgoona Tennis Talk

Welcome to the summer season of tennis!

Along with our fabulous competitions we have hosted great events over the past few months. The first being, a Junior Development Series Tournament held on 28 August with over one hundred children participating from various towns across southern NSW. John Sidoti, the NSW Minister for Sport, also paid us a visit to witness the huge interest in kids playing tennis!

We held our Club Championships over a weekend in September, with increased numbers participating from the previous year, including some of our up and coming rising young stars. Our club has many talented members both young and a little older who grow in numbers every year. It was great to witness the camaraderie and friendly competition evident amongst our players!

On 21 September we held a Trivia Night at the Thurgoona Country Club

Resort. A very enjoyable night with many novel activities thrown in and a selection of beautiful finger food catered for by TCCR.

Our resident coach, Barb Martin from Honeybee Kidz Tennis has over 112 children participating in coaching this term. This continues to grow and we congratulate Barb on the wonderful job she is doing! We also have some adults seeking coaching to upgrade their skills!

If you are interested in joining our vibrant club, please contact us via Facebook or email- thurgoonatenniscub@gmail.com Tennis membership is only \$25 for adults and \$10 for children, so come and check out the variety of competitions presently running, which include all ages and abilities. All are welcome!

We look forward to seeing you on the court!

Bernadette O'Donnell

(President of Thurgoona Tennis Club)

Fun 4 Tennis Enthusiasts



Can Gran Cope? Sherylyne Moran

Margaret Voss, when she first thought she would visit the TCC Computer Open Day and see what was there, had the distinct feeling that her family thought it was a complete waste of her time. Obviously from all the technical questions that Gran asked of her family members, there was no way that she could cope with computer lessons! But Gran thought "Watch me!" and to her own delight, she has not missed a lesson since first coming to TCC in June this year. "This is a great opportunity for anyone. There is no excuse for anyone to be bored. I am very grateful to my tutor Jim and his wife Sue for all their patient encouragement", Margaret said.

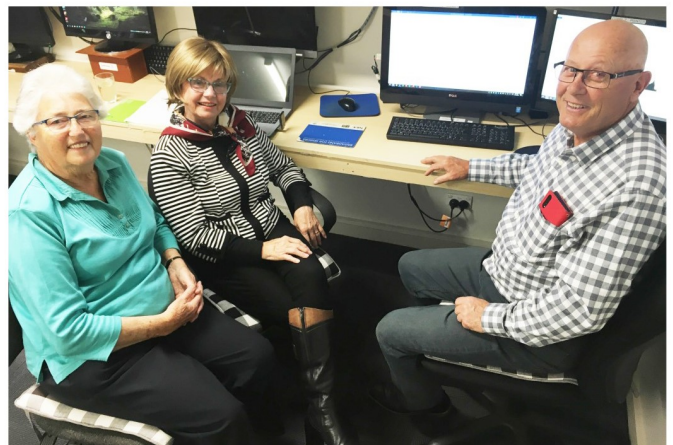
Margaret was so enthusiastic about what she was learning, she encouraged her friend Brigitte Ronald to also attend the beginner's classes. Brigitte already had the ability to email and navigate internet banking, but there were many other basics she had missed learning along the way. One funny example was when her cat walked across her keyboard and disconnected the mouse. She had to pay a technician to reconnect her mouse which was a simple key function which she has since learnt to do. The cat remained disconnected!

"I originally came to learn how to clean up my files. But I needed to start at the beginning and work my way up. In the classes I've learnt the meanings of the icons, what the shortcuts are and how to add wallpapers", Brigitte said.

Get Online Week is an annual event with grant funding for events provided by Good Things Foundation. The TCC was the happy recipient of \$1500 to upgrade computer equipment. It is estimated that well over two million people in Australia

are currently not online and four million people have limited digital skills. Get Online Week aims to bring together volunteers and community organisations such as TCC to provide a friendly and welcoming opportunity for people to take the next step in their online journey.

TCC is very grateful to the wonderful volunteers and tutors who did just that. The amazing event management, sumptuous catering, splendid roses and welcoming made the day a great success, especially for those who were first time visitors. We hope that you all continue your visits just like Margaret and Brigitte and become a part of the TCC.



Look what Gran can do at TCC. L-R Margaret Voss, Brigitte Ronald and James Caldwell. Photo: S Moran

Bouncing for joy—thank you Golf Club

Sherylyne Moran

Members of the TCC are dancing, swaying, lunging and skipping for joy at the latest support that the Thurgoona Country Club Resort has given through their clubs grant funding of \$3141. With this great help, the TCC hall and youth room users will be able to have Wi-Fi connection for movies, presentations, YouTube dance clips and educational resources. In addition, a headset microphone supplied by the grant will be a great benefit to the fitness and dance instructors. (Thank you to Coxtech and Jewel Audio and Visual for your service in installing these)

Many thanks for supporting the local Thurgoona community.



Pictured left: Club manager Adam Fitzgerald (far left) presenting the cheque to TCC John Greenfield and James Caldwell. Photo: Peter Smith

Pictured above: YAH fitness with Heather Cahill centre.

Contributions to TCC from Thurgoona Country Club Resort

Year	Grant	Purpose
2015	\$1945	Defibrillator – ClubGRANT (CG)
2015	\$500	Defibrillator – Murray Grey Veteran Golfers
2016	\$6000	BBQ and Recreational Area (CG)
2016	\$498	Mounted Baby Change Table (Vets)
2017	\$5000	Computer Room Extension (CG)
2018	\$2500	Squirrel Glider Climbing Frame (CG)
2019	\$3141	Wi-Fi and head-set microphone for instructors

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Our Thurgoona Students Writing Skills Awarded

A highlight of this year's River of Stories Short Story Writing Competition was prize winners from Thurgoona Schools - those being the Thurgoona Primary School and Trinity Anglican College. The River of Stories now in its 16th year was initiated and organised by Barry Young OAM who himself an international author saw a need as writing and reading skills were suffering due to computer games, text messages etc. The event has grown from five schools and 78 entries to now 25 Border Primary and Secondary schools and 500 entries. The winner of Year 3-4 was Pippa Whitbourn from the Thurgoona Primary School. Pippa received a \$100 Start-up Hume Bank Account and from year 5-6 Georgina Larsen and from Trinity Anglican College Year 5-6 years -winner Melena Wallace - a \$100 Start-up Hume Bank Account. Also, a Highly Recommended prize of a Dymocks Book Voucher to Georgina Larsen and Runner Up a Dymocks Book prize to Imogen Wragge and a book voucher for the winning encouragement award to Claudia Hocking.

The \$500 winning school prizes for their school library was won by The Thurgoona Primary School and Trinity Anglican College. The River of Stories is supported by the Albury Hume Rotary Club, Commercial Club, Hume Bank, Dymocks and the Albury Library Museum.

Barry was high in praise as were the judges of the entries.



Pippa Whitbourn from the Thurgoona Primary School winner of Year 3-4

Thurgoona Junior Golf Club

It's on again—by Barry H Young OAM.

The Thurgoona Country Club Resort has always had a strong junior following over many years but now with record numbers thanks to many wonderful members who volunteer their time to help promote the game to our young Thurgoona residents.

Penny Graeber a teaching professional was appointed Junior Co-ordinator some years ago and has excelled in this position, and with the help of other volunteer coaches runs the junior clinics on Sunday Mornings in school Terms 1 to 4.

The program is for juniors up to the age of 12 and is aimed at teaching them the basics skills of golf. Coaching is free. It is fun based around developing their balance and coordination. To view kids as young as four swing a tiny club is a sight to behold. I witnessed a four year old girl drive the ball further than

Graeme Harris the president of the Murray greys.

The girls and boys, muster on the putting green at 8-30 am. Penny has a quick chat and then it's into their appropriate age groups for the fun and games to get underway.

The youngsters rotate between two activities for the session-it finishes at 10-30 am until the next week when they come and do the same thing but with different activities. Some kids love driving, others putting. At least they don't lose the golf balls like some of the members of the Murray Grey Vets do!!

The highlight of the morning is a lolly treat, however only if they have helped pick up the golf balls, if they are lucky they might get two, that's if the parents haven't scoffed the lot.

Penny would like to invite juniors and teenagers to join our great club so just ring the Pro Shop 60431902 and one of the friendly staff will give you all the information you need to get started.

Golf Nostalgia from Jack

Pictured below is the original Thurgoona Golf Club back in 1983 with the newly constructed bridge.

Did you know that the bridge was first built by utilising decommissioned 2AY aerials? They were first spotted lying on the side of Corry's Road across from the now Equestrian Centre. A resourceful club member asked about acquiring them and when secured they came in handy to become the struts for the bridge in this picture. These were later

replaced with the railings. Recycling has been an art in use in Thurgoona from the beginning! The other bridges were built using disused rail tracks from Wodonga which cost club member Jack Cevaal a whole \$180. They were defective for rail use as they were damaged from an accident. "They proved pretty expensive to transport but were very useful", says Jack. The bridge was replaced in 2002. The new structure has a greater weight bearing capacity.



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Thurgoona Pride Shines at Prestigious Senior Tournament

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2019 NSW Senior Open Champion - Brad Burns. Photo Golf NSW

The Lincoln Place 2019 NSW Senior Open was contested at Thurgoona Country Club Resort golf course in October. With incredible player support from some of Australia's most accomplished professional golfers, spectators were treated to some spectacular golf during the 54-hole tournament. Now in its third year, the event is building a reputation as a first-class tournament on the Australia PGA Legends Tour. The event is made possible through the support of great sponsors such as Liverpool Catholic Club, Lincoln Place, the NSW State Government, AlburyCity, and many more including local businesses. This allows for a total prize purse of \$120,000 and now with pledges will continue for the next three years in Thurgoona.

The event attracted the help of 120 volunteers which allows for the success and smooth running of the competition. This year the volunteers were all donned in blue. This Blue Brigade helped create a fantastic environment of fun and friendship with some coming from other clubs including Albury Commercial and Corowa.

With weather challenged play, spectators were treated to some incredible golf over the three day event. The round of the tournament was clearly a brilliant 7-under par 65 from Brad Burns on Saturday, in the worst of the weather conditions. The weather cleared for the final round and the pressure and intensity of this prestigious event was evident as the players took to the course.

Finally, some incredible shot making and putting saw Brad Burns emerge victorious with a winning score of 10-under par, with runner-up Peter Fowler at 9-under.

Thurgoona Public School Providing the foundation for life-long learning

The last term has flown by with so many wonderful events happening at Thurgoona Public School. Term 3 saw our youngest students celebrate 100 days of school, while our Year 6 students participated in Peer Support training. The training is designed to build positive relationships, develop assertiveness, communication, empathy, decision making, conflict resolution and critical thinking, enhance mental health, embrace lifelong learning, encourage participation and develop leadership skills.

We also had students represent our school in the Lions Club Public Speaking competition, NSW Primary School Chess Competition, debating at the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod, the Riverina Dance Festival, Trent Barrett Shield and the 2019 Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition, to name but a few. Congratulations must go to the huge number of students who represented our school at a regional and state level. As well, multiple stages participated in highly enjoyable and always educational excursions to Beechworth, Jindera and The Great Aussie Holiday Park at Bowna.

Term 3 also saw us celebrate NAIDOC Week, Education Week and Book Week. Somehow, we managed to find time to plant over 200 shrubs, groundcovers and trees as part of improving the biodiversity of our school environment. Students were given the opportunity to purchase a plant, put it in the ground, water it and learn about that specific plant. They will also be involved with its ongoing care.

While our SRC and enthusiastic staff members were responsible for running



Hotondo Homes representatives present a \$1000 cheque to student, Roxi Howell, P and C President, Tamara Finck and Deputy Principal, Jessica Brooker

fundraisers for charities like the Fight MND organisation and the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, our P&C worked tirelessly to raise money for our school. An example of which was their partnership with Hotondo Homes which raised \$1000 for classroom resources.

As this latest issue of the Grapevine hits the streets, our school will be far from winding down for the end of year. Instead we will be in the thick of intensive swimming, gymnastics, Presentation Day and Year 6 farewell arrangements, and preparing for our new Kindergarten students, who will be bursting through our doors with great enthusiasm in less than three months' time.

Thank you to those community members and businesses who have supported our school this year and we look forward to your continued support in 2020. We wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.



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Kinder students, dress as 100-year olds as they celebrate 100 days of school