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Master Planning & Golf Course Design

We take this opportunity to thank our clients, the Ballarat Golf Club and Integra (formerly Roadcon Group), for the honour of designing and supervising the New Course that will now take the place of the Old. We have particularly enjoyed the close cooperation we have received from everyone connected, supporting our efforts while contributing to the outcome. It has been a most pleasurable year or so.

Needless to say, we are proud of the finished product, but then it is not for us to say so, but leave it to the BGC's membership to make a judgement.

All through the design and construction period, we as designers, have applied our philosophies as appertaining to golf courses, gained over our nearly fifty years of activities, here in Australia and abroad. We believe strongly in these principles of golf architecture. In doing so we have provided the Club with a first class course incorporating most features that we consider necessary to make up the full range of experience a golfer expects.

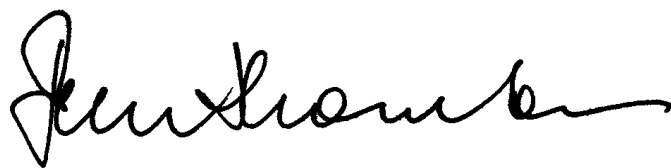
We have recognised the need for a modern length to the course to ensure its inclusion amongst the best courses in the country, at the same time ensuring that all players have a pleasant experience in playing it from various tees.

There is an acceptable ratio between "fairground" and nonesuch. We believe this is important in giving everyone who plays a "fair go". We have applied deep thought to green shapes and sizes, without invoking excessive slopes and ridges. There is a flexibility of difficulty inbuilt that can be used to make the course "hard" and "soft", depending on where the green cups are sited. Altogether, the course will be capable of testing every player to the comfort of their skills.

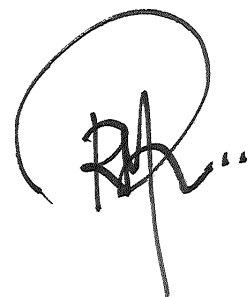
Over time, the landscape will “kick-in”, giving the course a picturesque view. We suggest that few if any further trees be added from this day forth,- instead relying on ground covers which may or may not be indigenous. It will give the course a classic look of a “heath-like and pine” (or gum!) layout.

The turf of the fairways should also grow to maturity without struggle and maintenance should keep it in fine condition. All in all, it should be a scene to behold!

Considering that the vacant territory that was to be the home of the New Course had nothing in the way of natural features, the final result is a glorious surprise. May it last a hundred years at least and give pleasure to many while providing a splendid nursery on which to cultivate future champions. Please all present and future office bearers of the club take care of it as it grows to maturity and old age. We will give it, always our urgent affectionate attention.



Peter Thomson



Ross Perrett

The purpose of this document is to define the background to and the philosophy behind the design of the New Course for the Ballarat Golf Club, and as a measure to safeguard the integrity of the Thomson Perrett designed golf links. Also as a permanent record of the 'as built' course together with the design intent and strategy behind each hole.

Established in 1895 the Ballarat Golf Club has for more than a century been a significant part of the history of Ballarat and is one of Australia's oldest Clubs.

In early 2002, backed by an overwhelming majority of members, the Club entered into an arrangement with Integra (formerly the Roadcon Group) to completely redevelop a new course and clubhouse. Thomson Perrett was engaged in mid 2004 as Golf Course Architects to design the new championship layout.

The planning and design process involved a collaborative approach between the designer, the developer/builder – Integra and the Club via a joint Project Course Design Sub Committee over a lengthy period in order to define the Brief and refine the design concepts including the final 'sign off' of the detail design documents by the Club prior to construction commencement in mid 2006, with a target date for opening in late 2008.

Due to the configuration of the land and the overlapping of part of the new course on the existing course, together with the Club's desire to maintain a playable 18 hole course through out the redevelopment, construction had to be undertaken in two stages.

The first stage of the redevelopment was officially opened by Peter Thomson on March 6, 2008, which marked the commencement of play on a composite course comprising 14 holes of the New Course and 4 of the Old Course, with the full 18 new holes scheduled for play in early 2009.

The Club's initial Brief for the redevelopment "*envisages a quality parkland style course, broadly undulating with only moderately elevated tees and greens.*"

The design should incorporate the following:

- *Layout to include one or two feature par 3's with maximum length approximately 175m, one or two memorable short par 4's with critical risk/reward features and one or two memorable long par 5's.*
- *Fairways to be broad in the 170 to 200m range to allow Club members to hit off with confidence in the prevailing winds, tightening for the long hitters with hazards introduced in the 200 to 250m range, with risk/reward values.*
- *Greens to be generous and bunkered with 'Thomson' style bunkers for reduced maintenance. Some greens (5–6) without bunkers but with challenging mounds and swales.*
- *Tees to be protected by mounding, shrubs and trees.*
- *Boundaries adjacent to residential areas to have continuous water in the form of wetlands which can be brought into play on some holes. Other boundaries to be mounded and planted with a 'palette' of suitable indigenous trees of various foliage, size and life expectancy.*
- *The course to feature copses of trees, strategically placed for beautification, privacy and safety, not tree-lined fairways. Planting to be kept away from greens, tees and fairways so that the roots and shade do not interfere with growth and to reduce maintenance.*
- *18 Holes to remain playable during the course of construction and grow-in".*

The creation of a golf course must, in our view, respect the game's origins and traditions, perpetuating what is precious, without distortions. At the same time courses should be golfer friendly, economically viable, and be integrated with the environmental and the cultural landscape.

Thomson Perrett's design philosophy has evolved over nearly half a century of designing quality golf courses in Australia and around the world and underpinned by a golfing background of the highest order. A respect for the game of golf as it traditionally played, for the environment, and for the land and its cultural context, are key components of our design philosophy. We believe that all courses should have a character all of its own. Only then will they find a niche in the world arena on which this game of a lifetime is played and enjoyed.

Golf course architecture is the art of sculpting land for the playing of the game as it is traditionally enjoyed, free from the "Humbug of lost balls" (as Dr Mackenzie put it), conducive to the flow of golfers of all standards and expectations, and flexible in dimensions for the accommodation of greater or lesser events and seasonal changes.

Fairways should be generously proportioned, respecting the general landform and remnant vegetation and utilizing the natural opportunities provided, with course strategy defined by a combination of natural hazards and well placed mounds and bunkers. Holes should have a variety of tee locations to serve as a true test of champions while at the same time allowing for the enjoyment of all members, men and women alike.

Based on the study of the Club's Brief and desire for a parkland course, together with an analysis of the site, particularly the mature pine trees, Royal Adelaide Golf Club was chosen as a metaphor for the design of the new course.

The course is a compact layout on approximately 56ha incorporating an 18 hole championship course with two returning nines in proximity to the new clubhouse and practice facilities, together with a new maintenance complex. The course as designed is a par 72 of 6,283 metres from the championship tees, together with logically placed members and ladies tees to allow the course to be enjoyed by all level of player.

The new course incorporates the majority of holes constructed on common/crown land and industrial land neighbouring the existing course which had been previously occupied by the University of Ballarat and others, and the remainder built on the existing course land, thereby preserving the Club's long history with the site.

Over 350,000 cubic metres of earthworks were undertaken to transform the flat farmland into an interesting and undulating piece of golfing terrain incorporating a series of creeks and wetlands to drain the site and capture run-off from both the golf course and surrounding residential estate. The stormwater wetland system 'cleans' the stormwater prior to delivery to the two large irrigation lakes that have a combined capacity of almost 50ML. The improved stormwater runoff system will also increase the quantity and quality of water entering Lake Wendouree. An underground bore is available to supplement the irrigation source should it be required.

All in all the site has in excess of 60,000,000 litres of Irrigation water storage. The project was recognised for it's water sensitive design and creative use of treatment and reuse features, and received the Stormwater Industry Association Victoria's Stormwater Innovation Merit Award.

In order to improve the drainage capacity of the existing soils, improve turf quality and provide all year playability, the fairways were sand capped to a depth of 200mm involving the importation of over 35,000 cubic metres of material.

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THE CARD

Scorecard - AS BUILT													
Hole	Match Index	Stroke Index	C'ship	Men	Women	Par	Hole	Match Index	Stroke Index	C'ship	Men	Women	Par
1	18	8	371	342	304	4	10	5	7	471	456	411	5
2	8	10	502	478	437	5	11	11	13	164	151	127	3
3	12	16	319	283	248	4	12	2	15	301	282	265	4
4	3	12	358	315	282	4	13	15	9	536	497	460	5
5	14	2	417	389	346	4	14	7	1	420	387	344	4
6	6	6	197	180	153	3	15	13	3	364	338	308	4
7	10	14	493	465	428	5	16	4	11	320	290	266	4
8	1	18	141	124	101	3	17	17	17	142	127	104	3
9	16	4	387	360	326	4	18	9	5	380	353	329	4
Out			3185	2936	2625	36	In			3098	2881	2614	36
							Out			3185	2936	2625	36
							Total			6283	5817	5239	72

NOTE:

The championship course as designed and built measures approximately 6,283 metres (6,871 yards).

Individual hole lengths are approximate only and subject to official assessment and accreditation.

The Stroke Index indicated is an interim assessment only and subject to review once the full course is in play.



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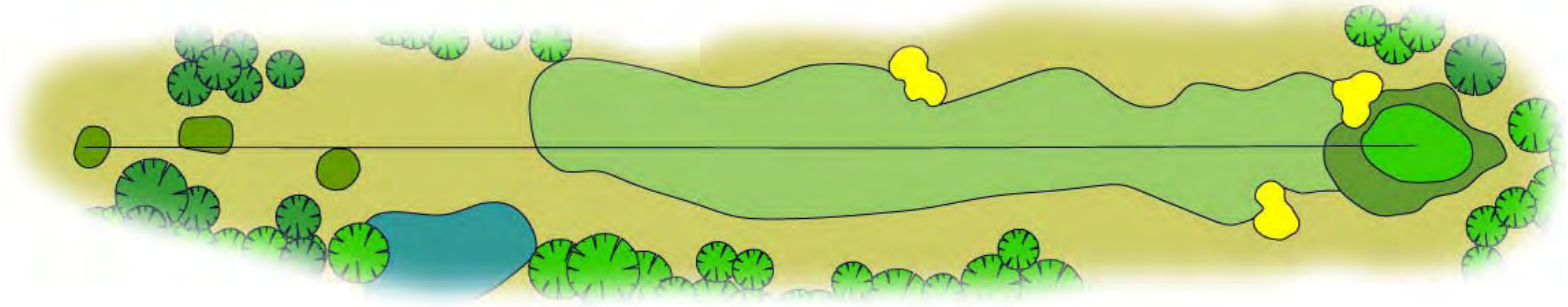
HOLE BY HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

The following Hole by Hole descriptions define the hole characteristics, the design intent and strategy for playing the hole.

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HOLE 1



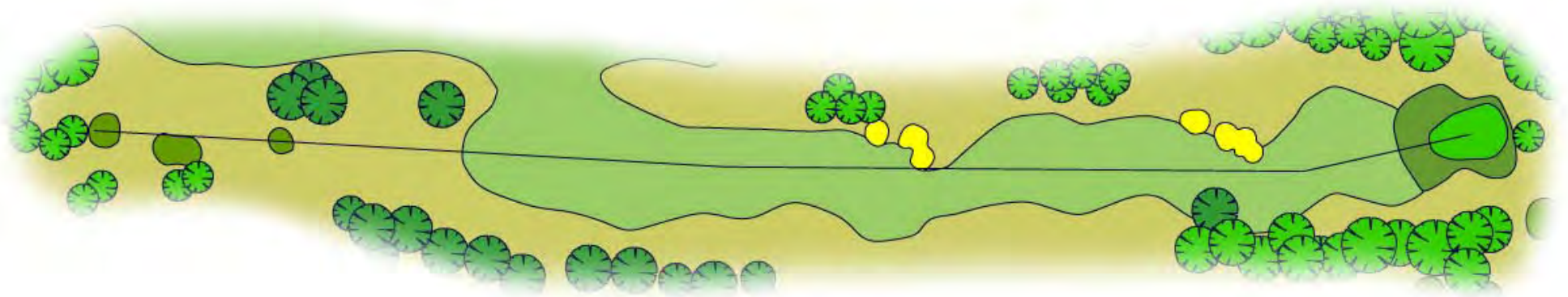
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This 371metre straight away par 4 hole (342 from the Members tee and 304 from the Ladies tee), with a generous landing area makes an ideal starting hole. A fairway bunker on the LHS, at 240 metres from the Championship tee, creates a risk for the longer hitters, as they have to try and thread their shorts between it and the RHS rough. The design is for percentage play, where players should lay up short with their tee shots, on the RHS of the fairway to give a better angle into the green. A large bunker on the RHS, positioned some 25 metres short of the green, giving a false sense of distance, and a deep greenside bunker on LHS protects the elevated green. Second shots that finish short will find a swale left and short of the greenside bunker. A variety of pin positions are available, with the more difficult on the LHS of the green behind the bunker. The more conservative play would be to aim for the centre of the green, to get off to a good start to the round.

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HOLE 2



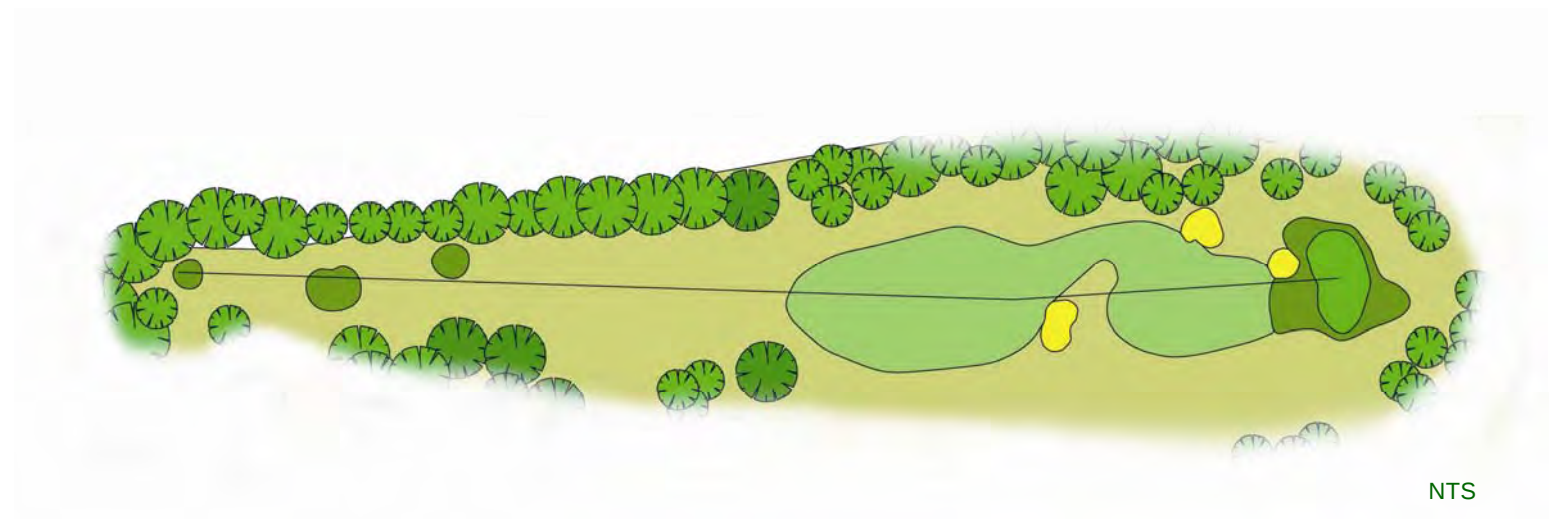
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A 502 metre par 5 (478 from the Members and 437 from the Ladies tee), a tight driving hole slightly uphill and out of a chute between the mature pines. The two fairway bunkers on the LHS at 280 metres act as a sighter and to frame the hole rather than being located for strategic reasons. It is the second shot where the difficulty begins, players have to decide to take the gamble and go for the green in two or to lay up short of the two fairway carry bunkers on the LHS and a well established Eucalypt tree on the right just short of the second TP. Even laying up, players can get caught behind this tree and will have to decide to go over the top or try and run the ball under the branches , over an undulating fairway. Mounds at the back and right, with large swales front right and left, protect the green. There are no greenside bunkers, as players will have a variety of shots to play if they miss the green.

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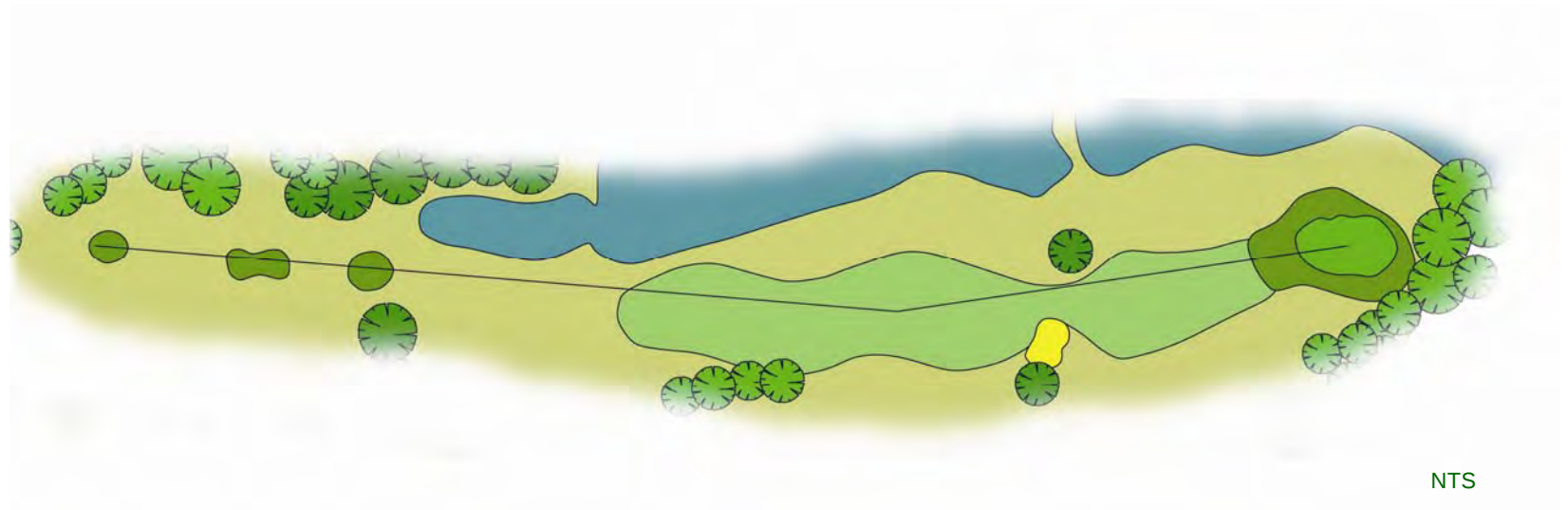
HOLE 3



This short, well bunkered, 319 metre par 4 (283 from the Members and 248 from the Ladies tee) is slightly downhill with an O.O.B. full length of the LHS, a bunker at 240 metres centre right and tongue of rough extending almost full width of fairway. Although short the defence of the hole is it's small and elevated green of only 14 metres front to back. There are two ways to play the tee shot, either by trying to drive the green and taking the risk of the bunkering, or by laying up with an iron for the tee shot, to give a full shot into the green. If you get to close to the putting surface the best shot is a pitch and run, as it will be too difficult to hold the green any other way. There is also plenty of trouble over the green with a large swale and bushes to catch the over played shot. Many a good stroke round could be ruined, if the right shot isn't played. A variety of pin positions are available, with the more difficult on the LHS of the green behind the bunker and generally close to the front edge.

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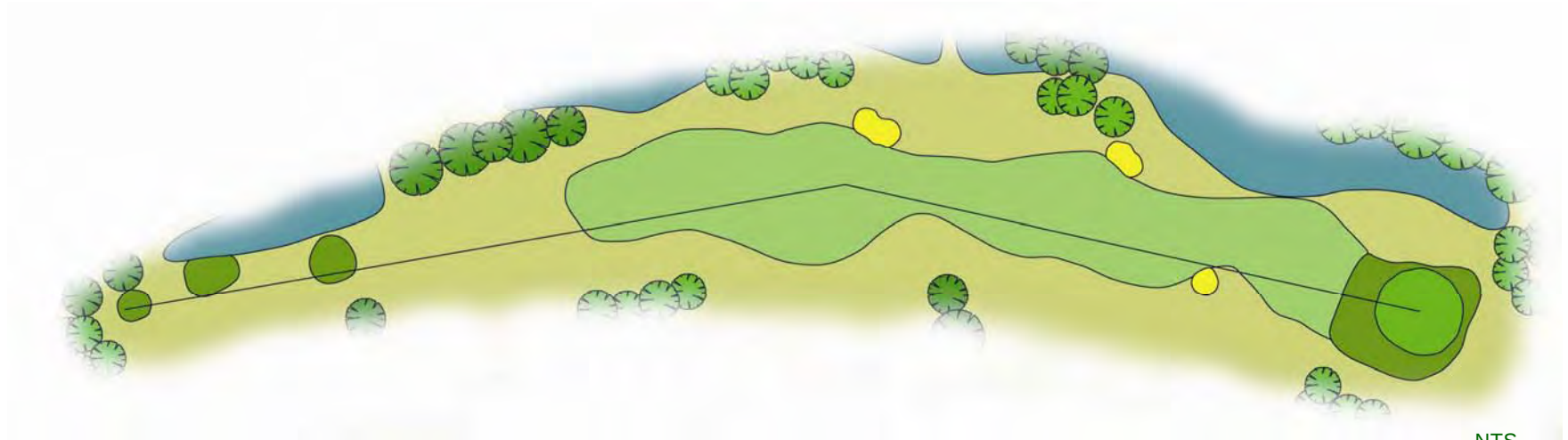
HOLE 4



This par 4 hole at 358 metres (315 from the Members tee and 282 from the Ladies tee) is a slight dogleg left to a relatively narrow fairway. Lake St Andrews on the LHS starts at the beginning of the fairway runs the full length to the back of the green, therefore demanding a straight drive from the tee. A fairway bunker has been placed 260 metres from the back tee on the RHS, to give a target to aim at, but be careful not to over play your shot. The right side of the fairway offers the best line into the green, as players will have a good view of the long and narrow green. The fairway has many mounds and hollows, making it very rare to get a flat lie to play your second shot. There are no greenside bunkers, as the green is slightly elevated, with water left and swales right, giving the player plenty to think about.

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HOLE 5

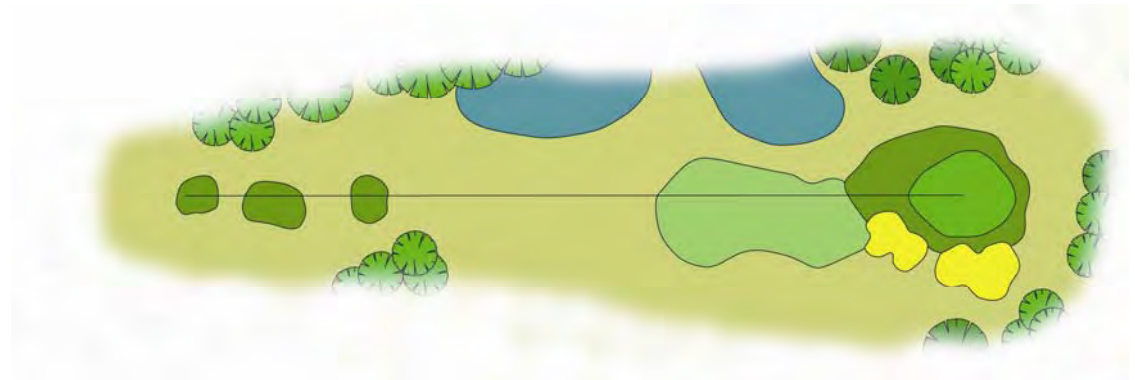


At 417 metres (389 from the Members tee and 346 from the Ladies tee), this par 4 dogleg right is the second longest par 4 on the course. A fairway bunker at 235 metres on the left and a narrowing of the fairway on the right provides a very narrow opening to play through. Players need to “flirt” with the deep fairway bunker with the drive, and positioning of the tee shot should be on the LHS to have clear access to the green, as there has been placed another fairway bunker some 50 metres short of the green on the RHS, giving the allusion that the green is closer than it is. There are large swales left and right of the green and mounding at the back, giving this the look of an Irish Links course, with the putting surface nestling in a “Dell”. A really good hole to make a par on, as both shots will have to be accurate and long, especially into a “south westerly”.

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HOLE 6



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The first and longest par 3 on the course is 195 metres from the championship tee (180 from the Members tee and 153 from the Ladies tee) . This hole is beautifully silhouetted by the mature pines at the back both right and left, and has a meandering water hazard in play down the left hand side.

The large elevated green (approximately 2.5 metres above the tee) slopes right to left, making putting challenging. The green is protected on the right by two deep bunkers, with mounding and a hollow on the left. It is essential that players select the right club, so that they will finish flag high. This is a difficult hole, par is a good score and a hole that the course will be remembered for.

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HOLE 7

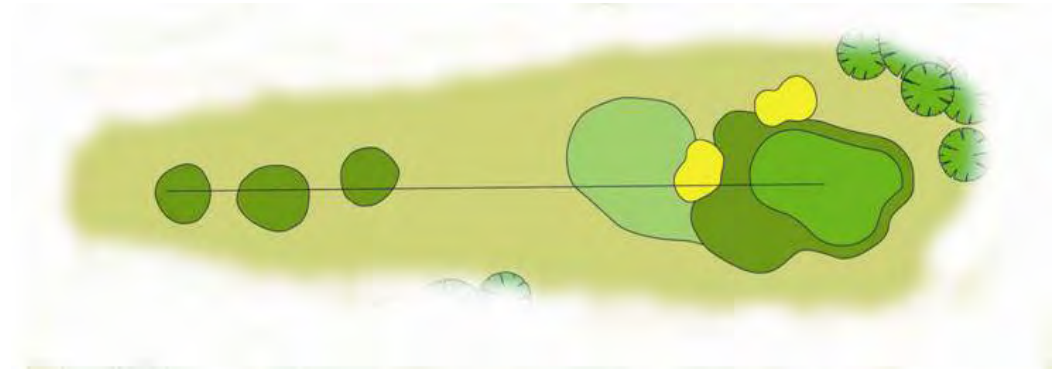


This is a 493 metre par 5 (465 from the Members tee and 428 from the Ladies tee), playing slightly downhill, almost due west and perhaps offering a little relief after the challenging fifth and sixth. The water on the LHS should not affect play to any great degree, but two fairway bunkers are and there is a double row of mature pine trees that runs down the RHS between this and the neighbouring second fairway. A good tee shot to the left of centre can set up play to attack the green in two, but players have to negotiate two LHS fairway bunkers, located at 260 metres from the tee. The second shot has to be played through a narrow opening with two bunkers on the LHS short of the second TP and a further greenside bunker on the right.

The green slopes from back right to front left with a large swale on the front LHS, which is approximately 1.5 metres below the level of the green.

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HOLE 8



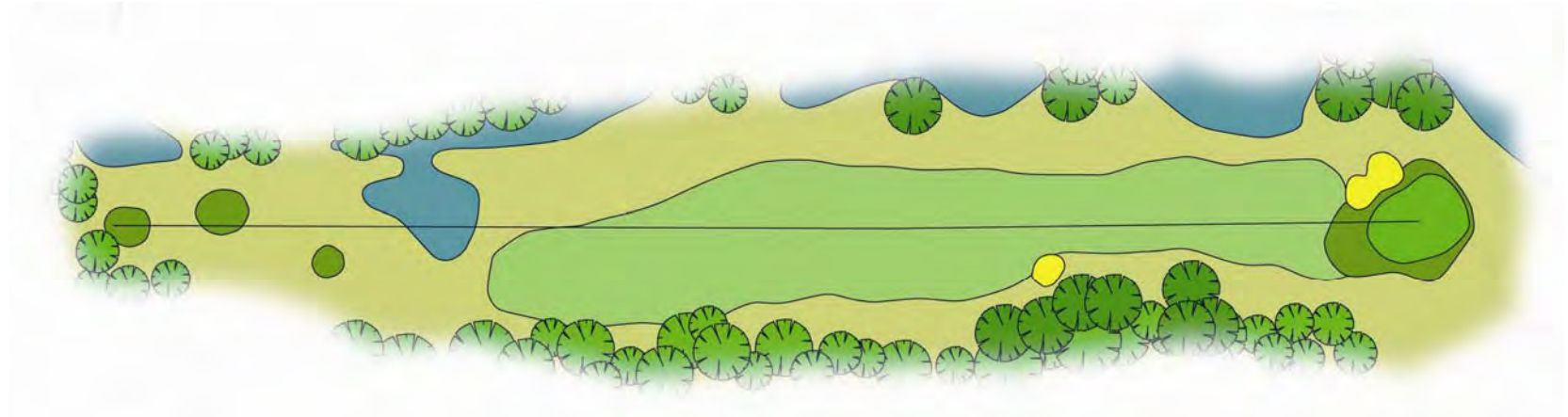
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This 141metre par 3 (124 from the Members tee and 101 from the Ladies tee) is the shortest on the course and plays slightly uphill from a tee surrounded by landscaping. The tee shot is played over rough ground and with the large central bunker some 15 metres short of the putting surface creating a false sense of distance. The green area is a healthy size of 554 sq metres, with a variety of subtle pin positions. The green is guarded by a greenside bunker on the left and a swale on the right. Players have to be careful not to miss the green short right, as their balls could end up running some 15 metres from the intended target. It is likely to be the easiest hole on the course.

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HOLE 9



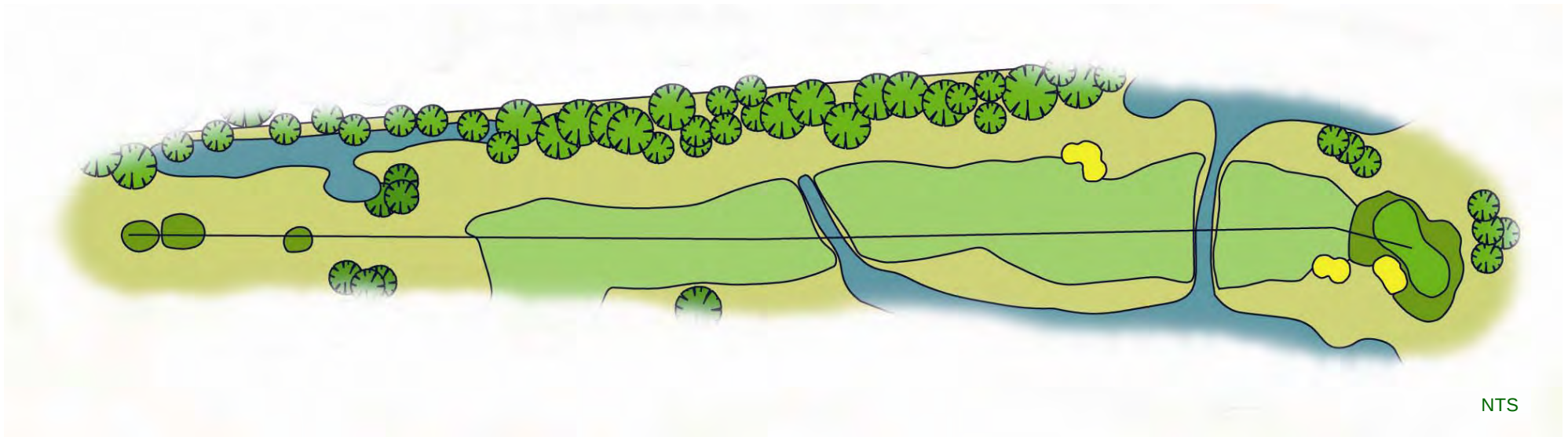
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This “straight away” 387 metre par 4 (360 from the Members tee and 326 from the Ladies tee) heads south, back to the clubhouse with wetlands on the left, which are not in play to any significant degree. The practice fairway on the right which will be visually separated by mounding and landscaping, gives a wide open feeling, until players have to play their seconds through a ‘chute’ of mature Pines. The fairway bunker here is on the right at 270 metres and the fairway landing area is a generous 45 metres wide, offering some respite for the long hitters. The large ‘ceremonial’ green (560 square metres) has a gentle slope from mounding back right to a greenside bunker front left so expect more long putts.

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HOLE 10

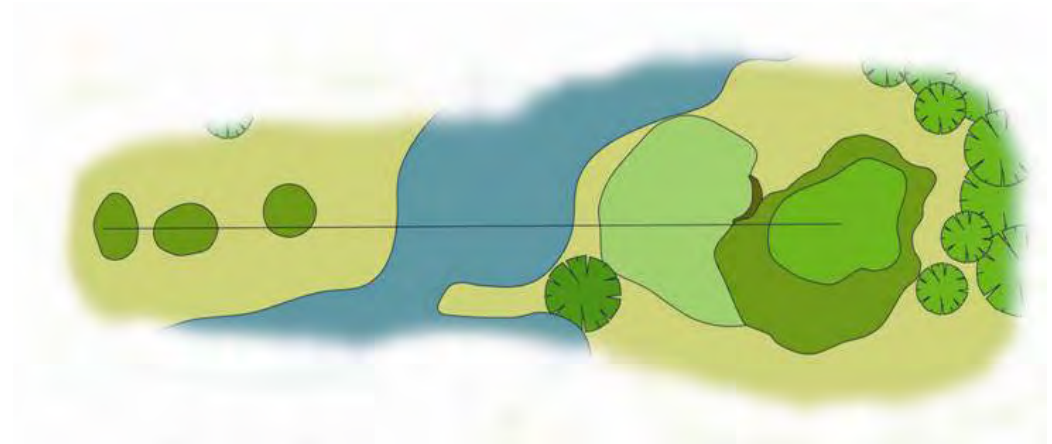


This relatively short Par 5, at 471 metres (456 from the Members tee and 411 from the Ladies tee), is played along the western boundary from the clubhouse with O.O.B. on the LHS. This hole presents many choices and challenges. The first of two creek or 'burn' crossings is at around 240 metres (260 metre carry), which means players wanting to reach the green in two have to be as close to this water as possible. For the best approach to the green if you cannot reach it in two, is to lay up left and short of the second water crossing to enable a full wedge to the green. A combination of a fairway bunker some 20 metres short of the green, and a deep and difficult greenside bunker front right protects this green, which slopes to the back left.

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HOLE 11



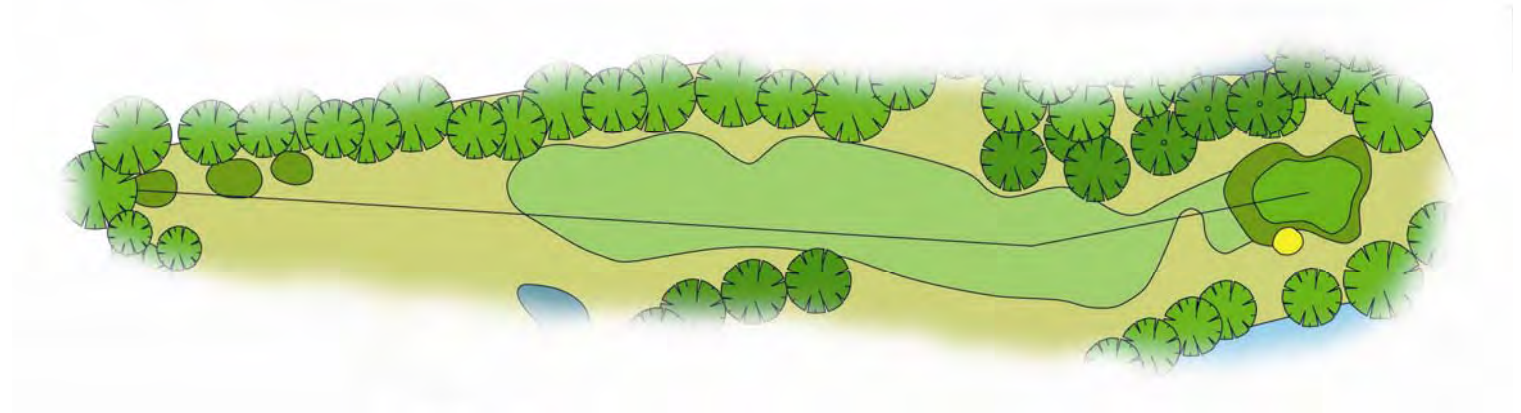
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A 164 metre par 3 (151 from the Members tee and 127 from the Ladies tee) has an intimidating water carry (50 - 60 metres from the Ladies tee). A large “bail out” apron exists on the RHS of the green. The tee shot will be played into the wintery SSW wind, causing many players to come up short. There are no bunkers to this two-tiered green, which is big by the course standards at 610 square metres. Players will have to be accurate with their tee shots, as there could be many three putts on the undulating green.

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HOLE 12



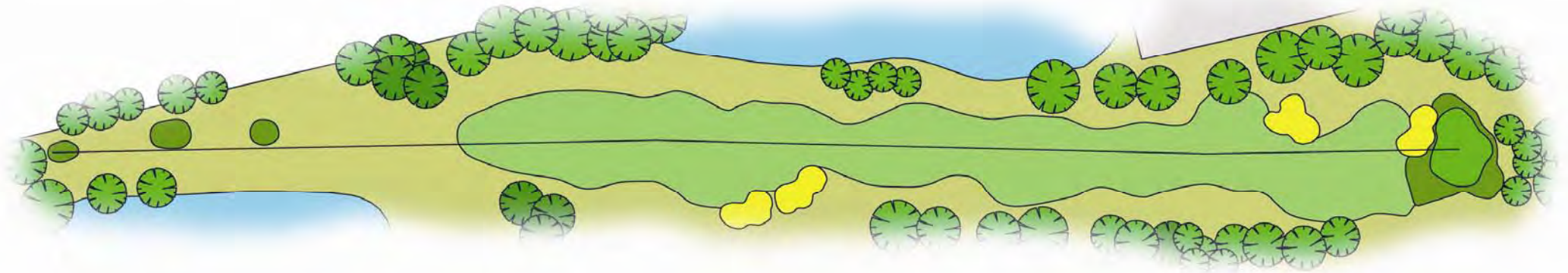
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The North West corner of the course is occupied by this short 301 metre par 4 (282 from the Members tee and 265 from the Ladies tee) with O.O.B. on the left and the landscaped bank of the turkey's nest irrigation storage lake on the right of the green. A straight tee shot is needed as the fairway runs diagonally the large pine trees that frame the fairway. Just short of the green a tongue of semi-rough protects the green. Longer hitters can go for the green, but have to negotiate the large Pines on the LHS and a small pot bunker on the right of the green, which is there to catch shots bouncing off the mounds back onto the green. The elevated green is ridged at the front then falls back left. A conservative way to play this hole is to hit a tee shot to the right of centre of 190 metres, short of all the trouble, then play a full wedge into this small green. Although short this hole is likely to be remembered, a little gem.

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HOLE 13



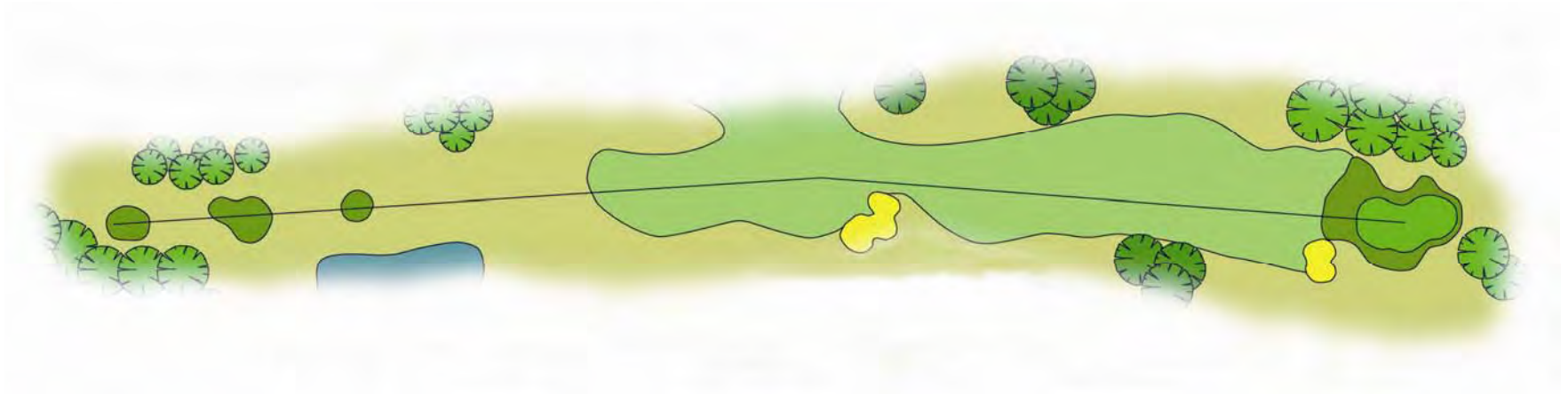
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This par 5 plays at 536 metres, the longest on the course (497 from the Members tee and 460 from the Ladies tee) runs slightly uphill along the northern boundary with the prevailing south westerly wind over the right shoulder. The tee shot is framed both right and left by mature pines and by fairway bunkers at 260 metres on the right. Just short of these bunkers there is a large landing area, which will set up the next shot, where players can attack the green in two or play to the right of the fairway to avoid the two bunkers on the left, one short and the other greenside. The right side of the fairway will give the best angle of approach this elevated green. A very strong par 5.

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HOLE 14



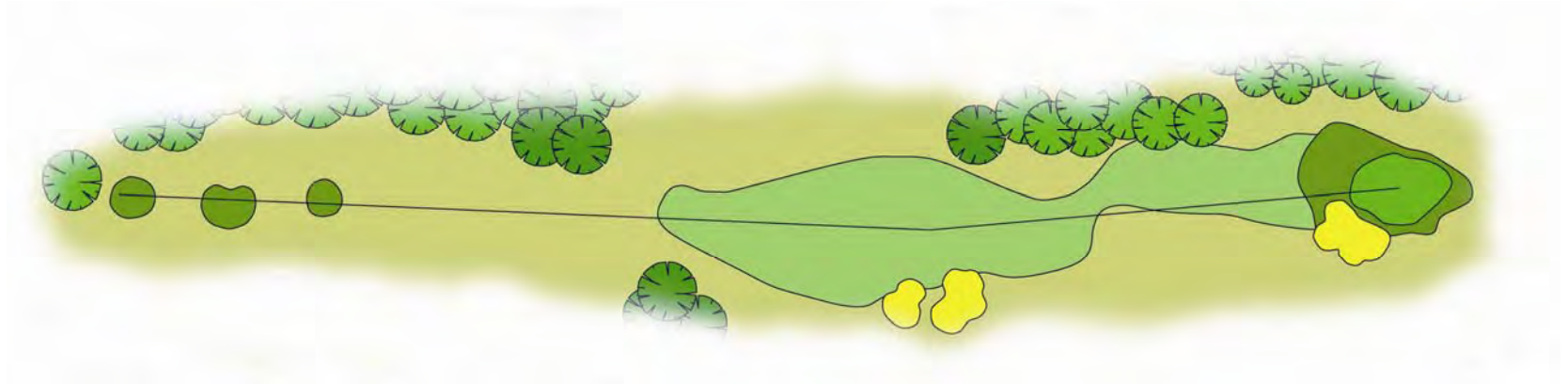
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The longest par 4 at 420 metres (387 from the Members tee and 344 from the Ladies tee) is played slightly downhill. A large bunker at 230-240 metres on RHS of fairway is shared with the adjoining hole to discourage longer hitters from taking a driver. Another fairway bunker short of the green on the right side will trap the short fading second shot. There is a ridge running from the bunker to the green, which has no greenside bunkers but is long and narrow and is surrounded by mounds at the back and front left. This will place a premium on club selection. A really tough hole.

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HOLE 15



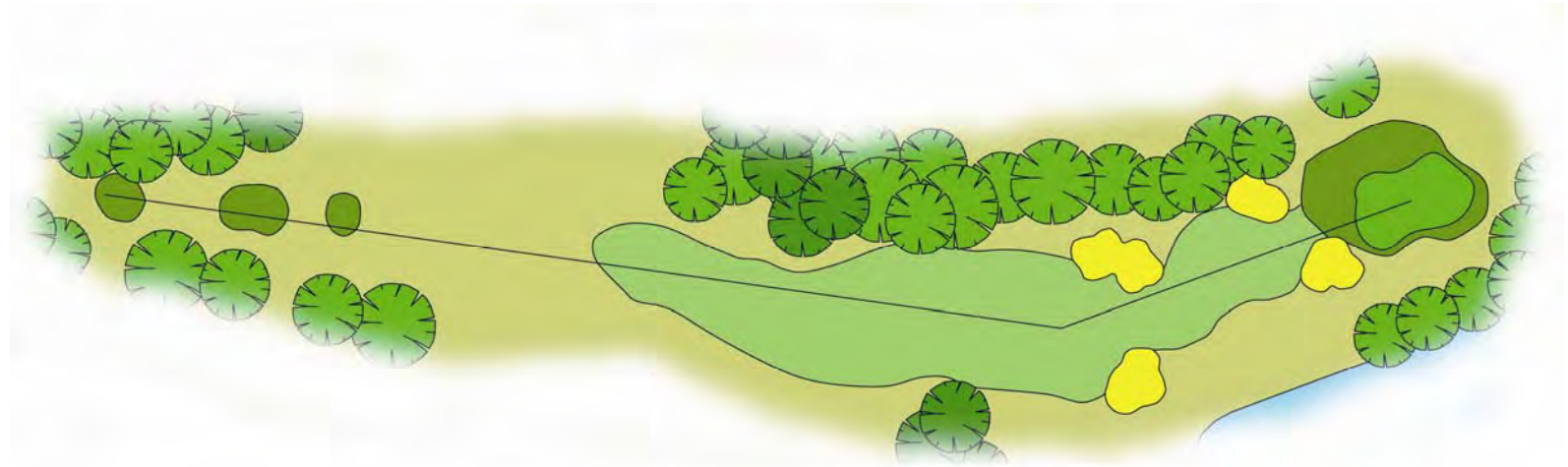
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Slightly uphill 364 metre par 4, (338 from the Members tee and 308 from the Ladies tee), which has fairway bunkering at 220 metres on the right that it shares with the 14th. On the left of the fairway there are existing Pine trees, which were kept to discourage tee shots fading towards the 14th fairway. The fairway “necks in” beyond the fairway bunkers and gently rises to the green, which slopes, slightly from the back right with a deep swale back left and a deep cavernous bunker on the right. It is very important to position your tee shot on the fairway, so you get a clear shot to the green. Making sure you take a club extra to reach the pin. Definitely a sleeper and likely rated high on the stroke index.

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HOLE 16



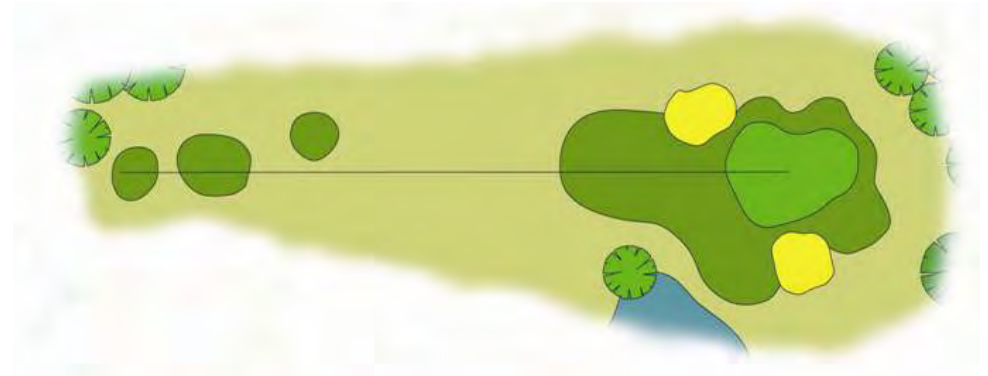
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A short par 4, playing 320 metres (290 from the Members tee and 266 from the Ladies tee), runs slightly downhill with a dogleg to the left. Bunkers left and right just beyond the TP will catch anything but the straight drive. A fairway bunker some 25 metres short of the green and a series of swales guard the LHS of the fairway and a greenside bunker short and just right of centre defends the green. Unless played with a draw, longer hitters will have to lay up as the fairway runs out on the right at the landscaped bank of the irrigation dam. A gentle ridge extends from the dam wall across the centre of the green, which has a greenside bunker front right and a deep swale back right. Conservative play is the best option, laying up short of the fairway bunkers leaving a full shot into the green, making sure you get your second shot close to the hole, as the green has many undulations. This hole is destined to be a favourite among the Members.

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HOLE 17



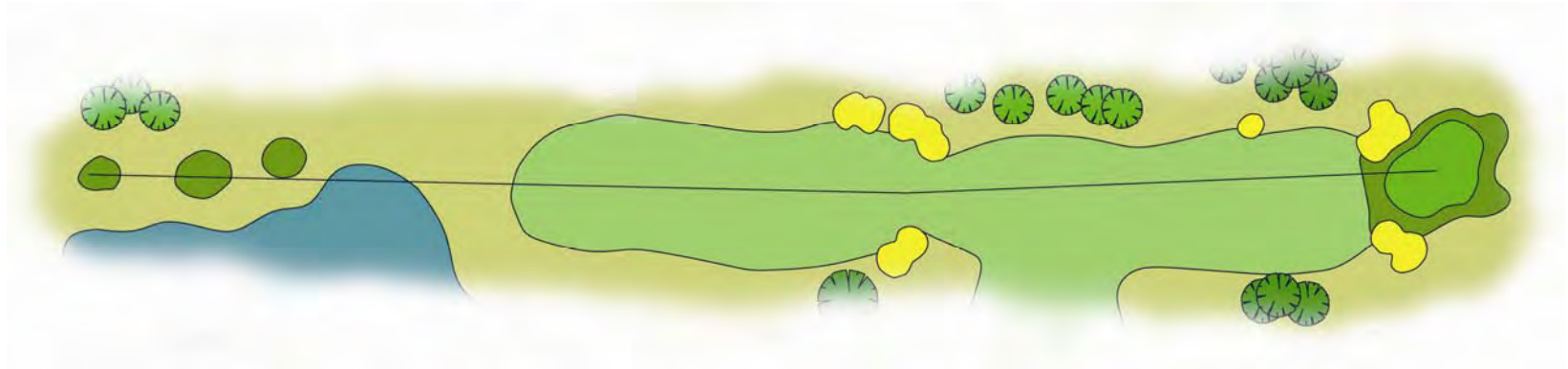
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A short 142 metre par 3 (127 from the Members tee and 104 from the Ladies tee), played to a small 480 square metre elevated two-tiered green, that slopes left to right with bunkers front left and back right. There is a large grassy swale on the RHS, which make it very difficult to get up and down in two if players miss the green. This little beauty is likely rated as one of the easier holes, but because of its exposed green position, it is imperative players select the right club in windy conditions in order to land on the full.

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This 380, metre par 4 (352 from the Members tee and 329 from the Ladies tee) heads due south to the sanctuary of the clubhouse. The tee shot becomes very tight at the landing area, with bunkers on each side of the fairway, providing a relatively narrow opening, with the right bunkers requiring a 240 metre carry that will provide a challenge to long hitters. The second shot is played into an amphitheatre of mature pines to a large and slightly elevated green of approximately 520 square metres, with bunkering front right and left.

If players choose to lay up short of the fairway bunkers it will require a long and accurate second shot to a well guarded green, a good finishing hole.

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Recommendations to 'toughen up' the course for tournament play:

- Utilises the five pin positions that have been designed for each green, especially those close to the bunkers and to front edges where greens are elevated.
- Cut the greens close, making them run at a speed of 11 to 12 on the Stemp Metre, making sure the greens have enough moisture in them so as not to dry out.
- Grow in the fairway semi-rough 230 plus metres from the back tee, to give a smaller landing area for the longer hitters and similarly at the second TP of par 5's.
- Grow rough on the mounding in the fairway, especially holes 3, 12 and 16.
- Cut the aprons around the greens to a length that players will have a variety of shots to play, e.g. the pitch, the chip and run, or even putt.

Playing Surfaces

Prior to selection of turf grasses for the New Course, extensive trials (over approximately 18 months) were undertaken on the existing course in order to assess performance and maintenance practices in the Ballarat climate.

These site trials included:

Fairways & Semi-rough

- Santa Ana Couch (areas of existing fairways)
- Velvetene Paspalum (areas of existing fairways)
- Seaside Paspalum

Greens

- A1 Bent Grass
- G2 Bent Grass
- Tyee Bent Grass
- 007 Bent Grass

Aprons

- A mix of; G2 Bent Grass (10%), Fine Fescue (30%), Sheep Fescue (30%) & Creeping Red Fescue (30%)

Following these trials, Santa Ana Couch was selected for the Fairways, Winter Green Couch for the Tees, G2 Bent Grass for the Greens and a mix incorporating; G2 Bent Grass (10%), Fine Fescue (30%), Sheep Fescue (30%) and Creeping Red Fescue (30%) for the Aprons. Selection based on sustainability, water use and on-going maintenance practices were critical factors in the decisions made.

Due to the eventual timing of construction not coinciding with the optimum season for establishment of the Couch Fairways an alternative strategy was implemented. During construction, the sand capping occurred over the winter of 2007 and in order to protect the sand from contamination, to maintain the shape and to allow play on the first stage of the course at the earliest possible time (as there was insufficient water available to irrigate both the New and Old Courses), the decision was made to sow the Fairways with a Bent and Fescue mix (as for Aprons) and to later 'line plant' the Couch, which was carried out in November of 2007. Once established, the intent being to discourage the Bent and Fescue and encourage the Santa Ana couch, and over a period of 3 – 4 years develop a pure couch fairway turf.

The transition to a one grass policy on the Fairways will require a stringent management regime in order to establish the optimum quality turf in the shortest possible time, while maintaining an acceptable playing surface during the process.

Landscape

The Club's requirement for a 'parkland' style course and the retention of the remnant trees, mainly mature pines, were key factors in determining the landscape character. Primarily an indigenous landscape together with a mix of exotic trees was chosen for the New Course. Indigenous species were chosen because of their ability, once established, to withstand the dry environment and exotic specimens to provide colour and compatibility with the remnant exotic trees and the broader cultural landscape of Ballarat.

A mix of fescues and indigenous grasses and ground covers was selected for the roughs. Due to a lack of available irrigation during initial establishment, some over-sowing will be required to establish a complete groundcover.

Some 140,000 indigenous plants including trees, shrubs, wetland and ground covers have been planted, together with over 700 advanced exotic trees, in order to establish the semi-parkland landscape for the New Course. The design aims to develop a sustainable landscape and to minimize maintenance resources required on the non playing areas of the course.

It is the intent to keep the landscape as open as possible to allow air circulation and so as not to over shadow greens, tees and fairways, and to allow the landscape to mature naturally without additional tree planting except for replacement of senescent and non performing specimens or to strengthen boundary and screen planting.

Over the years it may be necessary to edit or remove some planting in order to maintain a healthy landscape and a playable golf course.

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