

Serpentine & Districts Golf Club

July 2026 Newsletter

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Foursomes Champs

Girl Gridders were Lynda Ritchie and Chris Siviour while the Boy Chicken Dinners were Neal Ivey and Geoff Martin after a play-off with Chris and Fraser Grey.



President's Post

The management committee have been looking to the future and investigating some technologies that may be of benefit to the club. One of the most labour intensive and time-consuming tasks is fairway mowing and mower maintenance. We all understand that our mowing equipment is getting older and will require replacement or upgrading in the not-too-distant future and along with the operators aging as well, we have undertaken to look into what may be available in robotic mowing technologies. Preliminary investigations into possible contenders have started with more to come in future newsletters.

You may have noticed that all the demolition component of the clubhouse upgrade has been completed and preliminary steps in the reconstruction phase have commenced. There may be a lapse in on-site activity but be assured there is work such as wall and structural fabrication occurring off-site.

Competitions over the past month have been well patronised and the volume of green fee players has been at a consistent level. The course has stood up well to the wet weather so far with only a few occasions where the lower lying fairways (3 and 17) have shown some flooding. Please keep up the good work in repairing divots made and left by others particularly on the tees.

The practice fairway ball volume is shrinking predominantly due to being left out after practice sessions and not returned to the clubhouse. If you use the practice fairway please get into the habit of picking up and returning the balls you use.

Mike Fancote

Men's Captains Corner

This month started off with some forecasts of bad weather for our golf days, this affected our field sizes for the month.

The monthly mug for June, which was actually played on the 31st of May was won by Vic Tucker.

Thursdays average field was 21, Saturdays were a little quieter this month with an average of 14 players. Sunday's fields were slightly down as well with 25 players.

During the month we played our foursomes Championships. This year we had a tie after the 28 holes between N Ivey / G Martin and the father son combination of C Gray and F Gray.. This invoked a sudden death play off over holes 1, 8 and 9 if required.

Both teams had putts for par on the 1st Neal sank his mid-range putt for par, leaving Fraser with a putt to force the play-off to a second hole. Unfortunately for Fraser he missed his putt, making Neal and Geoff this year's Men's Foursome Champions.

It wasn't all disappointment for Chris and Fraser; they were winners of the Nett.

Brett

Ladies Captains Corner

Ladies played two weeks of Foursomes Championships in June. Seven Pairs played both weeks but pleasing to have 20 players total on the second week. The Gross Winners were Lynda Ritchie and Chris Siviour with Gross 194. Nett winners were Enid Andrew and Marg Richings nett 155. Gross runners up were Judy Borgward and Judy Hambley and Nett runners up were Julie Scott and Felicity Smith.

Six of our members played in the South West Womens Golf Singles Championships at Capel on 20th and 21st of June. It was a very enjoyable weekend. Judy Borgward won the Nett daily prize in Silver division on the Saturday with a 72 nett and Felicity Smith won the Saturday Daily Prize in the Pewter Division with 38 stableford points. A heavy shower of rain suspended play for 30 minutes on the Sunday to give the greens a chance to drain. Everyone was glad to come in at the end of the day dry, but a drive home in pouring rain was a challenge.

On June 23rd Serpentine Ladies played the Peg Richings Memorial Trophy Day in memory of Peg Richings a long time contributor and Life Member. Very pleased to add her name to this Trophy was Lynda Ritchie winning with a Nett 74. We thank the Richings Family for their continuing sponsorship of this day.

Overall the Ladies have been pretty lucky with June weather. A couple of days some have stayed away due to weather forecasts and great Golf weather actually prevailed. One of these was 30th June when 4 braved but were rewarded with magic weather and Judy Borgward won her 3rd Monthly Mug for the year with 72 nett.

Good luck to Lynda Ritchie and Judy Borgward who are playing in the SWWG Foursomes Championships on July 18th and 19th in Capel.

Judy Hambley

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Serpentine & Districts Golf Club Clubhouse Upgrade Project Progress Report July 2026



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Latest News

• Main Construction Works

Work Completed

- Installation and commissioning of the new effluent disposal system
- All demolition works
- Site preparation and clean-up works
- Preparation and compaction of the sand pad



Works in Progress

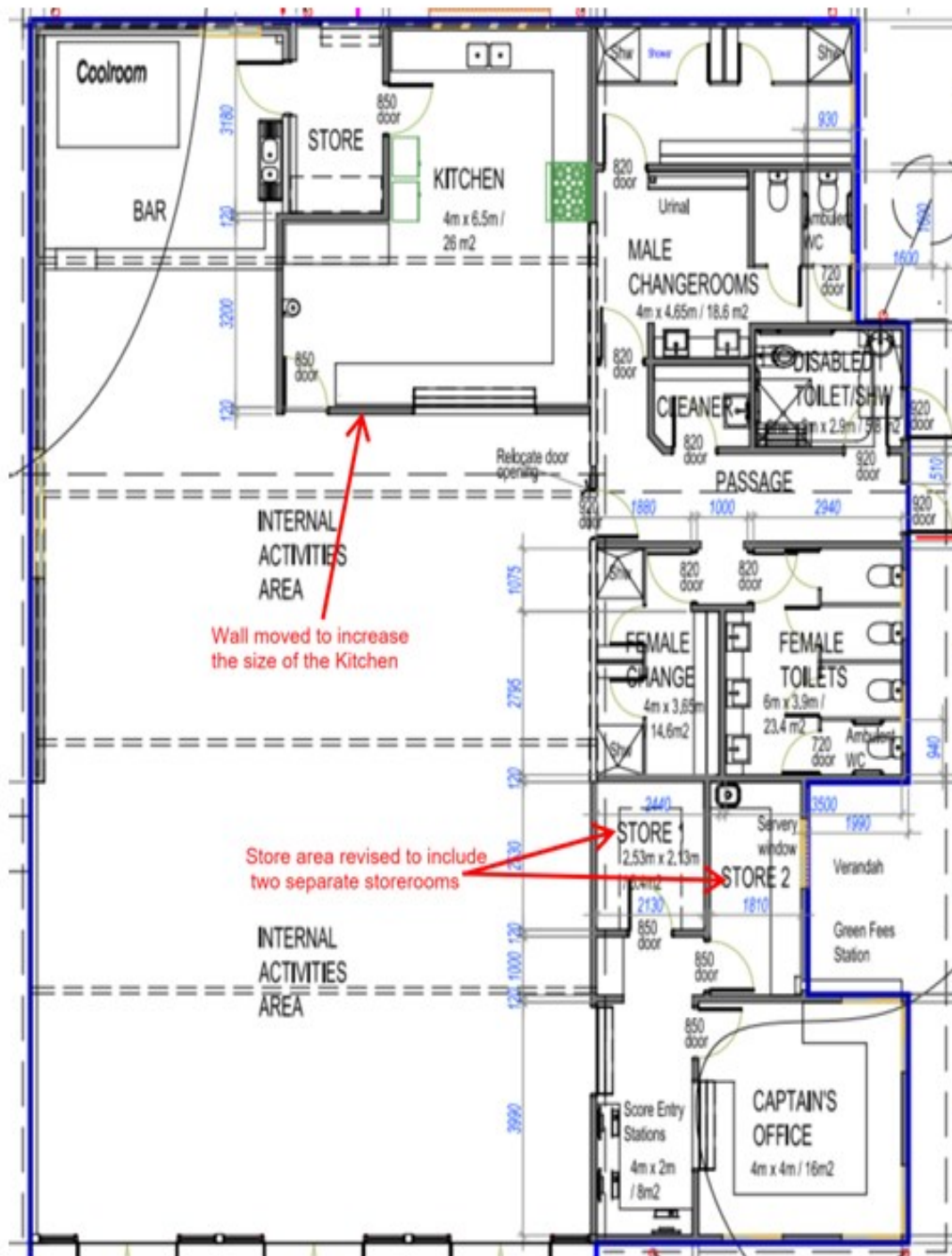
- Detailed design of structural steel, wall framing and roof framing
- Fabrication off-site of structural steel columns and roof beams
- Fabrication off-site of metal wall frames

Works Planned for this month

- Fabrication of door and window frames
- Pre-lay of plumbing & electrical services
- Pouring of concrete footings and floor slabs

• Project Working Group

The working group also considered and agreed to some minor changes to the floor plans around the Kitchen and Captain's Office/ Stores area.



Project Funding

The revised funding budget reflects the approved additional funding of \$150k from the shire.

Project Funding Incl GST	
Current Club Funding	\$200,000.00
Additional Club Funding	\$20,000.00
Current Corporate Funding	\$88,000.00
Additional Corporate Funding	\$10,000.00
CSRFF Funding	\$280,000.00
Current Shire Funding	\$210,000.00
Additional Shire Funding	\$150,000.00
Total Funding	\$958,000.00

Project Costs

The amounts spent to date show some potential for savings in consultant costs and some additional costs in the temporary accommodation.

	Estimate	Spent to Date
Temporary Accommodation	\$40,000.00	\$44,327.55
Credit for Temporary Accommodation	-\$30,000.00	
Power Supply	\$40,000.00	
Effluent Disposal	\$70,000.00	\$69,952.50
Consultant Costs	\$15,000.00	\$10,868.00
Construction	\$895,000.00	\$5,500.00
Total Capital Costs	\$1,000,000.00	\$130,648.05
Savings from In-kind work	-\$42,000.00	
Total Project Costs	\$958,000.00	

Project Program

The revised estimate of project program reflects the delays due to issues with the approval of the effluent disposal system and the Building Permit.

Project Component	Start Date	Completion Date
Confirm Project Funding		May 2026
Building Permit		April 2026
Site Services		April 2026
Demolition	Feb 2026	May 2026
Construction Stage 1 – Up to Lock-up	April 2026	Dec 2026
Construction Stage 2 – Fit-out	Dec 2026	Aug 2027
Commissioning	Aug 2027	Dec 2027

CSRFF Report

Project Title	Serpentine Golf Club – Clubhouse Upgrade Project				
Estimated completion status of project	0-10%	10 - 25%	25 - 50%	50 - 75%	75 - 100%
		22%			
Last Month (May) progress - what was achieved	Main Construction Works Work Completed - Installation and commissioning of the new effluent disposal system - All demolition works - Site preparation and clean-up works - Preparation and compaction of the sand pad Works in Progress - Detailed design of structural steel, wall framing and roof framing - Fabrication off-site of structural steel columns and roof beams - Fabrication off-site of metal wall frames				
Planned action for July what is planned to occur	Works Planned for this month - Fabrication of door and window frames - Pre-lay of plumbing & electrical services - Pouring of concrete footings and floor slabs				
Issues/Problems that may affect agreed project timeline	Delays to the project program There may be some delays affecting the project program due to inclement weather and securing subcontractors				



Nigel Thomas after taking out the Treasurer's Cup and Lynda Ritchie was victorious in the Peg Richings Memorial Trophy with Marg representing the Richings family.



Stevie Wonder after his sensational Albatross at Denham last month.

Judy Borgward in the pink was successful in the June Monthly Mug.

On a Sadder Note:

All our thoughts are with Life Member and Past President Dave Lindup and his family after the passing of his lovely wife Diane.

And again our thoughts are with Jeff Gaitskell and his family after his horrific accident. Jeff's family members are making progress reports on Facebook.



From The Archives

Ladies in the first clubhouse
1973.

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Featured Hole

No.18: Par 5. Men 448m Index 11 Ladies 400m Index 13

Not a bad finishing hole.

Water each side and long in winter.

Take on the corner? Or play safe on the fairway?

Or go down 15? Should it be OOB?