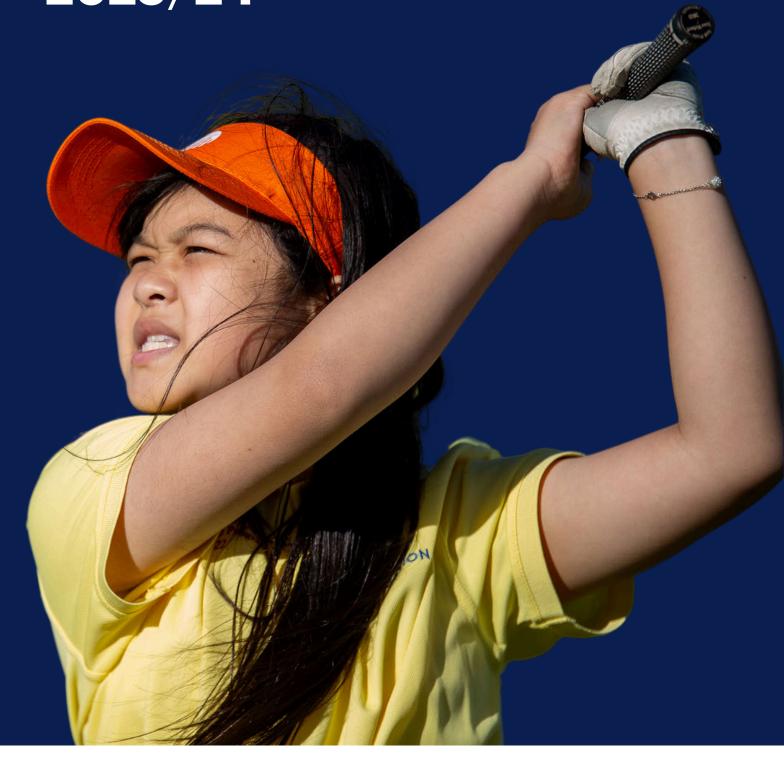


IMPACT REPORT 2023/24



#### INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

Making golf accessible for everyone

#### **Acknowledgment of Country**

In the spirit of reconciliation Australian Golf Foundation acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community.

We pay our respect to their Elders past and present.

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Our purpose is to give more children the opportunity to experience golf and develop a love of the game.

We invest in national programs that:



Make the game more accessible, especially for girls and those who are disadvantaged or from minority groups.



Provide fun golf experiences to enable young people to learn to play golf and develop invaluable life skills.



Identify and nurture talented young athletes to support them in achieving their potential and becoming inspirational role models.

Through these programs, we'll achieve our vision of **inspiring the next generation** of Australian golfers who will **secure our sport's continuing relevance** and contribution to a **more inclusive**, **healthier and happier community**.



# Impact at a glance

#### **Fundraising**

**\$4,073,851\*** overall funds raised in 2023/24

\$1,381,714 total Junior Girls Scholarship Program

funds raised since inception

66 donors since AGF inception

\$5,331,494\*

total funds raised since AGF inception

\$852,163

total donations from GA Give Back Program

#### **Programs**

1,191

Junior Girls Scholarships granted in 2023/24

12

GA Rookie Program scholarships granted in 2023/24

1,485

girls and boys have joined TeeMates in the first year of the program

3,071

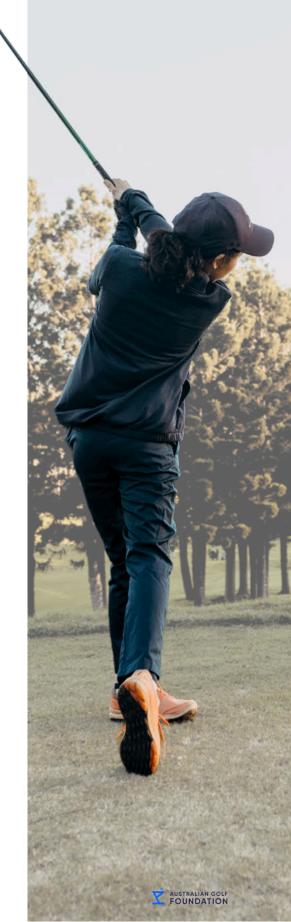
total Junior Girls scholarships granted since inception

109,626

girls and boys experiencing MyGolf at schools and golf facilities in 2023/24

41

registered Youth on Course facilities offering green fees of \$5 or less



<sup>\*</sup>This total includes a \$3,000,000 donation from The Kinghorn Foundation for the GA Rookie Program for the period FY25 and FY26

# Message from the Chair & Executive Director

We are pleased to be able to report that through the generosity of our donors and supporters, the AGF is making a real and lasting difference.

The Junior Girls Scholarship Program, as the AGF's first fundraising project, continues to showcase the incredible impact of philanthropy. Brought to the AGF in 2021 as a result of the generosity of AGF Director, Bonnie Boezeman AO, in just four years we have granted 3,071 scholarships, enabling young girls across Australia to pursue their golfing dreams in a fun, inclusive, and engaging environment.

We are deeply grateful to Hannah Green for her contributions through the Golf Australia (GA) Give Back Program for the GA High Performance Program and her pledge to direct half of her donations to the Junior Girls Scholarship Program.

We were thrilled that Minjee Lee and Cameron Davis through the Give Back Program also made significant gifts via the Foundation to support the GA High Performance Program.

We were profoundly saddened by the passing of John Kinghorn on October 5, 2023. We are incredibly grateful to The Kinghorn Foundation for their ongoing generous philanthropic support which is now being directed through the AGF for the GA Rookie Program. John's legacy will continue to benefit Australian golf and inspire others to give back, enriching lives through the game.

The Foundation, though still in its early stages, is evolving with a sharper purpose: to give more children the opportunity to experience golf and develop a **love of the game.** 



By partnering with Golf Australia on key national junior participation programs like MyGolf, the Junior Girls Scholarship Program, and TeeMates, we aim to break down barriers and make golf more accessible, especially for girls, those who face disadvantage, or are from minority backgrounds.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans, including the development of a coterie program and bequest society, hosting our first charity golf day, and the ongoing promising growth of our business supporter program.

It's important to note that golf remains a significant fund raiser for sport in Australia. In the 2024 financial year, \$9.6 million of all funds raised via the Australian Sports Foundation were for golf projects, which was an increase of \$2.2 million on the previous year. This highlights the strong platform we have to elevate our culture of giving and unlocking Australian golf's enormous philanthropic potential to the benefit of future generations.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our donors, partners, and supporters for their invaluable generosity as we embark on the exciting opportunities ahead.

**Stephen Spargo AM** Chair **Cameron Wade**Executive Director



#### **Board of Directors**



**Stephen Spargo AM** Chair

Stephen Spargo AM is a former partner at Allens and former President of Golf Victoria and Captain of Commonwealth Club. He is a former Chairman of The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria and Vice-President of the Melbourne Cricket Club and former director of the Florey Institute of Neurosience and Mental Health, and Australia-Japan Innovation Fund. He is currently a director of Cormack Foundation Pty Ltd and chairs the Victorian Golf Foundation and Commonwealth Golf Club Foundation.



**Bonnie Boezeman AO**Director

Bonnie Boezeman AO is a passionate philanthropist with an extensive corporate career spanning over 45 years including 23 years with Time Warner Inc culminating with the last 13 years as Managing Director and Chair of Time Life South Pacific. She has served on numerous philanthropy, public, private, start-ups and government boards across the globe including being the inaugural Chairman of PayPal Australia 2006-2012 and at present is the Managing Director of Business Benefits International Pty Ltd and specializes in strategy and marketing. Bonnie has a passion for sport and has been on the NSW Corporate Olympic Committee for over 30 years and is an avid golfer.



John Groom Director

John Groom is an experienced company director and currently serves as Director of Advancement and Alumni Engagement at The Hutchins School in Hobart. He has a strong background in fundraising, stakeholder engagement, and strategy. John is also a keen golfer and is passionate about making golf accessible to diverse communities in Australia.



**Paul Taylor**Director

Paul Taylor is a renowned fund manager and revered figure in the Australian investment industry. He is Portfolio Manager of the Fidelity Australian Equities Fund, as well as Country Head – Equity Investments for Fidelity International. He established Fidelity's Australian investment arm in 2003, growing it to a business of approximately \$17 billion. Paul was elected to the Fund Managers' Hall of Fame in 2015 and is a trustee of the Queensland Art Gallery/Gallery of Modern Art.



Cameron Wade Executive Director

Cameron Wade has over 30 years of experience in the golf industry, starting as a caddy and aspiring player. He has held leadership roles at club, state, and national levels, and is currently the Executive Director of the Australian Golf Foundation. Cameron is passionate about the positive impact of golf on society and the community.



**Richard Allen**Director

Richard Allen has spent more than 20 years as a journalist, principally with BRW magazine and Channel Nine, and currently operates a communications consultancy – Oxygen Financial Public Relations Pty Ltd. He has an extensive background in golf, including serving as the Captain of Royal Melbourne Golf Club, authoring a golf book and writing hundreds of articles on the game for a variety of publications and is a former director of Golf Australia.



Patricia Cross AM
Director

Patricia Cross AM is a highly experienced company director and Chair, having for 25 years served on 9 large listed company boards in Australia and the UK, including NAB, Qantas, Wesfarmers, Macquarie, and Aviva plc. She currently chairs OFX Ltd and serves on the boards of Transurban Ltd and the Future Fund Board of Guardians. Her executive career was in senior executive roles at Chase, BNP and the NAB in the US, Europe and Australia. Patricia is a director of the National Golf Club and a member of Royal Melbourne and Sorrento Golf Clubs. The Founding Chair of the 30% Club in Australia, Patricia has a strong interest in diversity, inclusion and accessibility for golf.



**Matthew McKenna** Director

Matthew McKenna has nearly 30 years of experience in the technology industry, holding leadership roles at Hewlett Packard, Telstra, Oracle, and most recently ServiceNow. He was Captain of Kingston Heath Golf Club from 2020 to 2023, during which the Club secured the 2028 Presidents Cup and built a new short course. Matthew is currently a director of Golf Australia.



**Matthew Unsworth**Director

Matthew Unsworth is a financial services professional with over 25 years of global experience. He has held senior roles in investment banking and investment management, and currently leads distribution and investor relations for the Victor Smorgon Group. Matthew holds a degree from the University of Melbourne and MBA from the Melbourne Business School, and is a keen golfer with a passion for junior development.



#### **Programs**



# Scholarship Program

Launched in 2021 as the Foundation's principal fundraising program, the Junior Girls Scholarship Program continues to demonstrate the positive impact philanthropy can play in golf with **3,071 scholarships** being granted in the first four years of the program.

Scholars now have the opportunity to join a newly formed Junior Girls Scholarship Alumni and receive benefits that include reciprocal playing rights at other courses, discounted green fees, participate in special events and more importantly meet new friends and stay connected with girls in the program.

Girls can also continue to develop their golf through pathway programs or enrol in further education opportunities at the PGA of Australia Learning Hub including the PGA Academy membership pathway program to pursue a career working in golf.





## **2023/24 impact**



88% of girls in the 2023 program **have retained** a club membership at the conclusion of the program



60% of scholarship recipients in the 2023 program are from **regional Australia** 

**7.1% Increase** in the national number of junior female members from 2021/22 to 2022/23

210 Individual clubs have run the program since it commenced in 2021

**10,000** Our goal - **10,000 scholarships** granted by 2030

#### National breakdown of growth

	2021		2022		2023		2024	
	Clubs	Scholars	Clubs	Scholars	Clubs	Scholars	Clubs	Scholars
ACT & NSW	12	83	32	186	28	189	32	263
NT	2	11	3	19	3	19	3	25
QLD	8	43	20	113	28	181	27	214
SA	6	32	10	54	15	107	16	135
TAS	1	5	4	25	9	62	9	74
VIC	5	34	35	208	43	312	50	362
WA	3	18	13	78	16	101	16	118
Total	37	226	117	683	142	971	153	1191

In 4 years, we've seen







# Generations of love for the game

For sisters Audrey and Pearl, a family legacy and a scholarship have cemented their passion for golf.

Their journey began with junior clinics at Murray Downs Golf Club on the Victorian-NSW border, leading to a coveted scholarship last year.

"The Junior Girls Scholarship Program has been an amazing opportunity for the girls" said their mother, Nonie Domaille. "It came at just the right time as Saturday netball was soon to clash with the girls' golf lessons."

"I love playing netball, but golf is a cool way to do something different," she said. "The scholarship has taught me so much about golf, and now I aim to drop my handicap to 10."

Nine-year-old Pearl was thrilled to play her first 18-hole round and earn her handicap.





The AGF Scholarship Program aims to keep teenage girls in golf by fostering a fun, team-oriented environment. Murray Downs scheduled sessions on Tuesday evenings, allowing the girls to enjoy multiple sports.

For 14-year-old Audrey, the scholarship has been transformative. She slashed her handicap from 54 to 34 in just a year.

"The scholarship has helped me get a handicap so I can now play with my sister, Mum, and Granny" she said. "I want to break my handicap to 10 and play all around the world."

Nonie cherishes the shared interest with her daughters and her mother, Kathy. They recently enjoyed a girls' golf weekend at Tocumwal Country Club.

"It's special having the four of us play together," Nonie said. "My mum got me into golf, and now I'm getting my daughters into it too. Golf is a lifelong sport, and I wish I had started earlier!"

With Pearl and Audrey rapidly improving, and Granny Kathy on a 12 handicap and Mum Nonie on 15, the stage is set for some friendly family competition!



# Babinda Golf Club -A growing legacy for

girls in golf

Babinda Golf Club, a small, volunteerrun club in Queensland, is making big strides in promoting golf among girls.

Thanks to the **Junior Girls Scholarship Program**, the club is one of 90 regional clubs receiving support to keep girls engaged in the sport.

Gabrielle Anthony, the club president and junior coordinator, has been instrumental in this transformation.

Since taking on her role in 2021, she noticed a lack of women and girls at the club and decided to take action.

"There was a black hole with no women and girls coming through the club."





Starting with her niece and nephew, Gabrielle's coaching quickly expanded as their friends wanted to join in. After hearing there was a group of girls playing, a father of three daughters also signed his girls up.

The scholarship program has been a gamechanger, allowing the girls to hone their skills and participate in club events.

"The scholarship has really solidified their interest in golf," Gabrielle said.

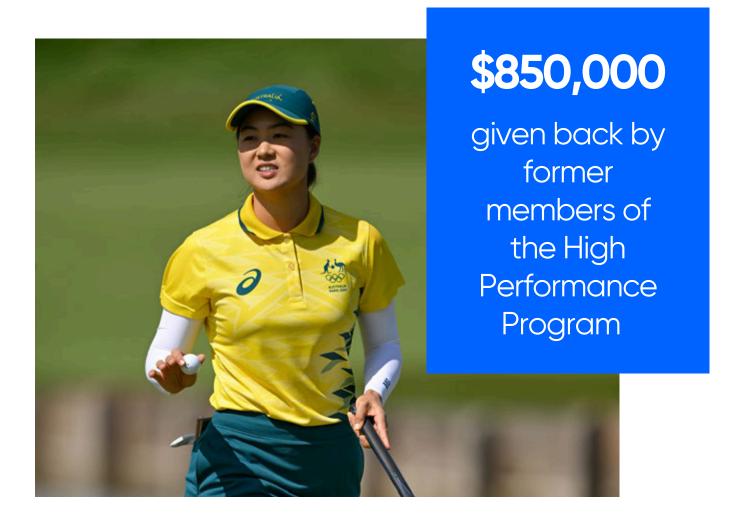
The club's members have been incredibly supportive, often playing alongside the girls to help them integrate into the club community.

The program has also brought new families into the fold, with parents contributing their skills and participating in Sunday clinics.

"It's all about giving golf a go and connecting with others."

From just two women members in 2020 to a growing number of girls and women now playing, Babinda Golf Club is on the right track, building a vibrant and inclusive golfing community.

# Golf Australia Give Back Program



The Golf Australia (GA) Give Back Program continues to demonstrate the power of giving back whereby athletes in GA's high performance program return a part of the cost of their development while they were amateur players, by making gifts through the AGF once they turn professional and reach particular thresholds in their professional career.

Past members of the high performance program include Cameron Smith, Minjee Lee, Hannah Green, Lucas Herbert and Cameron Davis who have all recognised the impact of the support they received on their professional careers and have given back over \$850,000.

During the 2023/24 year Minjee Lee, Hannah Green and Cameron Davis made donations through the Foundation with half the amount of Hannah's donation going towards the Junior Girls Scholarship Program.



# Hannah gives back to the sport she loves

Hannah Green has underlined her commitment to future-proofing of the sport by making a significant donation to the Australian Golf Foundation Junior Girls Scholarship Program.

Hannah Green winning the
2019 Women's PGA
Championship

Green made a significant donation as part of her participation in Golf Australia's Give Back Program.

The Perth professional, winner of the Women's PGA Championship in 2019 and one of a handful of Australian women to have secured a golf major, specifically asked that half of her first contribution to Give Back be donated to the AGF scholarship fund.

Half of her ongoing contributions in following years will also go to the AGF scholarship fund, with the remaining half donated to High Performance programs run by Golf Australia.

Green has been a strong supporter of the scholarship program.

"I am a big believer in the value of the AGF scholarships, and I wanted to help out now that I have the opportunity."

"As a touring professional and someone who's made a living from golf, I can see the benefits that the sport brings to people at all levels of the game.

"I've also had contact with a lot of these scholarship girls over the past year or so and I can see up-close how much they are getting out of it."

"I'm excited to be involved going forward in anything that promotes girls' participation in the sport that I love." **AGF Executive Director Cameron Wade** was delighted with Green's gesture.

"Hannah is not only a brilliant golfer but she is an **outstanding contributor to the sport** more broadly and a **wonderful role model.** 

"Hannah has been willing to help with the girls scholarship-holders by way of the mentoring she has done, sitting in on Zoom calls with them, all while she's playing on tour overseas.

Girls' participation is a passion of Hannah's, quite clearly, and it's very gratifying to see that."

"The AGF scholarships have been a tremendous success in promoting girls' participation in the sport and breaking down stereotypes about golf. Hannah's contribution is enormous within that context."

Brad James, Golf Australia's General Manager High Performance, praised Green for her commitment to Give Back.

"Hannah is a great ambassador for our sport and this is another example of her selflessness and her view of the big picture of golf."







## Golf Australia Rookie Program



Australia has a proud history in golf, producing major winners and champions across tours all over the world who inspire our next generation of golfers.

Supporting our young athletes as they turn professional requires significant financial investment. The first five years on tour can be the most challenging, lonely, and costly part of their journey.

The GA Rookie Program, established in 2009 through the foresight and generosity of The Kinghorn Foundation, continues to provide crucial funding through scholarships.

These scholarships help promising young athletes transition from amateur to professional golf by enabling them to access training facilities, coaching, competition opportunities, and international tournament experience.

The Rookie Squad has been a gamechanger for Australia, providing essential support during the toughest early years of a professional golfer's career. This support makes all the difference, helping our athletes navigate these challenges and reach their full potential.

Funds raised for the program are now being channeled through the AGF with the aim to increase the number of scholarships awarded each year.

This ensures talented young golfers have the best opportunity to achieve their potential on and off the golf course and become inspirational role models.

Past members of the Rookie Program squad include notable names such as Cameron Smith, Minjee Lee, Hannah Green, Lucas Herbert, Cameron Davis and Min Woo Lee.



## 2024 Rookie Squad **Scholarship Recipients**



**Cassie Porter** Queensland



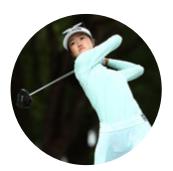
Connor McKinney Western Australia



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**Gabi Ruffels** Victoria



**Grace Kim New South Wales** 



**Harrison Crowe New South Wales** 



Hayden Hopewell Western Australia



**Haydn Barron** Western Australia



**Jack Thompson** South Australia



**Jeff Guan New South Wales** 



**Kirsten Rudgeley** Western Australia



Steph Kyriacou New South Wales

# How the GA Rookie Squad helped shape Gabriela Ruffels' success

Gabriela Ruffels is a shining example of how the Golf Australia Rookie Squad program can transform the lives of talented young golfers.



Gabi Ruffels victorious at the Four Winds Invitational in 2023

At 24, Melbourne-educated Ruffels is now one of the best young players in the world, ranked behind only major winners Hannah Green and Minjee Lee among her countrywomen.

Turning professional in 2021 after a stellar amateur career, Gabriela's journey is remarkable.

The daughter of two tennis professionals and youngersister of golf pro Ryan Ruffels, she was a world-class junior tennis player before taking up golf at 14. Her success was almost immediate, becoming the first Australian to win the US Women's Amateur championship in 2019 and finishing runner-up in 2020.

However, like many young golfers, her early professional years were challenging, with limited playing opportunities, especially in 2022. Her breakthrough came in 2023 when she won three times on the Epson Tour in America, earning her LPGA Tour card for 2024. Despite her success, her earnings of \$159,000 were quickly offset by travel and other expenses.

The support from the GA Rookie Squad scholarship, funded by The Kinghorn Foundation, was pivotal. Now in her fourth year in the squad, Ruffels works closely with Golf Australia staff Luke Mackey and Stacey Peters, who ensure she is well-supported.

"The support is amazing from a financial point of view but also from a personal point of view. I don't think you'd find another country who has the same support for its athletes for their first five years. It's so important when you're starting."

"It's expensive to be an athlete, especially being a golfer. In golf, it's individual and you have to fund yourself."

When selected for the Rookie Squad in 2021, Ruffels was asked what she needed to improve.

"It was travel expenses, coaching, caddying," she says.

"These were things I never had to worry about, which is so nice.

It means you can play freely.

If you're not in a good financial situation, it's tough to play.

All the guys and girls in the Rookie Squad are so grateful because we know that financially, we have the bases covered.

We have everything we need to improve from the very start."

In 2024, Gabriela Ruffels is playing brilliant golf, with four top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour and earnings of over \$750,000, securing her playing rights for 2025. Yet, she has never forgotten where she came from and the support that helped her get there.









## **Looking forward**

AGF believes in a future where all children can experience golf and develop a lifelong love for the game. We are committed to breaking down barriers that prevent young people from participating in sport, and making golf accessible to all by ensuring that no child is turned away due to a lack of resources or background.

In close partnership with Golf Australia, we will help fund key national programs designed to introduce children to golf, nurture their talents, and provide them with life-changing opportunities.





Bringing golf to more children in schools and local communities

Offering an affordable pathway for children to be able to regularly play and develop a lifelong passion for golf







MyGolf is Australia's highly successful national junior introductory program delivered at schools and golf facilities that enables girls and boys aged 5-12 years old to learn the skills of golf in a fun and engaging environment.

Administered by Golf Australia with the support of the PGA of Australia, the core aim of the program is to provide children with a positive first experience to golf, which increases their likelihood to develop a love for the game and become golfers for life.

AGF is looking to help expand MyGolf even further and make golf more accessible through targeting children in most need of support. Additional funding will enable more community partnerships to be established, provide greater access to equipment and increase the number of trained instructors and programs that can be run and subsidised for children who face disadvantage.

Where we are now	Where we want to get to
Total MyGolf Participants	TARGET
109,626 \\\	150,000 🛞
MyGolf School Participants	TARGET
<b>72,983</b> \\\\\\\	100,000 🐒
School Programs	TARGET
568 \\\\\	778 🖏
MyGolf Club & Facility Participants	TARGET
36,643 \\\\	50,000 🐒
Active MyGolf Facilities	TARGET
<b>471</b>	650 🌯





# Roadshow in remote NT gives kids their first taste of golf

Golf Australia introduced golf to more than 300 kids in the NT through a 6-day road trip that covered 2000 kms and included 17 clinics; reaching schools in remote communities around Australia that often miss out on opportunities.

Golf is a sport that very few kids had encountered before, and Golf Australia wanted to provide an alternative to the more common sports like footy or basketball. The clinics were conducted on school ovals, basketball courts, and even in the gym of Tennant Creek High School – a 9.5-hour drive from Darwin.

Brodie Morcom, who facilitated the roadshow, knew he was onto a winner when he watched a young Indigenous kid pick up a cut-down 7 iron and hit the ball 70 metres on his first attempt. "Seeing natural talent for a ball sport is such a rare thing. You're showing some kids once and they just get it. That eleven-year-old boy at Tennant Creek Primary School literally saw me hit it once, copied and hit his ball nearly perfectly. After one shot, he said 'I like golf. I want to play it'."

"An hour with kids can be life changing. I really felt the value when a schoolteacher told me that one year three girl who didn't get involved with sports took to golf. She had a go and that's what the MyGolf schools' program is all about," Morcom said.

AGF sees an opportunity to build more connections to golf like this by funding the provision of school equipment packs and supporting access to golf clubs and courses. Working closely with Golf Australia, more golf clubs in remote and regional areas will have the opportunity to run introductory junior golf programs and help to inspire more kids to develop a love for golf.



# **IEEMATES**



Launched in 2023, TeeMates is Australia's newest junior golf community, offering an affordable virtual golf membership for kids under 18.

In partnership with Youth on Course, TeeMates enables young golfers to play at selected courses nationwide at a subsidised rate of \$5. The program also provides opportunities for children to play in events with their friends and obtain a GA handicap.

AGF's investment in TeeMates is driven by making golf more accessible for all by breaking down financial barriers and increasing diversity to ensure young people have access to golf regardless of cost or circumstance.



Our goal is for 100,000 rounds to be played annually by girls and boys at 250 Youth on Course facilities.



Every \$10,000 raised will enable 2,000 rounds to be provided to children across the country at a subsidised rate of \$5 with a focus on low socioeconomic status areas.

#### In 2023/24 already:





TeeMates Members		TARGET REACH	
1,485	$\rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle \rangle$	30,000	nii)
Youth on Course Facilities		TARGET REACH	
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# Adam and Damia's TeeMates Journey

Adam and Damia Muadz, a brother-sister duo from Adelaide, have found joy and connection through the TeeMates Program.

Starting their golf journeys at ages 7 and 12, they now enjoy playing different courses, meeting new friends, and spending quality time together. Inspired by their grandfather, seven-year-old Adam began playing golf at five. His enthusiasm soon encouraged 12-year-old Damia to join him, and she hasn't put down her clubs since.

Their father, Rabuan, appreciates how TeeMates combines fun with learning the fundamentals of golf. Damia loves the challenge of new courses, while Adam cherishes family time on the greens. Both kids agree that making new friends at TeeMates events is a highlight. Their story underscores the importance of family and community in golf, showing how TeeMates fosters both competition and camaraderie.

"It allows the kids to have fun, but at the same time teaches them how to be competitive as golfers. It is nice to see how the kids are supporting each other during their golf game and embrace good sportsmanship from an early age."

Rabuan Muadz



# Thank you to all our supporters

Australian Golf Foundation would like to thank all our wonderful donors and partners for their generous support for the 2023/24 period, including those who wish to remain anonymous.

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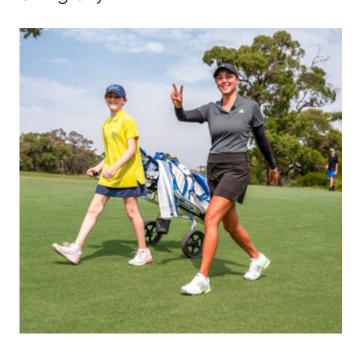
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We also thank all those Australian golf clubs that have conducted the Junior Girls Scholarship Program.



Australian Sports Foundation is Australian Golf Foundation's official fundraising partner and is the only deductible gift recipient for sport in Australia.

We accept donations from individuals and businesses, Family Trusts and Public and Private Ancillary Funds. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.



#### Vale John Kinghorn

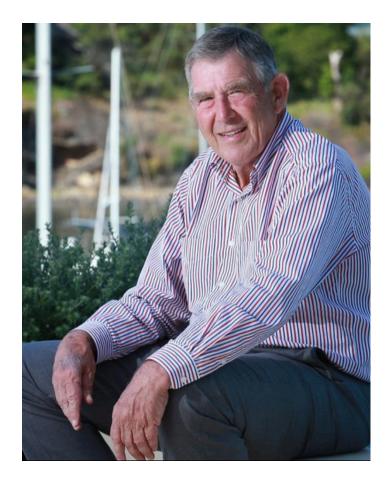
The Australian golf community was deeply saddened by the passing of John Kinghorn on 5 October 2023.

A dedicated and passionate golfer, John's most significant contribution to the game came through the foundation he and his wife Jill started, The Kinghorn Foundation, which has supported Golf Australia's Rookie Program with contributions of over \$17 million since 2009.

The Kinghorn Foundation has helped foster the development of the next generation of talented young Australian athletes, with the Rookie Program graduates being a testament to his contribution.

Those graduates include Cameron Smith, Minjee Lee, Hannah Green, Cameron Davis, Grace Kim, Lucas Herbert and Min Woo Lee who have cemented themselves as the bright lights for Australian golf's future.

Beyond the Rookie Program, The Kinghorn Foundation through John and Jill's generosity played an integral part in the creation and activity of the Australian Golf House that has ensured Australian players have a place to feel at home in Orlando, Florida.



Additionally, The Kinghorn Foundation has made significant contributions to the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation that aims to introduce more young people to the game of golf in the state of New South Wales and to nurture their skills and enjoyment of the sport.

We are incredibly grateful to The Kinghorn Foundation for their philanthropic support and that John's legacy will continue for the benefit of Australian golf.





## **Financial summary**

Revenue	
Golf Australia Contribution for Operating Expenses	\$399,352
Funds Raised	\$4,073,851
Interest Received	\$9,724
Total	\$4,482,927

Expenditure	
Operating Expenses	\$290,968
Australian Sports Foundation Retention Fees	\$13,408
Program Disbursements and Expenses	\$557,103
Total	\$861,479



PricewaterhouseCoopers completed a review of the AGF's accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024. The detailed Financial Report can be viewed on the Australian Golf Foundation website.

Note: Revenue reported in the audited Financial Report differs from the Impact Report Financial Summary. This is due to taxdeductible donations made in June 2024 via the Australian Sports Foundation being granted to the AGF in July and the recording of confirmed pledges.

\*This total includes a \$3,000,000 donation from The Kinghorn Foundation for the GA Rookie Program for the period FY25 and FY26.





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