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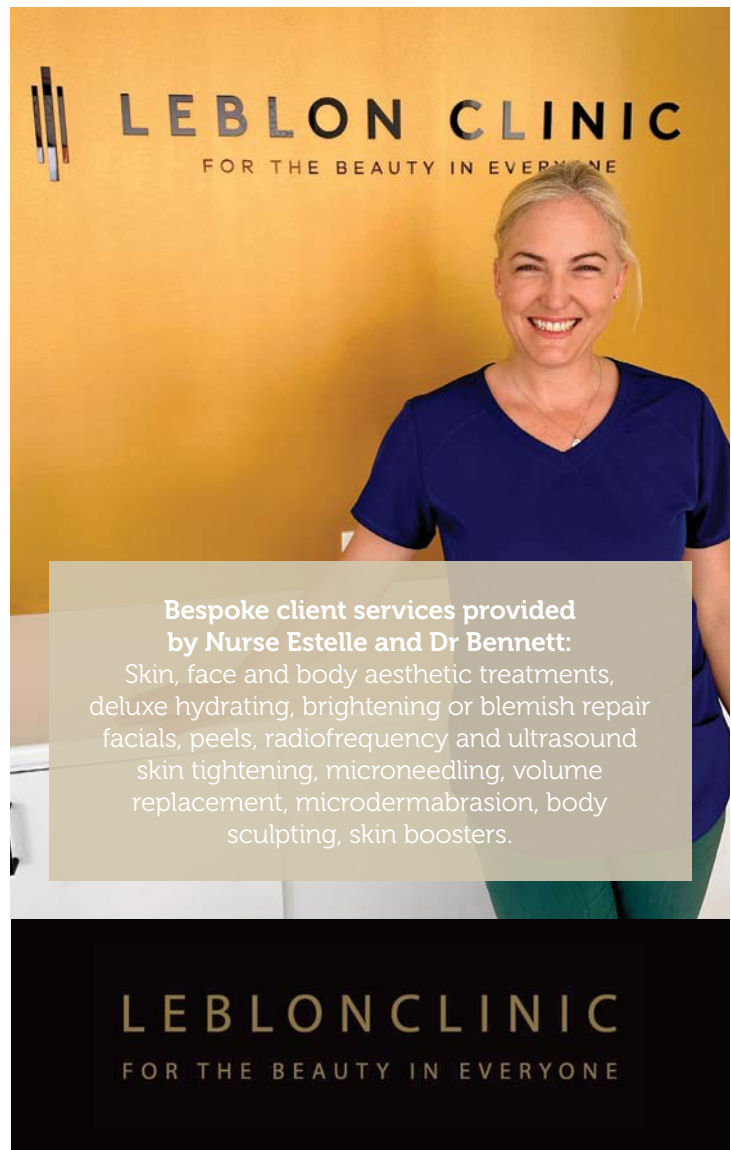


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GOLF DAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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THE GOLF COURSE

After a multi-million dollar development the newly configured Par 71 – 5,871 metre course features new holes of world standard links style design and construction. Superb quality greens offer a unique and enjoyable challenge for all golfers.

18 HOLES – FOUR PAR 5 – NINE PAR 4 – FIVE PAR 3





HOLE 1 – 452 METRE PAR 5

A decision required from the start. Tree lined tee shot with Out of Bounds deceptively close on the right side. Fairway bunker is 230m from the tee comes into play on the left. The 2nd shot in needs to be right of centre due to sloping fairway and a deep bunker front left of the green. The oval shaped green slopes to the left and over the back leaves a tricky up and down.

HOLE 2 – 175 METRE PAR 3

The 2nd hole presents a good challenge for all golfers, especially off the championship tees. Tee shot is all downhill with a greenside bunker on the left and water further left and behind. Short of the green is the best miss. Two-tiered fast green with a middle ridge will test even the best putters. A good par to get.

HOLE 3 – 311 METRE PAR 4

This dog leg right requires accuracy and length straight away with tree based trouble both left and right. A miss to the left is WAY better than the right. Drives of 220m+ open up the 2nd shot to a two tiered green that has a right edge shallow trap, a centre ridge and a steep rear drop off. Some of the courses hardest pin placements are found here on the 3rd green.

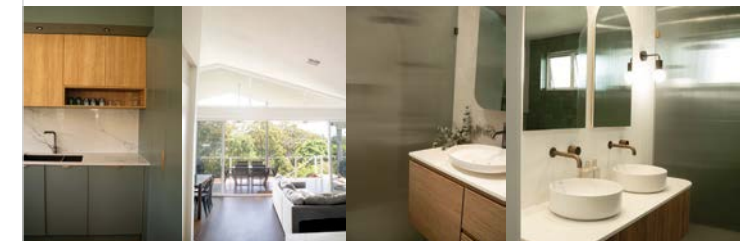


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HOLE 4 – 190 METRE PAR 3

The first of the links based holes and it's a beast from the blue tees. With a hazard on the whole right side of the hole and a deep bunker guarding most of the greens front edge, a nice fade into a welcoming two-tiered green is the best option. Plenty of room around the green to get up and down. Securing a par is very well played.

HOLE 5 – 480 METRE PAR 5

A shortish dog leg greets golfers here but don't be deceived by its length as it has plenty of trouble to get into. Out of Bounds on the left, hazards on the right and a pair of greedy fairway bunkers require accuracy and length off the tee. Your second shot has a similar set of issues including a couple of fairway bunkers and Out of Bounds left and behind. The long back-to-front sloping green is surrounded by swales and hollows to catch your erratic pitch in.

HOLE 6 – 334 METRE PAR 4

This dog leg left has definite and obvious risks – though a reward hole for most players. With a pair of shallow fairway bunkers on the corner, players can attempt to cut the corner for a short wedge in. Long hitters can attempt to fly the corner completely straight to the green, but BEWARE! It is well guarded by a water hazard for the entire carry, and a green side bunker. The fast open green can be hard to hold and often presents a difficult read.



HOLE 7 – 330 METRE PAR 4

A great chance to catch up on some lost shots. Large wide open straight fairway to hit but has some thick hazards and fairway bunkers on either side on approach. The large oval shaped green slopes from front to back with some swales to the right-hand side of the green. A great birdie opportunity.

HOLE 8 – 453 METRE PAR 5

Out of Bounds on the left, hazards on the right and some well-placed fairway bunkers means accuracy is required all the way to the green. A definite eagle and birdie opportunity here, but many find it harder than it looks. The very large fast green punishes poor putts.

HOLE 9 – 408 METRE PAR 4

Rated as the hardest hole on the course and it is a true beast from the back tees. Your tee shot needs to be 200m+ to reach the corner of the wide dog leg right fairway. Cutting the corner needs precision as a large bunker and some trees guard the right corner with a hazard beyond on the left. Your second shot into the green can be long, requiring a fairway wood/hybrid/long iron to a large relatively flat green surface. Par is usually a great score here.



HOLE 10 – 334 METRE PAR 4

This one continues the journey back to the clubhouse with a hole that seems easy but often is not. Fairways start to become tighter now and this dog leg left needs an accurate tee shot on the top right-hand side of the fairway. Out of Bounds deceptively close to the right and a deep gully on the left makes par difficult. The long green has a small pot bunker left and lumpy grass swales on the right. Too long can be hard to save par. Great birdie opportunity here to kick off your inward 9.

HOLE 11 – 152 METRE PAR 3

Another one that appears pretty straight forward but it can be tricky from the long lower tee position. Out of Bounds comes into play on both sides of the hole. The long sloping green is guarded on the left side by a deep bunker and long putts present a tricky read.

HOLE 12 – 328 METRE PAR 4

Another potential risk versus reward decision here for the longer hitters. A dog leg right with hazardous trouble looming large completely down the right side. The safer play is to hit to the top of the hill to an area around 130m out, then approach the green below avoiding the greenside bunker front left. Multiple slopes from all directions make this shallow raised green difficult to hold and then navigate, but a true birdie chance here.



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HOLE 13 – 483 METRE PAR 5

This tree lined dog leg right hole has a smaller landing area from the tee with a drive of 200m+ needed to get around the corner. There is large tree trouble left and right with clever recovery second shots often required. Once around the corner the wide fairway open ups for tree lined approach shots to the green. Left and right greenside bunkers protect the green with surrounding rough dropping away on all sides. Miss badly and water hazards can come into play. The narrow raised green can be a tricky read.

HOLE 14 – 147 METRE PAR 3

A fantastic water carry hole with a range of difficulties to navigate. A very wide slender tee position surrounded by water. A deep green side bunker directly in front, and over the back leaves a difficult up and down from the thick rough. The large oval shaped green is one of the flattest on the course and offers a great birdie opportunity.

HOLE 15 – 358 METRE PAR 4

One of the most difficult holes on the course that plays longer than it states. Tree lined with a dog leg left that requires a drive to be long and right of centre to help open up the green. Too far right brings in the trees, and down the left is trouble, with sloping bank heading downhill toward the water hazard. The green approach shot is across a large gully that often seems to play a club longer given the steep hill in front. The large green slopes from front to back with slight rolls in all directions.



HOLE 16 – 401 METRE PAR 4

Regarded by many as our best, if not the toughest holes on the course. With a great view off the tee of the distant green across two gullies, the wide open fairway beckons your drive, but ... a fade right off the tee can bring overhanging trees into play leaving little chance of getting there for two. The large gully and uphill slope all the way on approach, plus the large FAST oval shaped green sloping from back to front, makes a par on this hole one to celebrate.

HOLE 17 – 167 METRE PAR 3

A deep tee box with a view across a long grass gully to a small green protected by greenside bunkers. Not our easiest little hole but rewards a good tee shot in. Over the back requires great touch with the green sloping from back to front. Great golf hole.

HOLE 18 – 301 METRE PAR 4

Don't let the shortish length deceive, poor accuracy or positioning can be costly here. With the fairway sloping from left to right all the way a tee shot left of centre is ideal. Anything going right can feed down to the trees or hazard area. A large deep greenside bunker guards the front right on approach, with a steep drop off behind and right of the big oval-shaped green. Tricky breaks to contend here on the finishing hole with poor putts punished, but a great chance to end the round on a high.



SHORTLAND WATERS

GOLF BOOKINGS & MEMBERSHIP

Whether you are a beginner or experienced golfer, players of all levels are welcome at Shortland Waters Golf Club. As a member of the club golfing community you'll enjoy exclusive course and competition access and other special benefits. The range of membership options are designed to suit the super keen golfer, but also the time poor. Social games are also great way to play with plenty of tee times available to book a round for you and your friends.

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SHORTLAND WATERS

ESTABLISHED 1921

Shortland Waters Golf Club recently celebrated its centenary year, but when it was originally formed it was known as Steel Works Recreation Club. It took over an existing 9-hole course located on the corner of Kerr and Bull Streets Mayfield, which had been vacated by the Waratah Golf Club during their relocation to the Cockle Creek area.

This new club then affiliated with the Newcastle District Golf Association early in 1922, and officially changed its name to Steel Works Golf Club in 1931.

When club owners BHP later decided they needed this site for other purposes, an alternative location for the golf course was explored. The current location in Shortland was identified and, after much hard work, the new course was constructed, opening for play on November 9, 1936.





STEEP IN HISTORY

Right from the early days, reviews were glowing. Golf columnist Jim Ferrier played on the course early in 1937 and said:

"It is the finest country course I have yet seen in NSW and it presents an exacting test of golf. The greens are of bent grass and the equal of any Sydney course. In time, the course should be as hard as any championship layout."

Some of the greatest names in golf visited the club during its formative years. In 1936, seven-time Major champion Gene Sarazen played in an exhibition match on the original course to help raise funds for the new clubhouse being built at the soon-to-be-opened Shortland site.

In October 1938 Shortland itself played host to an exhibition featuring two more of the game's greats – South African Bobby Locke, a four-time Open champion and Norman Von Nida, one of Australia's finest golfers. Locke won the challenge by two shots with a score of 72, and both players were lavish in their praise of the new Steel Works course.

When BHP closed steelmaking in Newcastle in 1999, the Steel Works Golf Club's course and club was purchased by the membership, who then became the custodian of this incredible industrial heritage.



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NEW DEVELOPMENT

With hope of energising new interest in golf, in the year 2000, the same year Australia hosted the Olympic Games in Sydney, Steel Works Golf Club changed its name to Shortland Waters Golf Club. Like many other sporting clubs who were struggling to survive during these challenging years, the club continued to suffer from the burden of financial debt it acquired when purchasing the property from BHP.

As early as 2008, the board of that time recognised the declining position for many golf, bowling and sports clubs across the country. In an effort to secure the club's long-term future they decided to explore potential opportunities and a number of proposals were submitted to the club.

In 2015, the club entered a development agreement with leading owner, operator and manager of retirement communities, Aveo Group, that would deliver a new clubhouse and improvements to the golf course, along with a substantial retirement development set amongst the course as part of the plan.

Although a transition to the new clubhouse took place in January 2018, the golf course redevelopment was taking much longer than expected. Unfortunately by July 2018, the club's board felt that there was no other option but to place the club into administration and avoid insolvent trading. By December that year, Aveo Group confirmed its purchase of the club and its assets. The club was granted a 20 year lease over the property, with an option for a further 20 years agreed to.





VISIONARY PLANS

The new course configuration was finally opened in late February 2019, and quickly gained praise from members and visitors. Although the unfortunate demise of other local golf clubs highlighted the difficult times the industry may continue to face, new upward trends in membership numbers and social golf rounds presented the potential for a brighter Shortland Waters Golf Club future.

An amazing golf course steep in history and a club with a visionary plan for its members and their guests, named as one of the 60 best value-for-money regional metropolitan courses in the whole country in a Golf Australia article in September 2022. It may get overlooked when the annual accolades are handed out in the top Australian golf course ratings by leading publications, but there is no doubt of it being a great layout and an amazing golfing experience.





SHORTLAND WATERS

LOCATION & CONTACT DETAILS

HOW TO GET THERE

Shortland Waters Golf Club is located 12 kilometres north west of Newcastle's CBD in the Hunter Region of New South Wales. The club is easily reached from the north and south via the M1 Motorway or from Newcastle via the Pacific Highway/A43.

Williamtown Airport is also just a short drive away.

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