

The Australian Women's Register

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Women's Golf Victoria

(1906 -)

Born 1 January, 1906, Victoria Australia

Occupation Sporting Organisation

Summary

The Victorian Ladies' Golf Union (VLGU) was established in 1906 after the golfing women of Geelong, in 1905, had initiated moves to create an organisation to further the development of golf for women in Victoria. There were six foundation clubs – Caulfield (later known as Metropolitan, Colac, Kew, Essendon (Northern), Geelong and Surrey Hills (Riversdale) – with a total of 278 members.

The women of the union immediately established themselves as women of action. Within its first six months, the Union had undertaken a standardised handicapping system, decided to introduce pennant competition, held a number of friendly interclub matches and initiated a silver medal competition, a competition that is still played as the Silver Spoon event. Since those early days, the VLGU has overseen metropolitan and country competitions, junior development and the emergence of some exceptional talent. Jane Lock, for instance, began her international career playing junior golf in competitions overseen by the VLGU.

Needless to say, the VLGU has undergone change and development throughout its 100 years of existence. Competition stopped, for instance, during the first and second world wars and the members put their considerable skills and networks to use to raise funds for the war effort. The Equal Opportunity Act of 1985 had a huge impact on the way clubs operated and laid the foundations for the way the sport is organised today.

The 1990s were a time of great change for the Union, with the most important issue being that of constitutional change. Over the years, the development of the sport in Victoria had outgrown the ability of the governing structure to operate efficiently and democratically. Between 1992 and 1994 the board worked to develop a new constitution that would take the Union into the new millennium. As a reflection of this new direction, a new name was adopted. In June 1995 the Victorian Ladies' Golf Union became Women's Golf Victoria.

In November 2010 Women's Golf Victoria amalgamated with the Victorian Golf Association to form the umbrella organisation Golf Victoria.

Events

1906 - 1906

1995 - 1995

1925 - 1925

1907 - 1907

1925 - 1925

1953 - 1953

1929 - 1929

1927 - 1927

1961 - 1961

1993 - 1993

1966 - 1966

1985 - 1985

1994 - 1994

Published resources

Site Exhibition

She's Game: Women Making Australian Sporting History, Australian Women's Archives Project, 2007,
<http://www.womenaustralia.info/exhib/sg/sport-home.html>

Resource

Trove, National Library of Australia, 2009

Archival resources

Private Hands (These regards may not be readily available)

[Papers of the Victorian Ladies Golf Union](#)

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