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## THE REGIS AUSTRALIAN VETERAN GOLFERS UNION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

Dear Veteran Golfers,

This week is the corresponding week to the **Australian Veteran Golfers Championships at Port Stephens NSW from 12 - 16 November 2018.**

The weather is pleasant, the courses are in excellent condition after the spring growth, and the whole area is beautifully coloured with Christmas Bushes, Jacarandas and spring flowers.



Photos taken on the morning of Wednesday 15 November: Shoal Bay looking out towards the heads, Jacarandas and Christmas Bushes at Nelson Bay Golf Club.

The most exciting news is that we have a **\$75,000 RETREAT caravan** as a **HOLE IN ONE PRIZE** on the three Championships days at Pacific Dunes. The caravan has been provided by **PARRAVANS NEWCASTLE**, and their General Manager Michael Edwards would like to see the prize offered as equitably as possible. Therefore

the C Graders and partners\* will have first crack at it on Tuesday 13 November, followed by B Grade on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and A Grade on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

\*Please note that the men will be divided into A B and C grades, and that the wives/partners will **play at the same courses each day** as their husbands/partners.

To see the caravan on offer [click here](#). If you are traveling up and down the NSW coast you can see the RETREAT range at Parravans Newcastle at 329 Pacific Highway, Heatherbrae, just 5 minutes north of Hexham bridge.

We are in the process of organising some other stunning prizes so sometime in the near future you will see “BUT WAIT, THERE’S MORE”. We promise you it will be more than a set of steak knives!

Some advice to intending entrants and those already registered:

1. If you need to update your entry at any time (eg to book accommodation, cruises etc) just send an email to [vets2018@gogolfing.net.au](mailto:vets2018@gogolfing.net.au). We will update your details and send you an amended confirmation letter.
2. Direct bookings to LANDMARK and MANTRA AQUA (the two accommodation venues on either side of Nelson Bay Golf Club) have been filling fast so you are advised to book early to get the room types that suit you. Our Hospitality Coordinator Rhonda Murray has recently toured both properties, so give Rhonda a call on **0419 447 935** if you need advice. To change your booking send a message to the email address mentioned above or call Cloud Ngyuen at the GoGolfing office on **1300 552 855 or 07 5508 2250**.
3. Nelson Bay is less than 3 hours drive from Sydney so it is easily accessible for NSW entrants. It is also only 30 minutes drive from Newcastle airport. All major car rental companies operate from the airport so people flying in from interstate can easily pick up car rentals from there. We will also be offering airport transfers for those who need them. Please let us know if this is what you require. You will see on the entry form that we are offering a TRANSPORT PACKAGE for those who wish to be transported by bus to the courses each day.
4. The flight from Sydney to Newcastle is quite expensive, so interstate travellers will probably find it cheaper to fly into Newcastle via either

Brisbane or Melbourne. However it is possible to fly into Sydney and travel up to Newcastle and Port Stephens by rail or coach.

Entries have been coming in steadily, and we passed the mark of 200 entries some weeks ago. The next incentive to early entry occurs on **30 November 2017**, where all those registered by that date go into **two draws for FREE ENTRY** into the championships. The result of this draw will be announced by 5 December.

The final EARLY BIRD offer of \$350 pp will expire on 31 December 2017, after which the entry fee will be \$390 pp.

We have a strict limit of 540 players, and with nearly 500 participating at the 2017 Championships at the Gold Coast, places should fill fast before the Early Bird cut-off on 31 December. To register, it is a simple matter of logging on to our website - [click here](#), completing the booking form, and lodging the minimum \$100 deposit per person. If you have trouble with this process you will find phone numbers to call at the bottom of the Home page.

If you have any further queries please feel free to contact me.

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