



Western Australia

*“True Links Golf”*

# Club History

Albany Golf Course was one of the earliest golf courses established in Western Australia (established in 1898 with nine holes and enlarged in the 1960s) and the first links style course. It has been favourably compared to the best of the traditional links courses in Scotland and is the oldest established course at the same location in the state.



Albany Golf Course attracts top golfers from around the country and overseas as well as nurturing some home-grown champions. The course record is held by Western Australian international golfer Graham Marsh. Craig Parry, has been often quoted as saying:

"Albany is my favourite Australian golf course. It's a great course by the ocean, which plays hard and is never the same."

In association with Lake Seppings wetland, Albany Golf Course provides a green belt associated with both the coast and islands in the bay and is an important habitat for more than one hundred species of water and bush birds.

A tradition with true links courses is the naming of the holes and Albany has kept up with the tradition. The names have been included in this Distance Guide as they are descriptive of the features of each hole.

The ruggedness of the seaside site was important and is linked to romantic notions of the traditions of golf. The aesthetic of this type of course is based on the earliest courses, which were established on coastal land in Scotland in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In this type of course the natural topographic and vegetation is left largely unaltered and the landscape is open, rugged and windswept.

In a links style course the natural topography is retained, part of the natural vegetation is cleared to create fairways with long vistas between the teeing ground and the hole and natural elements are enhanced to create features such as sand traps.

The evolution of Albany Golf Course can be read in the existing landscape. The southern end of the course, nearest to the suburb Middleton Beach, was the first section to be developed. This area is noticeably more open than the rest of the course with fewer trees and thickets of indigenous Peppermint trees (*Agonis flexuosa*). This area is also more open to the sea with the sweeping views across the coastal heath to the bay unimpeded by Peppermint thickets that are usually located behind the primary dunes. There were originally nine holes in this early section of the course but most of these have been modified several times to suit the evolution of the game and the extension of the course.





All distances are measured in metres from the coloured tee stones in the tee order of blue, white and then red.

152  
136  
152

Green depths are measured in metres from the front edge of the green.

● 100 Metres  
○ 150 Metres

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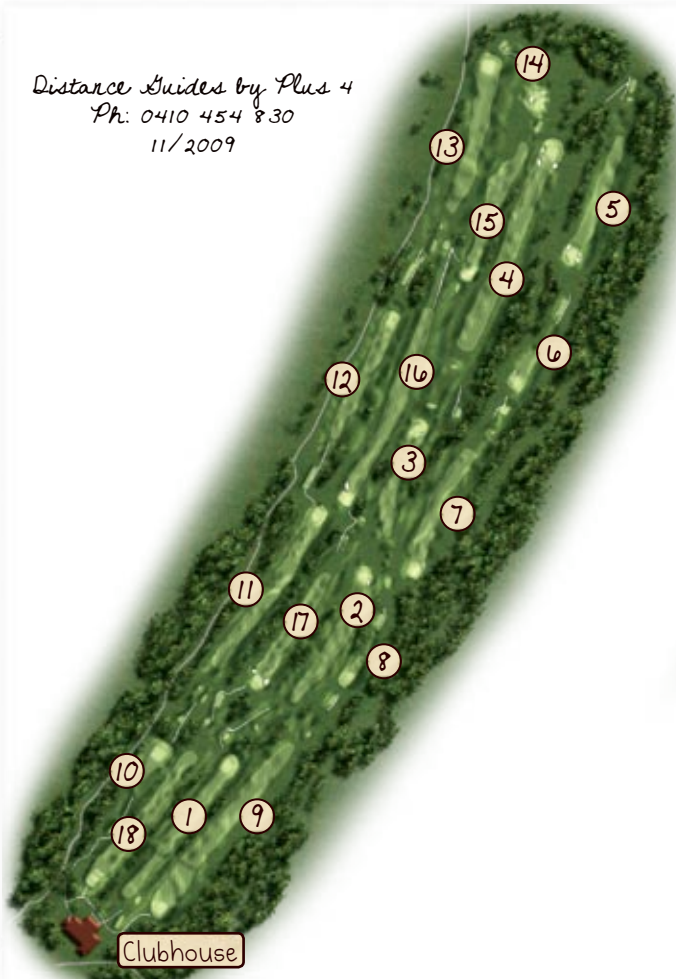
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# Course Map

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Clubhouse



Hole 2 Par 4 398 339 339





Peppermint Hill

Hole 3 Par 4 292 282 291

Hole 4 Par 5 496 495 407



*The Old Clubhouse*



Links Road

Hole 5 Par 4 327 322 295

Hole 6 Par 3 171 146 153

*The Old Road*



*Seppings View*

215  
200  
162



Hole 7 Par 4 343 343 297

Hole 8 Par 3 134 124 134



*Devil's Ridge*



323  
303  
240

231  
211  
150

*The Dam*

Hole 9 Par 5 493 483 414

Hole 10 Par 3 163 150 142



*The Keyhole*

*Thru the Gap*



314  
255  
239

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Hole 11 Par 5 472 434 404

Hole 12 Par 4 342 325 317

Sea View

194  
178  
165



Breaksea

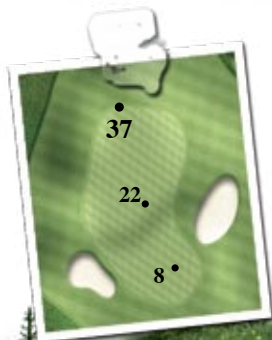
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180  
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Hole 13 Par 4 400 329 298

Hole 14 Par 3 126 126 118

*By the Pines*

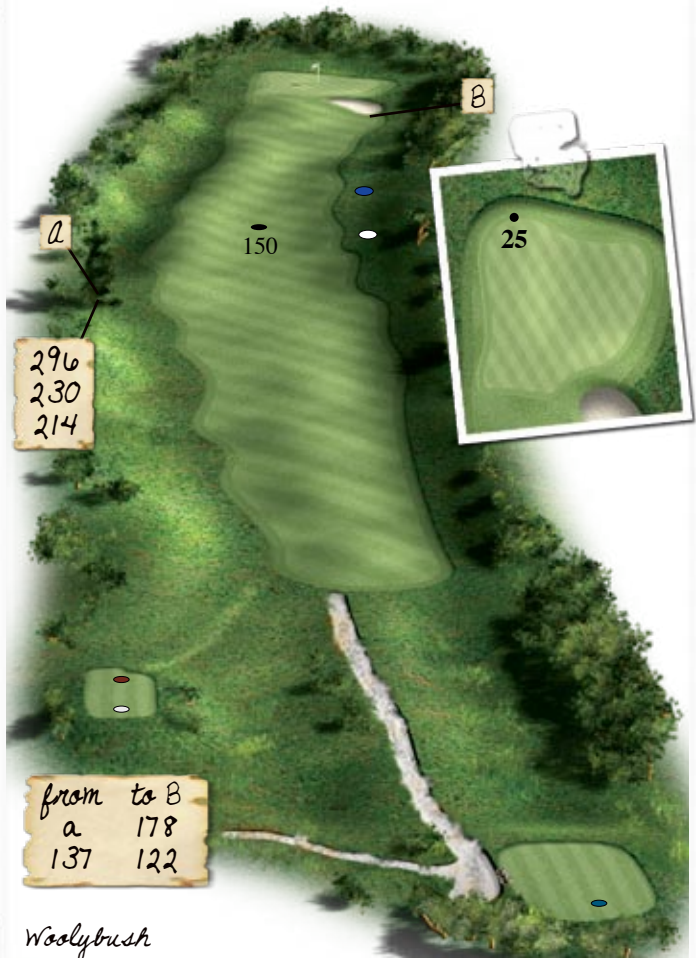




*The Garden*

Hole 15 Par 4 312 298 310

Hole 16 Par 5 496 416 426





*The Gulley*

Hole 17 Par 4 358 358 310

Hole 18 Par 4 390 339 339

*Gun Barrel*



238  
188  
188

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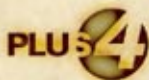


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