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**THE
MEREWETHER
GOLF**

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MEET MAX



The new mascot for Merewether Golf

Max is the affectionate name for Maxeen and Maxwell Merewether. Max's goal is to help visitors and members enjoy their golf game at the Merewether Golf Course to the max. This pocket book, as well as the online digital publication, website, and supporting communication aims to assist all players in understanding the course etiquette and care at The Merewether. This ensures that everyone can enjoy their game and round to the fullest. Max's ultimate objective is to encourage all players of every golfing level to be informed and encouraged when coming to play at The Merewether.

PLAYER CHECK LIST?

1

All players must check in at the Pro Shop

15 minutes before your tee time.

2

All players must have a set of clubs

The Pro Shop has them for hire.

3

Groups of 4 that's all

Large groups are required to play in groups of 4.

4

Take a sand bucket

Repairing and placing sand in divots helps maintain the course to be enjoyed by everyone.

5

Keep up with the group in front

Be mindful of pace of play, stay alert, move efficiently to your ball and be ready to take your shot.

6

Golf balls are dangerous, up to 300km per hour

Make sure all players are safe before taking your swing and check that the group in front of you are out of your range.

7

Get to your ball

Don't stand and watch each others shots on the fairway. Get to your ball and with everyone safe, play when ready.

8

Ten shots pick up and move on

If you're still swinging after ten shots it might be time to visit the Pro Shop and have a lesson.

9

Lost balls 3 minutes that's all

After 3 minutes if you're still searching for your ball hit another one or let the group behind you through.

10

Golf carts

Stay on paths if available and drive no closer than 10 metres from greens and tees.

Please note - As a social player you are a visitor to the Merewether Golf Club and if rules of play and course care aren't respected the club management, professional staff or any registered member may request you abide by the etiquette of play or request that you leave the course.

SCORING & BOOKINGS

1. Course and scoring app

The Golfer app is the perfect companion for social golfers playing The Merewether. The app simplifies the scoring process and gives layout of the course and hole distances. Scan the QR code to download.

Members have access to the MiScore App.

[Get the app](#)



2. Book a round

Bookings can be made using the QR code to the Merewether Public Bookings website or call the Pro Shop **4963 1869**.

This is the easiest way to guarantee you get to play.

Members from other clubs with GA Handicaps can play in all relevant competitions and can book through the Pro Shop, or a social round using the QR code.

[Book now](#)

THE LAYOUT & HOLES



THE
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GOLF

LADIES
PAR 72

Red
Slope 137
Lgth 5125m

MEN
PAR 70

White
Slope 133
Lgth 5450m

Blue
Slope 136
Lgth 5636m



PAR4

Red 328m

White 325m

Blue 334m



The opening drive of your round requires an accurate tee shot as the fairway is guarded on both sides by large trees. The longer hitter may even be better hitting a 3 wood or hybrid iron from the tee. From the corner of the dogleg it is about 120m to the green, which sits above you and well guarded by bunkers.

1ST

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DRESS TO THE MAX



Keep it smart and casual

We don't expect you to come dressed like a Pro, but we do still expect to see all players looking presentable. **Shirt with a collar** is preferred, no singlets. **Shorts, pants, skirt or a skort.** Dresses are also acceptable. Shoes and socks are a non-negotiable, **Joggers or golf shoes** If you have forgotten any of these necessary items head to the Pro Shop to get kitted out!



PAR4

Red 262m

White 273m

Blue 281m

Only a short par 4 but the big challenge is avoiding the large dam on the right, which you must carry for your 2nd shot. From the tee you only need to hit your tee shot about 170 metres but it must be straight. From there you have about 110 metres to a large green, but it is all carry over the dam. A Short but tough hole.

2ND

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PACE OF PLAY TIPS



Do you play your shots in 20 seconds?

1. How fast do you play?

Playing at a good pace is crucial in golf. When it's your turn, you should take no longer than **20 seconds to complete your shot**. From placing the tee in the ground and driving to placing your ball behind your marker and putting. This also applies to fairway and bunker shots. If you can make your play in 20 seconds, you are playing your game to the max. It's important to maintain this pace to ensure good etiquette, as well as to maintain the pace of play for your group and the entire field.

Tip: If a player in your group regularly **takes more than 40 seconds** to play their shot, you should inform them, as it can affect the pace of play for everyone.



PAR3

Red 115m

White 115m

Blue 123m

Only a short par 3 but is surrounded by bunkers and the green is the smallest on the course. It plays a lot tougher than its rating of 17.

3RD

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PACE OF PLAY TIPS



2. Divide and conquer!

We know you love your playing partners, but you all don't have to walk to each ball. Divide and conquer! Each player should go to their own ball, don't all go to one ball at a time and watch the shot. You might love it but the group behind you won't.

Tip: Getting to your ball quickly, safely and play when ready is playing golf to the max.

3. Do the two step

Every step on a golf course takes time and if you have to take more than two steps to get to your clubs when using a push buggy on a fairway you are taking extra time.

Tip: Park your buggy next to your ball, just one step away.



PAR 5

Red 405m

White 462m

Blue 471m

Uphill par 5 that usually plays into the prevailing north easterly so therefore plays longer than it's length. Fairway slopes right to left for the full length of the hole which makes it difficult to keep the ball on the fairway. The green is a long but thin green that has no bunkers. But don't miss the green left.

4TH

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PACE OF PLAY TIPS



4. Watch the ball and where it falls

It sounds simple enough, but watch the shots of everyone in your group. Many times, people lose sight of their shots in flight and it takes a long time to locate the ball, or they lose it completely.

Tip: The more eyes the better, everyone in your group should pay attention to all tee shots.

5. Lost a ball? Spend 3 and that's all.

Three minutes. That is the allotted time you should spend searching for your golf ball before taking a drop and moving on. Not only does this keep your group from waiting, it will also prevent the groups behind you from getting backed up while you search. If you can't find it in three, it wasn't meant to be.

Tip: If all of the players in your group watch the flight of each shot and follow its path it's easier to find and less likely to get lost.



One of the best par 3's in Newcastle. Long but narrow green that is well guarded by bunkers on right and on the left of the green is the valley where double bogeys are often made. To add to its difficulty, it often plays into the prevailing north easterly.

5TH

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PACE OF PLAY TIPS



6. Keep up but don't bomb them

Keep up with the group in front, however you don't want to be so close that you risk bombing them on the fairway.

Tip: Golf balls should hit greens, fairways, and not people.

7. Keep your head on a swivel

Pay attention to the other groups on the course, specifically the groups in front of you and behind you. If the group ahead seems miles away, or if the group behind is constantly waiting in the tee box behind you, then you may need to pick up the pace.

Tip: You must be on the same hole as the group in front and not repeatedly holding up the group behind you.

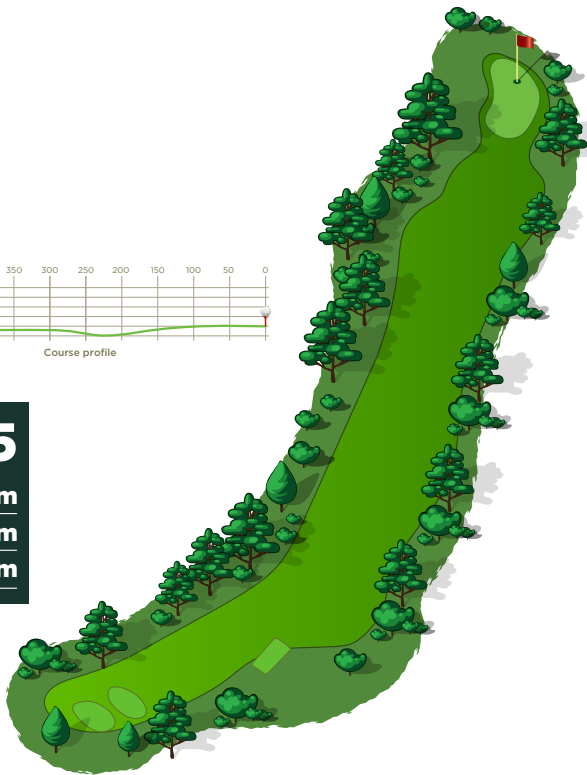


PAR5

Red 385m

White 475m

Blue 519m



Dogleg left par 5. Tee shot is very narrow and requires a right to left shape around the dogleg. Hole slopes from right to left and has OUT OF BOUNDS on right from tee to green. Green is very narrow but long and flat. Don't miss the green on left side, as it is very hard to get up and down.

6TH

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PACE OF PLAY TIPS



8. Know your line while others putt

Line your putt up and make your read while others in the group are putting. When your time to putt arrives, you'll be ready with no delay. You'll be surprised at how many more you'll sink.

Tip: Pick your line while others are putting, this will also help you assess the speed and slope.

9. Approach your shot with a plan

This may seem intuitive, but many players do not consider their next shot until they pull up right behind their ball. After your tee shot is off, begin calculating. How far out are you from the pin, what club should you use and how do you want to approach the shot?

Tip: Knowing how far you hit each club helps selection



PAR 4

Red 396m
Par 5

White 388m

Blue 394m

One of our best par 4's. Downhill that requires an accurate tee shot with OUT OF BOUNDS on the right and the left is well guarded by trees. Second shot is also downhill to a green that is guarded by bunkers on both sides. Keep your second shot below the hole as the green slopes sharply from back to front.

PACE OF PLAY TIPS



10. Know when to call it. Pick up.

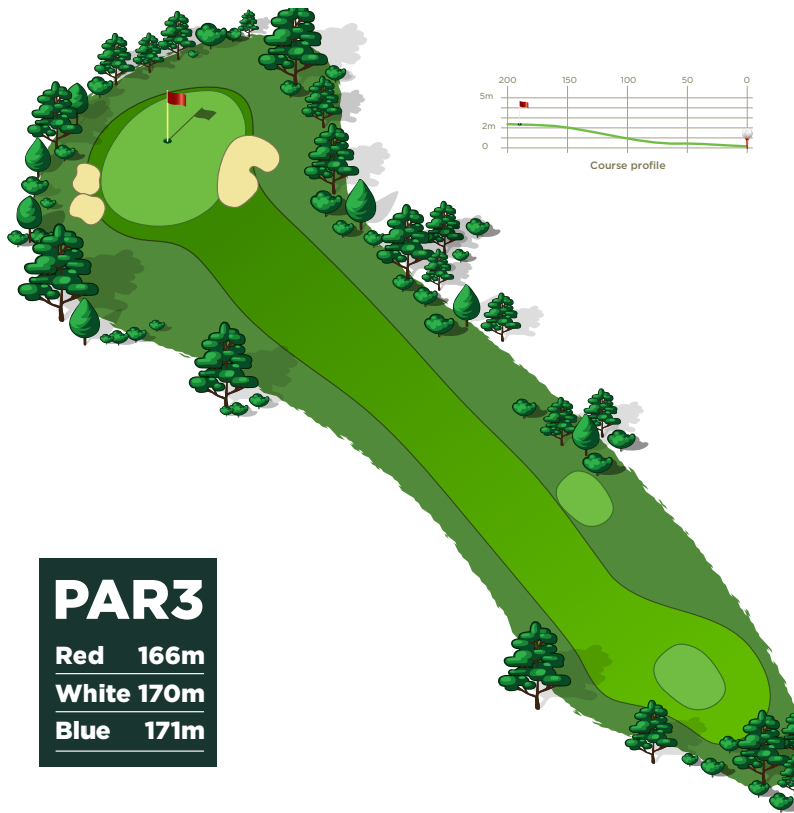
Sometimes, you just don't have it. We've all been there. The shots are erratic and it feels like you'll never finish the hole. That's alright and under PGA rules, you can pick up your ball if you're "out" on a particular hole. So next time things go south, pick up the ball, regroup and get it back on the next hole.

Tip: Pick up after 10 shots on a hole, These include air swings.

11. What is your routine?

Habits are everything in golf. When it comes to practice swings and other motions pre-shot, try to keep it brief. Not only does it help with pace, it will keep you from overthinking your own shot.

Tip: 20 second should be the max when playing your shot.



PAR3

Red 166m

White 170m

Blue 171m

Strong uphill par 3 that has a large green guarded on both sides by bunkers. The green slopes sharply from back to front, which makes putting from above the hole very difficult.

8TH

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COURSE CARE & COURTESY



1. Stop rake rage

The correct way to place the rakes should be **in the bunkers, in a straight line, parallel with the fairway**. Place the handle first and then the rakes head a **metre in from the bunkers edge** so the ball will come to rest well in the bunker if it makes contact.



2. You make it, you rake it

When you find yourself in the bunker don't leave your mark, rake it over and place the rake in the bunkers, in a straight line, parallel with the fairway, a metre from the edge of the bunker.



PAR4

Red 365m

White 379m

Blue 388m

Good downhill par 4. Longer hitters will need to lay up short of the fairway bunker that sits 230 metres from the tee. Second shot is slightly uphill to a small green with no bunkers. Best place to miss the green is short.

9TH

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COURSE CARE & COURTESY



3. Take a sand bucket and repair divots

Knock in the grass around your divot with your club, add sand, step it down and use the sole of your shoe to smooth out excess sand so it's level.



4. Pitch in and repair pitch marks

Show off by repairing your pitch mark by using a pitchfork or a tee and moving the grass from around the outside into the centre and then tap down with the base of your putter.



Our number one indexed hole. A long straight tee shot is required with a slight draw to hold it on the fairway that slopes left to right. The second shot is all uphill to a wide but narrow green. Take one more club than you think for your second shot.

10TH

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COURSE CARE & COURTESY



5. Social distancing for buggies

Keep your buggy on paths whenever you can, follow cart signs and stay 10 metres from greens and tees.



6. Report it so we can cover it

If a wayward shot damages a house and you have a GA Handicap and Golf Link number the club is covered by Golf Australia's insurance. Report it by clicking the link.

[Report it](#)



PAR5

Red 468m

White 468m

Blue 471m

A downhill dogleg left par 5. Keep your tee shot on the right side of the fairway so you have a clear view of the green for your second. The green is reachable in two for the long hitters but is well guarded on both sides by bunkers. One spot to avoid is over the green.

11TH

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PLAYER PERKS



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PAR4

Red 272m

White 305m

Blue 309m

A short uphill par 4 that plays harder than it's rating. The fairway is very narrow guarded on both sides by large gum trees and OUT OF BOUNDS on right. Long hitters only need an iron from the tee. The second shot is all uphill to a large flat green. Take an extra club, as you don't want to miss the green short.

12TH

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PLAYER PERKS



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PAR 3

Red 135m

White 152m

Blue 159m

Good par 3 with bunkers short of green on both sides. The thing to be wary of on this hole is the wind direction as it often swirls around on this part of the course.

13TH

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PLAYER PERKS

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a clothing
purchase



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Short downhill par 4 that is reachable for long hitters. Try and keep your tee shot down the left side of the fairway and this gives you a good view of the green. Any tee shot down the right side will not have a clear view of the green. The second shot will only be a short pitch shot to a green that is shaped a little like an upside down saucer.

14TH

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PAR4

Red 312m

White 359m

Blue 373m

Long uphill par 4 with a slight dogleg left. Tee shot must be right of centre. Anything going left will make it impossible to reach the green in two. The second shot is to a wide but narrow, slightly elevated green. Add one to two clubs for your second shot, being long is better than being short.

15TH

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PAR3
Red 124m
White 163m
Blue 192m

Long downhill par 3 over water. From the back tee over 190 metres to a long but narrow green guarded by bunkers on both sides. Like the 13th hole, always seems hard to work out the direction of the wind.

16TH

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Straight away par 5 that requires a tee shot slightly right of centre. Reachable in two for the longer hitters. Don't miss the second shot to the right as it is heavily wooded. Best option is to lay up about 50 metres short of green and pitch onto the green that slopes towards you. Try and leave yourself an uphill putt.

17TH

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PAR3

Red 124m

White 143m

Blue 151m

Another good par 3 that is uphill and normally plays into the prevailing wind. Guarded on the left and front right by bunkers. Large green with a few undulations. Take one to two clubs more than you think.

18TH

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