

The Vintage

In the heart of the Hunter Valley Wine Country



THE VINTAGE LIFE

SUMMER 2010/11

New Land Release ~ 'The Maples'



**Hurry, lots are selling fast!
Excellent choices still available**

Agent Declares Interest

- Exclusive gated precinct of only 16 lots
- Larger lot sizes 1048sqm to 1557sqm
- Extra wide lots available
- Best combination of golf, water, vineyard and mountain views at The Vintage
- Elevated position with Northerly views to the Barrington Tops Mountain Range
- Prices from \$315,000 to \$395,000

Taking deposits now!

Please contact the Vintage Realty sales office located onsite on 1800 889 889 to arrange your inspection today.



Peter O'Malley, Winner of the 2010 NSW Open Golf Championship



NSW Open Tournament a Vintage Success



O'Malley savours a special Vintage!



string of birdies on the 4th, 5th and 6th holes, to be 3-under-par through the first nine for a five stroke buffer over first round leader, Peter Cooke at the turn.

Peter O'Malley won his first NSW Open championship title following a three hole play-off over Peter Cooke and British amateur, Tom Lewis, at The Vintage Golf Club in the Hunter Valley.

As the 500 strong crowd waited with eager excitement, the three finished at 14-under-par. With O'Malley making par on the third play-off hole over Lewis, after Cooke was eliminated on the second play-off hole.

The vineyard surroundings and The Vintage layout proved to be the perfect combination for O'Malley, a 4-time previous winner on the Australasian Tour and three-time winner on the European Tour. Despite being a hard day at the office, O'Malley was to prevail and he was clearly relieved to see closure for the tournament.

"I had to put in a little bit of overtime out there, but got the job done," said an elated O'Malley following the play-off.

"I was playing well all week and apart from the closing back nine today, had the putter going out there. I hit some good quality shots coming in and that made the difference."

O'Malley had enjoyed a five stroke overnight lead over Peter Cooke and tournament host, Nathan Green, moving into the final round and quickly went about widening his margin through a

Not even a triple bogey on the 401 metre 11th to see his margin reduced to two from Cooke would cause concern for O'Malley, despite being tracked down by both Cooke and Tom. "All week I knew that I was striking the ball well," said O'Malley, who is a member of The Lakes, venue for the 2010 Australian Open.

Part of the spoils of winning the NSW Open was a fine collection of Hunter Valley wines, which given O'Malley's penchant towards the fine drop, might not stay in tack for long.

The joy of claiming another title and under the drama and circumstances it was achieved proves to O'Malley that the hard work he's been putting into his game is bearing fruit and it could not have happened at a better time for him. Like a fine wine, he's aged well over the years.

"It's always been a trophy that I wanted to win," said an elated O'Malley following the presentation.

"This is something that's special to me and it's taken a while to get, but it's worth it."



REAL ESTATE HOMES FOR SALE



HOLIDAY RENTAL DASHAZ DREAM

15 Angophora Drive, Blue Gums (Lot 19)

The kitchen, dining and family room at the rear of the home flow out through stacking doors to a covered outdoor entertaining area where the 3rd fairway, complemented by a beautiful natural water feature, will become your dream holiday escape.

Features

- Accommodating 6 guests with 3 bedrooms and 3 ensuite
- 3 King Split beds (can be 1 king or 2 singles)
- Private upstairs master suite with spa ensuite and north facing balcony
- Large open plan kitchen, living & dining
- Separate Lounge with sofa bed (additional fee applies)
- 2 Plasma Televisions with Austar
- Wii console (2 games) and Blu Ray/DVD player
- Gas Fireplace to main living
- Reverse cycle air conditioning throughout
- Spacious covered outdoor entertaining area with BBQ
- Double garage with remote door, internal access
- Golf course frontage and fabulous view of water features
- Short walk to amenities incl pool, tennis court, gym and Clubhouse

The Vintage Facilities

When you stay in one of The Vintage Residences, all the world class facilities are available to you, including the 18 hole Greg Norman designed golf course, 25m swimming pool, spa, fitness centre, day/night tennis courts and The Legends Grill Restaurant.

All Vintage Residences are supplied with linen and towels and have fully equipped kitchen and laundry facilities.



THE 'BELAIR' \$675,000

6 Hakea Circuit, Ironbark Hill

- 3 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms (ensuite to main)
- Two living areas plus multi-purpose room
- Fully air-conditioned
- Kitchen servery to patio
- Water feature to front entry
- Double lock up garage
- 917 sqm block with great views

Leaseback available immediately from settlement at 7% Gross Return



REAL ESTATE LOTS FOR SALE

NEAR LEVEL ABSOLUTE GOLF FRONTAGE LOTS

Lot No.	Size m2	Price
K16	669.4 sq/m	\$235,000
K18	669.8 sq/m	\$235,000
K19	656.9 sq/m	\$250,000
K20	636.9 sq/m	\$265,000
K22	627.5 sq/m	\$270,000
K23	629.0 sq/m	\$250,000
K24	646.1 sq/m	\$225,000

Agent declares interest

Events at The Vintage

Ensure to pencil these club dates in your diary....

Sat 25 Dec
Christmas Day Luncheon

Fri 31 Dec
New Years Eve Extravaganza

Sat 8 Jan
The Shiraz Champion of Champions & Members Cup Member Event

Sat 22 - Fri 28 Jan
8th Birthday Cup & Presentation Gala Dinner with Cabaret Show Member Event

Thurs 27 Jan
Thirsty Thursday Golf Event

Sat 29 Jan
Monthly Medal Members Golf Event

Sun 30 - Tues 1 Feb
The Richard Mercer Golf Academy

Fri 4 - Mon 7 Feb
"Vintage on Tour" Members Trip to Barnbougle & Lost Farm Golf Club

Sat 12 Feb
Schweppes Summer Classic Golf Event

Thurs 24 Feb
Thirsty Thursday Golf Event

Sat 26 Feb
Monthly Medal Members Golf Event

Sun 27 Feb - Tues 1 March
The Richard Mercer Golf Academy

Thurs 3 Mar
Vintage on Tour NSW Golf Club

Thurs 17 Mar
St Patricks Day Event Irish 4 Ball

Thurs 24 Mar
Thirsty Thursday Golf Event

Sat 26 Mar
Monthly Medal Members Golf Event

For more information please contact
The Vintage on
(02) 4998 6789

EVENTS in the Hunter Valley

Sat 29 Jan
INXS @ A Day on the Green at Bimbadgen

Sat 5 Feb
Sting @ Hope Estate

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Feb
CMC Rocks the Hunter @ Hopes Estate



What's Happening at Legends Bar & Grill

the legendsgrill

Monday & Tuesday Nights
Members Nights - Bring your own wine and enjoy free corkage

Dinner Special
Enjoy a 3 course dinner and a glass of wine for only \$80!
This offer is valid 7 days.

Sunday Afternoons
Jazz with J.J King - Relax to the cool sounds of Jazz whilst enjoying a refreshing beverage on the Legends Grill terrace.

No BYO Friday & Saturday nights



The Richard Mercer Golf Academy - NOW OPEN

The Richard Mercer Golf Academy at The Vintage Golf Club in the Hunter Valley offers a variety of golf schools, clinics and development programs for men, women and juniors of all skill levels and is NSW's 1st purpose built Golf Academy.

The Academy boasts the "Ultimate in Video Analysis" using the Dartfish Video Teaching aid along with the revolutionary and unique Flight Scope Launch Monitor. A device originally developed as a tracking mechanism to warn battleships for incoming guided missiles! The creator of this amazing device was a golf fanatic who quickly applied the intelligence of this mechanism towards his passion - golf.

The Richard Mercer Golf Academy also has a unique offering allowing the student to hit shots from inside the Academy directly onto the driving range. The Academy building structure has been designed for the student to be monitored by video's front and back, whilst driving the ball from inside the building directly onto the range outside.

With over twenty years of teaching experience, Richard Mercer will ensure that you will receive the best golf instruction and enjoyment of the game.

The Richard Mercer Golf Academy at The Vintage Golf Club provides golf schools for up to three days of instruction to give you the time and personalised golf coaching needed to gain a thorough understanding of your swing and how to make it more efficient. Richard Mercer will help you take your improved golf game from the driving range to the golf course with on-course instruction, this is where you learn to truly play and understand the game. On the course, Richard Mercer covers course management skills, the Rules of Golf, proper course etiquette, and everything else you need to know to feel more comfortable and confident on the golf course.

The Junior Golf Foundation

The Vintage Golf Club and its members established The Vintage Junior Golf Foundation in order to promote golf as a lifetime sport to young people within and surrounding our community. The Foundation offers scholarships to young people who are not part of The Vintage community in order to assist them financially in pursuing their chosen sport. The Foundation also has a junior program as a means of teaching young people the skills and knowledge needed to play the sport in a fun environment.

The Vintage Director of Golf, Steve Wylie, explained the foundation began about three months ago by awarding scholarships to Cessnock prospect Jessica Kelly and her older brother Matt.

"We identified that while junior golf isn't necessarily struggling, it certainly isn't getting as much support in the region as it could be. Essentially, what we looked at doing there was taking a proactive stance," Wylie said.

"We said that The Vintage would like to contribute to junior golf in the region and in particular assist those golfers whose families might be disadvantaged from a financial perspective; they would love regular lessons and be a member of The Vintage, but their families can't afford it."

"So putting something back into the golfing community was our real aim."

If you would like to make a donation to the foundation please contact The Vintage on 02 4998 6789.



New Fun Golf.... Night & Day & No Experience Necessary!

The Vintage has introduced a new range of entertaining golf options and packages to appeal to those golfers that just want to have fun.....whether it be a corporate conference group, social event or kids school holidays activity, The Vintage can now offer a range of fun & quick golf options.

The new range of golf activities are cleverly designed to be fun & engaging; "Pitch 'n' Putt 'n' Dark" is a new night activity staged on The Vintage driving range, with glowing golf balls, tee markers and pins...and we can even organise a refreshment cart to follow the group around! "Putt 'n' Dark" is an enjoyable, short activity on the putting green, again with glowing golf balls - this is ideal for a conference group as a pre-dinner activity! Or then, there's a fun group coaching clinic option with The Vintage Golf Professional Richard Mercer.....perfect way to have a few laughs and learn the basics of golf. There's something to suit beginners to advanced golfers and everyone in-between and starting from as little as \$20 per person.

All activities are professionally managed by the team at The Vintage, the Hunter Valleys most highly ranked golf course, home to the NSW Open and are available just moments from the first-class accommodation, conference and function facilities at The Vintage.

For more information call our event specialists on (02) 4998 6789

Schweppes Summer Classic Golf Event

Saturday 12th February 2011 | WIN over \$1500 worth of prizes!

The Golf Event:
A Single Stableford (with Scratch Event)
18 Holes of Golf at The Vintage with shared electric golf cart, Schweppes drinks and on course BBQ.

Only \$110
per person!

RSVP
Friday 4th February 2011.
Visit www.thevintage.com.au to download an RSVP form.

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THE VINTAGE



The Vintage Top 20

The Greg Norman designed Vintage Golf Course has retained the mantle of the Hunter Region's top public access golf course according to Golf Australia's 2011 rankings. The Vintage is now ranked as the 20th best public access golf course in Australia, second best in NSW and the best in the Hunter. The Vintage improved its national ranking by three places from last year.



The 17th Dam

Course Beautification

The Vintage has continued its commitment to golf course improvements, with beautification works on the 10th and 17th holes. The 10th hole has seen a major clean up of the areas surrounding the Lake. This beautification work continued through to the interface between the 10th green and 11th tee, where excavation work was completed to clean up this area and increase the height of the 10th lake wall to enhance the water level.

Commonly known as the "Snake-Pit", the 17th dam has been completely excavated, removing all the reeds, increasing the pond depth and heightening the back-wall to allow the water height to significantly increase. The end result is a magnificent water feature, putting forward an agreement that the 17th is now one of the Vintage's "Signatures" holes.



Founders Room

The recently opened function & conference facility known as The Founders Room, is a welcomed addition at The Vintage. Seating 170 dinner/dance style, the room dramatically increases The Vintage's capacity to serve the growing conference market in the Hunter Valley.

The Founders Room is located to the north of the swimming pool, between the existing Barrington Room and the new Château Élan Destination Spa and Villas and features wide north facing glass windows, with stunning views down the 10th fairway.

For function or special event enquiries call our event specialists on (02) 4998 2408.

Hole in One for Jenni!



Congratulations to Vintage Member Jenni Monti who scored a hole in one on the 12th at The Vintage on Sunday 5th December 2010, on the back of a 47 point round the previous day! A hole in one at the 12th shouldn't come as a major surprise, as Jenni lives right next to the 12th green...so she knows this hole very well! Once again, congratulations and keep up the great golf!!

The Vintage Lower Bistro Terrace

The completion of the cover over the Lower Bistro Terrace concludes our clubhouse construction program. We have taken the opportunity to increase the size of the paved area and link it to the cart path. The operational opportunities that this new space provides are tremendous.

In creating the structure for new covered outdoor dining space the challenge was to design something that did not detract from such a beautiful building. We wanted to ensure that the construction was sympathetic to the architecture of the precinct and that requirement presented a considerable challenge. Two architects provided designs that were both approved by council, but in the end the final result can be attributed to some good old fashioned ingenuity.

The new structure to cover the seating area was constructed to a large degree using recycled or left over materials from other projects at The Vintage. The trusses are the main feature, and they were part of the job lot of materials that were purchased for the Carriage House roof trusses. Originally from one of the old Lee Wharf buildings in Newcastle, this timber has been utilised in the Carriage House, The Bistro Terrace, the arbours in front of the Founders Room as well as the covered walkway that will link the back of house areas between the Founders Room and the Barrington Room.



The Breast Cancer High Tea

McGrath Foundation
Director Tracy Bevan and
Auctioneer Patrick Auld

Well our aim was to raise \$10,000 and through the support of the 190 Vintage members and guests who attended on the day and the overwhelming support of our generous donors and sponsors we ended up raising in excess of \$15,000 so we can declare our fundraiser a huge success. We were privileged to have Tracy Bevan, Jane McGraths best friend and a board member of the McGrath Foundation as our keynote speaker. Tracy delivered a moving talk on how Jane's desire and passionate belief that every woman diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia, and their family, should be able to benefit from the support of a specialist breast care nurse. She would often say that we needed an "army of these nurses", and so, in September 2005, the McGrath Foundation was re-launched to help fulfil this wish - a McGrath Breast Care Nurse for every family affected by breast cancer in this country regardless of where the family lived or their background.

Jane also felt very strongly about increasing breast awareness in younger women as she was only 31 when she was diagnosed. As she often said breast cancer doesn't care how old you are, what you do for a living or whether you are a mother or not. It can, and does affect us all. The second aim of the McGrath Foundation then became the education of Australian women to ensure they were familiar with their breasts and that breast checks became a part of their regular health routine.

Sadly, Jane passed away in June 2008, touching the heart of every Australian, but Jane's memory lives on. She has undoubtedly left a lasting legacy through both her family and the ongoing work of the McGrath Foundation, providing thousands of Australian women and their families with hope and support during their experience with breast cancer.

Through fundraisers such as ours with entertainment, auctions and raffles this cause will continue to grow so we all should be proud of this great contribution.

The Pink Men - Pink was the theme of the day and our members never disappointed

