

Presidents Cup

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Director of Courses

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Years as GCSAA Member: 11

Years at Royal Melbourne: 10

Years as a Superintendent: 30

Previous Courses: Metropolitan Golf Club (super)

Hometown: Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Number of Employees: 45

Number of Tournament Volunteers: 45

Other Key Golf Personnel

Paul Thomas, West Course Superintendent

Craig Anthony, East Course Superintendent

Nicholas Staff, Sandringham Course Superintendent

Mark Stravato, Equipment Manager

Richard Hatt, PGA Professional

Mark Riddell, Green Committee Chair

Andrew Kirby, Club Captain

Warwick Hill-Rennie, Club Manager

Course Architect

Architect (year):

West Course – Dr. Alister MacKenzie (1931)

East Course – Alex Russell (1931)

Consulting Architect: Tom Doak

Signature Hole: West Course No. 6 (Tournament's No. 4 hole) - A 428-yard par-four with the tee shot played over heath and sand. An awkward bunker guards the left side of the green, which slopes sharply from front to back.

Tournament Set-up

Par: 71

Yardage: 7,047

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 600 sq. meters

Average Tee Size: 500 sq. meters

Acres of Fairway: 20 Hectares

Number of Sand Bunkers: 110

Number of Water Hazards: 0

Soil Conditions: Grey dune sand

Water Sources: Bore and stormwater

Drainage Conditions: Free draining

Turfgrass

Greens: Suttons Mix bentgrass 2.2mm (.086")

Tees: Santa Ana bermudagrass and fescue 7 mm (.275")

Fairways: Common couchgrass 7mm (.275")

Rough: Native and indigenous NA

Additional Notes

- The tournament will take place on a composite course with 12 holes from the west course and 6 holes from the east course. Tournament holes 1-10, 17-18 will be on the west course, while holes 11-15 will be on the east course.

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