

## MEDIA RELEASE

## Southport Golf Club WPGA Tour 2023 Pro-Am Celebrating Women in Sport – Celebrating Women in Golf

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It is with a great deal of pride that, as General Manager of Southport Golf Club and as a woman golfer, I can announce, and invite you to embrace an exciting golf event for the ages.

Together with the WPGA Australasian Tour and the PGA of Australia, the 'Southport Golf Club WPGA Tour 2023 Pro-Am' will be presented on our fabulous course in March 2023.

Some of Australia's best touring professional women will tee off on in the quest for a share of the purse.

I am particularly proud to announce that the purse on offer to the touring professional women players will match that of our Men's Southport Pro-Am presented annually for the past 10 years at Southport Golf Club. Just a few short years ago I suggest that this equitable outcome would not have been considered.

While the Pro-Am is scheduled for Monday 13 March 2023, we have created an event that will see the 'first shot' played three weeks beforehand with a Nine&Dine Dinner featuring guest speaker Gavin Kirkman, CEO of PGA Australia addressing 'The Future of Golf'.

Three weeks later the next scheduled Nine&Dine will herald four days of Celebrating Women in Sport – Celebrating Women in Golf. The weekend program will feature the touring professionals working with women and junior golfers in a series of clinics.

On course there will be a 'shoot-out' at Hole 7 for the professional players looking to be 'nearest-the-pin' and win the cash prize.

A Welcome Reception for the professional players, sponsors. VIPs, media, members and guests will be presented on Sunday evening.

Come Monday, the featured Pro-Am, with two fields, will play out the final day culminating with the presentation dinner.

I am seeking the support of organisations and individuals who will enthusiastically join with me and Southport Golf Club in celebrating

women in sport and celebrating women in golf.

Interview Opportunity Bernadette Lance – General Manager Southport Golf Club

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