

History & Honour Roll –

Australian Women's Amateur Championship

History

The first Australian Ladies' Amateur Championship was held in 1894, just one year after the inaugural Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship. It was played at Geelong as a 36-holes Bogey Competition, with 17 players with handicaps ranging from scratch to 24. The entrants played for the Championship Cup which originally cost 25 pounds. For the next five years all Championships were held at either Caulfield or Geelong.

The turn of the century saw some changes with venues in South Australia and New South Wales, and two Championships decided by Match Play. This was followed by a switch to Stroke Play, usually 54-holes, a method retained for 20 years.

By 1906, or perhaps earlier, the Ladies' Championship was held as part of the Open and Amateur Golf Championship Meeting played under the auspices of the Australian Golf Union. In 1926 the Australian Ladies' Golf Union took over the conduct of the event, and in 1928 adopted a format based on two rounds of qualifying, with the leading 8 to advance to match play, with the final over 36-holes.

In 1935, all states were represented for the first time, together with a touring team of six from Great Britain, with a total of 91 entries. By 1955 the number of players advancing to match play was 32 and by 1958 the Championship entries had grown to 100, with the handicap limit dropped to 9.

At varying times the ALGU considered reverting to a Stroke Play Championship but agreed that the States' programs provided the necessary practice in this type of play. It was an accepted tradition for the venue state to entertain visiting players and officials at a formal dinner party following play of the Championship final.

Since 2007 the Women's Championship has been played in conjunction with the Australian Men's Amateur Championship with a handicap limit of approximately 3 and a maximum field size of 72 players.

In 2021, the Australian Amateur changed shape from a stroke-play qualifying into match-play to a 72-hole stroke play championship.

The Ross Herbert National and International Teams Trophies were introduced in 2009 and are played in conjunction with the two Qualifying Rounds, whereby each State and Country consists of two males and two females.

Miss C.B (Eveline) McKenzie (Vic), Miss Pat Borthwick (NSW), Miss Sandra McCaw (Vic) and Miss Mona Macleod (Vic) all hold the record for winning the Championship on four occasions each.

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Note: Australian Amateur changed from stroke-play qualifying & match-play to 72-hole stroke play in 2021.

Year	Champion	Venue	Result
2022	Fiona Xu (NZL)	Cranbourne GC, VIC	277 (-11) 68, 65, 73, 71
2021	Grace Kim (NSW)	Kooyonga GC, SA	285 (-3) 68, 75, 74, 68
2020	Charlotte Heath (ENG)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	7&6
2019	Hong Yaeun (KOR)	Woodlands GC, VIC	3&2
2018	Suzuka Yamaguchi (JPN)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	6&5
2017	Hye-jin Choi (KOR)	Yarra Yarra GC, VIC	4&2
2016	Min-Ji Park (KOR)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	6&5
2015	Shelly Shin (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	8&7
2014	Minjee Lee (WA)	The Grange GC, SA	6&5
2013	Minjee Lee (WA)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	6&5
2012	Lydia Ko (NZL)	Woodlands GC, VIC	4&3
2011	Ashlee Dewhurst (TAS)	Victoria GC, VIC	38 holes
2010	Stacey Keating (VIC)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	10&8
2009	Justine Lee (NSW)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	1 up
2008	Kristie Smith (WA)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	9&8
2007	Sunny Park (NSW)	New South Wales GC, NSW	38 holes
2006	Helen Oh (NSW)	Lake Karrinyup CC, WA	1 up
2005	Sarah Oh (NSW)	Rydges Capricorn GC, QLD	8&7
2004	Marousa Polias (NSW)	Tasmania GC, TAS	4&3
2003	Katy Jarochowicz (NSW)	Kooyonga GC, SA	3&2
2002	Nikki Campbell (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	7&6
2001	Helen Beatty (WA)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	2&1
2000	Sandy Grimshaw (QLD)	Mount Lawley GC, WA	37 holes
1999	Rebecca Stevenson (QLD)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	12&10
1998	Michelle Ellis (NSW)	Glenelg GC, SA	4&3
1997	Michelle Ellis (NSW)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	1 up
1996	Dayle Linnertson (NSW)	Kingston Heath GC, VIC	1 up
1995	Julie Hall (GBR)	Newcastle GC, NSW	7&6
1994	Terri McKinnon (VIC)	Lake Karrinyup GC, WA	7&6
1993	Anne-Marie Knight (SA)	Indooroopilly GC, QLD	2 up
1992	Jane Leary (WA)	Kooyonga GC, SA	10&9
1991	Louise Briers (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC (East), VIC	3&1
1990	Jane Shearwood (VIC)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	5&4



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1989	Jan Higgins (NZL)	Mount Lawley GC, WA	11&9
1988	Caroline Bourtayre (FRA)	The Australian GC, NSW	3&2
1987	Elizabeth Cavill (NSW)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	2&1
1986	Edwina Kennedy (NSW)	The Grange GC (East), SA	5&4
1985	Helen Greenwood (VIC)	Peninsula CGC, VIC	2 up
1984	Sandra McCaw (VIC)	Tasmania GC, TAS	8&6
1983	Sandra McCaw (VIC)	Royal Perth GC, WA	1 up
1982	Regine Lautens (SUI)	Royal Canberra GC, ACT	6&5
1981	Corinne Dibnah (QLD)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	5&4
1980	Lindy Goggin (TAS)	Victoria GC, VIC	3&2
1979	Jane Lock (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	4&3
1978	Karen Permezal (VIC)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	37 holes
1977	Lindy Goggin (TAS)	Lake Karrinyup GC, WA	4&2
1976	Jane Lock (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	6&5
1975	Jane Lock (VIC)	Indooroopilly GC, QLD	6&5
1974	Sandra McCaw (VIC)	The Grange GC (West), SA	1 up
1973	Maisie Mooney (IRL)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	3 holes
1972	Sandra McCaw (VIC)	Barwon Heads GC, VIC	7&5
1971	Lindy Goggin (TAS)	Mount Lawley GC, WA	2&1
1970	Judy Perkins (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	7&6
1969	Maree Hickey (NSW)	Royal Hobart GC, TAS	5&4
1968	Betty Dalgleish (NSW)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	3&2
1967	Judy Perkins (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	7&6
1966	Gail Corry (QLD)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	37 holes
1965	Gail Corry (QLD)	Royal Perth GC, WA	4&3
1964	Maree Hickey (NSW)	Kingston Beach GC, TAS	5&4
1963	Marlene Streit (CAN)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	8&7
1962	Judith Percy (QLD)	Glenelg GC, SA	6&4
1961	Beatrice Haley (NSW)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	13&11
1960	Judith Percy (QLD)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	1 up
1959	Eileen Dawson (WA)	Royal Perth GC, WA	9&8
1958	Margaret Masters (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	6&5
1957	Burtta Cheney (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	1 up
1956	Pat Borthwick (NSW)	Kingston Beach GC, TAS	2&1
1955	Veronica Anstey (Great Britain)	The Australian GC, NSW	10&9
1954	Judith Percy (QLD)	Brisbane GC, QLD	5&4



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1953	Pat Borthwick (NSW)	Royal Perth GC, WA	6&4
1952	Joan Fisher (VIC)	Kingston Heath GC, VIC	7&5
1951	Maxine Bishop (WA)	Kooyonga GC, SA	2 up
1950	Jane Wellard (VIC)	Royal Queensland GC, QLD	6&4
1949	Pat Borthwick (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	2&1
1948	Pat Borthwick (NSW)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	5&4
1947	Joan Fisher (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	3&1
1940-46	Not played		
1939	Joan Lewis (VIC)	Kooyonga GC, SA	2&1
1938	Betty Kernot (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	7&6
1937	Betty Kernot (VIC)	Metropolitan GC, VIC	6&5
1936	Oliver Kay (New Zealand)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	5&4
1935	J. B. Walker (Great Britain)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	4&3
1934	Mrs Clive Robinson (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	4&3
1933	Oliver Kay (NZL)	Victoria GC, VIC	9&8
1932	Mona MacLeod (VIC)	Kooyonga GC, SA	4&2
1931	Susie Tolhurst (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	7&6
1930	Susie Tolhurst (VIC)	Commonwealth GC, VIC	1 up
1929	Leonora Wray (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	1 up
1928	Mrs A. Gatehouse (VIC)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	9&8
1927	Mona MacLeod (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	249
1926	Mona MacLeod (VIC)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	241
1925	Mrs A. Gatehouse (VIC)	The Australian GC, NSW	253
1924	Mrs Newton Lees (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	251
1923	Miss L. Gordon (SA)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	273
1922	Gladys Hay (VIC)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	268
1921	Mona MacLeod (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	259
1920	Mrs Guy Williams (NZL)	The Australian GC, NSW	261
1914-19	Not played		
1913	Mrs P. A. Harrison (TAS)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	269
1912	Miss V. Binnie (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	280
1911	Miss N. Parbury (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	
1910	Miss N. Parbury (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	5&3
1909	Mrs A. Gatehouse (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	172
1908	Leonora Wray (NSW)	The Australian GC, NSW	268
1907	Leonora Wray (NSW)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	268



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1906	Elvie Whiteside (TAS)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	282
1905	Miss M. Backhouse (Great Britain)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	299
1904	Mabel Trevor Jones (NSW)	Bondi GC, NSW	272
1903	Mrs H. F. DeLittle (VIC)	Glenelg GC, SA	282
1902	Miss E. Calder (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	
1901	Miss E. Guthrie (VIC)	Bondi GC, NSW	
1900	Miss E. Calder (VIC)	Geelong GC, VIC	
1899	Miss L. Shaw (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	
1898	Eveline McKenzie (VIC)	Geelong GC, VIC	2&1
1897	Jean Davie (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	Square
1896	Eveline McKenzie (VIC)	Geelong GC, VIC	6 down
1895	Eveline McKenzie (VIC)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	1 up
1894	Eveline McKenzie (VIC)	Geelong GC, VIC	9 down

Honour Roll– Australian Women's 72-Hole Stroke Play

Year	Champion	Venue	Result
2020	Emily Toy (England)	Royal Queensland GC & Brisbane GC	136
2019	Y Yoshida (JPN), S Ogura (JPN) & D Choi (AUS)	Woodlands & Spring Valley GC, VIC	140
2018	Ayeon Cho (KOR)	Lake Karrinyup & Wanneroo GC, WA	137
2017	Hye-jin Choi (KOR)	Yarra Yarra & Peninsula Kingswood GC, VIC	136
2016	Minami Katsu (JPN)	Metropolitan & Peninsula Kingswood GC, VIC	142
2015	So Young Lee (KOR)	The Australian & The Lakes GC, NSW	143
2014	So Young Lee (KOR)	The Grange GC, SA	138
2013	Grace Lennon (Vic) & Lydia Ko (NZL)	Commonwealth & Woodlands GC, VIC	140
2012	Breanna Elliott (Vic)	Woodlands & Huntingdale GC, VIC	145
2011	Lydia Ko (NZL)	Huntingdale GC, VIC	286* 2 nd hole PO
2010	Cecilia Cho (NZL)	Cottesloe GC, WA	287
2009	Julia Boland (NSW)	Brisbane GC, QLD	290
2008	Stephanie Na (SA)	Glenelg GC, SA	281
2007	Frances Bondad (NSW)	Indooroopilly GC, QLD	281
2006	Sarah Nicholson (NZ)	The Lakes GC, NSW	296
2005	Sarah Kemp (NSW)	Spring Valley GC, VIC	289
2004	Mi Sun Cho (VIC)	The Grange GC, SA	286



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Year	Champion	Venue	Result
2003	Sarah Kemp (NSW)	Launceston GC, TAS	285
2002	Vicky Uwland (VIC)	Royal Perth GC, WA	291
2001	Rebecca Stevenson (WA)	Oxley GC, QLD	284
2000	Suzie Fisher (NSW)	Royal Sydney GC, NSW	304
1999	Rebecca Stevenson (WA)	Woodlands GC, VIC	290
1998	Kate MacIntosh (VIC)	Riverside GC, NSW	294
1997	Gloria Park (NSW)	Royal Adelaide GC, SA	295
1996	Toni Clatworthy (WA)	Royal Fremantle GC, WA	300
1995	Tanya Holl (WA)	Royal Melbourne GC, VIC	287
1994	Karrie Webb (QLD)	Brisbane GC, QLD	291
1993	Lynnette Brooky (NZ)	New South Wales GC, NSW	310
1992	Rebecca Cassey (QLD)	Yarra Yarra GC, VIC	292