

## 2025 Betty Kernot Knock out Semi Final – Colac GC 7/03/25.

Another beautiful golf day at Colac GC with the Lake shimmering in the distance, the fairways starting to take on the colour of straw like the surrounding hills.

The background noise was the sound of mobs of local correllas & gallahs.

The efficient green keeper & club captain rapidly repaired the overnight damage caused by the flying rabbits to have the course in as best shape as possible for the semi- finalists.

All matches were tight in the early holes.

Portarlinton 1 up after 5, but Torquay were putting like they knew everything rolls to the Lake. The Sands were 1 up after 4, against a challenging Apollo Bay.

After 4 Anglesea & Lorne were all square as was Lonsdale Links & defending champions 13<sup>th</sup> Beach. It was going to be a tight tussle. Both Lorne & Lonnne were able to up the anti & turn 2 up at the turn.

Port was able to get 3 up but the magic wands (putters) of their competitors were able to inflict as much damage to their opponents as the bloody birds to the greens. Another 20 foot put holed on the 18<sup>th</sup> gave Torquay a well- deserved win. The down turn in luck continued for the Port team, their car boiled & had to be towed back to the other side of the district. How do you spell resilience?

The Sands fought back to all square against Apollo Bay after hole 16 to eventually lose on the 18<sup>th</sup> 2 down. A true grind with good golf played.

13<sup>th</sup> Beach played some great golf to get back to even but a let up on the 13<sup>th</sup> green proved lucky for Lonsdale who edged ahead again. Going down the 18<sup>th</sup> all square again, who was going to win, so close, so good. Lonsdale 's tidy short game paid dividends once more & earned them the victory 1 up.

Lorne & Anglesea continued a seesaw contest all day. Lorne was 1 up just off the very unfriendly 18<sup>th</sup> green, but a couple of duffed putts at the pin and it opened the door for Anglesea to very competently would 2 putt down to the hole from good range to force the match on. Playing the 10<sup>th</sup> again, Anglesea's tee shot sadly sailed towards the racetrack & after having to reload it really would be an "uphill battle ".The penalty shot was too costly for Anglesea to cover & Lorne were the relieved winners on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The spectators following their clubs saw good competitive golf from all players in warm conditions.

Next Friday the Final will be held at Queenscliff & promises to be a nail biter in both divisions. Lonsdale Links Verus Torquay at 9.00am, followed by Apollo Bay & last years runners up Lorne.