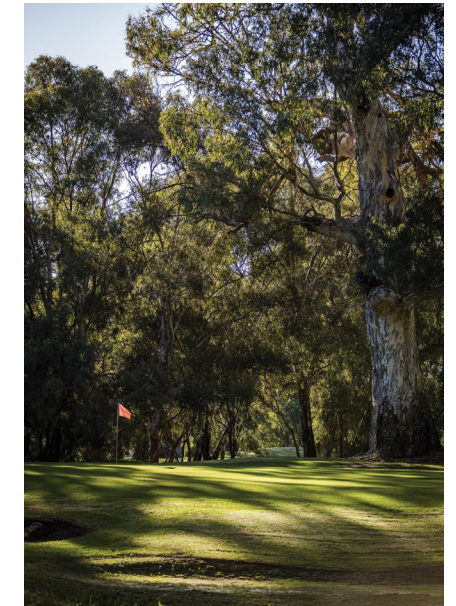




Golf without the red tape



Golf can often be seen as being stuffy, with too many rules covering everything from having a collar on your shirt to how many friends you can play with at the same time in a round.

At the Little Para Golf Course, at Paralowie in Adelaide's northern suburbs, every 'traditional' rule has been shelved in the name of having fun.

There are no dress codes, you can play in a group of five or six (just keep up with the group in front), you can share clubs, kid's clubs are free to hire, and dogs are welcome. And if you want to play music on a speaker while you play, go for it.

These are just some 'freedoms' you will find at Little Para, as introduced by GreenSpace Management when they took over

the course's operations for the City of Salisbury Council last July. The company's aim is to deliver a fun and memorable golfing experience for all.

"Younger golfers (under 40's) and 'new to golf' golfers (women, men and children) play more when you remove all the red tape (rules) associated with golf courses, and guess what, they still respect the golf course and their fellow golfers alike," GreenSpace Management Managing Director Peter Vlahandreas said.

"It's a no 'BS' approach to playing golf, people want to just play golf, that's it, they aren't bothered with tradition, rules and competitions in public access golf.

"Public golf courses are not pseudo 'private golf courses', they

are certainly not 'championship' golf, and they are definitely not stuffy and unwelcoming. Public golf courses are just that, public access recreation – all are welcome, they are not reserved for member groups who dominate peak utilisation times, they are not for a select few, they are public access sport for everyone in the community."

Apart from the enjoyable nine-hole Par-3 golf course, there is a full-length driving range with eight undercover Trackman range bays, ten synthetic bays and four grass bays. Also, SHANX Mini Golf @ Little Para is launching shortly.

Little Para Golf Course welcomes all seven days a week. For more information visit www.littleparagolf.com.au

Some Little Para 'rules'

- 1 "No shirt, no shoes, no worries." Absolutely no dress code.
- 2 Play as a single, play as a 5 or 6, we don't mind, just keep up with the group in front.
- 3 Music, YES PLEASE, Bluetooth speakers welcome.
- 4 No clubs? Share with a friend.
- 5 Kids clubs are free to hire, all the time.
- 6 Don't play golf, but want to use the facility, all welcome to learn about golf.
- 7 Dogs welcome.
- 8 Have fun.