

## Alf Casserly – Life Member West Aviat Golf Club

Stuart Parkinson 'my adopted son' was a Chef at Qantas and invited me along to play at the original West Aviat Course at the airport with him and others, it didn't take long for me to enjoy the atmosphere of this small social group, which I joined in 1981/82. To join you had to be either an airport employee or a family member of one to be able to join, hence 'adopted son'!

After joining I went out every Saturday morning for the busy bees that were held. These busy bees were cleanups of groups of 5 to look after your own fairways. At this course the clubroom was a small tin hangar where we held a B-B-Q or a food theme night once a month with social activities like putt-putt 'for a fee' to amuse us.

We then had to leave the airport land, this is when the site at Kalamunda was designed and a small group of us pitched in to build a new golf course.

1984 saw us clearing land with a small amount of machinery, mainly man power with hand tools. This I did with others every Saturday from early morning to late afternoon, where we created fairways, greens, dams and reticulation throughout, our payment, a bottle of beer at the end of day! After much sweat and a lot of comradeship, the new West Aviat Golf Course in Kalamunda was completed and opened to the public in 1987.

To raise funds for the club I started off at the first course with purchasing a bottle of scotch and 2 bottles of wine and sold raffle tickets '5 for a \$1.00' each week after the Sunday comps. I continued with this for many years at our new course in Kalamunda.

There was also the weekly picking up and stocking of our clubrooms fridge with beer to keep us hydrated! This little task was for a couple of years. The social atmosphere was, if needed put your hand up, whether it be for clearing the tables or washing the dishes after our monthly get togethers, or setting up and clearing away for our end of year functions when they were held in the clubrooms. Whatever was needed was not a problem.