

Time Line – Brighton Golf Club – By Mark Pearson 30 April 2020

Date	Event	Reference
May 1900	<p>Brighton Golf Club on Bolton Park formed at Brighton Beach. Links course.</p> <p>A number of golfers and other enthusiasts met some weeks ago and decided to form a club as several of those present had been for years playing in a desultory manner over Bolton Park and adjoining properties by the courtesy of the owners but with no definite status.</p> <p>There were present about 30 Brighton residents and it was unanimously decided to form a club to be called the Brighton Golf Club.</p> <p>The links are situated on beautifully undulating sandy country between South Road Brighton and Hampton and take in the property known as Bolton Park and a good deal of outside country.</p>	<i>The Australasian</i> , Saturday 2 June, 1900.
13 August 1900	The Essendon club's championship has been won by Mr. J.D. Howden of Royal Melbourne. The Handicap was won by Mr. Hyland of the BRIGHTON CLUB.	<i>Geelong Advertiser</i> , Monday 13 August 1900, p.2
31 August 1901	GOLF by "Approach Shot" – A Kew friendly match was played against BRIGHTON.	<i>Weekly Times</i> , Saturday 31 August 1901, p17
24 September 1901	<p>Sunday Golf at Brighton Beach.</p> <p>"A well wisher of the game," writes – Sir, Golfing is evidently growing in the Brighton district. While it is not desired that individual liberty should be infringed, yet, when any sport or game is played in public as is done by some members of the Brighton Golf Club regularly during the greater part of the Sunday.</p>	<i>Brighton Southern Cross</i> , Saturday 28 September 1901, p2
4 November 1901	Port Phillip Hotel. Victorian Golf Association agreed. Eight clubs were represented, the five pennant clubs plus Brighton, Colac and Charlton.	"A New Ball and a New Body"
9 April 1902	Duke of Rothsay Hotel. VGA Constitution adopted.	"A New Ball and a New Body"

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16 May 1902	Eaglemont vs Brighton, at Brighton 24 May 1902. The first one is against Brighton and will be played at Brighton on the 24 th instant.	<i>Mercury & Weekly Courier</i> , Friday 16 May 1902, p. 3.
13 June 1902	Next Saturday a team of nine From the Brighton Club will visit Heidelberg.	<i>Mercury and Weekly Courier</i> , Friday 13 June 1902, p3
18 April 1903	The Melbourne Sports depot has just published the revised rules of golf, in a neat little book, which also contains the constitution of the Victorian Golf Association, the names of the associated and registered clubs and the pennant fixtures for 1903. It is published under the auspices of the Association and only costs 3d. The associated clubs are Royal Melbourne, Geelong, Surrey Hills, Kew, Caulfield and Essendon. The registered clubs are Ballarat, Bendigo, BRIGHTON, Charlton, Colac, Eaglemont, Hamilton, Hopetoun, Port Fairy, Dale, Stawell< Sunbury, Terang and Warrnambool.	<i>Weekly Times</i> , Saturday 18 April 1903, p18
1 July 1905	Essendon v Brighton – Played at Brighton and won by Essendon	<i>Brighton Southern Cross</i> , Saturday 1 July 1905, p5
14 July 1906	Today the Royal Park club plays against Brighton at Brighton. The teams are evenly matched and a good game should result.	<i>The Age</i> , Saturday 14 July 1906, p14
13 May 1909	Adjourned AGM Brighton Golf Club held at Kemp’s Hotel, Brighton. Carry on playing on present links as long as possible.	<i>Argus</i> (Melb), Thursday 13 May 1909, p. 3.
22 May 1909	Brighton Golf Club opened season last Saturday at its links at Brighton Beach.	<i>Brighton Southern Cross</i> , Saturday 22 May 1909, p. 2.
27 November 1909	GOLF: Elsternwick Club newly formed – 9 hole course over former Elsternwick Race Track. Opening medal competition on Saturday.	<i>Brighton Southern Cross</i> , Saturday 27 November 1909, p. 9.
23 July 1910	Golf: Brighton – The Monthly Medal was played for on Saturday. The course has been lengthened to 10 holes, and 2 rounds of 20 holes in all were played. The new hole is close on 500 yards, and with rough approaches and a still uneven green, it adds to the difficulty of the course.	<i>Brighton Southern Cross</i> , Saturday 23 July 1910, p3

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17 October 1910	Monthly medal Brighton Club completed Saturday last. Next Saturday, Brighton vs Essendon on the seaside links.	<i>Argus</i> (Melb), Monday 17 October 1910, p. 4.
28 October 1911	ESSENDON v BRIGHTON. On the Brighton Beach links on Saturday an Essendon team played a local team, with victory resting with the latter. The Brighton Club play for Mr. Kemps trophy this morning.	<i>Brighton Southern Cross</i> , Saturday 28 October 1911, p3
4 April 1914	Last season saw the Brighton Club's links encroached upon by builders, the result being the disbandment of that Club. On Saturday last (28 March) they rang down the curtain with a friendly match against their long time opponents, the Northern Club, the result being an easy victory for the Brightonians.	<i>The Australasian</i> (Melb), Saturday 4 April 1914, p. 27.
10 March 1923	Sudden death of W S Calvert, formerly Hon. Sec. of the Old Brighton Golf Club, between Brighton Beach and Hampton in the old days.	<i>The Australasian</i> (Melb), Saturday 10 March 1923, p. 53.
29 February 1924	New Golf courses – Elsternwick's Enterprise – Entrance 2 ½ miles east of the Highett Station (Kingston Heath GC).	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Friday 29 February 1924, p. 3.
22 January 1925	Brighton Council sub-committee formed to consider best use of Elsternwick Park, occupied by the Elsternwick GC for some years. To be vacated March or April. Park is vested in the Brighton City Council and the Board of Land and Works.	<i>Age</i> (Melb), Thursday 22 January 1925.
14 February 1925	Melbourne to have its municipal Golf Course. Brighton City Council congratulated. No more than 40 acres to be made available for golf at Elsternwick. Regrets of Council that the whole area at present being used by the "Golf Club" (Elsternwick Golf Club) was "not" reserved will be unavailing.	<i>Australasian</i> (Melb), Saturday 14 February 1925, p. 29.
21 February 1925	Elsternwick Golf Club to vacate excellent links.	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Saturday 21 February 1925, p. 10.

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11 March 1925	Elsternwick Municipal Course beginning made on Monday morning (9 March 1925) at the new Elsternwick municipal course. 1 st Day – fair attendance of golfers, 23 teeing-off for a round.	<i>Argus</i> (Melb), Wednesday 11 March 1925, p. 15.
19 February 1927	<p>First mention of New Brighton Golf Club (following its demise in 1914).</p> <p>Activities at all the clubs in connection with the campaigns of the year have been noticeable for weeks. In 2 cases, culminations to these were reached at this weeks meeting of the Victorian Golf Club Executive. An application from the Kingston Heath Club for associate membership in the association was passed. A similar application from the Brighton Club, the members of which play over the municipal links at Elsternwick, had to be refused on grounds that were purely technical. It is hoped that later on a similar application may be approved. While Kingston Heath has to be congratulated on its admittance to full membership, the club's honourable career, right through its relatively humble days at Elsternwick and later in its period of affluence at Cheltenham, where its magnificent links attract the general attention of golfers, had ensured its promotion to the highest club status.</p>	<i>Argus</i> (Melb), Saturday 19 February 1927, p. 26.
4 January 1928	<p>“Brighton Links”</p> <p>In its history of about a couple of years, the solitary Melbourne municipal golf links – that at Brighton. (MP note: this is Elsternwick).</p> <p>A club house, that cost more than £2,000, will be completed in less than a fortnight, and the official opening will take place sometime in February. Forty steel lockers will be there for members and casual players and the days when players had no place to shift their ordinary walking attire will have gone for all time.</p>	<i>Sporting Globe</i> (Melbourne), Wednesday 4 January 1928, p. 11.

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17 May 1928	<p>“Brighton Golf Club”</p> <p>Business and pleasure were combined at a social evening, held on Monday May 7 by members of the Brighton Golf Club. The meeting took place in the lounge of the new club house. Mr J P Elliott, in addressing the members, said he hoped the meeting would be the forerunner of many such events. The membership of the club had greatly increased during the past few months and it was hoped that a small dance might be held at some future date, the new club house being admirably suited to such affairs.</p>	<i>Table Talk</i> (Melb), Thursday 17 May 1928, p. 51.
11 September 1928	<p>“Brighton Council to hear Golfers”</p> <p>Last night, Brighton Council granted a request by the Secretary of the Brighton Golf Club, (Mr A J Sutton), that the Council should receive a deputation in favour of the alteration of the by-law forbidding golf in Elsternwick Park on Sundays. The deputation will be received on Monday at 8.00pm.</p>	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Tuesday 11 September 1928, p. 20.
21 May 1931	<p>“Sunday Golf Desired – Brighton Request”</p> <p>Following the decision of the Brighton Council this week to permit the playing of games in public parks on Sundays, members of the Brighton Golf Club intend to approach the council again and seek permission to play golf in the Elsternwick Park on Sunday. The new by-law does not extend its favours to golfers at Elsternwick Park, which is under the joint control of the Brighton Council and the Board of Land and Works.</p>	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Thursday 21 May 1931, p. 12.
6 July 1931	<p>Nine hole course including 6 ex Royal Melbourne holes opening at Sandringham end of next week.</p> <p>Likely that the Brighton Golf Club will transfer the playing area from Elsternwick to Sandringham.</p>	<i>Herald (Melb)</i> , Monday 6 July 1931, p4

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23 March 1932	The report and balance sheet of the Brighton Golf Club presented to the annual meeting of members this week showed the club with a credit balance after the year's operations. During the year the club transferred from Elsternwick to the old Royal Melbourne links at Sandringham and the membership grew to 148.	<i>Herald (Melb), Wednesday 23 March 1932, p2</i>
2 April 1932	Pro Exhibition Match – Considerable interest was taken in the exhibition match between four of the leading professionals at Sandringham today. Staged on a part of the old Royal Melbourne course which was in great condition. The prizes for the event were given by the management of the club. The Brighton Golf Club which entertained the players after the match also gave trophies.	<i>Sporting Globe,(Melb), Saturday 2 April 1932, p2</i>
26 August 1933	Brighton Golf Club's Charity Day – The annual charity day of the Brighton Golf Club took the form of a bridge and golf afternoon. Record entries were received for the golfing events and the afternoon realised £42. The lessee of the golf house, Mrs P. Draper, made a generous donation of afternoon tea, and the Sandringham branch of the Returned Soldiers League loaned chairs for the bridge party.	<i>Table Talk, (Melb), Thursday 7 September 1933, p54</i>
12 October 1933	Actively engaged in office duties as she is, Miss Cutler's fine win is a tribute to a busy life, for in addition she is hon. Secretary of the Brighton club and has concentrated on building up that club, which is located at the old Royal Melbourne course.	<i>Table Talk (Melb), Thursday 12 October 1933, p34</i>
26 October 1933	Keeping a Cup - It is one thing to win a handsome trophy but another thing to house it safely, as Miss V. Cutler found, when she took home the Newton Lees Challenge Bowl to the Brighton Club. As that club is in the throes of not knowing just how long they have the course before the subdividers come in , the cup is at present housed in the drawing-room of one of the officials, whose home has often proved a delightful nineteenth hole for club members. A dance was held at the Sandringham clubhouse by the Brighton members on Saturday evening.	<i>Table Talk, (Melb), Thursday 26 October 1933, p34</i>

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20 August 1934	Sandringham Course – Although the old Royal Melbourne Golf Club house at the Sandringham public links is being demolished the full course will be available to the public for play for some time yet.	<i>Argus, (Melb), Monday 20 August 1934, p12</i>
23 November 1934	Municipal Golf links at Brighton – Some weeks ago the Brighton Council purchased about 12 acres of land near Dendy Street which it was proposed to convert into a municipal golf course. At the public works committee meeting of the council on Monday night the mayor Cr. J. Redapple said that it would be some time before any definite plans for the golf course would be considered. It was decided to repair the fences round the land to prevent the escape of cattle which at present are grazing on it.	<i>Argus, (Melb), Friday 23 November 1934, p17</i>
16 November 1935	V.G.L. Formed – With the birth of the Victorian Golf League, an association of golf clubs, which, by reason of their not completely complying with the requirement of the constitution of the Victorian Golf Association, are outside that organisation, and the starting today of Victoria’s first public links championship, a dream has come true. (MP note – Hampton Golf Club one of VGL’s founding members. No further mention of Brighton GC till reformed September 1936.)	<i>Herald, (Melb), Saturday 16 November 1935, p16</i>
18 December 1935	Sandringham Council has decided to buy 45 acres of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club’s old links at Sandringham. The council proposes to lay out the land as a 9 hole course.	<i>Herald, (Melb), Wednesday 18 December 1935, p1</i>

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15 January 1936	<p>“Brighton Municipal Links.”</p> <p>Work is now in progress with the construction of an eighteen-holes public golf course at the east end of Dendy-street, Brighton. The layout has been designed by Mr H V Morcom, on sandy soil in ideal surrounds. The work is being undertaken by Brighton council, and the provision of golfing facilities in this locality should prove an asset because of the attractiveness of the course and the production of revenue. A considerable area of the land is municipal property, and the balance has been leased on favourable terms. The cost of constructing the links will be comparatively small, and economy has been exercised in putting to use for the benefit of the rate-payers, land which was hitherto idle. It is hoped that the links will be available for play early in May next, when twelve holes will have been completed, and the full course will be in use during the current year.</p>	<p><i>The Age (Melb)</i>, Wednesday 15 January 1936, p. 9.</p>
15 May 1936	<p>“Brighton Municipal Links.”</p> <p>The municipal golf links, in Dendy Street, Brighton East, are nearing completion, and on Saturday 30th inst., they will be open by the Mayor, Councillor J A Grant, who will drive a ball from the first tee...</p> <p>Although the course at present comprises only 13 holes, it will be extended to 18 holes within the next 12 months, as additional land becomes available.</p>	<p><i>The Age (Melb)</i>, Friday 15 May 1936, p. 7.</p>
30 May 1936	<p>“New Links At Brighton”</p> <p>Officially opened by the Mayor.</p>	<p><i>The Age (Melb) Monday 1 June 1936 p14</i></p>
30 September 1936	<p>“Brighton Golf Club Formed”</p> <p>A Brighton Golf Club has been formed with headquarters at the Brighton municipal links. (Dendy street). Opened last Autumn..</p>	<p><i>The Age (Melb) Wednesday 30 September 1936. p10</i></p>

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12 October 1936	“Brighton Golf Links” At the council meeting last night Brighton Golf Club submitted a copy of its constitution and asked the councils approval of the formation of the club.	<i>The Age (Melb) Tuesday 13 October 1936. p14</i>
24 February 1937	“Brighton Golfers Want Room” Brighton Golf Club asked Brighton Council for the use of a room in the remodelled building at the municipal links in Dendy street for the use of its members.	<i>The Age (Melb) Wednesday 24 February 1937. p 20</i>
1 July 1937	“Brighton Golf Links” Disputes between the Brighton Golf Club and the Brighton Council, relative to the Municipal golf links at Dendy street, have caused the council to take drastic action	<i>The Age (Melb) Thursday 1 July 1937. p5</i>
14 July 1937	“Golf Club Apologises” Response of Brighton Council	<i>The Age (Melb) 14 July 1937. p14</i>
17 October 1938	“Brighton Golf Links” In spite of the opposition of Councillors D. Granter and R.E. Tracey Brighton Council last night adopted a recommendation of the finance committee to spend more than £600 on providing a sprinkler system for watering the fairways in the council’s golf links.	<i>The Argus (Melb) Tuesday 18 October 1938. p16</i>
10 August 1940	“Brighton Carnival” An open meeting in aid of the patriotic funds will be held under the auspices of Brighton Golf Club at the municipal links, Dendy street, Brighton on August 17 and 24.	<i>The Age (Melb) Saturday 10 August 1940. p24</i>
23 September 1940	“Nearly Won A Treble” “Brighton Success” Brighton lost a triple win in the Victorian Golf League pennant finals at Patterson River yesterday, when after winning the A and C divisions a 20 foot putt at the 20 th gave a 6-3 decision to Box Hill in the B division.	<i>The Argus (Melb) Monday 23 September 1940. p11</i>

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28 January 1942	<p>“On and off the links with Chipper” Increasing members are now using trains or in other ways getting to their clubs without motor cars. The Victorian Golf League at a special meeting decided to abandon all championships and pennants. These days many who formerly played at private clubs are seen on public courses. Brighton and Elsternwick, situated most conveniently, have many new members.</p>	<i>Sporting Globe</i> , Wednesday 28 January 1942. p15
30 September 1944	<p>“Jim Anderson Dies in P.O.W. Camp” Mrs. Anderson, 14 Mulgoa Street Brighton, has been notified through the Red Cross that her youngest son Sgt. Jim Anderson died in a P.O.W. camp in Malaya last October. He played off 10 at Brighton Golf Club.</p>	<i>Sporting Globe</i> , Saturday 30 September 1944. p5
4 December 1946	<p>“Brighton Golf Club Public Company” Brighton Golf Club Ltd has been registered as a public company. It is intended to apply to the court for the granting of a liquor licence. MP NOTE: I suspect this registration is for the New Brighton Golf Club, i.e. Southern Golf Club as we now know it.</p>	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Wednesday 4 December 1946, p19
7 May 1947	<p>“Championship Course at Brighton” Club to spend £30,000 on new project. At the 1945 annual meeting members expressed their desire for a course of their own, and after expert advice had been obtained, the decision to purchase the site at Dingley was made. The actual site is at Five Ways Dingley about 15 or 16 miles from Melbourne by road.</p>	<i>The Age</i> (Melb), Wednesday 7 May 1947. p18
4 February 1948	<p>“New Keysborough Course Ready for Play in October” Brighton Golf Clubs new links at Keysborough, 17 miles from the G.P.O. near Five Ways corner, Keysborough, will be an attractive addition to the top quality courses strung along Melbourne’s famous “sand belt”. It is expected to be ready for play next October.</p>	<i>Dandenong Journal</i> , Wednesday 4 February 1948. p7

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21 July 1949	“New Course for Brighton Club” Brighton Golf Club’s new 6480- yards course at “Five Ways”, Keysborough, will be officially opened before November. Membership list of 200 associates and 500 members has been filled.	<i>The Age</i> (Melb), Thursday 21 July 1949. p12
19 April 1949	Dendy Club Comp 18 April 1949	<i>The Argus</i> , 19 April 1949. p17
18 July 1949	“Club Golf” Dendy Monthly Medal	<i>The Argus</i> , 18 July 1949. p17
26 June 1950	“Club Golf” Dendy Monthly Medal	<i>The Argus</i> , 26 June 1950. p16
2 October 1950	Club Results – Dendy Golf Club	<i>The Argus</i> , Monday 2 October 1950. p16
26 February 1951	Club Results – Dendy Golf Club	<i>The Argus</i> , Monday 26 February 1951. p13
5 March 1951	Club Results – Dendy Golf Club	<i>The Argus</i> , Monday 5 March 1952. p12
1 May 1951	Title Deed 99 Glencairn Avenue – Trustees, William Johnson, Henry Lindsay, William Welten	Copy of Title Deed Held by Brighton Golf Club
1 June 1951	“Club Re-Named” At a meeting this week the name of Brighton (Keysborough) Golf Club was changed to Southern Golf Club.	<i>The Age</i> (Melb), Friday 1 June 1951. p14
September 1951	“Dendy Golf Club” In September 1951 led by President Ray Holman, Vice-Presidents Tom Stewart, Frank Dickson Secretary Reg Grisby and Treasurer Arthur McMenamin they bought land 100 yards from the courses 18 th green and early this year (1953) opened a modest but convenient clubhouse. (MP note: This is 99 Glencairn Avenue Brighton the current – 2018 - home of the Brighton Golf Club Inc.	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Saturday 5 December 1953. p30
19 March 1952	“Golf Cup Entries Close Saturday” Entries for the “Tom Stewart Cup” Dendy Golf Club’s junior championship. More than 30 entries are already in hand for the tournament to be played on Brighton Municipal Golf Links.	<i>The Argus</i> (Melb), Wednesday 19 March 1952. p14

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14 October 1953	Brighton Golf Club 1953 Junior Championship Advertisement	<i>Sporting Globe</i> (Melb), Wenesday 14 October 1953,p5
5 December 1953	<p>“Dendy golf Club helps young players” Members of Dendy Golf Club paying only a nominal annual subscription, but the normal green fee for each round play on the Brighton Municipal golf course. Originally it was the Brighton Golf Club and affiliated with the Victorian Golf League. About five years ago the bulk of this club migrated to the sand belt at Southern Golf Club and now has a grand championship course, Those who remained at Brighton carried on the affiliation and continued in the VGL pennant but with depleted forces.</p>	<i>Herald</i> (Melb), Saturday 5 December 1953. p30
7 February 1953	Club Golf results – Both Brighton and Southern G.C.s results published as separate entities.	<i>Sporting Globe</i> (Melb), Saturday 7 February 1953, p11
14 January 1960	97 Glencairn Avenue (car park) purchased.	Copy of Title Deed held by Brighton Golf Club
February 1988	Brighton Golf Club becomes an Incorporated Body	Letter dated 16 August 1988 Brighton Golf Club Archives
30 June 2018	Last day of play at the Elsternwick Golf Course. Bayside Council closes course and it will revert to parkland.	