

# MOONAH LINKS



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### MOONAH LINKS ANNOUNCES FIRST JUNIOR AMBASSADORS

Moonah Links has announced its first two junior ambassadors, following an exhaustive selection process. The two outstanding entrants were judged to be 15-year-old Lachlan Cain, of Endeavour Hills, and 13-year-old Ben Rogers of Sorrento.

The aim of the scholarship programme is three-fold. It is designed to highlight the positive role golf can play in the lives of young people, to help enhance junior golf development and it provides an opportunity for Moonah Links to contribute to the development of the younger members of the local community.

Head professional at Moonah Links, Sean Charleston, says golf can help young people to learn life-skills, build self-esteem, and foster friendships between people of different ages and backgrounds. It can also teach children about winning and losing as graciously as possible.

Lachlan Cain and Ben Rogers will now have the opportunity to take their game to the next level. From December 1 this year until November 30, 2007, they will work with Sean Charleston and trainee professional Aaron Kelly to develop their skills in goal-setting, putting, chipping, pitching, bunker play, full swing, ball shaping, mental game and strength and conditioning.

They will also be provided with golf balls, gloves, Moonah Links shirts and hats, a discount on golf equipment, free use of the practice range seven days a week, and free use of the golf course when available. Moonah Links will cover their entry fees for entry into selected junior competitions, and they will be eligible to play in certain Moonah Links events.

Lachlan is a passionate golfer (handicap 3), who has been playing regularly since he was 13. He is a member of the Victorian Junior State Squad; was the leading Victorian in the IPrimus Junior Masters in January; represented the State in this year's MasterCard Junior Masters; and received the Ken Gubbins Trophy at Junior State Squad camp. The Nazareth College student also enjoys other sports, and has held a variety of school leadership positions.

Ben (handicap 7) is from a golf-loving family, and dreams of becoming a touring professional. He won the Rosedale Junior Classic this year; is a member of the Senior Pennant team at his local Sorrento Golf Club; won the club's Riley Cup; and is a member of the VGA

Young Achievers' Squad. The Padua College student also enjoys other sports, especially snowsports, and has served on the school's student representative council.

With over 40 quality applicants to choose from - Sean Charleston says selecting the two Junior Ambassador's was a long and difficult process, which included the written application, playing assessment and panel interviews.

The selection criteria included choosing candidates who not only had a passion for golf but more importantly had a strong sense of community involvement, a positive attitude and a willingness to learn and help others.

“What set Lachlan and Ben apart from the other candidates was their commitment to their families and all facets of their schooling including their extra curricular activities. Both boys demonstrated strong self-confidence and great presentation skills.” he said.

Just 90 minutes from Melbourne on Victoria's scenic Mornington Peninsula, Moonah Links – home of the 2003 and 2005 Australian Open Golf Championships - offers a unique golf experience.

Moonah Links comprises two world-class courses – The Open, designed by Peter Thomson, and The Legends course – plus a fully-integrated clubhouse with change rooms, bag storage, restaurants, bars, conference facilities and a viewing deck.

Moonah Links also includes a residential development of 250 home-sites on more than 242 hectares, with land, houses, villas and apartments available. Residents have full access to all golf club amenities, as well as Pebbles Restaurant, Endota spa, gym and tennis courts.

A Peppers-managed resort, offering accommodation and conference facilities, is a further facet of the Moonah Links development, and three Lodges – ideal for leisure or business hire – have just opened.

Moonah Links is a golfer's paradise, right in the heart of the beautiful Mornington Peninsula, with its beaches, wineries and restaurants.

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