

**MOORE PARK GOLF CLUB**  
Corner of Anzac Parade and Cleveland St, Moore Park, NSW.  
**CLUB ESTABLISHED:** 1920.  
**COURSE DESIGNERS:** Carnegie Clark 1913 (by city council appointment); Eric Apperly 1950; Ken McKay 1996.  
**VISITORS WELCOME?:** Seven days.  
**CORPORATE DAYS?:** Monday to Friday with various packages from 20 players to 100+ available.  
**MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE?:** Yes.  
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Good strategy is vitally important on the short dogleg par-4 12th hole.



City greens: The par-4 1st hole is set against a backdrop of the world famous Sydney skyline.

**M**oore Park Golf Course, located just a few minutes' drive from Sydney's CBD, has been moulded, pushed and pulled throughout its history to emerge as a vibrant and busy parkland layout. Carnegie Clark mapped out the first nine holes, which opened for play in 1913. Local legend Eric Apperly added a further nine holes in 1950. Yet, despite major reconstruction carried out by Ken

McKay throughout the first half of the '90s, the Apperly design principle of strategy over power still shines through on this tree-lined 5,805-metre par-70 layout. Current members and regular visitors will see a familiar layout when the Proton NSW Open is staged at Moore Park from November 9 to 12. "The course will not be tricked up," Course superintendent Mal Durkin said.

"The normal fairway widths and same length rough will apply, so it will be interesting to see how the professionals perform on a course set up for normal public play." Entry to the course to watch the NSW Open is free, with several great vantage points to be found around the course. The winner of the Von Nida Tour Order of Merit will be decided at the Proton NSW Open. Also, for the first

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time ever, the top-three place getters in the tournament will also earn a start in the MFS Australian Open, to be played at Royal Sydney Golf Club the following week. Apperly's adherence to positional play is perfectly illustrated on the 310-metre par-4 12th hole. Excitement at the thought of launching a power fade from the elevated tee across the corner of the dogleg right fairway is

often tempered when the ball bounds straight through the fairway into the trees. The second line of defence is a thin green, with a severe slope from the back to front. Two bunkers placed 10 metres short of the green also make club selection a difficult proposition. The 442-metre par-5 16th hole offers a good chance at a birdie before the final run home. The fairway runs along the western boundary of the course,

with the traffic of the Eastern Distributor just a pitching wedge away. The NSW Open field will be firing second shots into the green from about 150 to 170 metres to set up an eagle opportunity. Moore Park is a hive of activity from dawn till dusk. It is not unusual to find a queue of eager golfers waiting for the pro shop to open before sunrise, so it is always wise to book your game well in advance to avoid disappointment. ●