

## **Karori Golf Club**

An 8km scenic drive over the Makara hills lies an oasis of flaggy fun.

### **I don't play golf, so why Karori Golf Club?**

Golf is a healthy activity, it's good for your physical and mental health.

Karori is the perfect place to try it, it's cheap and offers options for learners, hardened golfers and corporates looking for a fun day out.

### **Relaxing, golf, really? Isn't it expensive, and a bit look-at-me?**

At Karori it IS relaxing, it IS cheaper, and the members are welcoming:

- learners can start out on the low-stress smaller "pitch and putt" course, with all the holes short, and the option of pizza tray sized holes give you a chance
- it's only \$5 for children to play the pitch and putt course and \$10 for adults, which includes clubs if required
- no need to spend heaps on clubs, for the PnP you'll only need a wedge and a putter which are provided, or the club can hire you a full set for the main course
- it's kid friendly. Even a wee one can handle the short course

### **OK, that's the cheap bit, but what about relaxing?**

- There's no cell phone coverage over the hills in the Makara Valley, so you enter an oasis of calm away from the busy world (unless the ball doesn't go where you want)
- An array of wildlife call Karori Golf Club home. Kereru and tui bustle by, colourful lorikeets squawk, goats and their kids bleat and bound, hares and paradise ducks dodge flying golf balls.
- it's beautiful: we challenge you to look down the first fairway without falling in love. If you're not easily wooed wander over to the 12th, the most beautiful par four in Wellington.

### **I'm a real golfer, will the main course challenge me?**

It sure will. Despite being just 5635m off the Blue tees, accuracy is more important than distance.

- Karori GC is one of the more tricky courses in Wellington, with its course rating up with the likes of Paraparaumu and Royal Wellington.
- The par is 70 - two par 5s, four par 3s, and 12 par 4s - two of which are longer than the shortest par 5
- The tree on the 175m second hole is infamous. Over it? Under it? Into it? It has grown in stature over the years. Hug it and maybe it won't deflect your ball into the stream, or swallow it in its branches.
- Babbling brooks and the natural topography accentuate the challenge, whilst adding to the charm and serenity
- The greens are true, having been re-grassed in recent years
- The elevation changes are challenging, yet not unfair

- There are four tee block options, so top golfers, women, hackers and learners will all find something for them.
- The green fees and member's fees are reasonable by Wellington standards.
- There are carts for hire, to whisk you swiftly over the gentle folds of the course
- An online booking system helps you plan your round, yet you can always get a round without booking
- The club has an array of competitions, at the weekends and midweek, and men's and women's inter club teams
- Our Tuesday women's club and Wednesday men's club are as much about the camaraderie back in the clubhouse as they are about the 18 or 9 hole golf options
- Karori Golf Club has an unspoken "welcome home" rule. If you like friendly chats in the clubrooms, or a chummy round with tips from good players, then you have found golfing nirvana - there will always be someone willing to make up a group.

### **What can Karori Golf Club offer corporates?**

- A version of paradise. Play golf out in the country, then relax in the clubrooms.
- Sit on the deck in the sun and watch golfers tee off on the first, the Makara wind farm and work, the clouds over the hills, and birds flutter by
- There's a bar offering a range of thirst quelling options, quality bar food cooked in the kitchen, and a snack bar
- Hire a golf cart if you want to make a pleasant day of it, hire clubs as well, use the free sunblock in the bathroom area, take a post round shower.

### **Karori, give golf a go.**