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Lord Howe Island Hosts Annual Golf Open, November 8-14, 2008.

On one of the most spectacular courses in New South Wales, in World Heritage surroundings

The annual Lord Howe Golf Open swings into action from November 8-14, 2008. Approximately 80 men's and ladies' competitors are expected, with participants from as far away as Germany already confirmed.

Less than two hours flying time from Sydney or Brisbane, Lord Howe has been called the most beautiful island in the Pacific. It has the same jaw-dropping natural beauty of Bora Bora, but without the hugely expensive price tag. The island's beautiful golf course lies beneath the towering volcanic peaks of Mount Lidgbird and Mount Gower, and overlooks the turquoise waters of the coral-lined lagoon.

This nine-hole, par 31 course is a popular attraction for visitors to the island, with tourists playing approximately 7,000 rounds in the last 12 months. As an 18-hole course, its par 62 has never been broken – which will perhaps be challenged during this year's Open.

Recent improvements to the course have made it one of the best nine-hole golf courses in NSW. In addition to the new hole replacing the old sixth, there has been extensive work on the greens to bring them to pristine condition, and the lake has been expanded to three times its previous size. The improvements were overseen by greenskeeper Anthony Wright, who moved to Lord Howe after 16 years at the Royal Sydney Golf Club.

The Club House has also undergone recent renovations to provide a larger bar area and catering facilities.

Competition spaces for the Lord Howe Open – which is a mixed men's and ladies' competition - are still available, and anyone with an AGU or LGU handicap is welcome to sign up. The cost of \$250 includes green fees and lunches for four days of competition, a cocktail evening and the Presentation Dinner on November 14.

For more information on the Golf Open visit www.lordhowegolf.com.au or www.lordhoweisland.info.

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