



Vanuatu Golf Open 2015

Following the devastation caused to Vanuatu and the Golf Club by Cyclone Pam, both the VGO Committee and the Port Vila Golf & Country Club Committee have decided that the VGO in the normal format will be postponed until 2016 and that an alternative event for 2015 will be implemented.

“The Digicel VGO 2015 Cyclone Pam Recovery Event”

The 2015 event (1-6 September) will move the major focus to charity and project support for the local Mele communities in and around the Mele area. The event will include a smaller professional field playing for a significantly reduced prize pool.

The committee's intention will be to make the event open to any professional wanting to play and support the recovery from Cyclone Pam but only the “Invitational Field” will play for the limited purse. The committee hopes this pool will be around AUD\$10,000. Many amateur players have been competing in the event for over 20 years and the committee wants to make this year a “Come Back to Vanuatu” and play The Open year. In doing so, all players will be putting much needed Vatu back into the local economy and supporting projects that the committee will identify over the coming months that will improve the lives of the people of Mele who are an integral part of the Vanuatu golfing community.

Digicel, our naming rights sponsor, together with our other great corporate sponsors have been hit hard by the effect of the cyclone and the committee has recognised that asking sponsors to commit to their normal levels of sponsorship would be a hard call this year. The committee will negotiate with all sponsors an affordable level of support. Our accommodation sponsor, The Holiday Inn Resort Port Vila, will unfortunately not be able to re-open in time for the event and therefore will be unable to accept accommodation bookings. Alternative accommodation options will be released shortly. The event is run under the banner of the NSW PGA and they also have endorsed the committee decision to postpone the 2015 full VGO and run with the recovery event

The Committee will be announcing shortly the week's format as far as golf and social activities are concerned but can assure intending players an excellent week as usual with plenty of golf and social activities planned.

This year, more than ever, the Vanuatu communities need your support on their path to recovery.

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