

Swing on down

A new golfing school
opens at Royal
Pines Resort

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Swing into sporting success

PGA golf professional Mark Gibson has launched a new golfing school at Royal Pines Resort.

After seven years as the golf professional at Lakelands, a change of course has led Mr Gibson back to the place where he first started private lessons and tuition in 1999.

As the leading professional at Royal Pines Resort, Mr Gibson's goal for the new teaching programs at Exceptional Golf is to cater for the development of young talent, provide a coaching service for course members and to create a love of golf within the corporate sector.

Dual Australian PGA teaching professional of the year in 1999 and 2002, and the Queensland junior team coach in 2006, his experience in nurturing young talent has led the resort to build a state-of-the-art junior development program.

"The future of the sport lies with the development of our young stars," Mr Gibson said.

"This world-class program will put our kids at the top."

Former Royal Pines Resort sports scholarship stu-

dent Dylan Stoner, who developed under the watchful eye of Mr Gibson, recently earned himself a place in the State Development Squad.

Similar high-level achievement was also demonstrated at the 2006 Australian Junior Championships where Queenslanders, involved in the coach's state squad training programs, were placed first, second and third - resulting in the Queensland team remaining undefeated in the seven-match tournament.

Mr Gibson not only has top teaching credentials, he is passionate about the sport and passing on his experience.

He credits his philosophy 'it doesn't end on the 18th green' with his success, not only as a teaching professional but as a keynote and motivational speaker and published author.

"All of our programs are focused towards goal setting, review and achievement of goals," Mr Gibson said.

"They are really basic principals but I've always found them effective, and thankfully new technology is making it even easier.

"Our new teaching facility puts these terrific serv-

ices right within your grip."

Private tuition, personalised packages, on-course strategy sessions, corporate events, clinics and demonstrations, corporate group session, school lessons, executive retreats, team building activities and personalised executive programs can now incorporate services such as video and computer analysis, swing analysis and complete understanding of the short game.

"All of these components are crucial in the holistic development of your game," Mr Gibson said.

The development of Royal Pines' new golfing school coincides with the building of a teaching facility at the resort's driving range.

The contemporary building, complete with feature landscaping, will incorporate office space, amenities, a training room and workshop, buggy parking and undercover hitting bays.

Due for completion late this year, the all-weather facility will be the permanent home of Exceptional Golf.

Free clinics for hotel guests are also available.

For more information call Royal Pines Resort on 5597 1111.



Golf professional Mark Gibson at work with student Nick Meacham