

A centenary in the park

When the Royal Park Golf Club, formed in 1903, reached its centenary this year, Denise Hilton, a Parkville resident and club member, decided it was time to record the club's history. *A Centenary in the Park: The History of the Royal Park Golf Club 1903-2003* is the result.

After the club house was destroyed by fire in 1970, club members moved to the Tullamarine Country Club, and Melbourne City Council took over the running of the course. The club was reformed in 1974 and at present has over 70 members.

The junior members recently won the Victorian Golf League Pennant flag for the third consecutive year. Peter Thomson, five times British Open winner, and Mick Ryan, selected by the Victorian Golf Association in its Team of the Century in 2002, both started their careers at the Royal Park Golf Club.

These and many other fascinating details of the club's history are contained in Denise Hilton's book, which is available at the North Melbourne Library, 66 Errol Street, or at the club house in Poplar Road, Parkville (telephone 9387 3585).

