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### **'Amalgamation Breakthrough'**

Golf administration in WA received a boost this week when a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by representatives of both the Western Australian Golf Association and Women's Golf WA.

The MOU sets out an agreed framework and should see a new association, Golf WA (Inc), established in 2010. Talks of amalgamation of the two organizations commenced over four years ago and along the way many a frustrating hurdle was encountered. However, recent discussions have resolved all the previous impediments allowing the process to progress without further delay.

"The signing of the MOU doesn't complete the amalgamation process, but it does set out the processes and pathway that will lead to establishing the new entity of Golf WA", said John Hopkins, the President of the WA Golf Association. "All stakeholders will now have a clear view of what has been agreed to and what the process entails to establish this new entity."

The President of Women's Golf WA, Dianne Tomlin, commented, "We are delighted with the progress made recently and look forward to the greater benefits and opportunities the new entity will bring to a stronger profile for golf in WA."

The members of each association will be required to agree to a new constitution at their respective Annual General Meetings in March 2010, when a Transitional Board will be established to govern the sport through to the first Annual General Meeting of Golf WA in March 2011, when the election of the first board under the new constitution will occur.

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