

# PACIFIC DUNES

## JAMES WILCHER BIOGRAPHY

According to course designer James Wilcher, the beautiful Pacific Dunes site was a “golf course waiting to happen”, proving to be his “most exciting course design project”.

And in the hands of this renowned course designer, the result speaks for itself.

With more than 16 years’ experience, James is one of the golfing industry’s most exciting course architects, known far and wide for his creative solutions to complex course design issues.

James began his golf design career in 1987, but his love for golf began when he was a small child. This early interest led to a keen understanding of the game at every level and ignited an interest in course nuances and ways of improving golf course design.

His first position was at Golf and Recreation Planners, where James undertook the design of several regional and city golf courses in Australia and developed an understanding of the basic principals of strategic golf course design.

James’s next step was to work with Australian golfer Graham Marsh on designing prominent Australian and Asian courses, including the Windsor Golf Club (Nagoya, Japan) and Peach Valley (Kobe, Japan).

This experience laid the foundation for James’ key role at Greg Norman Golf Course Design, as one of Greg Norman’s main designers in the Asian region. Over the 10 years following his appointment in 1990, James put together a diverse design portfolio, working on prestigious projects in Australia, Indonesia, South Korea, the Phillipines, Malaysia, China, India and Japan.

In 1999, James began his own company, Golf By Design. Since then, his experience and expertise have led to the design of five-star courses such as Port Bouvard Golf and Country Club (Mandurah, Western Australia) and the Top City Golf Club (China).

Through such high-profile course work, James has developed alliances with many Australian and international golfing professionals, completing projects with Australian champions, Ian Baker Finch and Graham Marsh, as well as UK great, Nick Faldo.

Golf By Design’s reputation for excellence and commitment to quality in design recently saw the company win a national design competition and land the contract for the relocation of the Kogarah Golf Course in Sydney.

Based in Gordon, Sydney, Golf By Design employs five people and offers specialist golf course services including planning, detailed design, tendering construction and ancillary services such as irrigation and landscape design.



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## JAMES WILCHER PROJECT RESUME

### As Golf By Design

<b>Top City Beijing, China</b>	Design of a new 27-hole golf course complex as part of a residential community.
<b>Port Bouvard Golf Club WA, Australia</b>	Design of new 18-hole golf course as part of a residential community. Construction commenced January 2003.
<b>Bayview Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Redesign of 6 greens and supervision and project management of construction. Further layout changes as a result of the proposed relocation of the clubhouse. Work Ongoing
<b>Elanora Country Club NSW, Australia</b>	Master plan for the upgrade of the entire 18 holes. After securing overwhelming support for the master plan from the Members GBD has been commissioned to detail design changes. Construction is nearing completion.
<b>Eastlake Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Redesign and Construction Supervision of the 8 <sup>th</sup> hole. Completed Master plan for upgrade to the entire 18 holes
<b>Mt Broughton Golf &amp; Country Club NSW, Australia</b>	Master Plan and then Redesign for the entire 18 holes.
<b>Monash Country Club NSW</b>	Various design changes including greens, bunkers, tees and practice area. Ongoing.
<b>Pennant Hills Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Various design changes including greens, tees and bunkers. Also commissioned to provide conceptual changes to satisfy 'duty of care' issues in relation to golf balls leaving the site.
<b>Kogarah Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Design of an 18-hole golf course on a severely degraded and flood prone site adjacent to Sydney airport. GBD secured this commission after winning a national design competition.
<b>Kareela Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Commissioned to rectify safety issues experienced by adjacent homes where ball damage had become acute. Detailed design of several greens.
<b>Lucas Heights NSW, Australia</b>	Commissioned to Master Plan and design the earthworks and greens, tees and bunkers for a new 18-hole municipal golf course on an old land fill site.
<b>The Romanian Golf Club Bucharest, Romania</b>	Commissioned to Master Plan an 18-hole golf course as part of a development that includes a horse racing track, hotel, convention centre and various residential product.
<b>Pacific Dunes Port Stephens NSW, Australia</b>	Commissioned to Master Plan and detail the design of an 18 - hole golf course as part of a new golf/residential community with a resort and associated facilities attached.
<b>Cromer Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Commissioned to master plan layout changes to overcome planning and safety issues before detailing complete design changes for each hole.
<b>Muirfield Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Commissioned to master plan layout changes to overcome planning, water storage and safety issues. Also engaged to detail design several holes. Currently under construction.
<b>Woodbury Park Estates NSW, Australia</b>	Feasibility study for new golf course as part of a residential community.
<b>Dunheved Golf Club NSW, Australia</b>	Redesign of green 3.
<b>Belmont Golf Club</b>	Won right to extend course to 27 holes on behalf of Terrace Tower. Planning concept done in conjunction with Andrews Neil, architects and environmental planners.
<b>Heritage Green Residential Golf Community</b>	Currently detailing the design of several holes of an existing course west of Maitland, NSW such that future residential areas can be incorporated within the golf course precinct.
<b>Speez Golf Club Iran</b>	Currently planning a 9 hole golf course for a government authority on the Persian Gulf in conjunction with PWT architects.



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## Whilst employed by Greg Norman James was responsible for:

<b>Oyster Cove Queensland, Australia</b>	An 18-hole golf course built on a sensitive site within a flood plane as part of a residential development.
<b>Kai Kou Xiamen, China</b>	A 36-hole course as part of a resort and residential development. First 18-holes opened in July 1994.
<b>Pantai Tering Indah Batam Island, Indonesia</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a residential/recreational resort located close to Singapore. Opened in September 1995.
<b>Banyan Tree Club Bintan Island, Indonesia</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a resort development close to Singapore. Opened in June 1998.
<b>Sterling Grand Delhi, India</b>	A 36-hole golf course as part of resort/ residential project outside of Delhi. Thirteen holes open for play.
<b>Thana City Bangkok, Thailand</b>	An 18-hole residential golf course. Opened in 1992.
<b>Splendido Taal Tagatay, Philippines</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a residential/ resort project located within an old volcano crater. Nine holes open for play.
<b>Eagle Ridge Manila, Philippines</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a 72-hole golf/residential project. Currently under construction.
<b>Looc Cove Batangas, Philippines</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a 36 hole integrated golf/ residential/ tourist development. Master plan and earthworks design complete.
<b>Treasure Island Batangas, Philippines</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of an oceanfront fully integrated destination resort. Master plan complete.
<b>Chun Chon Hanwha Chun Chon, Sth.Korea</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a fully integrated golf/ skiing resort for the Hanwha Group. Under construction.
<b>Cheju Ae-wol Cheju, Sth.Korea</b>	An 18-hole private members course. Master plan and detailed design complete.
<b>Koje Adonis Koje, Sth Korea.</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a large fully integrated tourist resort. Master plan and detailed design complete.
<b>Summerset at Rompin Beach, Malaysia</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a large residential/ tourist destination resort.
<b>Dago Pakar Resort Bandung, Indonesia</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a large residential development close to the centre of Bandung and on a severely undulated site. Master plan and detailed design complete.
<b>Martabe Sejahtera Medan, Indonesia</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of a 36-hole golf/residential development. Construction in progress.
<b>Fuji Nagoya, Japan</b>	An 18-hole private members club. Opened June 93.

## In Association with Nick Faldo:

<b>Windmill Park Bangkok</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of an exclusive residential community. Opened May 93.
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## In Association with Ian Baker-Finch:

<b>Sanctuary Cove Queensland</b>	Redesign of several greens on both the Pines and Palms courses.
<b>Kingscliff NSW, Australia</b>	An 18-hole golf course as part of an upmarket tourism facility. Master planning complete.



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## **Whilst employed by Graham Marsh James was responsible for:**

- Robina Kerrydale, Queensland** An 18-hole golf course located in the Merrimac floodplane on the gold coast.
- Cairns Golf Club, Queensland** Redesign of 3 holes
- Windsor Golf Club, Nagoya, Japan** An 18-hole Members course.
- Peach Valley, Kobe, Japan** An 18-hole Members course.

## **Whilst employed by Golf and Recreation Planners:**

- Murrumbidgee Country Club, Canberra, Australia** An 18-hole golf course as part of a residential development. Opened in 1989.
- Queanbeyan Golf Club, NSW** Redesign of several golf holes as part of an overall master plan of renovations
- Northbridge Golf Club, Sydney** Redesign and construction supervision of several holes to alleviate safety problems

