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TPS Sydney could be on the move as host Braith Anasta looks at as future options

One of the eastern suburbs' most prestigious golf courses may be hosting the TPS Sydney tournament for the last time after three successive years. Find out where the event could be held in the future.

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Braith Anasta at the Bonnie Doon Golf Club in Pagewood in 2019. (AAP IMAGE/JENNIFER SOO)

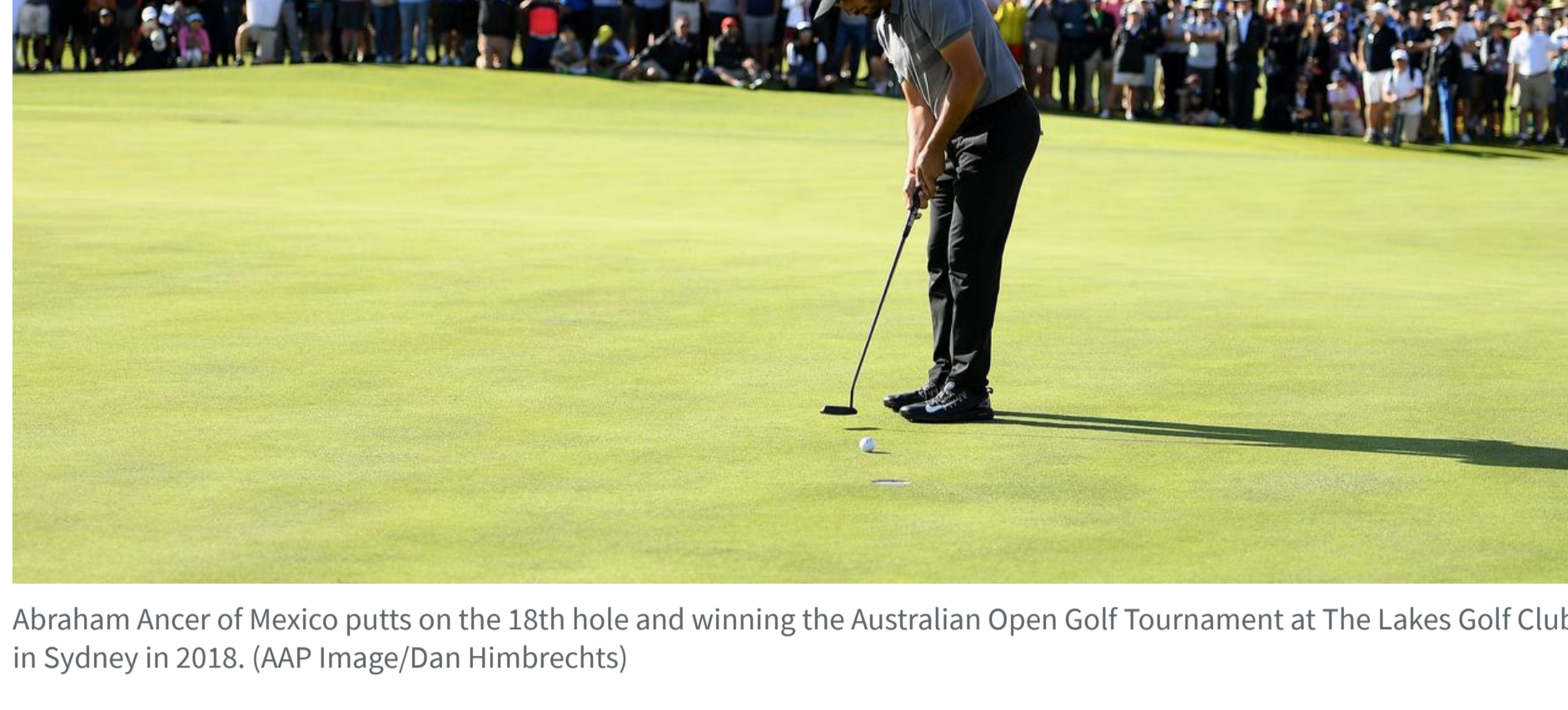
One of the eastern suburbs' most prestigious golf courses may be hosting the TPS Sydney tournament for the last time after three successive years, with organisers open to new venues.

It is the third of four Webex Players Series events on the 2022-23 ISPS HANDA PGA TOUR of Australasia and it can revealed Pagewood's Bonnie Doon Golf Course is likely to be replaced.

NRL legend and TPS Sydney host Braith Anasta said the current three year contract was due to expire which provides an opportunity for another top-class course in the eastern suburbs to take over the rights.

Despite The Lakes, The Australian and Royal Sydney all having hosted tournaments like the Australian Open in the past, Anasta said he was unsure whether they would be interested, but wasn't willing to rule them out.

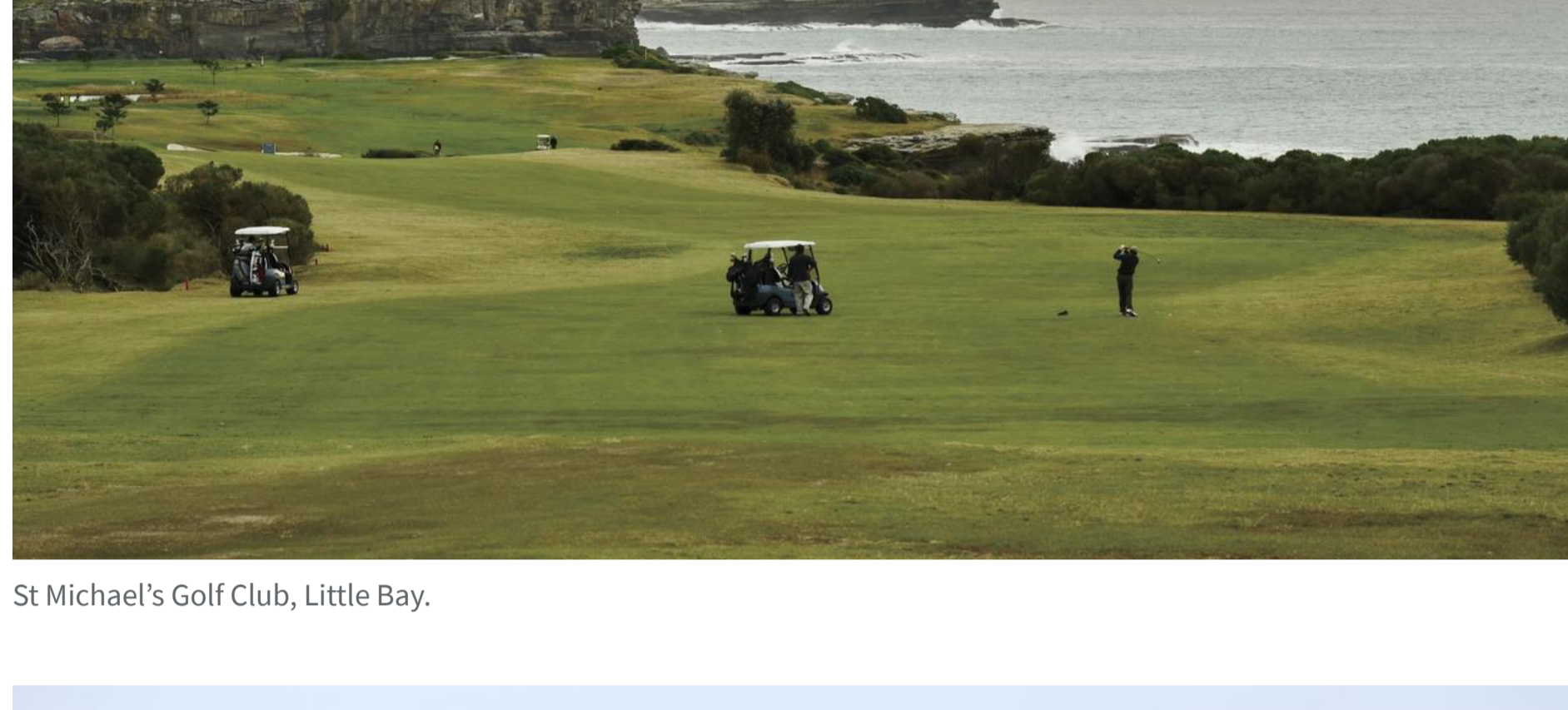
With St Michael's and New South Wales Golf Club hosting the 2023 Australian Amateur tournament last month, it was a perfect opportunity for the courses to go head-to-head and Anasta has them at the top of his list.



Abraham Ancer of Mexico putts on the 18th hole and winning the Australian Open Golf Tournament at The Lakes Golf Club in Sydney in 2018. (AAP Image/Dan Himbrechts)

"There's a lot of amazing courses that I think we would really love to have and we'd love to go there," Anasta said. "There's St Michael's, I was a member there for 15 years ... that's a really underestimated and underrated course ... and [there's] New South Wales as well.

"Bonnie Dean has been incredible, we've enjoyed our time there but next year "we'll be somewhere different."



St Michael's Golf Club, Little Bay.



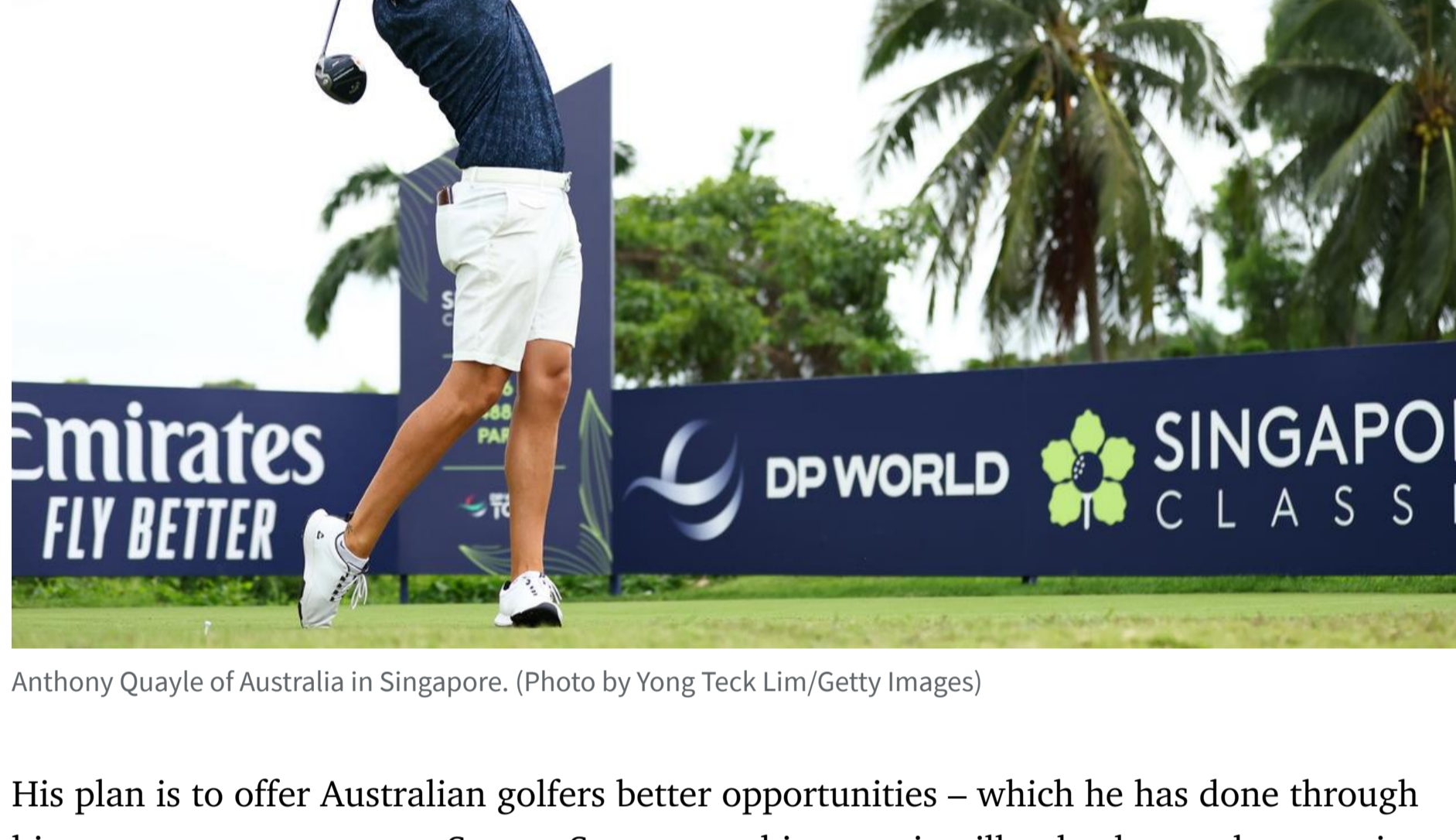
NSW Golf Club in La Perouse.

While confirmation on where the tournament will be heading remains unknown, Anasta's attention is solely on what is looking to be yet another competitive tournament.

"We've got guys who've been on the European tour and have played over in Asia, so we've got a good line-up," Anasta said. "Unfortunately the lucrative big money tours have all kicked off as well, so some players [in Australia] have to head overseas.

"Anthony Quayle who I look after, [is one of those] ... he's going over to play on the European Tour."

Although the tournament is still in its early stages, Anasta is eager to continue its growth to one day attract some of the best golfers from across the world.



Anthony Quayle of Australia in Singapore. (Photo by Yong Teck Lim/Getty Images)

His plan is to offer Australian golfers better opportunities – which he has done through his management company Searoo Sports – and in turn, it will only elevate the sport in the country.

"I try to get these guys as much money as I can, in terms of sponsorships and endorsements," Anasta said. "I bring a lot of corporates that I know that can add value, not only for financials, but also to mentor these guys.

"It's about bringing more attention to these guys, to use my profile ... working on Fox Sports and Fox League ... doing stuff with golf on Foxtel to try and build up the Australian tour ... to build up these players and give them some security and some ammunition to go and compete with the best in the world.



Braith Anasta. Picture: Tim Hunter.

"If Searoo can help some professional golfers reach their dreams and get on the most lucrative tours and then come back and play in Australia ... that's my goal."

But it's a "tough fight" according to Anasta competing with the busy schedules of the PGA Tour and DP World Tour (European Tour) along with the "Saudis getting involved with LIV Golf".

"It's easier said than done ... but we need to build the brand, and to build golf in Australia," he said.

TPS Sydney kicks off tomorrow morning, with the final two rounds on Saturday and Sunday broadcast live on Fox Sports and Kayo, with a total prize money of \$250,000 on offer for entrants.

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