

Mallacoota Golf and Country Club

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Newsletter August 2019

The Annual General Meeting Report July 2019

Election of Committee of Management 2019

The following people were elected to the Committee of Management for 2019-2020:

President	Bruce Gaudion
Vice President	Timothy Cashmore
Treasurer	Leigh Cockburn
Secretary	Vacancy – no nominations
(Public Officer)	
Committee	Graeme Dempster
	Max Donovan
	Celia Wallace
	Gary Warren
	Jacquie Wilson

Mallacoota Golf Club has completed yet another year of growth and increasing financial stability with a deficit reduction from \$46,586 in 2018 to a current deficit of only \$5,057. Treasurer, Leigh Cockburn, has worked well with Bookkeeper, Jennifer Warren, Secretary, Celia Wallace, and Accountants and Auditors at Crowe Horwath, to produce high standards of disclosure in the accounts, which reflects another good financial year for MGCC.

The President thanked each member of the outgoing Committee of Management for their commitment, support and voluntary work undertaken in the management of the Club and thanked the Women's Golf Sub-committees and the Men's Golf Sub-committee for their contribution to the smooth running of golf tournaments and weekly golfing events. Much work goes on behind the scenes to run these successful events and tournaments.

Membership

Membership remains consistent with 84 Full members, 8 new Junior members (none in the previous year), 16 Country members and 26 Social members.

Member Fee Changes - January 2020

The following two changes were adopted at the AGM in July 2019.

80 + Membership – Commencing on the 1st January 2020, Playing Members 80 + years of age will be required to pay 50% of the full membership amount, plus affiliation fees.

New Member Joining Fee – Commencing the 1st January 2020, the current New Member joining fee of \$40 will be discontinued.

Grants

The Committee of Management submitted an application to Sports Australia Community Sport Infrastructure Grant for \$170,000.00 to improve three essential areas of the Club House (Male and Female toilets, replacement carpet, chairs and tables). It was an extremely competitive process, but unfortunately the club was unsuccessful. Feedback from EGSC indicated the application was considered to be of a very high quality in a very competitive field of Australia-wide contenders.

The Committee of Management engaged the services of Vernon Darby, Design Consultant, Mallacoota, to draw up the plans for renovations to the toilets. The Committee is very grateful for these excellent plans which are still current and can be used for future submissions.

Equipment Purchases

Equipment purchased throughout the year included: Hedge trimmer, Sylvan sprayer, Fairway mower, Whipper snipper, two Fire extinguishers, Bar Glass Washer, Cash Register, Window Drop Banner for Advertising in main street, Sound System and Microphone and two second-hand Golf Carts (a great addition to the fleet).

Re-Vegetation Management Plan

During the year, the committee received a letter from the East Gippsland Shire Council stating that vegetation was removed behind the 12th Tee without a planning permit. The Club received a fine and were instructed to develop a revegetation management plan.

In response to East Gippsland Shire Council Planning Infringement Notice No. 37/2018/ENF, the Committee of Management employed Andrew Nixon to prepare a Revegetation Management Plan to replant the area behind the 12th Tee. The plan was adopted, and replanting is well underway.



Grounds

Grounds Manager, John Bell, and volunteers are to be congratulated for their work in maintaining and improving the course. An average of six volunteers assist John weekly, with a variety of tasks. The club is indeed fortunate to have volunteers who have skills in horticulture, greens and fairway mowing, branch clearing, carpentry, welding, weed control, or just all round hard yakka with a shovel. Whilst all volunteers are recognised and appreciated, special thanks go to volunteer, Graeme Dempster, for the work he has undertaken planting garden beds along the side and back of the second and third green. They look amazing!

Golf Shop

The Golf Shop is a great asset to the club and Carol Reinelt does an excellent job collecting green fees, hiring clubs and carts, and juggling cart hire during major tournaments.

Bar

Club members greatly appreciate the Bar Manager, Kerri Warren, and bar staff for their dedication, attention to detail and interest in the well-being of members and guests. Kerri has been proactive in organising many music events throughout the year, which has attracted members and visitors to the Club.

The Committee of Management authorised the purchase of a new cash register which has simplified end-of-day procedures and financial accountability, overall, for the bar staff.

Brian and Pam Bobbin have run the Thursday raffles, which have been a great draw card and well-attended by members and guests. The raffles not only support the club but greatly benefit the kitchen contractor with an increase in patronage and meals on the night.

Compliance and Legal Requirements

The Committee of Management is required to ensure that the Club meets relevant legislation and legal requirements in order to operate.

Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation

MGCC complies with the Liquor Licensing regulations and all bar staff training requirements are up to date.

Essential Safety Measures

MGCC contracts East Gippsland Building Surveyors to undertake quarterly audits on all buildings in accordance with the Building Act 1993 and Building Regulations 2006. This year an alarm and additional lighting was installed in the cool room, two additional fire extinguishers were installed in the work sheds, fire extinguisher signage was updated, and some extinguisher signs repositioned.

Fire Safety

CFA continues to undertake six-monthly audits of fire appliances and equipment.

Emergency Lighting

Dean Shaw Electrics continues to undertake annual emergency lighting checks.

Bus Safety

In 2019, Bus Safety Victoria undertook an annual *bus safety audit* of the MGCC Courtesy Bus. MGCC were judged 100% compliant and, were accredited to operate a courtesy bus service in Victoria.

Insurance

MGCC is insured through Austbroker Country Wide for Personal Accident (voluntary workers), Vehicle Insurance (bus), Property Damage and Business Interruption, and General Liability.

Backflow Prevention

MGCC has engaged “Christy’s Waste” as the accredited agent to undertake the pumping of the septic tanks and cleaning of the grease trap at the Club, in accordance with EPA Victoria Environment Protections Regulations 1998.

Food Safety

East Gippsland Shire council conducted a food safety audit that resulted in 100% compliance. The kitchen contractor is responsible for food safety in the kitchen, but the Committee of Management is responsible to ensure compliance is up-to-date and that relevant maintenance has been maintained.



Golf Events 2018 -2019

Club Champions 2018

Congratulations to the Women Club Champion, and Men Club Champion, Celia Wallace and Leon Ellis. Club Championships are very prestigious events. Well done to you both.

Club Championships Men and Women: September 2019

A reminder to women golfers that this year there is a change to the format of the Women's Club Championships. The Women's Sub-committee has endeavored to be more inclusive for working women, and have set the date for the Women's Club Championships this year to be held on Sunday 15th September (round 1), Wednesday 18th September (round 2) and Saturday 21st September 2019 (round 3).

Mallacoota Open Tournament: November 2018

Once again this was a very successful event with 350 entries over the four-day tournament. The success of this event is due to the excellent organisation of the Tournament Committee, the many volunteers, and, in particular, the much-valued support of sponsors who contribute so much each year.

This year will be the last year of tournament sponsorship from one of our major sponsors, Don and Di Dixon, Riviera Golf Bairnsdale. Don and Di have been sponsoring the Annual Tournament (Sunday Mixed Event) in November for over 20 years. Their sponsorship attracts up to 140 players on the day.

Words cannot express our gratitude for their amazing support and friendship over the many years. Without a doubt, their sponsorship attracts numerous players from Victoria, New South Wales, Canberra and Queensland. On behalf of the club, for all your golfing needs, please remember to support Don and Di at Riviera Golf.

Annual Golf Tournament November: 2019

In September 2019, information and Entry forms will be located at the Club, emailed to members, and placed on the Clubs website. The Tournament Sub-committee urges players to complete the entry forms and pay the required daily fees as soon as possible.

A lot of work goes into organising the Annual Golf Tournament, and the Tournament Committee is always looking for people to help with the following: collect entry fees on the day, make cakes for Friday and Sunday events, wash dishes, clear tables, replace furniture, sell raffle tickets, put out NTP's, longest drives each day, check score cards, and much more.

If you would like to help, please speak to one of the following tournament committee members: Glenda Weeks, Carol Reinelt, Celia Wallace, Greg Hopkins, Leon Ellis and Eric Donald. We'd love to have you.

The MGCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all sponsors of this event. Your support is greatly appreciated, we could not do it without you. Want to Sponsor, Great – contact Celia Wallace on email celiaw@bigpond.com

Women's Pennant Team

Each year a group of dedicated women golfers represent MGCC and travel to Eden, Tathra, Merimbula, Tura Beach and Bega, to compete in the New South Wales pennant competition. It's a great experience for all competitors, and the Pennant Team did us proud by finishing in the middle of the field. Well done to Celia Wallace (Captain), Hannah Searl, Rae Strauss, Pam Bobbin, Jayne Gaudion, Teresa Owen, Glenice Matthes and Peg Rudge.

Gabo Cup - Eden Ladies VS Mallacoota

The second round of the Gabo Cup was contested at Mallacoota on Wednesday 7th August 2019. Mallacoota was 16 points behind after the first round and, sadly lost over the two-round event, and the Cup returns to Eden for another year.

The Ladies Sub-committee would like to thank all those who made soup, provided cakes and slices for our guests and members, and helped with the set up and clean up. It was a great day enjoyed by everyone. We plan to return next year with vengeance.

Gabo Cup – Mallacoota Men VS Eden

On the 24th August 2019, Mallacoota men will travel to Eden to compete in the Gabo Cup. This is a very social event for both clubs and we wish Mallacoota players lots of luck. Bring home the trophy.



*Captain Glenda Weeks and Eden
Captain Janice Davidson*

Club Initiatives

Max Donovan is 'feeling energised'

Max is seeking volunteers with handyman or tradesman skills who would be willing to help give the Men's Toilets a spruce up and undertake some minor maintenance work behind the Bar. If you can paint, undertake minor tile repairs, timber work, clean and carry, and you want to help, please contact Max. BBQ and refreshments will be provided.

Club Future Planning and Directions

Well, if Max is feeling energised, so is Tim Cashmore. Tim is planning to organise a survey of all members giving opportunity to gather data on future directions for the Club.

A series of meeting opportunities to prioritise six items and budget estimates within each of the three areas: The Club House, Pro Shop and Buildings – Equipment and Course Improvement. Watch this Space.

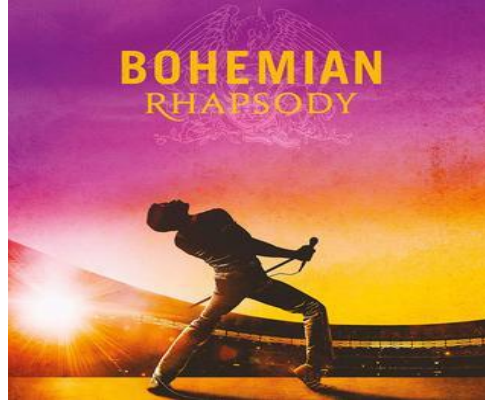
MOVIE NIGHT - Doors Open 7pm

*Gold Coin Donation, Bistro Open,
Courtesy Bus Available – All Welcome*

A series of Movie Nights for members and guests, at the Golf Club, in the Function Room.

A Star is Born	13 th September 2019
Bohemian Rhapsody	27 th September 2019
Top End Wedding	11 th October 2019
Rocketman	25 th October 2019

Check the Menu for Specials on the Night



Volunteers – Want to Help!!!

As members would be aware, we currently have a regular group of Monday volunteers who undertake a range of jobs on the golf course. These volunteers are aptly supervised by the ground's supervisor, John Bell, and all do a great job. If you would like to volunteer some of your time, but can't get out on Mondays, you would be more than welcome to help out any other day.

Some of the jobs you could do are - pick up sticks on and between fairways, clean a window or two, remove cobwebs, clean bird droppings near the old bowling green, undertake some light weeding of garden beds, tidy up the function room from time to time, fill in rabbit holes and divot marks on the fairways - to name a few.

Want to Help? –

Speak with John Bell. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.



Rabbit Holes on Fairways



Farewell to Alaine and Denzil Kent

At the end of September this year we say farewell to Alaine and Denzil Kent who are relocating to Nicholson in East Gippsland. Alaine and Denzil have been active members of the club for many years, Denzil as Treasurer for a period of time, and Alaine assisting the Committee of Management in the preparation of tree management documents.

Denzil assures us they will join as Country Members and return to Mallacoota from time to time, to play golf and visit friends. We wish Alaine and Denzil every happiness in their relocation.