

# Newsletter

July 2020 – [www.mallacootagolfclub.com.au](http://www.mallacootagolfclub.com.au)

## Welcome to the July edition of the MGCC Newsletter

### *Revegetation Management Plan and Implementation Strategy - Update*

The Committee of Management is pleased to advise that Ethos NRM Environmental Consultants have been awarded the contract to develop a Revegetation Management Plan and Implementation Strategy for the Club. Work has commenced with Mr Eric Sherp and Ms Bridget Potts visiting the course recently to take soil samples, fieldwork and mapping of ecological values.

The plan will determine which vegetation type to re-establish in different sections of the course, potentially including: Coastal Heathland / Coast Dune vegetation / Angophora / Eucalyptus Woodland / Indigenous vegetation types. The plan will also include plant species and corridors to increase biodiversity values, and encourage the recovery of wildlife.

In due course, the plan will be available on the Clubs website

[www.mallacootagolfclub.com.au](http://www.mallacootagolfclub.com.au)

Written feedback can be provided to the Committee of Management MGCC PO Box 21 Mallacoota 3892.

### *Future Planning for MGCC*

Mr Michael Henderson, a Golf Course Architect from 'Holes in the Ground', approached the Committee of Management offering to develop a *Concept Plan* regarding the re-routing of the Mallacoota Golf Course.



Above: Eric Sherp and Bridget Potts gathering soil samples

Recent clearing following the bushfires has provided the Club with an opportunity to consider a new course layout that makes better use of the natural features of the site. The objective of the routing is to:

- Utilise the best features of the property to create interesting golf holes
- Take the golfer on a journey to experience the best the site has to offer
- Maximise views from within and beyond the course

The Concept Plan and the Revegetation Management Plan is available on the clubs website [www.mallacootagolfclub.com.au](http://www.mallacootagolfclub.com.au) or by clicking on the links below.

<http://mallacootagolfclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Mallacoota-GC-Concept-Plan-compressed.pdf>

<http://mallacootagolfclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Mallacoota-GC-Revegetation-Plan-compressed.pdf>

The re-routing of the course is dependent upon successful funding.

Feedback regarding the Concept Plan and Revegetation Plan can be provided to the Committee of Management - MGCC - PO Box 21 - Mallacoota - 3892.

### *Insurance Update*

Volunteers and Contractors continue to work on the course, clearing and burning the remainder of dead vegetation. The area around the dam has been cleared in preparation for contractors to erect a new fence, as well as replacing the damaged fence at the front of the Club House. The new Pump Shed and Machinery Shed has been completed, and the roof and rear of the member's cart shed has been replaced and, for ease of access for members, two roller door motors have been installed.



*Left to right: Pump Shed and Machinery Shed*

### **Statement from the Premier - 30 July 2020**

From Sunday 2 August at 11:59 pm, in line with the advice of the Chief Health Officer, a face covering will apply across regional Victoria, and will be mandatory whenever you leave home – wherever you live.

For more information, go to the Department of Health and Human Services Website:

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

### ***Kitchen / Golf Events / Bar Trading***



Due to much uncertainty in this COVID environment, the kitchen will remain closed. At this point in time, we are still able to play golf (but masks/face coverings must be worn prior to and after the game).

The Bar will be open Wednesdays and Saturdays after golf, but members are asked to remain seated, bar staff will provide table service. If members are moving around the club room, they must wear masks/face coverings, adhere to social distancing and respect everyone's right to remain as safe as possible. Any person who does not comply with the new rules (effective 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020) will be asked to leave. Further, members and guests are reminded to sign in when entering the club house.

A new hand sanitiser pump station has been located in the foyer and members are encouraged to sanitise each time they enter the Club. To keep abreast of legislation and ensuring safety for members, cleaning of the Club House and toilets is occurring twice a day, when the club is open. Currently, bar staff undertake the cleaning, and we thank them for their efforts and commitment.

### ***Courtesy Bus***

The Committee of Management would like to remind members that the Club is not operating the Courtesy Bus at this time.

### ***Bushfire Support - Donations***

The April Newsletter acknowledged the many Clubs and individuals who organised fundraisers and donated money to assist Mallacoota Golf Club, in the recovery process. Since that time, the Club has received further financial donations from Lake Karrynup Golf Club, Robinvale Golf Club and Golf New South Wales.

To date, a total of \$76,300 has been received. Thank you again to everyone who has donated and supported the Mallacoota Golf Club. We are truly grateful.



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## ***Grants – Commonwealth Bank***

The Commonwealth Bank was offering small grants to bush fire affected areas, and the Club submitted an application for assistance with the irrigation system. The application was successful and the Club received \$45,000 to undertake irrigation works.

## ***Australian Golf Bushfire Relief Fund – Golf Australia***

A submission was sent to Golf Australia, Australian Golf Bushfire Fund, and the Club was successful in receiving a grant of \$20,000 to assist in bushfire recovery.

## ***Croquet at Mallacoota Golf Club – a Great Success***

Earlier this year the club was approached by community members Wendy and Peter Robinson, regarding the possibility of utilising a section of the old bowling green to play croquet. The Committee of Management saw this as a great opportunity to provide another avenue of sport for people in the community and agreed to give it a go.

Ringwood Croquet Club donated mallets and equipment and came to Mallacoota to assist with the measuring up and laying out of the playing courts. Further, Ringwood members provided coaching sessions to interested community members.

Lakes Entrance Croquet Club have also been in contact, and have offered to donate 10 Mallets, as well as conduct coaching sessions for Interested people, once travelling restrictions have eased.



Croquet has certainly sparked much interest in Mallacoota and there has been up to 16 people playing croquet on a Friday morning.

If anyone would like more information, please contact either Wendy or Peter Robinson. Their numbers can be located in the local telephone book.

## **MGCC Annual General Meeting**

The Committee of Management wishes to inform all members that due to Corona Virus restrictions the Committee has applied to Consumer Affairs for permission to defer the Annual General Meeting for 3 months.

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### ***Thankyou - Bushfire Support and Donations***

The Committee of Management would like to acknowledge the many clubs and individuals who organised fundraisers, and donated money to assist Mallacoota Golf Club in the recovery process. A total of \$76,300 has been received and we are very grateful to the following clubs and individuals:

Anglesea Golf Club	Ivanhoe ladies Golf Club	Queenscliff Golf Club (Postponed)
Bannockburn Golf Club	Keysborough Golf Club	South East QLD District Golf Assn.
Barwon Heads Golf Club	Kyneton Golf Club	Spring Valley Golf Club
Golf New South Wales	Lake Karrinyup Golf Club	Strathallan Golf Club
Hamilton Golf Club	Pambula Merimbula Golf Club	Veterans Golf Club
Hervey Bay Golf Club	Rich River Golf Club	Ineca and Jak Prowd
Horsham Golf Club	Robinvale Golf Club	Bridget O'Reilly (Tathra)

### ***Thankyou - Volunteers from Other Golf Clubs in Victoria***

The Committee of Management would also like to thank volunteers who travelled to Mallacoota and provided assistance with labour and expertise, repairing and seeding greens and servicing golf machinery.

- Adam Lamb Barwon Heads Golf Club
- Shane Greenhill Sorrento Golf Club
- John Angliss and Ryland Tewes Kingston Heath Golf Club
- Ben Williams and Caleb Johnson Commonwealth Golf Club

### ***Thankyou – Business Suppliers***

We are also very grateful to the suppliers who generously donated products and equipment.

- Greg Sinclair - Rural and Turf (valve boxes, irrigation expertise and controller)
- Oasis Turf - Matt Steven (seed)
- K&B Adams - Mark Eardley (fungicide)
- GTS - Andrew Boyle (fertiliser and wetting agent)
- NuTurf - Chris Newman (seed and fertiliser)
- Bayer - Craig Burleigh (fungicide)
- Box Hill Golf Club - Josh Leyland - (chainsaw, blower, pruners, gloves, rakes, shovels, bent seed, fertilisers, two stroke oil and petrol cans)
- David Golf – (Ball Washers, NTP and Longest Drives, Sand Bin and buckets)

### ***Thankyou - Commonwealth Bank and Golf Australia – Grants (\$65,000)***



*L to R – Glenda Weeks, Rae Strauss and Terri Owen on the 11<sup>th</sup> Green*