



Annual General Meeting of the Castlemaine Golf Club

**Wednesday 24th October 2018
at 7.30 pm**

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Agenda

Members attending:

Welcome: President Michael Bottomley

Apologies:

Motion: That the apologies listed and/or put forward by the meeting be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting:

Motion: That the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 21st October 2017 be adopted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Business arising from the 2017 Annual Meeting:

No business arising from the 2017 Annual Meeting

Correspondence:

No correspondence received for the Annual Meeting.

Executive Officer Reports:

President:	Michael Bottomley
Finance:	Grant Thomas
Membership:	Rob Prendergast
Course:	Leon Thomas
Golf:	Garry Moore and Lynne Johnson
Clubhouse/functions:	Martin Cross
Administration:	Dee Sansom
Clubhouse redevelopment:	Michael Bottomley
Sponsorship:	Dee Sansom

Recommendation:

That the membership fees be unchanged from last year for the primary categories (Full member, Junior Member, Country Member and Social Member), with the option for discount memberships to be offered on special occasions such as membership drives.

Moved:

Seconded:

Elections:

The meeting appoints a member to conduct the elections.

Election of Executive Officers:

The following nominations have been received for the executive officer positions:

President: Trevor Bray and Martin Cross

Finance:

Membership:

Course:

Golf:

Clubhouse/functions:

Administration: Dee Sansom

Ordinary member: Lynne Johnson

Terry Williams

Others have indicated an interest in continuing in their roles, however official nomination forms have not been received at the time of printing.

Election of an auditor:

The election of an auditor is not required.

Appointment of Legal Representative:

That Robertson and Hyett be appointed as our legal advisers.

Moved:

Seconded:

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY OCTOBER 21st 2017, at 5.00 pm

Members Attending:

George Gray, Neil Campbell, Trevor Bray, Garry Moore, Peter McCombe, Les Prendergast, Glen Carroll, Lachy Brown, Jen Dyer, Majorie Lang, Lynne Johnson, Rosemary Ashby, Barry Ashby, Stan Saville, Peter Verlaan, Kevin Adams, Rob Prendergast, Leigh Campbell, Jo Ralston, Dawn Angliss, Moira McLennan, Marty Jenkins, Rhys Jenkins, Matt O'Brien, James O'Brien, Ross Smith, Rod Entwistle, Peter Gresswell, Dee Sansom, Michael Bottomley, Grant Thomas, Terry Williams

Welcome: President Michael Bottomley

Michael Bottomley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

Leon Thomas, Martin Cross, Ian Vorbach, Tony Olsson, Gavin Lang, Leonie Auhl, Linton McLennan, John Prendergast

Motion:

That the apologies listed and/or put forward by the meeting be accepted.

Moved: Terry Williams

Seconded: Marty Jenkins

Minutes of the 2016 annual meeting:

Motion:

That the minutes of the previous annual meeting held on Saturday October 10th 2016 be adopted.

Moved: Peter Gresswell

Seconded: Glen Carroll

Business arising from the 2016 Annual Meeting:

No business arising from the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Correspondence:

No correspondence received for the Annual Meeting.

Executive Officer Reports:

President: Michael Bottomley

Finance: Grant Thomas

Membership: Ian Vorbach

Course: Course Committee

Planning: Peter Gresswell

Golf: Course Committee

Ordinary Member: Martin Cross (Bar and Functions)

Administration: Dee Sansom (Communication – Fairway, website)

Recommendation:

That the membership fees be unchanged from last year for the primary categories (Full member, Junior Member, Country Member and Social Member), with the option for discount memberships to be offered on special occasions such as membership drives.

Moved: Grant Thomas

Seconded: Terry Williams

Motion:

That the reports from the executive officers of the association be received:

Moved: Jen Dyer

Seconded: Rob Prendergast

Elections:

The meeting appoints a member to conduct the elections.

Grant Thomas agreed to conduct the election for Executive Officers.

Election of Executive Officers:

The following nominations have been received for the executive officer positions for 2017-2018.

President:

Finance: Grant Thomas

Membership:

Course: Leon Thomas

Golf: Garry Moore

Policy & Planning:

Administration: Dee Sansom (Communications – Fairway, website)

Ordinary member: Martin Cross (Bar and Functions)

Lynne Johnson

Terry Williams

The positions of President, Membership and Policy & Planning remain unfilled, however Michael Bottomley has agreed to continue as caretaker President until someone else can take over.

Our constitution makes provision for the election of ordinary members to the Committee of Management.

The meeting through a motion can decide how many ordinary positions it wishes to be in place for the coming year.

Motion:

That there be four ordinary vacancies to be filled as part of the incoming committee of Management.

Moved: Rob Prendergast

Seconded: Grant Thomas

A nomination was received for Trevor Bray to be elected to the Committee of Management and he was duly elected.

Election of Auditor:

The election of an auditor is not required.

Appointment of Legal Representative:

Motion:

That Roberston and Hyett be appointed as our legal advisers.

Moved: George Gray

Seconded: Jen Dyer

Recommendations to the executive for consideration:

1. That we look at ways of improving our welcome to visitors.
2. We look at other options on the day of the AGM such as – a mixed event, a week night, on another Saturday that does not clash with the start of the bowls season.

The President closed the meeting at 6.30 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Castlemaine Golf Club is very fortunate to have so many good-willed members who aren't on the committee who are prepared to volunteer their skills and time to maintaining and developing our club.

We have members who work on the course on a regular basis, account for our weekly finances, support catering requirements, complete handicapping arrangements, start and conclude weekly events, media liaison – the list goes on! For the size of our club I believe our volunteer base as a percentage of membership is high. This all supports the work of the committee who have the task of planning for development and change as well as ensuring we comply with our governance requirements.

There have been many positive things over the past twelve months:

- Consistent attention to our greens and surrounds received a massive boost with the offer of grass from the National Golf Club. Also, the ongoing support from personnel of the National is supporting our maintenance of the renewed areas.
- The upgrading of the watering system on the first nine is completed, but we do have challenges with ongoing leaks from sprinklers and/or pipes.
- Our club's major events – including the annual tournament, Milford Slaver, Ladies Open Day, the Max Gale Day Grand Final Eve Ambrose and our recent Sports Club Day Ambrose were all very successful events with excellent fields and a high level of visitors enjoying our course and hospitality.
- The ongoing involvement of the Loddon workers has been an enormous boon to our course maintenance over winter and early spring.
- Social events including Big Hole on Friday late afternoons continued and this year we had a very successful Christmas in July with a goods and services auction attached. This was a very good fundraiser for our club and we thank Trevor and Liz Bray for coordinating the event.

Our sponsorship subcommittee has been very busy this year with much successful work being completed with our sponsor a hole program. Paint Right and Jellis Craig have also contributed important sponsorship to support our club.

Another subcommittee that got off the ground was our Clubhouse Renewal subcommittee. This subcommittee commissioned a report and a program of our renewal for our clubhouse from Lynne Mewett, a local interior designer and decorator.

The ideas were displayed in the clubhouse for feedback from members. There was a mixed response but generally it seems that members agree a facelift of the interior of the clubhouse is needed. Funds at the moment don't provide opportunity for this but more work will be done over time towards an internal upgrade.

The club pictures have been re-positioned and all of them have been copied by the local historical society and preserved on file.

On the flip-side, our club still struggles in the area of debit reduction. Although we have capacity to service our loans and we can cope with our operating expenses, it is obvious our annual repayment for our loans places a brake on a number of possible projects.

I wish to record my sincere thanks to our committee for their commitment to our club and the important role each member plays in supporting the operation and development of our club. Ideas and discussion have been open, robust and with goodwill for the management and development of our golf club.

It is my wish that Castlemaine Golf Club will continue to move forward – to be innovative in our golf program and social calendar and to ensure we maintain and develop our club as a positive and vibrant environment for us, the members and visitors.

Michael Bottomley
President

FINANCE REPORT

The last year has seen our finance position remain stable. We have seen smooth and solid cash flow with income spread through the year with the instalment options and a robust spread of expenditure.

Most of our revenue streams showed growth this year. Bar sales dipped slightly, as did Competition fees. Membership income increased significantly. Our Green fees are constant. Our sponsorship dollars have increased solidly with a renewed focus. It should be noted that our income across the various categories when viewed in totality has shown some solid growth.

Several members have made cash donations and of course many members continue to make 'in kind' donations through forfeiture of vouchers.

As far as expenses go we have had a reasonably normal year. There has been slightly more outlaid on the course, due in part to our greens maintenance program. Overall, our expenses are up by around 13%.

I say this every year, but the magnificent effort by all volunteers has had a significant impact on lowering other expenditure across the course and clubhouse.

It has again been my privilege to work with a dedicated executive committee. Their devotion to the task, with their efforts largely unseen by our membership, has been inspiring.

As far as Finance goes, Phil and Peter have again done a magnificent job with processing the tills and banking every week. Their untiring efforts have a significant contribution to the financial health of the Club.

Looking forward, we would like to introduce a new till system in the current financial year. This will help us track income more accurately.

Also, we will be increasing the focus on our Coliban Water liability. This debt significantly affects our ability to develop the course and clubhouse. We have a couple of strategies underway which will hopefully remove this debt in a shorter timeframe than previously planned.

Congratulations Michael on leading us through another successful year and I wish the incoming committee and all members continued growth in our Club.

Grant Thomas
Finance Co-Ordinator

Balance Sheet

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB As at 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
Assets		
Bank		
Equipment Fund (NAB)	9,498	8,838
General Account (NAB)	22,511	23,048
Trophy Account (NAB)	8,047	19,425
Total Bank	40,057	51,312
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	58,607	-
Cash On Hand	300	300
H Barton Fund	276	276
Stock on Hand	2,310	2,310
Total Current Assets	61,493	2,886
Fixed Assets		
Building & Improvements (Club House & Sheds)	236,944	236,944
Club Freehold	85,222	85,222
General Pool - Bar Equipment at WDV	1,856	1,856
General Pool - Fixtures & Fittings at WDV	1,084	1,084
General Pool - General P & E at WDV	33,211	33,211
General Pool - Kitchen Equipment at WDV	1,986	1,986
Land at Cost	1,685,000	1,685,000
Long Life Pool - Dams at WDV	22,506	22,506
Long Life Pool - Sheds at WDV	1,405	1,405
Subdivision Costs	4,500	4,500
Total Fixed Assets	2,073,714	2,073,714
Total Assets	2,175,264	2,127,912
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	34,295	34,204
ATO - Integrated Client Account	(307)	(307)
GST	30,586	18,690
PAYG Withholdings Payable	24,995	17,985
Provision for Employee Entitlements	9,323	9,323
Rounding	-	-
Superannuation Payable	1,088	947
Wages Payable - Payroll	1,579	-
Total Current Liabilities	101,559	80,842
Non-Current Liabilities		
Equipment Loans (2011) Principal Contributed	6,215	6,215
Loan - Coliban Water	251,541	277,794
Loan - NAB	145,663	164,728

Balance Sheet

	30 Jun 2018	30 Jun 2017
Total Non-Current Liabilities	403,420	448,736
Total Liabilities	504,979	529,579
Net Assets	1,670,285	1,598,334
Equity		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	1,335,000	1,335,000
Current Year Earnings	71,952	15,749
Land Sale Capital Reserve	55,931	55,931
Retained Earnings	207,403	191,654
Total Equity	1,670,285	1,598,334

Profit & Loss

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018

	30 Jun 18	30 Jun 17
Income		
Advertising & Sponsorship	19,645	14,223
Bar Sales	65,647	73,480
Buggy / Cart Hire Income	6,209	4,703
Catering & Function Proceeds	3,255	1,064
Club House Hire	68	918
Competition Fees	21,268	24,815
Country Memberships (>30kms & <80kms)	3,309	1,898
Country Memberships (>80kms)	6,025	3,937
Donations	12,401	4,282
Golf Cart Storage Rent	2,045	1,027
Grants & Subsidies	2,364	(16,973)
Green Fees	25,006	24,738
Interest Income	-	-
Junior Memberships	273	136
Membership Fees Received	93,009	51,924
NBN Tower Rent	8,486	8,279
Other Revenue	3,280	-
Paid in Advance Membership	-	2,477
PAYG Membership	1,623	409
Raffle Income	3,105	4,669
Senior Student & Apprentice Membership	1,418	609
Short Term Membership (Minimum 3 months)	773	-
Unclassified Income	(8,452)	(528)
Unknown Membership Payments	650	-
Water Levy Fee	700	591
Total Income	272,107	206,678
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock (Bar)	2,310	3,175
Bar Purchases	12,502	36,141
COGS	16,493	6,721
Closing Stock (Bar)	(2,310)	(2,310)
Total Cost of Sales	28,995	43,727
Gross Profit	243,112	162,950
Plus Other Income		
Trophies Donations	9,015	20,945
Trophy Donation Account Money	11,430	-
Total Other Income	20,445	20,945
Less Operating Expenses		
Advertising	1,624	1,458
Bank Fees	962	1,131
Catering Expenses	5,296	3,800

Profit & Loss

	30 Jun 18	30 Jun 17
Cleaning Contractor & Supplies	6,452	6,298
Consulting & Accounting	2,413	591
Course Maintenance	12,019	12,212
Donations Paid	336	160
Electricity	6,033	4,693
Filing Fees	271	-
Fuel & Oil	6,544	5,625
Gas	3,390	3,498
General Expenses	(11)	4,558
Golf Registration Fees	8,224	9,455
Golf Trophies	13,039	7,648
Greens Supplies & Maintenance	20,008	12,111
Hire of Plant & Equipment	5,327	7,058
Insurance	7,059	6,343
Interest Expense	13,156	11,430
Internet / NBN Charges	568	486
Irrigation Project	9,855	1,145
Licenses & Permits	1,228	910
Machinery Maintenance	2,869	4,148
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,227	2,576
Office Expenses	8	195
Postage	30	43
Printing & Stationery	826	842
Protective Clothing & Equipment	142	200
Rates & Taxes	1,981	1,968
Registration Fees	-	79
Repairs and Maintenance	913	1,835
Security Costs	-	1,000
Soil & Sand	1,782	2,618
Subscriptions	-	100
Sundry Expenses	-	373
Superannuation	4,244	3,909
Telephone	1,138	1,044
Wages - Casual Hire	1,271	-
Wages - Employee Entitlements Expense Provision	-	682
Wages - Employees	47,301	43,555
Waste Disposal	1,022	1,500
Water Charges (Club House)	438	295
Workcover	620	574
Total Operating Expenses	191,605	168,146
Net Profit	71,952	15,749

Castlemaine Golf Club Membership

Category	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Business Members	7	16	17	22
Country Members >30 km	6	5	6	5
Country Members >80 km	20	19	20	17
Full Members	96	104	107	98
Junior Members	10	7	3	4
Life Members	7	7	9	9
Paid in Advance Members	3	2	2	1
PAYG Members	0	5	3	1
Social Members	5	5	4	5
Special Arrangement Members	2	2	2	2
Student/Apprentice Members	5	6	6	2
Total Members	161	178	179	166

Male 118
 Female 39
 life members 9

Notes:

Figures were taken on 21/10/18 and are a true representation of current membership figures
 Two (4) Juniors and three (2) Students/Apprentices have been paid for by businesses in 2018/19.
 Short Term (3 month) members not included in data.
 Female Members for Affiliation Purposes 39 (doesn't include 3 life members)

Recommendations/Ideas:

Liaise with district schools to encourage students to have a go at golf.
 Continue / introduce special events, such as big hole golf, cricketer's/footballer's golf days, business golf days to encourage non members to play.
 Keep fees, including discounts, the same as 2017/18 (see overleaf for details).

Castlemaine Golf Club Membership Categories 2018/19

Category	Fee	Period	Handicap	Approximate Costings	Playing Conditions	Voting
Full Member	\$520	1 Year	Available	\$10 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	Yes
Senior Student/Apprentice U25	\$260	1 Year	Available	\$5 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	Yes
Junior Member U18	\$50	1 Year	Available	\$1 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	No
Family Discount	10%	1 Year	Available	10% discount	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	Yes
Life Member	Water Levy	Ongoing	Available	\$2 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	Yes
Country Member > 30km	\$350	1 Year	Available	\$7 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	No
Remote Member > 80km	\$260	1 Year	Available	\$5 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	No
PAYG (Pay As You Go) Member	\$150	1 Year	Available	See notes: \$3 per week + green fees	3 vouchers (see notes)	No
Short Term Member	\$300	6 Mths	Available	\$12 per week	Free anytime + comp fee (if applicable)	No
Social Member	\$25	1 Year	N/A	\$0.50 per week	Nil	No

Notes:

All membership fees are inclusive of GST, Insurance, Affiliation Fees, Golf Link & Water Levy where applicable .

Water Levy = \$110 per annum.

Family Discount: e.g. 2 adults + Student + Junior = \$1040 + \$260 + \$50 = \$1350 less 10% = \$1350 - \$135 = \$1215 payable.

Pro-rata membership for new/returning full members is available.

Short Term Membership will be only available for 6 months.

PAYG (Pay As You Go) Members

3 Golf Vouchers, then 25% off green fees. 50% off green fees when paying competition fee (if applicable). Visitors playing competition would have to pay the same amount, i.e. \$20 (\$10 green fee + \$10 comp fee).

Member of an affiliated club.

Affordable.

Intended to attract those wishing to play golf but only play occasionally.

Full Australian Handicap available.

Able to play in competitions.

One Year subscription, which may be renewed.

GOLF REPORT

The 2018 Golf program has offered a varied syllabus with the traditional being supplemented with new events, with some also offered over the public holidays.

The Big Hole Golf attracted good fields, with some non-members coming along. These were popular social events. A light meal and deserts were also provided thanks to Martin Cross, Liz Bray and Kathy Williams.

We had another very successful day to honour our past Life Member Max Gale.

We thank Leon Thomas who took on a key role in the preparation for our annual tournament for 2018. Leon's enthusiasm and input was much appreciated.

Saturday fields have been good over the year with fields averaging 30-40 players. Over the winter months fields fell away, which was understandable with many families heading north to avoid the bad weather. Our Thursday fields have been good with numbers averaging between 20-30 players. We didn't have any men's events cancelled due to the weather which was great.

Thank you to Matt and Michelle O'Brien who have continued in their role as handicappers.

Our club this year was able to field a Division 1, 3 and Open men's pennant teams, and a Division 2 women's team. I thank all the competitors for their time and golf skill. Unfortunately, we were unable to make the finals.

We thank Moira McLennan and her team of helpers who once again, offered their time to cater for key events on the women's golfing calendar.

We thank Dee Sansom for her weekly golf reports in the Castlemaine Mail. Dee's comprehensive reports and photos consistently provide a positive profile for our club in the district.

We had good fields for our major club events and congratulations to all the winners of these events.

Thank you to our members who supported our golf program. I believe we are providing a range of events from weekends, to mid-week, Big Hole, and other special events that provide great opportunities for participation by our members.

Garry Moore
Golf co-ordinator

WOMEN'S GOLF REPORT

We commenced the season with our Open Day in March, with 17 teams from across the district playing in the popular Drop out Ambrose. The winning team on the day was from Gisborne and runners up Mt Alexander Golf Club.

We have been well represented in many events in our district throughout the year. Two of the highlights were the Castlemaine team winning the Yvonne Boyd bowl at Neangar Park, and the Silver Salver at Belvoir Park.

A special thank you to our members who played in the Division 2 Pennant team.

Winners of major events during the year are:

- * A grade Club Champion Marj Lang
- * B grade Club Champion Lynne Johnson
- * Val Bassett Shield Lynne Johnson
- * Par Club Shield Rosalie Roberts and Marj Lang
- * Una Carroll Trophy Megan Carroll
- * RWH 4BBB Local event Mary Harris and Dawn Angliss
- * Drummond 4BBB Marj Lang and Lynne Johnson
- * Medallist of the Year Florence Stevens
- * Doris Chambers Rosalie Roberts and Kay Francis

Congratulations to Rosalie and Kay who were Runners up in the recent State finals at Sanctuary Lakes.

The Milford Salver was held in September and attracted a good field. The winning team on the day was from Axedale Golf Club.

During the year we held two fund raising events. We raised \$250 for Castlemaine Health, and the Una Carroll charity day raised \$327 for Cancer research.

The trading table raises approximately \$1,000 per year for our club. Thank you to Dawn and everyone who contributes to it.

Thank you to Moira McLennan for catering for our special events, thanks to handicapper Michelle O'Brien, to Peggy Ronnau Vice Captain, and to our Match Committee Bev Tingay and Rosalie Roberts. Thank you to Dee Sansom for her work on the committee and the widely-read Fairway.

I thank you all for your encouragement and support over the past 3 years. It has been a very rewarding and enjoyable experience for me.

Lynne Johnson
Captain Women's Golf

COURSE REPORT

Committee and Members,

It is with pleasure I present our report for the 2018 year.

I wish firstly to mention that I have been humbled to be entrusted with the largest budgetary expenditure area of your club. My sub-committee has taken this role very seriously.

I accepted the role of Co-ordinator last October in the hope that I could bring a new style of management to the role attempting to manage the roles of the various elements involved, namely Budget, People, Amenity and Planning from a 'business oriented' perspective, realising I could not physically be present on course as much as were my predecessors.

I also asked my hard-working committee in Garry Moore, James O'Brien, John Prendergast, Rob Prendergast and Glenn Carroll along with President Michael Bottomley to consider assembling the elements of a proposed documented 10-year plan to take our course forward into the future. Whilst we have not as yet realised this (partly due to the limited resources we have available), we have commenced the lengthy process involved in working through the various elements that this process itself involves. I have asked all members to consider the future of where they would like their course to be and what they see it becoming.

Our first task was to reach out to Golf Victoria and see what this body could offer your club. I am pleased to report that subsequent meetings with Regional Development Manager Mark Bamford, have given us an introduction to John Stamp. John has been instrumental in guiding us to seek out many opportunities for the club. This commenced with an onsite inspection of our course and subsequent recommendations, which lead to an affiliation with The National Golf Club, who generously donated over 420m² of greens turf to enable our green renovation program to happen in record time.

On top of this they supplied over \$7000 worth of irrigation components which will be utilised to install a much-needed hand-watering system for our greens. This generosity not only saved our membership many thousands of dollars but more importantly, a speedier road to renovation for our badly deteriorated greens. Members will also notice a brand new putting green as a result, having been able to utilise our existing putting green to repair large damaged areas of several greens on course.

Our Greens have had a modified maintenance schedule approved, now involving twice yearly renovation (coring), multiple scarifyings, and a complex regime of feeding, sanding and pest control. This has come at increased cost and we ask that members continue to support this program for at least the next two years to enable the much-needed aeration and drainage that was needed prior. Over the approaching summer, you will also notice a modified watering program to encourage a more resistant turf coverage. If our budget can manage it we will also trial a process of deep aeration with a machine called an AirG2.

Our Fairways continue to improve but we face the ever-present problem of poor soils and drainage issues. The trial program of santa ana couch sprigging will continue but we have also been recommended to trial legend couch sprigging. This can commence once a free source of the sprigs can be secured.

The problem of old irrigation piping is proving problematic with multiple bursts causing many dollars in repair costs and interfering with our superintendent's workload. We will have to find funding to replace several mains on our course, the most urgent being on our 8th Fairway.

On Vegetation Management, we have been advised to identify and work on removal of many trees, shrubs and grasses that are impeding proper healthy growth as well as the 'playability' of our course. Members will have noticed that many inappropriate, poorly positioned and self-sown species have undergone removal. Your committee is happy to field your questions or concerns on this program which no doubt will take in excess of three years to complete, due to restraints on manpower and budget, in addition to the availability of expert consultants.

The Appearance of our course is another element that has been closely reviewed. We feel that our club's 'first impression' is much in need of updating but this task again will require manpower, time and money. Having said that it must stay as a focus point to keep our club appealing to members and visitors alike. Part of this program involves a consistent approach to all work and installations that happen around the course.

Our Plant & Equipment and Suppliers program is currently being reviewed and new sources are being interviewed shortly. Our club must look to maximising the value of every dollar we spend and to do this, options around sharing, rental, purchase agreements and donations must all be considered.

We must also become more vigilant to the availability of Grant monies available and welcome input from any members with expertise in this area. The expertise in the area of maintenance of several of our members must not go unnoticed as they frequently save our club many dollars in volunteer help, not to mention the speedier road to restitution.

Our Coliban Water relationship continues to prove difficult in respect of the *availability* (water was turned off earlier this year due to plant malfunction at the recycling end), *quality* (testing is to be done to consider 'what' we are getting) and *cost* (see our treasurer's report for the impact on club finances). We must continue to exert pressure on our politicians to see our loan freed up (that we were forced to sign many years ago during the drought), as has been the fortune of other players in the recycled water game. These freed funds would provide our club with an injection of not only renewed enthusiasm but more importantly, project completions.

Please join with me in heartily thanking our hard-working Course Superintendent Glenn Carroll as well as the group I fondly refer to as our 'Wednesday warriors' without whom we would not have a course to play on. We must never underestimate the work these people commit to the amenity we all enjoy.

Lastly, your sub-committee has advised and wishes to commit to a term of three years and we seek your support in this action. I commend this commitment to you our members and seek your support in the coming year as you have heartily done in my first term.

Thank you for all the favourable comments during my first year's tenure in the position – it IS appreciated!

Sincerely,

Leon Thomas
Course Co-ordinator

CLUB HOUSE AND FUNCTION REPORT

In this committee term we have again had issues with our cool room, with stock freezing again. Robert Prendergast did some further research and has solved the problem.

We have had several functions again this year, which were very successful and helped raise funds for the club. We have had a lot more short-term use of the club house this year, with regular use by Nicki Renfrey, The Arts Group and the View Club.

Trevor and Liz Bray, along with helpers, ran a very successful Christmas in July with an Auction as well. Unfortunately this year we lost the Newstead Football Netball Club Presentation Night which has been a big contributor to the bar turnover.

The bar turnover has reduced marginally but the profit has increased over the period. We have also hired casual Bar Staff this year, which started as a Thursday, Saturday position but has been cut to Saturday only due to numbers playing during the winter months.

Last year a forecast was done on the turnover for the bar; so far this year the figures have shown a decrease in turnover. This I believe has been in part due to the new drink driving laws that have been introduced. We need to look at other ways to collect income from this facility.

The bar turnover has been bolstered from the increased number attending our special golf events. Gary Moore the golf co-ordinator has done a fantastic job in this area and hopefully the trend continues.

Harcourt Valley Winery has come on board as a sponsor of the club and we now stock some of their products. The food options in the bar after golf have been a little more mix and match with the weather seasons, with the introduction of toasted sandwiches available as well as salad sandwiches in the warmer weather. With the new grill and having some bar staff on Saturdays, more options could be introduced if the members feel it warranted.

We have had quite a lot of discussion around the clubhouse redevelopment over recent months, but until funds are sufficient to allow this to occur we will maintain the current facility.

We have replaced the grill in the kitchen - the safety aspect was the main reason for the replacement and the new appliance gives us more flexibility in what can be done in the kitchen. The old grill will be altered to house the deep fryer in a permanent position.

I would like to thank all the people who have helped out in the bar and kitchen for all the functions held this year - without these people we would not be able to generate the extra income from these events.

There will be a P&L of the bar available on the night for anyone who would like to look at it.

Martin Cross

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

As a committee member of the Management Committee, the Sponsorship sub-committee and Clubhouse Redevelopment sub-committee, note taking, follow up action and secretarial duties relating to each of these committees has been part of my role. It's been very rewarding to see how much we have achieved during the year.

Standing on these committees has given me inside knowledge of exactly how much effort committee members have put in for the benefit of the club, always with a light-hearted sense of enjoyment along the way. I hope this will continue into the next year and beyond.

Members give their time freely, and over time it is natural to expect some to resign and others to take their place. On all of the committees that I have been involved with over the past five years, I have worked with Michael Bottomley, who has been a wonderful, committed and compassionate member of our club, and whose expertise will be missed. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Michael, and wish him well as he enjoys a well-earned break!

Keeping members and the wider golfing community informed about the Castlemaine Golf Club is an integral part of club life, and we use social media through our monthly newsletter the Fairway, emails, notices, our website, Facebook, and via weekly entries in the Castlemaine Mail.

The Fairway is distributed to almost 200 members and sponsors by email, and several hard copies are placed in the clubhouse for others not on email. If you have any email address but do not receive the Fairway, please let me know (deesansom@gmail.com). Stories and photos from our members are always welcome, and I thank everyone who has provided them.

Facebook was reinstated earlier in the year to maximise our coverage, and we thank Trevor Bray for taking this on.

Communication through all these avenues is vital to our club's future and the better we do it, the better the club will be.

I welcome anyone with an interest in any of these areas to give me a hand.

Dee Sansom

Sponsorship sub-committee report

Sponsorship is critical to the sustainability of our club. Income generated (in cash or in kind) is much appreciated and we are indebted to all our sponsors for their generous support.

Sponsorship of events has increased during this year. Our major sponsors during the year were Golf City (Annual Tournament), Drummonds (Club Championships), Dales (Grand Final Eve) and Jellis Craig (Sports Day Social Golf). Many other businesses have donated goods and services for our events, and we are most grateful for their wonderful support.

Earlier in the year this sub-committee revisited the program that was initiated by Ian Vorbach last year on updating tee signage around the course. Every tee sign holder was contacted; some dropped out and others took their places, and other new spots were created to allow for two positions on some tees (men and women). We have some spaces left and welcome any other local businesses interested in promoting their organisation in this way.

A new initiative in recent months has been the introduction of Monthly Medal Sponsorship. Local businesses have donated vouchers (\$30 x 3 and \$20 x 3 = \$150) for the Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday monthly medals. Local support so far has been positive and we encourage more local businesses to participate.

Sponsorship works in two ways - members are encouraged to support local businesses and local businesses are encouraged to support our club in a range of ways. So, for the town of Castlemaine and for the Castlemaine Golf Club, it is a win-win situation!

And lastly, but not at all least, thanks are extended to each committee member for putting in the hard yards during the past year!

Dee Sansom

On behalf of the Sponsorship sub-committee: Michael Bottomley, Trevor Bray and Peter Rotteveel.