



Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway - November 2019

From the President

At last Wednesday's AGM, reports were presented by committee members. Some copies of the AGM booklets may still be available in the clubhouse, but we thought it would be worth presenting our President's report and our Course report in the Fairway, for those who may have missed it.

All the committee reports have also been posted on our website (see Committee of Management).

President's AGM report

This year has been a year of great expectations, of which not all have been realised. The Club has made some significant steps on the course but we haven't finalised our Coliban Water issues to date.

Over the year the committee has worked tirelessly trying to get the course and club into a better position, and one area that has really excelled is Sponsorship. Trevor Bray and the sponsorship subcommittee have worked very hard and now sponsorship is almost \$20,000.

Some other positives around the club were the junior program that operated for a couple of terms through the year with the Steiner School and the junior program run by My Golf. We currently have members who want to continue with these programs and we received funding via Golf Australia to buy the equipment to use for these programs.

We have continued with the advice given by Lee Yanner (Course Superintendent, The National Golf Club), to core our greens twice a year for three years. This year, I believe, is the final year of the program. The most recent coring was led by Leon Thomas and conducted by Glenn Carroll and a team of volunteers.

To follow on from that, one area that is undervalued at our club is the level of knowledge and skills we have within our membership.

We have one paid employee, but we have so many members who put so many hours into our club to improve the course and maintain it, the club house and machinery.

I would like to list all of these people but this year looking back, the number of members who have helped out on the course, with functions and running of events, would mean that most members would be listed and for that I cannot thank you all enough.

Several younger members are volunteering and filling sub committees, working to make improvements to our course. This year we are re-sowing the 18th fairway with santa anna couch. Most of the push for this course work has come from this group, who will become the future of the club.

The maintenance of a lot of our machinery is carried out by members and for very little reward. This is carried over to money counters, handicappers, organisers of Vets events, tournaments and course maintenance. The Wednesday Warriors are an invaluable asset to this club; most of this group are retired but do a huge amount of work around the course over the year.

Glenn Carroll does an enormous of work outside of his hours of work, which not many people would see or acknowledge, but he does it because he cares about the club and has pride in his work. What this club has, considering our membership base, is not fully appreciated.

As we all know, the financial situation of our club is a constant challenge; we continually look for ways to improve this situation, with minimal success. Without our volunteer support, this club would not have a course maintained to the standard that it is.

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While the Club has some challenges with finances, we will get over this hurdle. We have some very hardworking committee people tackling and driving membership, sponsorship and grants and a membership that any club would be proud of.

The committee has sourced advice on getting our financial statement finalised to again tackle the elephant in the room, Coliban Water, to gain some relief on our payment structure.

I realise this has been a very drawn out saga but we hope the end is near and we will get some relief; while the debt will remain, the terms for our payments will be altered.

On the positive side, it was good to see our Division 1 pennant side give the Bendigo District Golf Association a shakeup. It is an area where our club is very competitive in all pennant teams and divisions. Our club representatives for Men and Women acquit themselves very well and with pride of who they represent.

The new cart shed will be erected shortly and we hope to have pods to automatically open and close the door for people using this shed. More details as this moves forward.

I would personally like to thank our committee for their support and commitment during the year - Dee Sansom, Grant Thomas, Garry Moore, Trevor Bray, Leon Thomas, Lynne Johnston, Rob Prendergast, Michelle O'Brien and Terry Williams.

These are voluntary positions that require a full-time commitment. This club is a business and we need to move to a solid business model going forward to put our club in a sound position. We may need to make decisions that will not please everyone but they will be made in the club's best interest.

The Club has secured the holding of the Power Industry Association Tournament in 2020, this will be held the weekend prior to the Melbourne Cup. The course will be used by this group on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday (30th, 31st October and 1st November 2020), and we have the potential to make upwards of \$10,000 over this weekend. We will need a lot of help for this weekend so please keep it in mind.

Martin Cross
President



Course Co-ordinator's AGM report

Your Course sub-committee has had a year of consolidation following the exciting events of last year where we commenced our affiliation with The National Golf Club and undertook major renovation and restitution works. We are grateful to The National's Course superintendent Leigh Yanner who continues to supply valuable advice.

Our three-year intensive **Greens** program has passed the halfway mark and the health of our surfaces continues to show improvement. A recently revised and approved program will not only see our program to completion but also save the club valuable funds in the process. This revised program will also cause less interference to key golf calendar events in Autumn.

Implementation of a manual watering system to our greens showed great progress, with almost half the greens now completed. The remainder will be completed this term, providing an insurance for extreme weather days. Thanks to the skill set of Life Member Gavin Lang, designs for both front and back nines have and will afford full benefit at minimal cost. This, in addition with repositioning and correcting sprinkler function, is and will allow a decrease in excess watering on susceptible greens, allowing us to meet a long-term direction from our consultants.

On **Water** supply, Coliban Water continues in a suboptimal capacity. Several supply outages, due to their plant equipment failures, affected storage restitution for lengthy periods. In addition, covenant burdens attributable to supply obligations are proving difficult to meet due to imposed financial constraints, most notable of which is our (in)ability to purchase and supply much needed calcium to our fairway soil structure. A long-term solution must be negotiated/found. We need Coliban acting in capacity as an ally for the betterment of our club.

Our trials to plant **Fairways** out to more drought-resistant grasses has proven successful and this summer we proceed to a full planting of santa anna couch to our 18th fairway. Members will need to be patient to see this to realisation, but once established we will provide our own nursery to donate grasses to extend the program further around the course.

Watering processes continue to be experimented with, but persistent breakages in our old buried infrastructure (pipes) need to be addressed to avoid and prevent the costly repairs that are regularly happening. We suggest an earnest pursuit of grant monies to fund such upgrades. Meanwhile spot area renovation and sanding are proving valuable in improving the worst areas around our course.

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In an attempt to improve our **cost of goods**, leads have been established to now investigate the prospect of cooperative purchasing of some big-ticket items such as chemicals and nutrients. One option possibly may involve district-based purchasing coordinated by one of the larger clubs – watch this space.

The future will require replacement **machinery and equipment** as our current stocks move closer to end of life. The current term has seen many breakdowns requiring urgent fixes to keep things running. Recent quotations for mowers and a transport vehicle have been tabled to committee but due to financial constraints, can only be rated as 'information' at this juncture.

Scrutiny of **vegetation management** has continued and this term has again seen removal of many inappropriate trees and shrubs that have been impeding on the health of greens and/or fairways and tees. Strategic pruning has also been undertaken to facilitate speedier golf play. We have also begun a program to cut tree roots from approaching on and robbing water and nutrients from our greens. These activities, like so many others, will be undertaken as funding, manpower and machinery become available. Our advisors instruct that these processes must be ongoing to ensure our course continues to progress.

On club **amenity**, we are pleased to report that work has begun on establishing a design plan to upgrade and beautify the immediate area around our clubhouse and entrance areas. A proposed new timber fence may well be the starting point in the coming term. Special thanks extend to Georgia Carroll for preparing the preliminary drawings which will form the basis of our plans.

Last but by no means least, thanks go to our Course Superintendent Glenn Carroll for another year of dedicated input. He, along with our incredible volunteer group who continue their unending attendance, providing not only course improvement work but especially the regular maintenance elements that many of us let go unnoticed. We must also single out John Prendergast here, whose input in getting malfunctioned machinery back in action on multiple occasions has saved our club many thousands of dollars in repair work.

Please join with me in thanking these people as well as your hard-working sub-committee who have contributed many hours of voluntary labour and skill in providing the course we all enjoy playing on.

Leon Thomas
Course Co-ordinator



New committee

The following nominations were tabled at the AGM, and we are pleased to announce our incoming committee, and welcome our new members, Peggy Ronnau and Klai Jermyn:

President:	Martin Cross
Membership:	Rob Prendergast
Course:	Leon Thomas
Golf:	Garry Moore
Clubhouse functions:	Martin Cross
Admin/Communication:	Dee Sansom
Sponsorship sub-committee:	Trevor Bray
Ordinary Members:	Peggy Ronnau Terry Williams Klai Jermyn Michelle O'Brien

The position of Treasurer is yet to be filled.

Life Membership for Moira McLennan

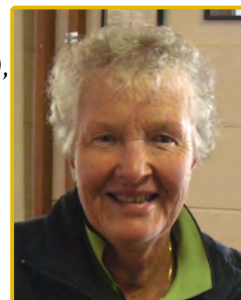
The Committee of Management of the Castlemaine Golf Club is delighted to present **Life Membership** to **Moira McLennan**.

Moira has been a committed club member since 1990, not only as a player but also as a volunteer, using her expertise in many ways, including floral arrangements, catering expertise and her organisational skills.

After taking on the clubhouse catering duties way back in 2009, Moira has prepared meals for many golf events including special women's events, Cup Day, Vets days and many others.

Moira has always led her teams of helpers most efficiently in a quiet, but well assured and easy-going manner, giving endless hours to the club.

Unfortunately she was not able to attend the AGM to receive this award, so presentation will take place within the next few weeks.



BIG HOLE GOLF Our first **Big Hole** for the summer season was played in October and we were delighted to see Glenda Jeffries, one of our newer members, taking out the prize. Well done, Glenda!



Come along on **Friday 15th November**, from 4.30 pm, for nine short par 3 holes, and follow up with a BBQ and salad. It's \$15 for golf and the meal, or \$10 for the meal for non-players. We encourage everyone, particularly casual and new members, to have a go.

Enquires to: Garry (0414 683 201) or Peggy (0409 232 919).

Our successful grant application

During the past month we were fortunate to receive a grant for \$1,000, which was presented to our President Martin Cross, by Robyn Lewis, Mt Alexander Community Enterprise (McACE) representative.

Members using the Bendigo Bank or Bendigo Telco can ask to tag their account as a McACE supporter, to receive a percentage discount off their transactions.



The money has been spent on a large TV which is already installed in the clubhouse. Aside from the benefit to our club for private functions, it will be useful for members - and will be used on Melbourne Cup Day.



We thank for the hard work put in by Geoff Margary (and Rebecca), who prepared this grant application for our club.

Carts on roads



Following our article in the October Fairway on the court hearing on the use of golf carts on roads, we have been advised by Avoca Golf Club that the court has been adjourned for more readings of some Hansard legislation until 12.12.19....

Our new stove

We have a brand new stove!
We are very grateful to Fasom, one of our loyal sponsors, who installed the stove at very short notice, and refused to take any money for the time spent.
Thank you Ossie!



When golf club members visit Fasom in Castlemaine, if you mention the Castlemaine Golf Club, you will receive a discount. Thanks again, Ossie!



The stove was delivered and installed in the nick of time, as the Lancier Car Club had booked a lunch for 130 guests the following day, which made Fasom's efforts all the more special.

If you weren't around the clubhouse the day of the Lancier Car Club's lunch, here are a couple of photos taken on the day - aren't they fabulous machines!



Monthly medals

Congratulations to our Thursday October Monthly Medallist, Peter Kepsner.



We thank Run Rabbit Run for all October monthly medal prizes - and we hope our prize winners enjoy their coffee/lunch there!

The Running Rabbit



run, rabbit, run...

Our three November monthly medals are being sponsored by Thomas & Chong - thanks Leon!

The first was due to be played on Saturday 2nd, but play was washed out - nice rain though....it will now be played on Saturday 16th November.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOUR FUNDRAISER

We have been asked by Stevens Mensland to publicise this event, and are very happy to support them, particularly for such a worthy cause ..



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MELBOURNE CUP



Tuesday, 5th November
at Castlemaine Golf Club

Join us for a game of golf, lunch and sweeps!

- * 9.00 for 9.30 shotgun start for men and women (Stableford)
- * Chicken, salads and champagne lunch
- * Non-playing partners and friends are welcome to come for lunch - about 1.00 pm.
- * \$25 per head (golf and lunch)
\$15 per head (for lunch only)
- * Sweeps for the Melbourne Cup



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Community Sports Day, 20th October

This day provides an opportunity for all sporting clubs in the Mt Alexander Shire to earn some extra funds.

The event is open to 'all of community' - men, women, boys and girls (no handicap required). This gives residents of the Mt Alexander Shire a chance to support their local team, regardless of the sport they play.

"What the Castlemaine Golf Club stands for and is trying to achieve by providing an opportunity for this level of social camaraderie should become a benchmark for other community groups and sporting entities across the state" says Mark Bamford, Golf Australia's Senior Development Manager.

Players representing the Newstead Recreation Reserve almost scooped the pool - the Newstead Tennis Club team came in first (and won \$650 for their club), Newstead Football Club team were second (\$250), and the Castlemaine Cannons Basketball Club team (\$100) took third place.

Representing the Newstead Tennis Club are Leigh Campbell, Lachy Brown, Shane Tunn and Lindsay Callaway.



The Newstead Football Club was represented by Rod Entwisle, Darren Gervasoni, Klai Jermyn and Liam Bright, and the Castlemaine Cannons Basketball Club was represented by John Prendergast, Les Prendergast, Sam Grimes and Reggie Walker.

No guesses on our sponsor! We thank Jellis Craig for providing the dollar prizes for the three winning teams, and look forward to seeing more sporting entities taking part next year.

Golf City Raffle

Our Golf City raffle was drawn a couple of weeks ago and has been won by Peter Kepsner (Monthly Medallist AND raffle prize winner - you're having a good run lately Peter!)



We thank our sponsor, Golf City, for donating these golf items - we raised \$500 for our club.

We have two days in honour of past members coming up this month - the Una Carroll Anti-Cancer Day, (Sunday 10th November), and the Max Gale Memorial Stoney Creek 3 Ball classic (Sunday 17th November). We hope our members and friends can support these special events.

The Castlemaine Golf Club is hosting our annual Max Gale Memorial event, in recognition of Max's support and involvement in the club for many years.



Sunday the 17th of November, 2019

Stoney Creek 3 ball Golf Classic

Teams of three either mixed or mens are welcome to join in the day's event.

Start time is 11.30 for a shotgun start at 12.00.

Entry fee is \$15 per player.

Make up a team - if you don't have partners we will find some for you.

If players are unfamiliar with the 3 Ball Classic, the rules will be explained on the day, and if you don't have a handicap, you will be given one.

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Una Carroll Anti-Cancer Day

Sunday 10th November

The Una Carroll day gives us the opportunity to remember Una, who was a member for over 20 years, and Treasurer for many, until her passing in 1992.

As a memorial to her, the Una Carroll Anti-Cancer Fund Raising Day was established as an annual event in the same year, and has continued to the present day.

The day is sponsored by Glenn and Megan Carroll and their family, and the Una Carroll Trophy is awarded to the best Woman player.

In recent years the Una Carroll Anti-Cancer Day has been played on a weekend so all members, men and women, can participate. Prizes for the men are subsidised by the golf club.

All money raised goes to the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for cancer research.

- Individual stableford
- Start time 11.30 for a 12 noon shotgun start
- Entry fee \$10.00
- Great raffle prizes
- Enquiries
Garry Moore (0414 684 201 - also to book a cart)
Peggy Ronnau (0409 232 919)



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NOVEMBER

Castlemaine Golf Club

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
					MEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE - WASHED OUT!	
4	5 MELBOURNE CUP MEN & WOMEN S/FORD. LUNCH, SWEEPS 9.30 SHOTGUN START	6	7 STABLEFORD	8	9 FOURSOMES C/SHIPS 27 HOLES 10.30 FOR 11.00 SHOTGUN START	10
11	12 WOMEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	13	14 STABLEFORD	15 	16 NEW DATE FOR MEN'S MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	17 MAX GALE MEMORIAL DAY STONEY CREEK 3 BALL CLASSIC 12 noon shotgun start
18	19 STABLEFORD	20	21 MONTHLY MEDAL STROKE	22	23 MIXED PINEHURST, MEN'S S/FORD 12 noon shotgun start. Followed by PRESENTATIONS	24
25	26 PAR	27	28 PAR	29	30	
2	3	SATURDAY 18 Hole comp. TUESDAY 18 hole Womens comp. Men welcome. THURSDAY 18 hole comp. Members and non members welcome. SATURDAY 9 hole comp. 8.30 for 9.00 hit off. Men and women welcome. MONDAY THRU TO SUNDAY 9 hole comp. Men and women welcome.				