



# Castlemaine Golf Club

## The Fairway - April 2020

### LATEST UPDATE

Dear Members - this letter has just been received from Golf Victoria, on the current situation in regard to closure of golf clubs in Victoria.



Saturday, 18 April 2020

Dear Clubs,

I hope that everyone is staying safe and well during this difficult time for golf. With all clubs in Victoria closed for the duration of the state of emergency and the stage 3 restrictions I'd just like to touch base with you all from the district.

After much discussion with Golf Australia we wish to reinform you that the decision to close golf clubs was not taken lightly, we have been assured by Golf Australia that they remain in contact with the state government and the health authorities **and the decision remains that golf should not be played in Victoria.** The premier said tonight that, "no life is worth a game of golf." I know that this is a tough time for you, and I wish you all the best to weather this storm and come out the other side strong as ever.

In tonight's meeting the district agreed that all affiliation for the 2020 year will be repaid to clubs that have paid and will be waived for clubs that have not paid. I hope that this will help your club remain strong for the future and please stay safe and we will see you at the end of this.

On behalf of the district Executive

Kind regards,

Daniel Nancarrow  
President Golf Central Victoria

**The Members of Committee of Management of the Castlemaine Golf Club thank you for your patience and understanding in regard to these restrictions during this strange, even surreal, time in our lives. We hope that the current situation will be reviewed in the not-too-distant future. We all look forward to getting back on the course when that time comes.**



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## COVID-19 in the Mt Alexander Shire

We received this note from Peggy Ronnau, Chair Person of the Board of Castlemaine Health on 16th April 2020

Hi Castlemaine Golfers

As the Chair Person of the Board of Castlemaine Health I provide the following update on COVID-19 as of April 16th 2020.

The Mount Alexander Shire has had 6 confirmed cases of COVID-19. All have been in quarantine at their homes under the care of their local doctor. All of these folks have recovered. There are only 9 cases in Bendigo and no one in hospital. The hospital is prepared for whatever comes next.

There are no new cases here.... staff at Castlemaine Health are working hard to care for the 160 residents of our Aged Care Units. Unfortunately no visitors are allowed, to ensure safety of the residents. Staff are providing assistance for residents to stay in touch with their relatives and friends via technology. As well, Rotary is running a PenPal program where residents as far as Kalgoorlie are matched up with a resident, based on their interests, and they sending cards/letters back and forth.

All of us who live in the Shire are doing a brilliant job and following the stay at home rules. If we keep up the good work we will be out and about as soon as it is safe.

Peggy Ronnau

**Without that regular golf commitment, have you been tidying up at home, gardening, doing those odd jobs that are more easily left for 'another day'?**

This old golf cart has been cleverly converted into a wheelbarrow - and how's that for a decent load!



**Some of our members used their time away from golf very productively....**

Remember this photo from last month's issue?



At the time we asked if anyone was interested in helping to construct the shed, and fortunately, some did. Just look at it now!



As the sun goes down after another day, the job is as good as done, complete with roller door. A first-class effort from Glenn and our team of volunteers who put many hours into its assembly. Talk to Martin about what happens next ....