



Castlemaine Golf Club

The Fairway—October 2024

From our President

We have had another very successful golf event in our Grand Final Eve Ambrose.

Our course was beautifully presented, hospitality much appreciated by visitors, twelve different clubs represented and excellent planning for execution of the golf arrangements made for a very enjoyable day.

A huge thank you to all involved!!

Last Monday we hosted the Central Vic Vets event and thank you to Owen Scott and our vet members for coordinating our hosting requirements for this event.

On Friday it is our Ladies Milford Salver Bowl. This attracts a good number of visitors from other clubs and the hosting by our ladies is outstanding. Thank you to Julie and Bronwyn and their team for what will be another successful day.

'Get Into Golf' starts next week -about 20 women have registered which is a great start and can eventually be a catalyst for new members.

Also during October, we are running a clinic and introductory session for our junior members.

Marty Beck has been right on the ball with ensuring our juniors are connected to the club through positive communication and the upcoming three-week clinic.

It has been decided to postpone our community day which was set for October 13th. A back-up of events has not left enough time or energy to proceed with this event.

Sunday October 27th 3pm at Castlemaine Golf Club is the date and time for our Annual Meeting.

Nominations and nomination forms will be forwarded to members next week.

There will be some vacancies this year – president, treasurer, golf coordinator and a general vacancy. Please give this some thought.

On your behalf I thank Ross Bottomley and Julie Bottomley our respective golf coordinators, Bev Pyke our treasurer, Dee Sansom who has played many different roles over a long period of time and the position of president will also be vacant.

Please consider if you can be part of the committee or encourage someone else who has some different skills that can contribute to what is a very vibrant committee – we need to keep the energy for the development of our club flowing.

I encourage members to come to our annual meeting. The reports will demonstrate the achievements, frustrations and future plans for our club -but also it is an opportunity to give voice to your thoughts and suggestions about your club.

Thank you for your support to myself and our committee over the past twelve months. We have seen some major changes which have affected and improved all areas of our club's operation.

Best wishes

Michael Bottomley



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From the Captains

Taking up the final positions in the medal of medallist's field was Grant Thomas in the Saturday version on a count back from Kieran Lourey.

In the midweek medal Andrew Wilson with a net 70 held off 5 contenders on net 71.

It really is a game of slim margins.

The medallist competition will be on medal days in November and winners presented at presentation night on medal day in December.

The Grand Final Eve Ambrose had a strong field of 99. The field comprising a good mix of members and visitors and men and mixed teams, and great to see juniors involved. Thank you to all members for supporting this day and our major events in general.

As a Club we do need to support those that support us and of recent times Kyneton, Maryborough, Bacchus Marsh, Woodend and Belvoir members have been regular visitors to our events. Many other Clubs have been represented but the aforementioned in particular have been regular and multiple with teams/players.

The Club Championship season will end in October with the mixed Canadian and the foursomes being played. I will seek bookings in the normal way, let's see if we can get 100% bookings prior to the event!!

Also early October is the Ladies Milford Salver. Entries close shortly but a field strong at 51 (17 teams) at the moment.

It is hoped that we will have a junior program over a 4 week period commencing in mid October. Membership guru, Marty Beck is coordinating and has contacted all juniors encouraging them to be involved.

This then sees the end of the committee year and thus the end of my two year stint as Captain/Golf Coordinator.

I do hope that someone will take up the mantle and challenge of the role. As with everything these days a lot of the work required can be undertaken away from the golf club given we are mostly online

There is information recorded particularly of major events and visiting participants and this will be readily available if required by the incumbent.

Golf is booming and we are beneficiaries of that with both growing membership and green fees allowing continual improvement of our facilities.

Let's ensure the momentum continues.

The Captains

Around Your Course

It is warming up and the grass growing! There will be a focus on mowing from now on and hopefully our mowers will keep going – many thanks to Phil Dunn who has already revived a couple. The equipment fundraiser has gone well – it's still open of course – and we are now in the market for updated fairway and greens equipment.

Some updates from last month:

Glenn is back from his long service leave and is straight into the weeding and feeding cycle. Many thanks to the volunteers who held the fort while he was away.

Lots of fescue and clearing have been taking place so the course is looking pretty tidy. For those members who have a particular area they'd like to see addressed, please contact me to discuss. Please do not take matters into your own hands – we have a Committee, a Superintendent and a great group of volunteers for work around the course.

Around the Clubrooms

Castlemaine Golf Club – Clubhouse report – what's new and what's not!!

Your bar now has an air fryer, which will make it easier for the heating of after game snacks for members and visitors.

This month has seen a lull in functions after our very busy August. However, the club will experience a busy burst to see this month out with G.F. (no not gluten free) eve golf on Friday, followed by Saturday golf on G.F. Day.

To close out the month we are hosting regional veterans golf on Monday the 30th and expect approximately 100 players.

Stump grinder – is hired this week, Monday 30th to Friday 4th.

Although we have the Veterans and the Milford Salver that week, the work will not interfere with play, but we will need help Tuesday to Friday – it's quite heavy work but strangely satisfying seeing a stump disappear! Please let me know if you can spare a few hours – if we can get half a dozen helpers during the week we'll get a lot more done – 2 to 3 hours is perfect. Greens renovation – this is now brought forward a week to Sunday 27th and Monday 28th October, following the foursomes championship on the 26th. As in previous years we will have a working bee on the Sunday – details to follow via email and poster in the clubhouse.

Enjoy the warmer weather and repair your divots – we have plenty of sand!

Nigel Wilson

Clubhouse maintenance is a constant concern requiring input from our members. If anyone could spare an hour or two, the roof gutters and down pipes require cleaning to remove gum leaves, mud, etc. Please advise me if you can assist in this task – note use of a ladder is required.

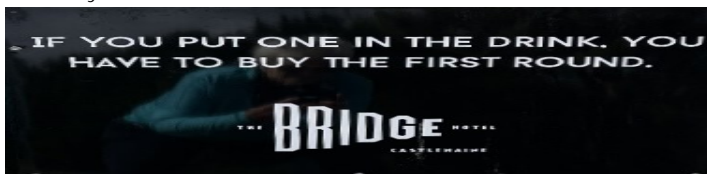
A special thanks to our volunteer bar team for their ongoing efforts. If anyone would like to offer their time to assist with the bar please contact me.

Owen Scott,

Membership

Thank you to almost all of you who have either paid in full or arranged direct debit for your membership fees. The committee will be reaching out shortly to any members who have yet to make arrangements, to remind them that their membership is currently non-financial and will soon be suspended in the system. Additionally, if you are a member bringing guests to the club, please ensure that Green Fees are paid, as this helps support the club's operations. We warmly welcome Jamison Prendergast as a junior member as well as full members Hadley Basset, Barry Healey and social members Beth Mellick and Neville Cooper. Joel Maddern has also joined which is great to hear. The club also welcomes Latham Conley and his kids Charlotte, Samuel and Hazel to the club. Chatting to a new member Bob Franze on Friday, he said he was loving being a member and everyone was so friendly and welcoming which was pretty nice to hear!! Big thanks as always go to Glenn, Nigel, Ross and all the volunteers who have the course in such good condition for this time year. Friday was really a great day for the club with a full field and some sensational weather. We now have more than 20 junior members so if you see them out on the course make them feel welcome (and make sure they have a sand bucket!!)

Marty Beck



Why Small Golf Clubs Need Committed Committee Volunteers

Small golf clubs are often the heart of their communities, providing a place for members to enjoy the game while fostering camaraderie. However, running a successful club requires much more than just great facilities. Behind the scenes, a dedicated group of volunteers helps keep things moving smoothly. Committee volunteers play a critical role in maintaining the club's operations and ensuring it thrives in the long run.

1. The Backbone of the Club's Operations

Small clubs typically lack the financial resources to hire full-time staff for every aspect of management. From organizing tournaments and maintaining the course to handling membership queries and managing budgets, the workload is substantial. Committee volunteers take on these essential tasks, giving their time and expertise to support the club. Without them, many of the events and services members enjoy wouldn't be possible.

2. Fostering Community Spirit

Volunteering on the committee builds stronger connections within the club. When members step forward to contribute, they bring new ideas and energy, creating a more dynamic environment. A committee of engaged volunteers can help introduce new initiatives, organize social events, and bring the club together, making it a more welcoming space for all. This kind of involvement helps strengthen the bond between members and reinforces the sense of belonging that makes small clubs unique.

	Around the Traps
4/10/24	Marong Coffee Pot 9am—4pm
5/10/24	Quarry Hill Pinehurst Memorial Trophy Day 9am—2pm
13/10/24	Belvoir Park Annual Tournament 12am
23/10/24	Axedale Annual Tournament 9am—4pm

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB AGM

When— Sunday 20th October
at 3pm.

Where— in the clubrooms.

Positions Vacant- President, Treasurer,
Golf Coordinator
General Vacancy

3. Ensuring the Club's Future

Sustainability is a key concern for any small club. Volunteers can make a significant difference in the club's ability to grow and adapt. By lending their time, committee members help the club remain financially viable, identifying areas where costs can be cut or where potential income can be generated. They also assist in long-term planning, ensuring the club continues to serve future generations of golfers.

4. A Chance to Make a Difference

For many volunteers, serving on a club committee is an opportunity to give back to a place that has brought them joy. It's a chance to make a meaningful impact by helping improve facilities, promoting inclusivity, or ensuring that the next generation has access to a thriving golf community. The satisfaction that comes from contributing to the success of the club, along with the friendships formed along the way, makes volunteering a rewarding experience.

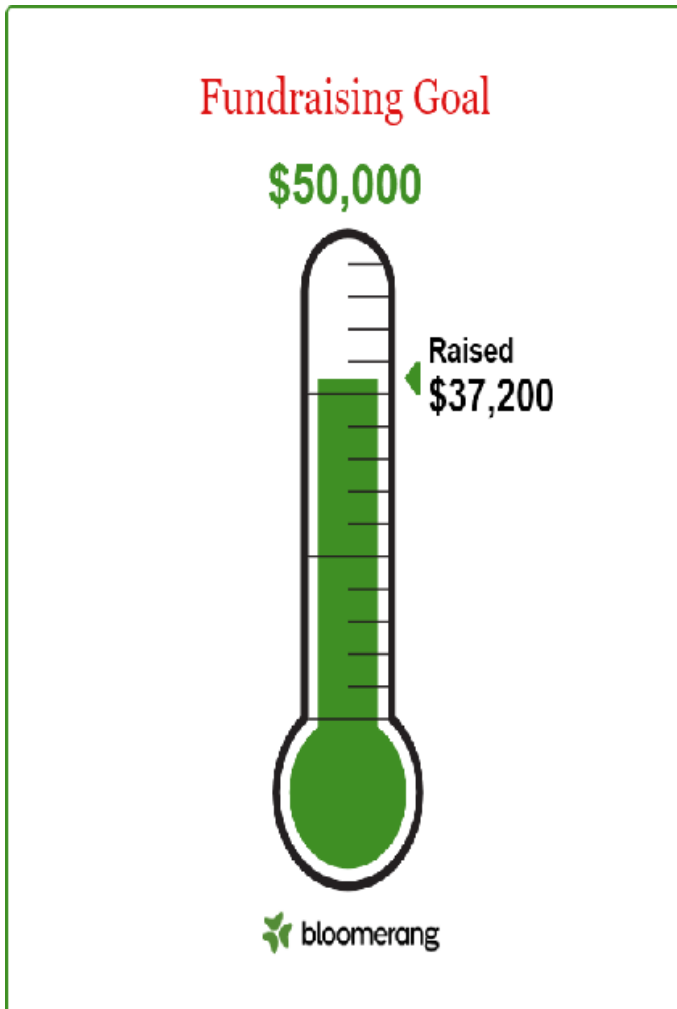
In conclusion, small clubs rely heavily on the commitment of volunteers. Committee members bring passion, skills, and time that are essential to the club's success. Without them, many small clubs would struggle to provide the experiences their members cherish. So, if you love your club and want to see it grow and succeed, stepping up as a volunteer is one of the best ways to make a difference.

Please consider volunteering to serve on the 2025 committee.

Our Equipment Fundraiser

As we approach the end of the year, our fundraiser is nearing its close, and we're hopeful that we'll gather enough funds to purchase a quality used mower. With the cost of a new mower (\$120K) far beyond our budget, we're actively searching for a suitable pre-owned option.

Your support is greatly appreciated! Donations can be made over the bar, directly to our bank account, (bsb 633 000 acc 205 681 141) or through the Australian Sports Foundation's website (simply visit asf.org.au and search "Castlemaine").



Get into Golf for Women

This program is filling fast so if you know of any women who would like to try their hand at this sport please get in touch with Peggy.



CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB

Don't miss this chance to try golf in a friendly relaxed environment.
 Learn new skills with a golf professional
 Meet local club members
 Have fun in the beautiful natural surrounds of Castlemaine Golf Course



MONDAYS, 4.30PM - 6PM
STARTING 7TH OCT 2024
 Cnr Pyrenees Hwy & Rilens Rd Muckleford

COST: \$5 per session

- 6 WEEKS OF LESSONS AND FRIENDLY GAMES
- EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED
- FREE GOLF SHOW BAG
- WEEKLY LUCKY DRAW

Membership Discount offered

Register with Peggy Ronnau at pronnau@dodo.com.au OR text 0409 232 919
 Funded by Victorian Government Department of Women in Sport

Paul Powell—Golf Professional

Paul is our local golf professional, taking lessons at his home club, Belvoir Park but also at ends Castlemaine on a monthly basis. Paul hosts group lessons on a Monday morning out behind our 10th tee.

If you wish to attend one of these lessons please txt Peggy on 0409 232 919. Paul is also attending our "Get into Golf for Women" for three consecutive weeks. We are also hoping for him to attend a clinic for our Juniors which is soon to be announced.



Reciprocal Clubs

Which ever club you visit, it will only be a short trip for water views.



Timboon Golf Club

The Timboon golf course is a full 18 hole course (fourteen plus four) and is surrounded by mature native bushland. There are a number of lakes (two dams) and the course is undulating in parts.

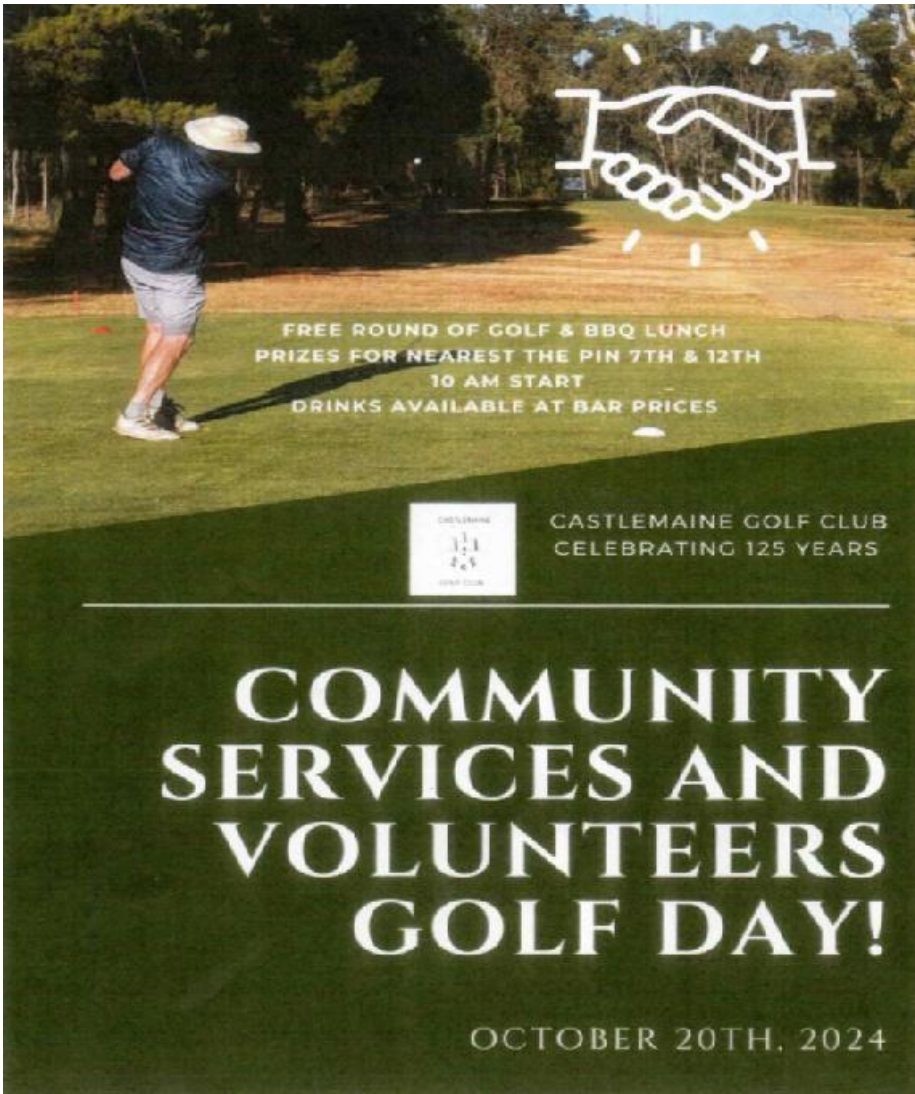
While playing you may see koalas, ducks, echidna, rabbits, kangaroos, turtles and a variety of native birds.



Riverside Golf Club Mildura

The Riverside Golf Club is located on the banks of the Murray River in the City of Mildura. The golf course features 18 grass greens and watered fairways set amongst majestic river red gum and box trees. Riverside is home to abundant native bird life, particularly water birds that nest in the natural billabongs adjacent to the Murray River itself. Enjoy the licensed clubhouse that is open every day including public holidays, excluding Christmas Day. The on-course golf shop is open every day for equipment, snacks and drinks. Visitors are more than welcome to join in competition days.

September Monthly Medal Winners



Grant Thomas



Christine Beet



Andrew Wilson





Bud Annand 4BBB winners -

Helen Skinner and Kors Van Eyk with s stableford score of 48.



A recent visitor to our club! The weather is warming up and so are the snakes.

Castlemaine Golf Club **Sponsors and Supporters**

Castlemaine Golf club is very fortunate to have the support of so many local businesses - as tee sponsors, practice net sponsors, score card sponsors, and event sponsors.

In appreciation of their support, we encourage our members to spend their dollars - and to use their winning vouchers at any of the following companies:

ASQ - Skydancers
Blue Sea Fish Shop
Bridge Hotel
Carpet Flooring Group
Castlemaine Fresh
Castlemaine Hire
Castlemaine Mitsubishi/Toyota
Cellarbrations
Cliffords Quality Cuts
Dr Marty's Crumpets
Don KR
Drummond Golf
Elgas
Fasom Plumbing
Five Flags Hotel
Good as Gold Carts
Jellis Craig
Kosmac and Clemens
Kowelec
Leech Earthmoving
Love Shack

Maine Shoes
Maldon & District Comm. Bank
Maxi IGA
McDonald Honey
McKenzie Davey Pharmacy
Mt Alexander Funerals
Mt Alexander Timber & Hardware
Petstock
Pyrenees Premium Cuts
Railway Hotel
Rod Shop
Saw & Core
Smith & Maltby
Spa Country Colonics
Stevens Mensland
Taylors Home Centre
Thomas & Chong
Thompsons Funerals
Tingays
Warra Honey

Other local businesses have also supported us through signage, donations, prizes and services, and we thank them too.

December 2023



Celebrating the Grand Final Eve with our annual Ambrose Competition.



2024

OCTOBER

Castlemaine Golf Club

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	1 Stroke Monthly Medal	2	3 Stableford	4 Ladies Milford Salver	5 Stroke Monthly Medal AM 9 Hole stableford Parma Night	6
7	8 Stableford	9	10 Par	11	12 Mixed Canadian Ch'ships Stableford AM 9 Hole Stableford	13
14	15 Par 3rd Rd Captains Trophy	16	17 Stroke Mid Week Monthly Medal	18	19 Par AM 9 Hole Stableford	20
21	22 2 Person Ambrose	23	24 Stableford	25	26 Mens Foursomes AM 9 Hole Stableford	27
28	29 Stableford	30	31 Par	1	2	3

2024

NOVEMBER

Castlemaine Golf Club

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2 Stroke Monthly Medal/Medallist playoff AM 9 Hole Stableford Parma Night	3
4	5 Melbourne Cup Day Mens and Ladies Stableford and lunch	6	7 Par	8	9 Stableford AM 9 Hole Stableford	10
11	12 Monthly Medal Stroke	13	14 Stableford	15	16 4 BBB Stableford Final Rd Hero Series AM 9 Hole Stableford	17
18	19 Stableford	20	21 Stroke Mid Week Monthly Medal	22	23 Par AM 9 Hole Stableford	24
25	26 Par	27	28 Stableford	29	30 Stableford AM 9 Hole Stableford	1

CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB

NOTICE OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH 3.00PM

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL MEETING

TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

TO ELECT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

TO APPOINT AN AUDITOR FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

NOMINATION FORMS FOR THE ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CLUB HOUSE OR ON THE CLUB WEBSITE



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CASTLEMAINE GOLF CLUB

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT 2024-25

PRESIDENT

PLANNING AND POLICY COORDINATOR

GOLF COORDINATOR

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

FINANCE COORDINATOR

COURSE COORDINATOR

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

ORDINARY MEMBER

I NOMINATE

FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER/ORDINARY POSITION OF.....

NOMINATORS NAME.....