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Dear members

## **Thank you to Volunteers**

### **Locker Rooms**

The ladies have done an excellent job cleaning out the Men's and Ladies locker rooms. Trailer loads of rubbish have been removed. The grey lockers are now ready to be removed from the locker rooms. Enquiries reveal only 1 lady wants one of the grey lockers and not more than 6 or 8 men. Cost will be \$50 per annum payable with membership renewals. More than enough grey lockers will be left in the 2 locker rooms but **the intention is to remove most grey lockers**. This will be done within the next 3 to 4 months.

The cost of the lockup room will be \$94 pa and will be sent with membership renewals

### **Paspalum spraying**

An excellent rollup of with approximately 20 volunteers assisting. It took 3 Fridays in a row to get it done with 15, 15 and 9 volunteers on the 3 days. Some did all 3 days. It needed all the help we got, and although it is not perfect, it is a great step forward. Thank you to the 20 helpers. It is appreciated by the MC and the staff.

### **Garden maintenance**

The ladies have a continuing program to keep these areas up to standard.

### **Fencing the second hole boundary**

This job is now underway. There will be an 8 line high tensile barb wire fence which is essentially impassable. It will go right through to the watercourse behind the third tee

## **Sixes Competition**

Congratulations to the Hook Line and Sink team of Bob Scott, Brett Slack Smith, John Ridley, Matt Duff, Hamish Steele Park and Alan Williams who won a closely fought final on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April. It was another very successful competition for the FGA. Over 3000 rounds of golf were played and hopefully it will lead to more members joining the FGA. Thanks to Adam for running such a good competition and providing timely results each week. Adam assures me this could not have been done without the extensive assistance and knowledge of Steve Grallelis. On behalf of the MC and all Sixes players thank you Steve.

## Other Matters

### Yellow flags and flagsticks

Thanks to Adam and Jacob Bernardi who covered the cost of purchase. They have been well received by members.

### 2 Additional Golf Carts

Have arrived and are in service.

### Workshop Floor

The cement has been laid on half the floor of the workshop. This is a real benefit to the working conditions in the workshop and especially any maintenance and repair work to be done on our machinery.

### Scorecard System

At long last this has been installed and up and running for the past month. A few teething issues including all of us learning to use the new scanner and scorecards.

### Amenities Room

**FGA has received a \$30,000 NSW Government Grant** for the installation of a chemical shower, cement flooring in the chemical shed, and the installation of an amenities block to be placed beside the workshop. Quotes are being sought to assess the best way to proceed. This will be another significant improvement for the FGA

### Practice fairway

We now have 3 volunteers who are helping with ball collection. This means driving range balls can generally be used on Thursdays and Fridays. On only one occasion since the range was closed we had a miscommunication and over 100 balls were left on the range overnight. The next morning they were all gone. Another volunteer needed.

### Tree removal because of root damage to the greens etc

Trees beside the greens on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> have been removed. This has been done in the interests of greens maintenance and longevity.

Stumps on the trees of 7<sup>th</sup> green and 10<sup>th</sup> tee cannot be removed because of damage to the water lines.

The cleanup is all done and excellent job done by all. Thanks to Brian Doyle for organising this project in conjunction with Jack Clarke. Tony McManus and Andrew Smith did the tree removals and assisted with the cleanup.

Machinery was supplied to FGA at no cost:

- A tractor by Forbes Machinery Centre – thanks Peter Nixon
- Hydraulic bogey trailer by Terry Stibbard
- A semi trailer, manatou and mini excavator by Richard Nixon

Volunteers assisting in the cleanup were Richard Nixon, Jeff Haley, Heather Davidson, Niel Duncan and Brian Doyle. Thanks for a job very well done.

### Member numbers and Games played

FGA has 289 members renew or join this year which is 20 higher than the previous high.

Rounds of golf played will be the highest ever with 16,658 rounds played to the 2<sup>nd</sup> May compared to 12,216 at the same time last year. A 36% increase.

### Golf Events

Vets week of golf: a highly successful week with maximum possible fields playing every day. Unfortunately some golfers wanting to play had to be refused because of numbers. Many compliments received about the condition of the course. Thanks to Beryl and Lynnie Roberts for all their work and helping to make it such a successful week.

Ladies Open Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: A total of 92 players from 17 different golf clubs teed off for the highest number of players that anyone can remember. Forbes had 26 players and congratulations to the locals who were amongst the prize winners.

This completed a very good week for FGA with 711 rounds of golf played in the week.

Forbes Open 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May: Timeslots for this weekend of golf are rapidly filling. This will be another excellent tournament for the FGA

### Greens renovation

The Practice Green will be done this year. New chemicals will be trialled in anticipation of a better way of doing the greens replacement. If it performs as planned the new method will be applied to future green replacement. Justin Clarke in consultation with Course committee anticipate replacing 2 greens in 2022

### Ethel Coombs

Ethel has retired from volunteer work with the ladies. Thanks to Ethel for a lifetime of assistance in helping to maintain the valued areas of the golf course.

## Forbes Shire Council

### Bridges

FGA has been informed that the bridges to replace those on the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> will be delivered on site to the golf course in the next month weather permitting. Our next meeting with the Mayor should establish an anticipated installation date.

### Boom spray

**Council has purchased the new \$67,000 boom spray unit for the golf course. FGA will contribute \$17,000.** Thank you to Council for their continuing support in the many forms it takes. It is an important addition to the course machinery.

### Meeting with Mayor Phyllis Miller

Members of the Management Committee will meet with the Mayor on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. It is one of at least 2 meetings we have with Council each year to keep them up to date with FGA finances and golf course issues and plans.

Happy golfing

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President FGA