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## News Letter - February 2022

Dear Members,

By now you're all aware that there have been significant changes to the Management Committee and the Staff at the FGA.

I would like to welcome Jack Elliott to the team who commenced his employment on 31 January as head of the Course staff. Jack did most of his apprenticeship at Brighton Lakes Golf Club in Sydney and then moved home to Parkes where he worked for the Parkes Shire Council as 2<sup>nd</sup> IC curating their various sporting fields. Jack's wife Jess works in Forbes at *Bright Beginnings*.

Ally Mellon also started on the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, joining the Course team which will build to three staff eventually. Ally is a mother of 4 and has displayed great enthusiasm for the job. Ally comes with high praise from her previous employer.

I would like to thank all those willing volunteers who have supported the Club since before Christmas. It is a credit to all the volunteers that have - managed a very compromised irrigation system over the past two months; conducted greens spraying as fungal pressure has been intense; and spent many hundreds of hours on mowers every week after all the rain aiming to mow 'from fence to fence'.

The irrigation system has once again had problems and has been operating at only 30% capacity on the river pump. The backup dam pump has been out of action since November due to damage, to the variable speed drive (possibly by lightning) but should be operational by mid- February 14.

We now have a very different line up in committees, comprising;

### Management Committee

President: Tony Cogswell                      Secretary: Steve Grallelis  
Vice President: Niel Duncan                Treasurer: Nicole Death  
Club Captain: John Betland  
Ladies Captain: Heather Davidson        Men's Captain: Steve Betland  
Committee Members: Fons Melisi and Mark Watts

### Events Committee

Chair: Warwick Judge  
Committee Members:    Tony Cogswell        Steve Grallelis

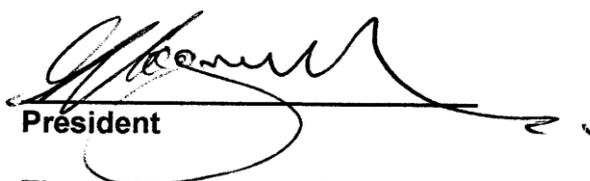
### Course Committee

Chair: Neil Duncan  
Committee Members: Fons Melisi, Heather Davidson and Steve Betland

### In General News:

- The floods reduced games played during November and early December by about 2,000, impacting income. With the commencement of the Summer Sixes, we expect games played to increase along with cart hire.
- Early February we saw good fields (84) for the Mens Monthly Medal, with a good group of ladies competing on the Saturday.
- Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb was Forbes turn to host the CWDGA Mens Pennants with about 80 players participating. In all we received excellent reports on the course and the BBQ lunch provided to the competitors. The only Forbes team competing on the day (Div 4) enjoyed a win on the home ground. Our other divisions did not play that week. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Round was played at Bathurst with the Div 3 and 4 teams successful.
- Programme 2022-23 Booklets are available at the Pro Shop.

Continue to enjoy your golf,



**President**

Tony Cogswell, President