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News Letter- May 2023

Dear Members,

Here we are at the end of another Financial Year, and what a year it has been.

The most obvious effect has been the wet weather and flood activity in November/December 2022 that affected many homes and businesses around Forbes, and had a serious effect on the golf course.

The weather events led to the closure of the course for 8 weeks, resulting in a significant loss of income and consequent substantial expenditure on repair work. We have been fortunate enough to gain support through a number of Grant schemes offered through the State Government. But we have needed to expend these finances before we can get any re-imbusement.

On your behalf I offer congratulations to the Jack Elliott and his Course staff and also to the supportive volunteers for getting the course back to a very healthy playing standard.

It has not been all doom and gloom. While we had to cancel the 2022 Forbes Nissan Classic, we have had very successful Ladies and Mens Opens in May 2023. And playing numbers on competition days are steadily improving, despite the onset of autumn and winter.

Financial Comment

The closure for 8 weeks with consequent financial loss, and the necessity for increased expenditure to undertake course and infrastructure repairs have had a consequent financial impact of an approximate \$60,000 loss.

This has led unfortunately to a decision to increase Membership fees and Game Fees. These increases will provide additional input into our Asset Levy

funds that are specifically targeted towards course and equipment improvements.

There are a number of course improvement projects planned alongside the continual remedial works. The expectation is that the greens and course condition will be 'at top notch' by the end of Spring, with expenditure on this work being controlled tightly.

All this work is aimed at getting the course back to a high standard and encouraging players, members and social person alike, to enjoy and support the facility.

Golf Activity

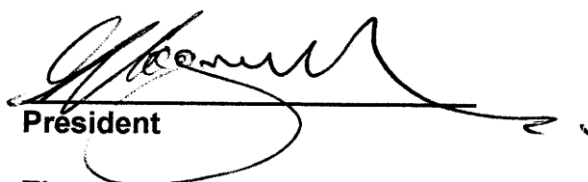
It is with sadness that we see the departure of Head Pro Adam in early June 2023. Adam will be returning to Sydney to be a full-time father and husband, and be on hand to help Ainsley raise their two children.

Adam has gained a position at Bexley Golf Club, so if you are passing drop in and say hello. We wish Adam many happy days with his family and success in his future golfing career.

I am pleased to announce that we have engaged a new Professional to take up the Head Pro position. Mr William Gunn will be commencing duties on June 5th, and brings much experience in coaching adults and running Junior and Kids programmes. He is currently employed at Ashgrove GC in Brisbane, and is very excited to move to Forbes. He is a 'Blues Boy' and is looking forward to engaging in the Forbes golfing community.

I thank you for your continued support to the club as we work towards creating a facility as good, if not better than, as it has ever been.

Good golfing and stay safe,



President

Tony Cogswell
President
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