

Kew Country Club
Men's Golf AGM 14th November 2020

President's Report

It is with pleasure that I report to the Male golfers of KCC of the activities undertaken by your Committee [MGC] over the past 12 months.

A year ago our Community was in a drought and surrounded by bushfires that caused considerable distress to many. The New Year brought rains and relief to the bushfires and filled our dams. However just as it appeared normality had returned then the impact of the global pandemic Covid 19 came and has greatly influenced our way of life ever since.

In many ways the KCC Golfing Community has been fortunate throughout this period to have access to the golf course and continue enjoying the pleasure derived from playing. With restricted travel options, there has been a significant increase in player participation.

The transition throughout the numerous restrictions was achieved by the commitment of the KCC / LUSC Management, primarily Robert Dwyer and our Director of Golf, Luke Garel and their efforts are to be applauded.

Your Committee has continued to provide a competitive and interesting program and already plans are being developed for more exciting events on Thursday and Saturdays throughout the 2021 golfing calendar.

Your Committee has continued to review both Major and Minor Events and increase the promotion of these with recognition of their associated Sponsors. This year with the assistance of KCC management, the Committee has been able to increase the prize pools of all our events in particular the Club Championships, the Summer Cup and Open Day to record levels. MGC is grateful to those many Sponsors who financially support our events and they have been acknowledged in the circulated Notice of Meeting.

Members would be aware of the recent introduction of the new computer system, MPower, and the feedback is positive with Members having access to booking sheets, competition results and prize lists all at their fingertips. The scorecard review feature has been noted as a significant benefit. It is anticipated that additional features and benefits will be developed that will allow a more diverse range of competitions.

Your Committee has been active in the support of initiatives on site through our meetings with Management and the Course Management Committee as well as providing funds for cart paths. The Training Academy development and enhanced Driving Range will provide enormous benefits to KCC and for the Members. Ongoing discussions for a spare 19th hole are still being progressed.

There is an extensive list of acknowledgements and thanks to be made to a broad group of people including LUSC / KCC management Robert Dwyer and his staff, Pro Shop personnel managed by Luke Garel and the Course staff coordinated by Brendan Hansard. MGC is excited by the appointment of Nathan Kerr to the position of KCC Manager and look forward to working closely with him for the benefit of the Members.

Nathan and Luke have been invited to address the Members at the AGM to give you a greater insight into their respective responsibilities and activities that influence your golfing experience at KCC.

In addition, special mention needs to be made of the many volunteers that collectively provide technical or hands on support in ensuring that the golf course is presented in the best possible condition. All members are encouraged to review how they can make a similar contribution.

It should be noted the outstanding work undertaken by the Men's Vets Golf Committee in providing an enhanced golfing experience to those male golfers over 55 years of age.

In taking the opportunity to publicly thank the members of your Committee for their input namely, Adam Zakarauskas and Dean Myers who have taken on their responsibilities focusing on communication to members and providing good financial management particularly with significant changes to such matters as members vouchers. Mick Murray has for the last few years made contact with new members to ensure they settle in, while Bruce Forbes has been effective in providing a link with the Men's Vets Committee.

Finally it is appropriate to acknowledge the outstanding and dedicated work undertaken by Captain Allan Wilkinson for his efforts on your behalf; his report is recommended to you.

Roger Catchpole
President Kew Men's Golf Committee