



Where Golf and Nature Play

Notice to Members From the Chairman - September 23, 2021



Hello Members,

It is sad news we advise Members of the passing of David and Denise Mitchell in tragic circumstances, our hearts and sincere condolences go out to the family. They will be sorely missed and will always remain in our memories. I am asking Members to wear a black arm band this Saturday for golf as a sign of respect. I know we all have our special memories and stories which we can at some stage share.

Our Melbourne Members are doing it tough and we all miss you, The Board asks all Members to get vaccinated ASAP so we can get back to some sort of normality. The sooner we can reach the 80% double vax the sooner we can all get back together.

What's been happening around the Course

I am pleased to say we have not been idle. The Golf Cart Storage Room has been repaired and we have made a few changes to control the amount of buggy/club storage. This area now brings in 6-7K income to the Club.

New toilets on the 4th Tee area have been installed using some of the funds raised from the Art Raffle thanks to our fantastic Members/Artists David Taylor, Dianne Edwards and Tom Tyrrell. From the feedback I am getting we now have very happy customers 😊.

We have also concreted the pathway in front of the Clubhouse to remove the loose stones. This eliminates the endless task of keeping the carpet clean in the Club.

Painting and rendering of the Clubhouse wall facing the car park will take place soon. This will be possible thanks to Haymes Paint and The Paint Place in Cowes, who promoted the Helping Hands Project which we won. Thank you to all Members who voted for our project.

Course Cart Paths have been topped up and this is continuing. Coring of the Greens will happen this Monday September 27. The Course will be closed this day and if you want to help out I am sure we can find a job for you.

Member's Protection Policy

At this year's AGM the Board will move to adopt the Member's Protection Policy. This policy has been a recommendation from Golf Australia, so please take time to visit this document which is on the Club Website and Golf Australia's Website. It covers all areas and eliminates the Club formulating ad hoc policies.

Fairway Safety

The 3rd and 14th Fairways will have signs placed on the tees informing Members that it is your responsibility to make sure the landing area is clear before you play. As these are blind shots, it is

your responsibility to ensure the Fairway and Green is clear. We do not wish to have signs all over the course, so etiquette is paramount and we ask that everyone enjoy their golf.

Drainage works - Back 9.

As can be seen the drainage works have improved the areas where we carried out works early this year. The Board has allocated a further \$120k for drainage works to be carried out on the fairways early in the New Year. Works will include Fairway Drainage (aggies) to the 13th, 15th and 18th Fairways and more if the works can be done within budget.

COVID-19

As we all know face masks are mandatory, however it is not up to Members to ask or chastise other Members for not wearing them. We do not expect staff to enforce this requirement, what we will do is just ask the question - Where is your mask?

We have some members who have medical exemptions. You have the right to not play in a group if you feel uncomfortable, please don't make a big thing out of it.

As we are all suffering from lock downs and social isolation, the mental well being of all Members is important and as a Club we should look out for each other. All I ask is please be kind, you don't know what or how the other person is feeling.

Members Survey

Shortly you will receive a Member's Survey. This will give the board valuable information/direction as to how we are performing and if we need to address any areas of concern. Please be honest and we will collate this information and advise the Membership of the outcomes.

QR Code

Please sign in, it's not hard, it will be part of our life for a while.

Whilst the Board will not at this stage mandate Compulsory Vaccination for Members/Visitors, the Government will. We are advising Members to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Once it is legislated we will have no choice. I am sure we can do it and the sooner we get to the 80% vaccination level, the sooner we can get all our Members on the Course, with limited restrictions.

Grand Final Weekend

Grand Final Weekend is usually a shotgun start for golf and then everyone gathers at their party to enjoy the day. But this year will be different for all of us just yelling at the TV!!!

Will it be Melbourne or Bulldogs???

Poor Howard and Cathy Jones who are stuck in Perth have tickets to the Big Game and it just so happens that they barrack for the two teams playing.

Wow it will be a quiet trip home for someone!!!

Wear your colours this Saturday for golf and fly your flag.

Mark Jamieson - Chairman