

**Moree Golf Club
Annual General Meeting
16th November 2020
President's Report**

Our club has enjoyed a very successful year despite the disruption caused by the pandemic and the restrictions imposed by the government. There is no doubt the introduction of the COVID19 restrictions was a confusing and difficult time. The Club leadership adapted and put in place strategies which, at all times, maintained as high a level of service as was permitted under the restrictions. While some restrictions have eased, others are still in place. Our thanks go to the members for their continued patience and support.

The Moree Golf Club is in a strong financial position. This has been achieved through effective planning and responsible management. Greater detail on this area is provided in the Treasurers Report and the Financial Statements. In advance of his report I take the opportunity to thank David Chomley, our Treasurer, for his commitment and effort.

The House Committee, led by Mick McLaren, has increased the number and variety of activities at the club to provide a quality social experience for members and guests. They have been well supported by the staff to ensure that that Moree Golf Club is welcoming, inclusive and truly is a "great place to play around".

The presentation night is well organised and is accompanied by a range of activities including the GT 19 players auction, the chipping competition and high profile guest speakers. It is becoming very much a premier weekend for the club. The Wednesday night trivia is averaging 50 plus players per week. This is a significant patronage on a night where previously the club had very few patrons. Activities such as wine and cheese afternoons and 60s themed music nights, offered our members a bit of variety. With the reduction in COVID 19 restrictions we look forward to the opportunity to host live music, what we hope, will be the near future.

The membership base has seen an increase in social members and at the same time full golfing memberships have been maintained. This is an achievement given the impact of the drought on demographics and financial affordability. Unfortunately our junior membership remains low with no sign of increasing. For the long term future of golf and the club, building junior membership will need to be a priority throughout 2021 and beyond.

In terms of golf operations the Match Advisory Committee offered a range of golfing events. There is an increase in participation rates in both social and competition golf which we hope to see continue. We thank outgoing Club Captain, Peter Nolan, and the members of the match advisory committee for their coordination of a very busy schedule.

Congratulations to our 2020 club champions, Matt Moore (Mens), Annabelle Abrahamsen (Ladies & Junior Girls) and Rhys Devny (Junior Boy).

The club acknowledges the large number of businesses and individuals providing sponsorship for our golf competitions. The Board asks that members reciprocate by supporting those local businesses.

We recognise the contribution of our Club Professional David Wright, who actively looks to encourage a greater level of participation with activities such as women's golf and the Tradie's afternoon. These things promote the game and encourage people to join the club.

The golf course is maintained to a high standard and our congratulations go to the greens staff on a job very well done. The flyover footage featured on the screen in the clubhouse, and our website, shows how well set out and maintained our course is. We have the best golf course in the North West and we are fortunate to be able to play on a course which is in excellent condition, and which is challenging and rewarding for golfers of all levels.

The club is fortunate to have two groups, the Veterans and the Desperate's, who contribute to the financing and/or completing of projects on the course. Their support is greatly appreciated. Thanks also must go to the many volunteers who have given their time to assist with working bees and day to day activities such as mowing. Thank you also to Phil Burey for his leadership of the greens committee and the many hours he puts into the course.

Our club continues to be a leader within the Moree sporting community by actively supporting other sporting clubs and groups. In 2020 the club provides sponsorship to cricket and netball competitions. We also continue to host charity golf events such as the Lions Charity and Westpac Helicopter events.

In looking to the future a projects are on the agenda. The Board has consulted with members on the development of a five year course improvement plan which will be finalised and published shortly. The seating area at the front of the club will be expanded for those who like to sit outside.

We have commissioned a design for the watering system and are optimistic that its installation is now an achievable goal.

The Board is currently speaking with investors about a potential motel development. If successful, the motel will be significant enhancement to the club providing additional patronage and income.

Importantly, I encourage all members to continue to use and enjoy the facilities of our club. It is your patronage which will ensure that the club continues to prosper.

Finally I would like to thank every member of the Board for their contribution to our club.



Adrian King
President
Moree Golf Club