

**Moree Golf Club  
Annual General Meeting  
December 2021  
President's Report**

Overall 2021 was a challenging year as the Board of Directors guided the club through the issues arising from COVID-19 management and the March flooding.

With regard to COVID-19, the rules changed continually as restrictions were implemented then lifted on a regular basis. In managing this, the Board followed the recommendations of Clubs NSW and Golf NSW. While I appreciate that the rules were an inconvenience and caused members some angst, compliance was necessary. The ongoing health impact and regulations around COVID are likely to be with us for a while so our thanks go to the members for their continued patience and support.

The course has almost fully recovered from what was considered by many to be the "dirtiest" flood members can recall. It caused significant damage as well as disruption to golfing events. I thank each and every person, both staff and volunteers, who got behind the clean-up effort. Through your efforts the course recovered and members were able to get back out and playing relatively quickly.

Despite these challenges there were successes as we implemented the Strategic Plan. We are working towards the club's vision of being the premier golf club in the North West by providing a golf course facility of the highest achievable quality.

Highlights of our progress include:

- The irrigation system is being installed. It will undoubtedly take the course to a new level in regard playing conditions and presentation for many years to come. Despite several attempts, we were not able to obtain a government grant to assist with the costs however our good trading profit means that we are unlikely to need to borrow funds for its completion. I want to particularly acknowledge the contributions from the Desperates golfers and the Veterans golfers who donated \$100000 and \$50000 respectively towards the cost of the system.
- The new mound near the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway will provide a better practice hitting and teaching range.
- The channel around the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> fairway has been cleaned out to allow the water to run off the course and back into the river. Our thanks go to Phil Burey for donating his time and effort to complete the job.
- The golf course is maintained to a high standard and our congratulations go to the greens staff on a job very well done. Special thanks must go to the many volunteers who have given their time to assist with working bees and day to day activities such as mowing. In particular, I acknowledge the efforts of Roger Hann, Wayne Wicks and Kylie Wicks who spend a considerable amount of time on the mowers.

- We thank the group of members (who wish to remain anonymous) for their generous donation of approximately \$80,000 to the club for the purchase of our new rough mower. The aptly named “Woger’s Wide On” is being put to very good use.
- Our gardens are in very good condition thanks to the members who maintain them. In particular I acknowledge Lyn Fing and Cecelia Baker for their efforts.

We are well on the way to achieving the second part of our vision. Our clubhouse provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for members, their families and visitors based on friendly service, hospitality and enjoyment.

- Financially the club is in a good position. Greater detail on this area is provided in the Treasurers Report and the Financial Statements.
- Despite COVID, member and visitor participation in the many aspects of the club has been very strong throughout the year. Friday night raffles continue to be busy, Wednesday Trivia Night has a high level of attendance and special events are well supported. The not too distant future will see the return of live music and dancing to further enhance this.
- Club membership numbers remain relatively healthy with minimal change on last year. While there has been a small increase in junior numbers a well-planned concerted effort is still required to significantly boost this for the long term benefit of the club.
- Our staff team continues to provide excellent service to our members. I thank each one for their efforts to create a welcoming clubhouse environment throughout the year.

It was necessary to put some plans on hold as we focussed on increasing income and reducing costs until the watering system is complete.

- The extension of the south western side of the deck was delayed but the Board is now seeking designs and costings.
- The seating area at the front of the club will be expanded and improved for those who like to sit outside.
- Work on the investigation into the establishment of a motel continues. The working party has obtained designs and costings. The designs have been put on display however anticipated construction costs are high and likely increase over time. Further investigation is required before any recommendation is presented to the members.

The Club thanks the large number of businesses and individuals providing sponsorship for our golf competitions. Members should reciprocate by supporting those local businesses.

As always, 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**