



**Moree Golf Club
2022 Annual General Meeting
President's Report**

Through 2021/2022 the Board continued its work toward achieving the Clubs vision to be the premier golf club in the North West. The board decided to extend the clubs Strategic Plan for 2021/2022 given the disruption caused by the Covid epidemic in 2020/2021.

In terms of the success indicators in the Moree Golf Club Strategic Plan 2022 has been an up and down year.

There has been a number of successes:

- Through sound management practices and planning the club is in a strong financial position with a significant profit for the financial year. This is a great result especially given that the club was able to pay for the irrigation system without the need to borrow. Greater detail on this area is provided in the Treasurers Report and in the Financial Statements. In short we have little debt and money in the bank for future projects.
- Our clubhouse provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for members, their families and visitors based on friendly service, hospitality and enjoyment. Participation rates in club activities such as Friday raffles, trivia nights and other club functions are at a high level. Thanks go to the bar staff who do such a great job in making members and visitors feel welcome.
- Our course is maintained to a high standard in terms of both presentation and playability despite yet another flood, the second in two years. Installation of the automated course watering system has been completed and this is certainly having a positive impact on the course. Congratulations to the greens staff on the excellent condition of the course given the circumstances. The Board also acknowledges the support of the many volunteers who mow the rough, look after the gardens and complete many other tasks around the course.

Some areas were less successful and these have proven to be significant challenges for the club.

- While we were looking for a significant increase in membership it has not occurred. The age of playing members would seem to be increasing so the number is declining. The number of junior members remains of concern. The social membership varies from year to year. Most recently the Board has become aware of the number of Moree locals who access the Club on a regular basis but are not members. The Board is addressing this issue by monitoring entry to the club and requiring non-members who live within the 5 kilometre radius to join where appropriate.
- In recruiting' training and retention of high quality staff we have been less successful. Many businesses in town are having difficulty finding staff and our club has not been immune to this. Simply put, despite significant advertising and offering well above award

salaries the club has been unable to recruit and retain staff. The Managers position is again vacant despite a significant salary package being offered. While the position of Head Green Keeper has been offered and accepted we continue to work to get the person on board. There is a shortage of experienced bar staff. We thank the staff that we do have for their hard work and commitment to our club.

In looking to the future there are projects are on the agenda.

- Plans to extend the covered rear deck (nonsmoking) are being drawn up and construction should start in 2023. This will add approximately 100 square metres of undercover space for patrons.
- The Board has long been concerned about the lack of supervision from some parents and children running out on the road. To address this, the front fence will be replaced and extended to enclose a children's area. It will still be expected that parents are present to supervise their children.
- The Legends of Golf Pro-Am postponed due to the flood will be rescheduled in consultation with the PGA.

On other matters the Motel project has had to be delayed but should remain a priority. The Board believes that the club must have a strong manager in place before we move any further. There will be a significant amount of work to do and it important that it is completed professionally and in a timely manner.

Our thanks and best wishes go to our Club Professional David Wright, who has retired after many years in the golfing industry at various clubs. He is staying in Moree and I expect we will see him out on the course often.

The Board would like to acknowledge the large number of businesses and individuals providing sponsorship for our golf competitions. Members should reciprocate by supporting those local businesses.

To the Board members thank you for your time and effort throughout your term. Much has been achieved but there remains more to do.

To the incoming Board, thank you for putting your hands up to take on significant responsibilities on behalf of the members. Although challenging at times, I have no doubt that you will find the role rewarding. I encourage you to begin your time by creating a Strategic Plan to guide your decision over the next few years.

In closing, thank you to all our members for your continued patronage. It is your club and will only flourish with your continued support. I remain confident in my view that the Moree Golf Club is the best club in the North West.

Adrian King

PRESIDENT