

Bathurst Golf Club Limited

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND

BALANCE SHEET

AND

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

**To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of
Members to be held at the Clubhouse**

Monday 9th April 2018

AT 7.30 P.M.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

1ST Floor Bathurst Golf Clubhouse, Orange Road, Bathurst

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Agenda

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 3rd April 2017
2. To receive and consider the report of the Directors.
3. To receive and consider the Profit and Loss account, Balance Sheet and Auditor's Report for the financial year ended 31st December 2017.
4. To receive and consider the Returning Officer's report as to the ballot for the position of Directors and to elect the Board for the ensuing year in accordance with such report.
5. To elect a patron for the year in accordance with the Club Constitution
6. That Ian Charles Farmer be made a Life Member
7. To deal with any business of which due notice has been given

Members please note:

Members are kindly requested to advise the General Manager at least 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting of any questions relating to the accounts, the balance sheet or associated statements of which further information is required. This will allow properly researched replies for the benefit of all members.

Dated 26th Day of March 2018

Brad Constable, General Manager
By direction of the Board

Copies of the Annual Report are available from the Office, the Bar or from the Club's website,

www.bathurstgolf.com.au

Presidents Report 2017

Once again it is time to reflect on what has been an interesting and very testing year for our club with major changes, successes and opportunities presenting themselves to the Club.

Again we are faced with water costs during our Summer period and although we have had terrific support from the Bathurst Regional Council in the short term, we need sustainability in the long term.

Brad and the Board have raised some relevant cost anomalies with Council and a meeting in February with all Councilors was productive and most were receptive, the Finance Director is working on a possible 2 tier structure which will give our club some space to work with.

Thanks to Steve for your efforts in writing up the document presented to Council.

Our Club held the NSW Seniors Tournament in March last year with great success with praise from many visiting senior's about the course presentation. Thanks to Bathurst Regional Council for their support for this event along with Golf NSW.

The success of this Tournament and with Golf NSW's effort we have been able to win the staging of the Mid- Amateur Event planned for May this year and for the 2019-2021 period the NSW Country Championships to be held in November in conjunction with Bathurst Regional Council.

This is a real bonus for the Club and maintains our solid ties with Bathurst Regional Council. Our Ladies have been prominent again this year and are currently preparing for the CWDLGA Tournament in May and their Ladies Open in May also – a big month for our Club.

Our Club has recently received a Community Grant to cover the outdoor verandah/ eating area of the restaurant which will give more options – thanks to Paul Toole our State Member.

Another large grant for water exploration is announced soon – hopefully positive – to help secure our water woes.

Thanks again to Steve Darlington and to Paul Toole for his support in the application.

Our Club has replaced the carpet in all areas, plus upgrading the air conditioning as well as completing with success the old Ladies locker room, now called the Francie Morris room after our Life Member.

This room has been used regularly for training sessions, wakes, meeting's and is a big asset to the club.

The back toilet area will be complete by April in readiness for a busy calendar of events.

Thanks to those members who have donated their time and efforts.

Our Restaurant was taken over in July by the Club with Paul Coopes as the Chef.

Unfortunately Paul left the Club early this year and since then it has been run with the staff plus a new Chef and Brendan assisting with the general day to day running.

This setup will remain until the Club agrees on the future direction of the restaurant.

I would like to thank the Board for their support and diligence – Dennis for his work on the course gardens and the flag/flagpole completion, Ian for his love of the mic on Friday and the little big jobs that save the Club valuable dollars.

I am sorry that both of these fellows are not standing this year but know they will be the first to put their hands up when needed.

Darryn Bruce has taken on the role of Captain for the last few months and continues to do a great job while working well with the Ladies in areas such as the Pulse system and website. Matt has done a great job again in the Pro shop winning the prestigious Jack Newton Juniors award for Bathurst's involvement with Junior's and his association with the local schools.

Thanks Matt, you are a great asset to our club.

Matt's protégé Tom has excelled in his trainee years and is now in Orange as a fully-fledged professional.

Welcome Nathan King, who is no stranger to Bathurst, filling the vacancy as Dylan continues his apprenticeship.

Dave Rogers with 1000 pairs of expert eyes watching has done a great job once again under extreme dry conditions. Some big changes on the 2nd and 10th holes are looking great and a little rain will strengthen the works.

Dave has been working on the 15th, 10th and 2nd Bunker redevelopment with success and also on the replacement Aussie Sand and re-draining for some of our worst bunkers.

We will continue on bunker development and improved drainage over the next couple of years.

We are finding our old fibro irrigation lines are failing so poly replacement is happening particularly 7th and 11th holes, as are new sprinkler lines for the bad areas on 4th and 2nd fairways.

The course at the moment is in the midst of a major dry spell again, but is holding well and the new fairway turfing (Santa Anna) will continue, but rain is badly needed.

The exit plastic webbing on our cart paths is showing some promise and should help to stop wearing and erosion.

The middle putting green changes have been well received with the new outdoor cover well used and the surrounds to the main putting area has tidied up the area and is now able to be used for chipping.

Brendan, our Barman has once again been the welcoming face for members and his likable manner ensures success for our club. He has taken on helping the Restaurant staff and this liaison will link the Bar and restaurant trading.

Charlie Klein from our office has moved on after her Marriage to past Captain Bob in November, Bob resigned from the board after 5 years and with many credits including the Solar Panel install and the IT in the Training room.

Once again credit must go to Brad for his efforts again this year with a positive result again for the 10th year.

This year has had its highs and low as we say each year but a profit of \$91,632 is a wonderful result.

Ten years in profit – a great effort

The move to running the Restaurant was a large undertaking and although only in its first 8 months there are positive signs.

Brad's work with the Bathurst Regional Council has strengthened ties between us and the potential for future help with water from one or two of the new Councilors is very positive.

My thanks to a dedicated group of Directors who have supported Brad and the Club this past year.

The Committee members have supported the Friday trivia functions each week along with our members. We have even gone high tech with a new ticketing machine.

Brad has showed true grit during the past year with lots of frustrating issues but has stuck to the task – thanks for your efforts Brad

In closing my condolences to those members who lost loved ones during 2017.

Ray Stapley
President

Treasurers Report 2017

I take the opportunity to present the Financial Year Report, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for the year ending 31 December 2017.

Over the 2017 Financial Year our club recorded another respectable net profit of \$91,632 compared to a profit of \$89,813 (up by \$1819.00) for the preceding year.

Our total annual expenditure has experienced an increase over the previous year at \$1,449,121, however, this can be attributed to the club taking over the restaurant operations and other general across the board increases. The Board has continued to undertake projects throughout the year to further improve the great facility for our members. Some of the major areas of expenditure experienced throughout the year include further Repairs and Maintenance to our aging infrastructure, continued improvement to the course and purchase of a new equipment to allow our course staff to better manage their work activities and further upgrading of cart fleet.

Our solar panels continue to provide savings to the club with the estimated savings still exceeding the original estimates. As at 31 December 2018 estimated savings were \$50,237. At our Annual General Meeting back in 2014 it was estimated that we would achieve a return on our investment in approx. 3 and a half years. I am pleased to report that we have been successful in achieving the estimated savings.

The Board is continuing with its investigations into reducing costs further and are continuing to investigate options for our water supply, including applying for grants to assist in the cost of water exploration.

The Club currently holds cash reserves of \$550,000 in investment, maintaining its position of financial security. As reported in previous annual reports, this investment would only maintain operations for three to four months should an unforeseen “event” occur.

The quality of the course presented by our course staff continues to bring increasing numbers through our gates to play the game on our premier course.

With a number of changes that has occurred within the club operations throughout the year, a great burden has been placed on our club management team and I take this opportunity to congratulate Brad and Brendan in the way they have handled the changes and moved forward in their roles to successfully manage these changes. Along with the efforts of Brad and Brendan and **all** staff, our club professional Matt and his staff, the club will continue to maintain the financial security of our assets into the future.

In closing, I would like to again encourage all members to continue to patronise the wonderful facilities the club has to offer.

Peter Brien
Treasurer

General Manager's Report 2017

2017 was a year in which the Club ventured in a different direction with the acquisition of the restaurant after previously having contract caterers, the catering side kept our momentum going through the busy Oct-Dec period with the first 6 months of operation coming out square with the ledger, this new arrangement is something we will continue to monitor over the next 6 months.

It is with great pleasure that I can report our Club has made a profit of \$91,632 for 2017, this being our 10th successive profit. It is a credit to our staff, Director's, including those Director's that have gone before and to you our valued Members who have supported the Bathurst Golf Club so well!

Profits are wonderful but need to be reflective of improving our assets each year, for 2017 we invested \$207,079.57 back into the Club by way of Clubhouse Plant, Course Plant, Kitchen assets and poker machine upgrades, this figure has been mirrored across previous years as we update our ageing infrastructure and continue to improve the golf course and clubhouse facilities for the benefit of our Members and guests.

I believe at the heart of any organisation is the staff, to Brendan Bradshaw, thanks for your help and support, especially in taking a greater role in the direction of the kitchen. Dave Rogers, Adam Hodges, Tom Hanrahan, Aaron Booby and Mick Forde, without a wonderful golf course we would not be here in our current form, great job fellas!

Matt Barrett and his team continue to provide a welcoming face to our Member's and visitors, for this I am much appreciative.

To all our kitchen staff since the Club has taken on the running of this venture, we are only in the early stages, but your efforts are truly appreciated.

I would like to extend a big welcome to Heather Bennett in the office, a mighty job so far. Brendan Dove in essential services who is without a doubt the best of the best, while he has had recent good news in his battle with brain Cancer, there is still a road to hoe, all the best buddy and stay strong!

To the Director's thank you for your support and I wish the best for the retiring Ian Farmer who has been a brilliant servant for the Club over the last 30 odd years. To Dennis Lowe your ability to keep a level head and above all your willingness to get in and literally get your hands dirty will be missed. A special thanks to Stephen Darlington with his work on government grants which will prove invaluable to the Club in the near future.

To all our Members and guests, without you the Club does not exist, please keep supporting us, smile and enjoy your golf in 2018!

Brad Constable
General Manager

Course Chairmans Report 2017

Another hot dry extended period again this year has put our fairways under severe stress, the south African couch never had a chance to fully recover from last year's dry spell.

The granite soil base of the majority of our fairways is not conducive to growing lush turf, with the difference in our soil to that of the Orange courses evident during the big wet a couple of years ago when the Orange courses were closed for almost 2 months and Bathurst only lost those days it rained heavily.

As the South African couch needs plenty of water to thrive and has a short time in its green state compared to Santa Anna couch (more drought tolerant) we are progressively turfing our fairways in Santa Anna.

During the year we removed the old BBQ building and extended the practice green beside the Clubhouse by about a third, re-turfed the area between it and the 1st path with Santa Anna to create a much better outlook from the club windows. At the same time the middle practice green was taken out of play, Santa Anna turf laid and a Stratco cabana erected.

The area outside the bunkers of the 8th green were so heavily infested with Paspalum that the best cure was to poison the area and re-turf with Santa Anna a job recently completed and a great improvement.

Updating the green surround irrigation has continued with the latest on the 7th, the staff also replaced and relocated the old fibre system with PVC, the old system having numerous breaks during the year. A new line was installed up the left of the 2nd and is giving a better distribution of water. The 4th fairway was also completed for the same reason.

The Toro corer purchased last year enabled us to mini-tyne the greens in early January reducing the amount of hand watering required on those very hot windy days and allows us to be more flexible when conducting greens renovations around major events.

Over the past 12 months we have suffered many pipe breaks on the old system which supplies water to the quick couplers around the greens and the drink fountains, recently 5 breaks occurring within 2 weeks. The old fibre pipes will be progressively replaced with high pressure PVC, with the 11th fairway started after the championships.

Drainage work on the 7th - 8th and 15th bunkers with new Aussie white sand added. The landscaping around the 14th green finished early last year turf has matured well after 12 month's in play.

The renovations to the 10th green bunkers and surrounds have improved that hole out of sight along with the left hand area of the 2nd green, huge improvements thanks to Peter O'Malley's input.

Further to Peter's course inspection the right hand bunkers and surrounds of the 12th and 13th greens will be next in line for improvements.

During the winter the men and ladies 12th tee will be renovated and the concrete path widened.

During the year we played host to the annual green-keepers golf day and many of the city supervisors were surprised that a country club with such extreme temperature changes produced excellent greens, we as members enjoy 12 months of the year. A golf course can have great fairways, but if your greens are 2nd rate you don't have much of a golf course.

We recently took delivery of a general purpose cart for use by the course staff and will progressively phase out the step thru motor cycles and more recently a near new Toro greens mower with just 1100 hrs on the clock.

Thanks to David and his staff for their dedication to our course, we are lucky to have such an efficient group. Bob Boschman for his regular voluntary stint on the course and fellow Committee man Dennis Lowe for the regular maintenance of our course gardens. Sorry you have decided not to seek election again this year

Thanks to fellow course committee members Bill Casey and Dennis Lowe who along with course supervisor worked together as a solid team.

Ian Farmer
Course Chairman

Captains Report 2017

The 2017 board kicked off with a few new faces, with myself as vice-captain after being asked by Bob Pardey to join his team.

Towards the end of last year events like the Senior Amateur and the Bathurst Open which was a qualifying round for the NSW Open were mega successes, Mick Hale from Mudgee and our own Darrell Bourke filled the two qualifying spots, well played the locals as players came from all over the state to compete

The start of this year has been a challenge with Bob's resignation and me being thrust into the roll as Captain. Thank you to all who have assisted behind the scenes to help in my transition to the role of Club Captain.

Club championships have changed to a different format and time of the year, I've felt this needed rejigging so now they are on consecutive weekends in the first half of April instead of the four weeks duration, the leader board in the clubhouse will return also this year for a talking point after rounds. There will be no feature groups though some liked this most hated it and its too hard to organise, 18 hole playoff format remains so let's see how this goes, if tweaks are needed it can be discussed after the champs.

The pulse system has taken some learning and the work of previous Captains to perfect this should not be understated, also the work with the new website by Todd McIntosh looks the goods and is much easier to use, many thanks to him for his patience with us, as you have seen web updates now happen straight after comp days unless I'm working then it's the next day

Voucher and comp results are different now with comp reports placed on the noticeboard for you to look at and computer generated printed vouchers instead of hand written ones which are much better with less mistakes, the ladies are also now using this system to bring them in line with the men, thanks to Jane Mitchell for her help with this transition > Jane Mitchell now assists with competitions herself, I sit and map out each month's comps together for greater communication between the men's and ladie's competitions

Many big events are on the horizon with the Mid- Amateur, Bathurst Opens, Men's and Ladies so we are always looking for help be it working bees on the course or maybe help with scoring in big competitions, talk with your Captains and let's make this year one of our best! Pennants

Division 2 Lead by Adrian Haynes was successful in making the semis this year the play being of a very high standard and in my Captains log which is a feature on our website I touch on details of their rounds and player profiles

Division 3 Captain Scott McMahan and his players also made the semis so well done to the guys. To see the Club represented by all of our pennant players with good humour and integrity does the Club Proud.

The Captains log will be a feature on the website with stories and a bit fun for the members to read so stay tuned and Jane and I will also place this on the noticeboard each month
Looking forward to the year Good Golfing

Darryn Bruce
Club Captain

Major Event Winners 2017-18

Don O'Malley Cup Club Champion	Winner	Ben Cummings
Stuart Robinson Cup 72 Hole Scratch B Grade	Winner	Zane Beale
Adrian Fish Cup 72 Hole Scratch Bi Grade	Winner	Beau Fitzpatrick
Eric Sargeant Trophy 72 Hole Scratch C Grade	Winner	Colin Hope
Presidents Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "A"	Winner	Darren Small
Patrons Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "B"	Winner	Norm Matheson
Captains Trophy 72 Hole Handicap 'B 1"	Winner	Adam Powell
Bert Norrie Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "C"	Winner	David Clews
Veteran Scratch	Winner	Darryn Bruce
Veteran Handicap	Winner	David Lilly
Junior Champion	Winner	Cooper Starkey
Max Howard Trophy	Winner	Zane Beale
Men Foursomes		
Scratch "A" Grade	Winners	Ben Mackey - Adrian Haynes
Scratch "B" Grade	Winners	Norm Matheson - Brian Walsh
Scratch "C" Grade	Winners	Andrew Short - James Schumacher
Handicap "A" Grade	Winners	Kelvin Cooke- Josh Toole
Handicap "B" Grade	Winners	Kevin Burke- Shannon Ryan
Handicap "C" Grade	Winners	Jarrold Kelly- Jason Walsh
Mixed Foursomes Scratch	Winners	Scott Matheson - Chelsea Litchfield
Mixed Foursomes Handicap	Winners	Christine Burke- Kevin Bourke
Jennifer Pardey Trophy	Winners	TBA
Dowling Point Score	Winners	Cris Watson - Kim Watson
Pedro Martins Medal Play Off	Winner	David Clews
Thursday Point Score	Winner	TBA
Scobie Cup Saturday Point Score	Winner	TBA
Scratch Point Score	Winner	Phillip Campbell

Maneela Mug	Winner	TBA
Jimmy Johnson	Winners	Stephen Johnson-Kevin Callaghan
	Runner Up	Ray Stapley-Ed Marel
Ivor Hector	Winner	TBA
	Runner Up	TBA
Leeholme Cup	Winner	Jason Walsh
	Runner up	Bob Pardey
Dunwright Matchplay	Winner A	Mick Locke
	Winner B	M Ryan

Winner B1 S Cross

Winner C J Bradshaw

Summer Cup Winner D Clews

Bathurst Women's Golf Annual Report 2017

October 2017 saw another change of guard on the Women's committee with the incumbent committee handing over to the new Committee. The new Committee, comprising some new faces and some stalwart members, being Patroness M Woodward, President D Simpson, Captain J Mitchell, Committee members T Pender, B Clark, J McKean, J Roughley, J Ross, K MacPherson, D Stapley, L Cragg, M Cooper, K Anderson. The new committee would like to express its gratitude to the previous committee members for all the effort in 2017 and previous years, the strength of Women's golf in Bathurst is itself a testament to their continued efforts. Special thanks to outgoing President (Toni Pender) for her dedication to the game and to Bathurst Golf Club. We also acknowledge and pay special tribute to our Patroness Margaret Woodward for her ongoing service to the Bathurst club. The Club Championships were held in March 2017 and the Foursomes in October highlighted the friendship and comradery the players have towards each other which we all should be extremely proud of. Congratulations to everyone involved. The overall winners are listed below.

The current committee continues to attempt to encourage participation in all our events. Our Annual Women's Tournament held in May 2017 was once again a resounding success and planning is well underway for an equally successful 2018 Tournament. The Western Districts Women's Annual Tournament is also being hosted by BGC in May 2018 followed by the Mid-Week Amateur which together will bring approximately 350 golfers to our fine club. What an enormous opportunity for BGC to show what a great club we have.

The Women's Committee encourage new members and have developed a "welcome pack" for new members hopefully easing the sometime daunting transition from Social to Competition Golf. With the continued support from Matt, his staff, and the Club, we will do all we can to encourage more women and girls to take up golf. There are a number of ladies who would be honoured to play with the new golfers and with Matt's encouragement we are sure to engage with them.

Our committee will endeavour to further contribute to the future directions of the Bathurst Golf Club, we look forward to working closely with the new Board, Dave and the grounds committee, Brad and his staff, and our Professional Matt and his staff to improve not only women's golf at Bathurst Golf Club but the game in general. Finally on behalf of the committee I would like to thank Ray and the current Board members for their openness and acceptance of suggestions from the Women's Committee. We also thank Brad, Brendan, Dave and Matt and other BGC staff for all their assistance over the past year and we sincerely wish the incoming Board members every success in the coming year and beyond.

Denise Simpson President Bathurst Women Golfers

2017 Championship results

A Grade stroke: winner Chelsea Litchfield (310); runner up Kerry Davis (348)

A Grade nett: winner Jess McKean (304); runner up Chris Burke (308)

B1 Grade stroke: winner Sue Cregan (418); runner up Kinga MacPherson (419)

B1 Grade nett: winner Monique Hagerty (315); runner up Narelle Reece (321)

B2 Grade stroke: winner Kay Tanner (433); runner up Bev Vickers (448)

B2 Grade nett: winner Wendy Parker (319 c/b); runner up Bev Clark (319)

2017 Foursomes results

Division 1 : Scratch Winners K Davis & D McCarthy 127 Runners up D Stapley & D Simpson 133

Division 1 : Net Winners G Volk & C Perfect 118 Runners up L Cragg & C Burke 118.25

Division 2 : Scratch Winners B Piddington & M Cooper 150 Runners up B Anderson & J Murray 152

Division 2 : Net Winners H Toohill & Y Stapleton 108.5 Runners up C Moules & J Lamb 113.5

Denise Simpson **Ladies President**

Number of Members

Membership as at 31st December 2017

Category	2017	2016		2017	2016
Playing	524	510	Junior Members	80	98
Concession	119	116	Life Members	5	5
Intermediate	24	27	House (Social)	383	377
Country	5	4			

Note all categories include ladies.

The number of financial members for 2017 was 1140. The number of financial members for 2016 was 1137.