

Bathurst Golf Club Limited

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ANNUAL REPORT
AND
BALANCE SHEET
AND
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2018**

**To be presented at the Annual General Meeting of
Members to be held at the Clubhouse
Monday 8th April 2019
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 9th April 2018
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 2018.
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. 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 18th Day of March 2019

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 2018

Congratulations - 125 years young - 1894-2019

Hard to realise that another year has passed and certainly two very dry years in a row has made it difficult to maintain a fantastic golf course at its best or close to its best

I believe we have had a very interesting year and one which will give our club longevity and sustainability for our members and future members for years to come.

Our Club received Country Club of the Year recently reflecting on our excellent staff on the course, in the pro shop, behind the bar, in the restaurant and in the office and the wonderful support of our members.

This award is a credit to our Club and to the support received from Bathurst Regional Council in partnering with Golf NSW to host top State events bringing new people to experience our Club and City is fantastic.

Thanks to Brad on being the catalyst for the award and also being a finalist again for General Manager of the year.

The major achievement of securing a substantial grant from the State Government (thanks State Member Paul Toole) to attempt to consolidate water sustainability for our club was successful with now 3 bores operating to reduce the need to purchase all costly town treated water. The savings each year will be significant.

Also with Skillset producing a document providing excellent water management data for Dave and the Club plus cost saving options for consideration, our club has benefited greatly.

Please see Brad if you would like a copy.

Thanks go to Steve for his excellent work in project managing the grant funds with Dave and our local contractors.

A further Community grant was received for a cover to the Restaurants external seating area and thanks to our member Peter Cragg for designing and providing the structure.

Dave Rogers and his team have kept the course in as good a condition during the dry and he was able to core the fairways in November after rain to help sustain them. Coring fairways will continue when the conditions allow.

Course conditions for our big tournaments had glowing reports and monotonously produced excellent greens again.

Mid-Amateur- 2 days - 130 players

WDLGA - 3 DAYS

JNJG - Largest Junior golf event in State

Bathurst Open – 2 days – biggest field both days.

The numbers supporting these events has been outstanding.

Matt Barrett has once again excelled in being the front man for the Club in the pro shop.

His communication and passion for golf is reflected in his staff and flows to members and visitors alike.

Nathan has fitted in well and Dylan is progressing well in his apprenticeship. The Restaurant has now been operating under the clubs management for 18 months and 12 months under Mick Brill.

Our flamboyant, friendly, now Operations Manager Brendan, has taken on the Food side responsibilities as well as Bar duties and we are seeing success- we know that food is a tough game but it is important we provide a good quality service for our members and guests.

Brendan has once again showed the importance of a good front person at the bar with his friendly welcoming banter, his trivia presentation, with help from Jann and Col, and support of our restaurant, which compliment his role as Operations manager and Brad's overall running of the Club.

Heather in the office has been diligent and a hard working support to Brad in the financial management of the Club during what has been a difficult year with high water costs and restaurant teething issues which will probably result in a lower than expected final number.

Thanks to the Board members for their help and support during the year and their debate, deliberations and concerns for the betterment of the Golf Club. Tony has been a great help with the Table top refurbishment with help from Dennis and Ian and his knowledge and passion for the game and the club is without doubt.

John's initiative to have members help the course management on Wednesday has worked well and I know is appreciated by Dave.

John has also helped Darryn as Vice Captain and is learning the tough job. Brucey has a tough job and he has managed to excel at the Captaincy and his skills on the technical side are a big help. His working relationship with Jane and the Ladies has been exemplary.

Steve has been great in the presentation of our Water Grant application, following up with Water Resources and the project management of the job. Bill's blue lines around the greens and his terrific knowledge of golf is a benefit to us all, particularly myself and his working relationship with Dave is healthy. Darren, new to the Board, is a breath of fresh air and an asset to the Club.

Greg has been a keen member of the Committee and his business knowledge and love of the game is an asset also.

Peter has been our solid Treasurer and his guidance, frugality and love of the game and of the club will be missed when he stands down this year- Thanks Pete on behalf of the Club and Board.

Thanks to the Sponsor/Contractors and Paul Oxley for their help in constructing our latest Cart Shed- great job but where to next?

Our Ladies with have had a successful and busy year with the Central Western Districts and Bathurst Ladies Open close together, but both were very successful and a credit to them .

Jane is also on the Golf NSW advisory group and one of her pet projects received a grant for the progression of women into golf called “Give it a go” with support from Matt Barratt and Steve – this is a great initiative.

We also welcomed our newest Life Member Ian Farmer – a tribute to a dedicated Bathurst Golf Club member.

In closing a big thanks to Brad in his running of the Club – his appointment to the GMA Board a testament to how people outside the Bathurst Club value him and the Country Club of the Year is the icing on the cake.

This coming year will be consolidation of the previous initiatives, especially with water and continuing on the bunker improvements and fairway drought proofing, although the storms during Jan Feb this year have proved beneficial and demanding.

I have placed on the notice board a list of some of the clubs achievements in 2018 and thoughts for the coming years that will include water management around our Clubhouse and carpark surface improvements as number one priorities.

In conclusion we have lost some young and older members including Trout, a life member this year and our thoughts are with their families.

Ray Stapley
President

Treasurers Report 2018

I take the opportunity to present my last Financial Year Report, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for the year ending 31 December 2018.

Over the 2018 Financial Year our club recorded another nett profit of \$56,755 compared to a profit of \$91,632 (down by \$34,877) for the preceding year.

Our total annual expenditure has experienced an increase over the previous year, however this can be attributed to general across the board increases and the continuing significant improvements around the course. 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. Also, as you are aware the club was successful in obtaining a grant for water exploration which has resulted in three bores currently producing water which will reduce our ongoing water expenses and allow a higher level of watering of the course.

The Board is continuing with its investigations into reducing costs further and are currently investigating options for additional solar panels to assist in reducing our grid electricity consumption further.

The Club currently holds cash reserves of \$500,000 in investment, maintaining a 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 and thank Brad and his staff for their assistance provided to me during my eight years as treasurer of the Bathurst Golf Club, a role that I have thoroughly enjoyed – thank you.

Peter Brien
Treasurer

General Managers Report 2018

Another busy year at the Bathurst Golf Club with a number of tournaments including the NSW Mid-Amateur, Bathurst Open which was also a NSW Open and Senior Open qualifier, the Bathurst Ladies Open which is now sponsored by Ben Stevens and his team from the Professionals Real Estate Bathurst and a near record field for the Peter O’Malley JNJC Junior Masters has kept us well and truly on the golfing map in NSW. The Club is now the home of the prestigious NSW Country Championships for the next 3 years, thank you to Bathurst Regional Council for your continued support in collaboration with Golf NSW. A feather in our cap and for everyone associated with the Club came by the way of the Club being awarded the inaugural Golf Industry Awards Country Golf Club of the Year!

The Club was the recipient of a NSW Government Stronger Communities grant totaling \$117,000.00 which has been used to locate 3 bores on the golf course with an output of approximately 5l/second. Conservative estimates project we will save \$25-30,000.00 per annum off our water bills, great thanks must go to our local Member Paul Toole for his efforts in obtaining this money for the Club. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Director Stephen Darlington who has a wonderful knowledge of the grant process and subsequent project management practices. I think most Members would agree this is possibly the biggest step the Club has undertaken in its history to secure our long term future. As a by- product of our search for water we teamed with Skillset Environmental to produce a water management plan that will guide us into the future and also be very helpful in securing further grant monies. Dave Rogers and his very capable team have continued to present the golf course in great condition while continually battling all of nature's elements in any given season.

To Matt Barrett and the Pro-shop boys, once again plaudits for how you guys welcome our Members and guests with tip top service.

In the Clubhouse thanks to Operations Brendan Bradshaw and Heather Bennett in the office, you two are integral parts of our day to day operations. A special thanks to Brendan Dove in essential services. I would like to say a quick thankyou to Eric Denholm who is our weekend cleaner who goes about his business with a minimum of fuss.

To Mick, Amy, Janaye and the restaurant team, thank you for all your help in the ongoing project that is the restaurant, we are definitely heading in the right direction with the delectable food on offer.

A big thanks to Ray Stapley and the current Board of Director's, you guys show what can be accomplished by a group of individuals that can act as one in the best interests of the Club and its Members. I would personally like to thank Tony Pryce for all the handy work he has done around the Club, a truly great gain in the role of Vice-President! Also to the retiring Peter Brien, it has been a pleasure to have you as the Treasurer for so many years, you will be missed!

Condolences to all our Members who have lost loved ones this year including Sue Fish and family on the passing of Life Member Adrian Fish. To the Cole family on the passing of our dear friend and co-worker Max, time can only ease the pain.

Good golfing & good health in 2019!

Brad Constable
General Manager

Captains Report 2018

Bathurst Golf Club faced many challenges in 2018. With some new board members and an excellent Vice Captain in John Perfect, we set about formulating the year ahead.

John Perfect has been tremendous in this role, diligently learning the systems and keeping a watchful eye over my shoulder with both of us working toward a 99 percent mistake free Captains role. However, sometimes things out of your control pop up, like the recent Pulse updates that sent our system into chaos and also website updates. With John's help and calm demeanor we sorted through these problems.

Jane Mitchell has continued to be an inspiration with both of us bouncing ideas off each other as we do the comps together each month. Many thanks Jane. Congratulations to all the major event winners. The Division 2&3 Pennants came back to Bathurst in 2018 and Captains Adrian Haynes and Scott McMah relished the opportunity to lead their teams to the winner's circle

This year the Bathurst Open was the feature event on the calendar and it didn't disappoint with capacity fields both days. In fact we had over 20 on the reserve list. The course was set perfectly for low scoring, with 8 under par the winning score. 2 feature groups pitted the best players together for a straight shootout in the final round, with Orange local James Conran winning. With spectators everywhere, live facebook updates and local members in attendance, together with television coverage and local media, the event was something really special. I anticipate the same this year as well.

Rules changes for this year have been a significant upheaval on the golfing landscape with Bathurst adopting its own local rules in conjunction with the R&A rules. This has led to some confusion and vigorous debate. Although many clubs in NSW have not adopted their own local rules yet and just use the R&A model, John and I will monitor the situation and try and keep abreast of what's happening during competitions this year.

Club members that help and voluntarily provide their time often don't get mentioned, but without that support my role would become untenable. Starting with the pro-shop, Matt and the boys have been a tremendous help throughout the year. Ian Farmer, Dennis Lowe, Kevin Callaghan and Terry Lewis are often seen helping sorting out cards for competitions. Bob Pardy and Stephen Johnson can be often be called on for tech support, and Manual Pro does countless hours behind the scenes work, including spending hours helping to install a HDMI cable to the new monitor through the roof cavity. These volunteers save the Club thousands of dollars that are then used on course improvements. Manual Pro is President of Central West Vets and organises the local Bathurst Vets as well. When you see all these people helping the Captain, please acknowledge them and say thanks, I know I do.

Let's have a good year and enjoy our golf and the friendship of the Bathurst Golf Club

Darryn Bruce
Captain

Bathurst Mens Club Championships 2018

Don O'Malley Cup Club Champion	Winner	Reece Hodson
Stuart Robinson Cup 72 Hole Scratch B Grade	Winner	Tim McKinnon
Adrian Fish Cup 72 Hole Scratch Bi Grade	Winner	Sauro Gregori
Eric Sargeant Trophy 72 Hole Scratch C Grade	Winner	Albert Davis
Presidents Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "A"	Winner	Ryan Sparke
Patrons Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "B"	Winner	Kurt Weekes
Captains Trophy 72 Hole Handicap 'B 1'	Winner	Danny Ross
Bert Norrie Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "C"	Winner	Ed Clyburn
Veteran Scratch	Winner	Darryn Bruce
Veteran Handicap	Winner	Bill Casey
Junior Champion	Winner	Ben Mackey
Max Howard Trophy	Winner	Albert Davis
Men Foursomes		
Scratch "A" Grade	Winners	Ryan Sparke & Michael Weekes
Scratch "B" Grade	Winners	Kevin Arrow & Brian Hope
Scratch "C" Grade	Winners	Brad Brown & Riley Hanrahan
Handicap "A" Grade	Winners	Kurt Weekes & Peter Weekes
Handicap "B" Grade	Winners	Glynn Daunt & David Clews
Handicap "C" Grade	Winners	James Weekes & Ben Hagney
Mixed Foursomes Scratch	Winners	Brian Walsh & Katrina Ferris
Mixed Foursomes Handicap	Winners	Ash Lamb & Janice Lamb
Dowling Trophy	Winners	Ian Miller & Mary Housler
Dowling Point Score	Winners	Bill Casey & Jenny Murray
Pedro Martins Medal Play Off	Winner	David Clews
Thursday Point Score	Winner	Darryn Bruce
Scobie Cup Saturday Point Score	Winner	James Chapple
Scratch Point Score	Winner	Phillip Campbell
Maneela Mug	Winner	Casey White

Jimmy Johnson	Winners	Tony Pryce & Albert Davis
	Runner Up	John Lillie & John Murphy
Ivor Hector	Winner	David Lilly
	Runner Up	Tony Pryce
Leeholme Cup	Winner	Sauro Gregori
	Runner up	Kevin Arrow
Dunwright Matchplay	Winner	Reece Hodson Tim McKinnon Andre Schuster Albert Davis
Summer Cup	Winner	Glen Buttsworth

Course Report 2018

- Fairways are always a very important area on the golf course and a program of regular fertilizing was carried out over the growth period of 8 months or so and despite the drought conditions they are in great condition, coring of the fairways was also carried out in Nov/Dec.

- It has been a tough summer for the greens with extraordinary temps and rainfall in January particularly causing stress with algae and dry patches causing a lot of problems over an 8 week period, but after renovating they are back to their best
- Bores have been installed in 3 areas of the course and water quantities have remained constant for the period of time they have been in operation.
- Some irrigation improvements were made with sprinklers installed on;
- Left side of 2nd fairway
- 16th surround
- 17th Left side of fairway bunker
- Extension of water to the 14th fairway

All these areas have benefited from water extensions and more areas are planned for the future.

Bill Casey
Course Chairman

Bathurst Women's Golf Annual Report 2018

It has been a privilege to serve as your President for the past year and I would firstly like to give a very big thank you to all our happy, hard working Committee members as well as our lady golfers who have made my job an interesting and enjoyable one. Thank you to President Ray, General Manager Brad and the Board of Directors for your continuing support. Thanks to our friendly bar and catering staff who work hard to serve the refreshments after a hard day on the course. Thanks also to the ground staff and volunteers, who maintain our course in great condition for us to enjoy our golf. To Matt and the Pro- Shop staff who have continued to support and assist us throughout the year, thank you for all you do for the ladies. Thank you to all our sponsors, without whose support we would struggle financially. A special thank you to Greater Bank for generously sponsoring our Annual Open Tournament and although they were not able to continue this sponsorship in 2019 I am happy to announce our new sponsor for the Annual Open Tournament 2019 is Professionals Bathurst Real Estate. Thank you so much Ben Stevens and staff for this generous sponsorship which will ensure the continued prosperity the Annual Open Tournament brings to Bathurst Golf Club.

Congratulations to the Club on its Country Club of the Year award. I wish the Board of Management for 2019 every success and feel certain the Women Golfers association with the BGC Board continues to flourish. It has been wonderful to welcome several new women members to our Club this year which is testament to our excellent camaraderie and rapport which encourages new business.

The Women's Club Championships were held in March 2018 and the Foursomes in October highlighted the friendship 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 2018 was once again a resounding success and planning is well underway for an equally successful 2019 Tournament.

Denise Simpson
Ladies President

2018 Championship results

A Grade stroke: winner Chelsea Litchfield (299); runner up Louise Johnston (347)

A Grade nett: winner Mary Housler (295); runner up Jane Williams (296)

B1 Grade stroke: winner Sue Cregan (380); runner up Monique Hagerty (387)
B1 Grade nett: winner Kinga Macpherson (302); runner up Helen Carver (307)

2017 Foursomes results

Division 1: Scratch Winners C Lithfield & K Ferris 121 Runners up J Williams & J Ross 135

Division 1: Nett Winners V Stuart & K Macpherson 106.5 Runners up J Roughley & L Morgan 111

Division 2: Scratch Winners L Sams & J McDowell 152 c/b Runners up B Hodgson & W Parker 152

Division 2: Nett Winners H Dunne & D Williams 112 Runners up B Hodgson & W Parker 113.5

Number of Members

Membership as at 31st December 2018

Category	2018	2017		2018	2017
Playing	538	524	Junior Members	73	80
Concession	116	119	Life Members	5	5
Intermediate	26	24	House (Social)	407	383
Country	4	5			

Note all categories include ladies.

The number of financial members for 2018 was 1169. The number of financial members for 2017 was 1140.