

*Bathurst Golf Club Limited*

**A.B.N. 17 000 981 993**



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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AND**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

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

**Monday 6th April 2020**

**AT 7.30 P.M.**

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Floor Bathurst Golf Clubhouse, Orange Road, Bathurst**

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### **Agenda**

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019
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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.
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 2020

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](http://www.bathurstgolf.com.au)

## **Presidents Report**

Another year has passed and we are another year older.

Once again for the 12<sup>th</sup> year the Bathurst Golf Club has showed a profit – a great achievement and thanks to Brad for continued success.

The Club is still riding high after the 2018 award of Regional Country Club of the year and had Matt Barrett achieve Country Professional of the year 2019, supporting our continuing growth.

Water again was the major concern for our Club but once our third Bore (16<sup>th</sup>) came on line in March Dave was able to give our fairways a good watering and maintain them in a presentable and usable condition.

We are into our third year of dry/drought conditions and thankfully our bores have done the job we had hoped for and kept our water costs down and maintained our course in an acceptable and playable condition and showed the true value of the grant provided by the State Government.

The bores have reduced usage of Council water purchases by \$50000, supporting extreme water restriction currently in force for Bathurst.

A big congratulations to Dave Rogers and his team for their efforts under the drought conditions and their ongoing work on new fairway watering lines and the great work on the right side of 2<sup>nd</sup>, left bunker on 6, the refurbish of both sides and bunkers on 12 and fairway coring.

Stay tuned for further work this year on the 13th Bunkers, paths and water retention initiatives.

The Santa Anna turf proved its worth by standing up to dry conditions very well.

Preferred lies have prevailed since last August and still remain into March.

The Wednesday warriors (aka John P) have been very supportive of the club and are a big help for Dave handling the tedious tasks, maintaining gardens, edges, hedges, picking up fallen timber and top soiling areas to name a few.

I would like to make special mention of Bob Boschman on his continued dedication to course maintenance and his nomination as Volunteer of the year 2019 – congratulations.

Thanks to Steve for his handling of the Capital and grant proposals particularly with the Solar panels on the Cart Shed through our electricity provider, which effectively doubling our generation capacity and we should see benefits from January's financials, we now await the disability lift grant (lift at front of building) which will give an improved suitable access to the club for our many visitors and an improvement to the disability parking on the southern area of the clubhouse.

Captain Darryn has done a sterling job this year with John and support from Kevin, Terry and Farms. He is hoping for a couple of wins in Pennants this year.

His working relationship with the Ladies is very good and thanks to Jane, Denise, Sarah and Manor for their commitment to the ladies and the Club.

Jane has continued success in welcoming new Ladies to Golf – a terrific effort. A difficult job with Pulse (Card System) causing issues, but Brucey has handled it well and this year has some proposals to alleviate some of the problems.

Our tournaments again were well run and attended and our greens keep getting mentioned as being fast and true, what else can you say.

The Country Championships were held in November with success although the format of shotgun start at midday was understandable, but as it turned out enabled our own golfers to play early and finish before the Champs.

Country Championships - 2 years to go – Thanks Bathurst Regional Council.

JNJG - Largest Junior golf event in State - once again very successful

Bathurst Open – 2 days – big fields both days.

The numbers supporting these events have been outstanding.

Matt Barratt – Country pro of the year - has once again excelled in being the front man for the Club in the pro shop.

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

Nathan has fitted in well and Dylan has completed his apprenticeship - congratulations and good luck for the future.

The Restaurant has another Chef as of last October - Matt Verran who took over from Mick Brill.

Matt is an experienced Chef, specializing in Seafood and already his monthly seafood nights have been roaring successes and this has been reflected in the financials.

Our Operations Manager Brendan can now focus on bar and Marketing side of the business. Brendan, Rod and Jo have once again showed the importance of good front persons at the bar and Brendan's Trivia presentation, with help from Jann, Gabby, Cindy, Mary, Col, Rod, the support of our restaurant and Jo working the courtesy bus has made our Club a great place to be.

Heather in the office has been pleasant, diligent and hard-working, supporting Brad in the financial management side of the business.

Once again 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 and their help on Friday night, especially Bill, Dennis and Ian.

Tony has been a great help and mentor and his involvement with improving our Club House and surrounds is a credit to his love of the game and the club.

Our oldest Cart shed has had a revamp inside to repaint lines and allow more space thanks to Tony and Bill plus we are installing an exit door on the Northern end and an issue with toilet odour has been eliminated due to Tony's persistence.

Steve is also giving a regular summary of the Club giving a deeper insight into the financial workings.

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 and regular outings with Board members has helped the continued improvements on the course.

Darren once again has shown his commitment to the Club (Captain of Pennant No 2 team) with valuable commentary and has obtained help from his employer to have some Safety railing's placed on our practice putting green in the near future.

Greg has been a keen member of the Committee and his business knowledge is a positive for our Committee - thanks for his organisation in sealing a damaged section near the first tee. Kevin has been keen to learn, asks the important questions and is passionate about his golf, the club and a big support with the cards.

The Board and staff had Workplace Health and Safety Training last year with the aim to maintain a safe workplace for all staff, golfers and visitors.

In closing a big thanks to Brad in his running of the Club and the financial security and stability we all enjoy.

The financials show a sound operation, with numbers slightly rising still with over 700 playing members and a strong 72 juniors.

This coming year will be consolidation of the previous initiatives, especially with water and continuing the bunker improvements and fairway drought proofing plus Clubhouse/restaurant improvements.

I have placed on the notice board a list of some of the clubs achievements in 2018, 2019 and thoughts for the coming year.

Thanks to all members for their support of the Club.

Once again our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones in the past year and to those who are struggling with their health.

**Ray Stapley**  
**President**

### **Treasurers Report 2019**

It is with pleasure that I submit the annual Treasurers Report, on behalf of the Board of Directors, for the period ending 31 December 2019.

This is my first Annual Report as Treasurer, and I would like to acknowledge the previous Treasurer, Peter Brien, for his thoroughness and expertise over the past 8 years.

The Bathurst Golf Club continues to perform financially very satisfactorily, recording yet again another nett profit. For the 2019 financial year, nett profit was \$57017, compared to a net profit in 2018 of \$56755. It should be noted that the nett profit in 2018 is inflated by Grant Income of \$159105, which makes the 2019 nett profit result quite remarkable.

The most pleasing aspect however, and a true indication of the success and growth of the Club, is that the Club's cash position, as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, had improved by \$83726 over the past 12 months.

At an operational level, all aspects of the Club's activities have grown. The key indicators of growth have been in Bar Revenue, up \$59210, Catering Revenue up \$46023, Gaming Revenue up \$27919 and Course Revenue up \$5040.

Expenditure during 2019 has been carefully monitored and restrained. The operation of the new water bores has contributed to a nett decrease in Council Water Rates of \$57462, an outstanding result. Congratulations must go to Dave Rogers and his team for the presentation of the course during what has been one of the hottest and driest periods the Club has

experienced. The Club's decision to provide additional water security through the bores has certainly been vindicated.

During Dec 2019, the club, through its energy supplier AGL and local contractors, embarked on an augmentation of its solar power array, with the installation of an additional 52Kw system on the new golf cart shed. We are already reaping savings of approximately \$1400 per month in our electricity bill. The payback period for this installation will be approximately 30 – 36 months, further enhancing the Bathurst Golf Club's "green" credentials.

In closing, I would like to thank President Ray and all the Directors for their support throughout the year, and the responsible way in which decisions have been made. Further, an organisation like a Golf Club requires two key inputs. Firstly, great leadership, and with this I would like to congratulate our General Manager, Brad Constable and his team for a wonderful year. Secondly, support from the members. The Bathurst Golf Club continues to receive great support from both its playing and social members. The strength and growth of the Club lies with its members and to all of them, I say thank you.

**Stephen Darlington**  
**Treasurer.**

### **General Managers Report**

I think all would agree 2019 was a year where we saw it all in regards to weather extremes with little rainfall and very hot dry conditions that took a toll on many of our fellow NSW

Country courses and even our city counterparts. Bathurst was one of the few courses to 'weather' the drought to some degree thanks to the implementation of our bores towards the end of 2018 and full implementation in early 2019. Most would agree that the bores on the course will undoubtedly go down as one of the best moves made in the history of the BGC and showed true foresight from the Board of Director's.

I would like to thank Dave Rogers, Tom Hanrahan, Adam Hodges, Aaron Booby and Mick Forde for their dedication and passion they show each day in regards to the care of the golf course we all enjoy. 2020 will continue to see bunker improvements along the lines of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as we continue to improve the bunkers on the course, even though some people don't want to hear it the bunkers at Bathurst have been an ongoing issue for as long as the course has been in its current position due to our clay based soil profile. Rest assured though that improvements will continue!

Welcome to our Head Chef Matt Verran who came on board in October to form a very successful pairing with Ryan Woods which has seen a dramatic improvement in restaurant patronage and an improved bottom line. To our front of house staff Janaye, Jo and Rachel thank you for your efforts.

Heather Bennett in the office is a diligent employee with a no fuss attitude towards her work, you are very much appreciated. To Brendan, Rod and the bar staff, thank you for making the bar an enjoyable place to visit! Dovey and Eric is essential services, your work does not go unnoticed.

Matt Barrett, Nathan King and Dylan Thompson have once again kept the Pro-shop fires burning with a happy greeting on arrival and golf expertise and advice second to none for our members and visitors, congratulations to Dylan on completing his PGA apprenticeship!

To Ray, Tony, Darryn, John, Steve, Greg, Darren, Bill & Kevin it has been a pleasure to have a Board of Director's that get things done, in my 13 years this is one of the best Committee's I have worked with.

To all our members it is you that makes the Bathurst Golf Club exist, you are greatly appreciated and wish you good health and good golf in the coming year! To all who have lost loved ones our thoughts are with you.

**Brad Constable**  
**General Manager**

### **Captains Report**

New rules and handicap systems are the big talking points this year with Bathurst adapting to these changes quite well, handicaps are able to drift out to 54 for both Men and Women, we have incorporated the out of bounds rule into our local competitions which in theory speeds up play and takes the guess work out of what to do in the event of an errant shot. Preferred lies have been on all year but with the recent rains this may be about to end to coincide with the Club Championships

Women's competitions on Thursdays and Saturdays are now included alongside men's and are calculated and vouchered at the same time then sent off to golf link, ladies golfers now also play in 4 ball events as well, this innovation started after long consultations with Jane Mitchell who has been a great help during her tenure as Ladies Captain.

John Perfect as Vice-Captain this year and has proven himself invaluable with a calming demeanor and a tremendous work ethic; you will see him most Wednesdays on the course helping the green keepers along with assisting the Captain with decisions and scoring, other helpers this year have been Terry Lewis and Kevin Callaghan, Matt Barrett and the pro shop boys (many hands make light work) so thanks again.

Highlights in competitions this year are many so let's start by lauding the efforts of the Division 1 Pennants team this year finishing second to Mudgee. The Bathurst Open this year was won by Mark Hale (Mudgee) and saw the continuation of the eight-person feature groups which are now a fixture for our Open. The Men's Foursomes were won by President Ray Stapley and Bill Casey.

The Pulse computer system has seen some innovative ideas added, you can now see how many birdies each player has had for a round and there's a comments box on the score card and by scrolling across the bottom of the score entry is a rolling commentary of things that are happening at the Club, as you may have noticed the stage has gone and this is to facilitate the new home of the score entry system. Coupled with a relocation of the noticeboard, you will see these changes happen throughout the year.

Challenges for this year are many as Michael Hanlon (Pulse) has sold his company (our scoring system) and has moved on to other endeavors, what this means for the Club is yet to be determined, other challenges are the constant issue of slow play ( don't be that player ) and looking after the course with Carts and divots and pitch marks. On a more positive note enjoy your golf, I know I do and good luck for the 2020 season

**Darryn Bruce**  
**Captain**

**Bathurst Men's Club Major Events - 2019**

Don O'Malley Cup Club Champion	Winner	Reece Hodson
Stuart Robinson Cup 72 Hole Scratch B Grade	Winner	Townzend Taylor
Adrian Fish Cup 72 Hole Scratch Bi Grade	Winner	Rod Pollard
Eric Sargeant Trophy 72 Hole Scratch C Grade	Winner	Paul Friend
Presidents Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "A"	Winner	Darryn Bruce
Patrons Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "B"	Winner	Tony Foster
Captains Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "B 1"	Winner	Mark Gunning
Bert Norrie Trophy 72 Hole Handicap "C"	Winner	Scott Bennett
Veteran Scratch	Winner	Darryn Bruce
Veteran Handicap	Winner	Peter Heness
Junior Champion	Winner	Ben Mackey
Max Howard Trophy	Winner	Paul Friend
Men Foursomes		
Scratch "A" Grade	Winners	Ray Stapley & Bill Casey
Scratch "B" Grade	Winners	Roger Sparke & Terry Dwyer
Handicap "A" Grade	Winners	Kevin Cooke & Joh Toole
Handicap "B" Grade	Winners	James Chapple & Chris Boardman
Mixed Foursomes Scratch	Winners	Katrina Ferris & Brian Walsh
Mixed Foursomes Handicap	Winners	Graham Tyson & Judy Tyson
Dowling Trophy	Winners	TBA
Dowling Point Score	Winners	Ian Miller & Mary Housler
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	Phil Campbell
Maneela Mug	Winner	Matt Phillips
Jimmy Johnson	Winners	David Gates & Geoff Coleman
	Runner Up	Steve Finnerty & Mark Gunning
Ivor Hector	Winner	David Taylor
	Runner Up	Nathan Burke
Leeholme Cup	Winner	Phil Murray

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Dunwright Matchplay	Winner	Justin Sutton
Summer Cup	Winner	Mick Fitzgerald

## **Course Report 2019**

### **Bunker Improvements;**

- RHS of 2<sup>nd</sup> green – repairs to drainage, re-shape of front bunker, new sand and landscaping to help protect out of bounds shot.
  - Bunkers on 12, total renovation and re-shaping
  - Bunker on LHS of 6, total renovation and re-shaping
- Poor draining sand contaminated with clay particles replaced with new sand, this will be an ongoing exercise.

### **Irrigation**

Improvements to the course included pipelines installed to water areas that were previously lacking in turf quality – areas include;

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fairway
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Green surrounds
- 7<sup>th</sup> Tee area
- 11<sup>th</sup> tee
- RHS of 10<sup>th</sup> Fairway

Ladies Tees on 6 & 12 levelled and re-turfed

Continual work on tree pruning and removal where required

Thank you to the ground staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year as well as our loyal volunteers who have done a huge job to help out Dave and the team out!

**Bill Casey**  
**Course Chairman**

## **Bathurst Women's Golf Annual Report 2019**

Thank you once again for the privilege to serve as your President for the past year. 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 easy 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 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 thanks to Professionals Bathurst Real Estate for generously sponsoring our Annual Open Tournament. Thank you, Ben Stevens and staff, for this generous sponsorship as well as for the promotional video which will ensure the continued prosperity the Annual Open Tournament brings to Bathurst Golf Club.

I wish the Board of Management for 2020 every success and feel certain the Bathurst Women Golfers connection with the BGC Board will continue to flourish. It has been wonderful to welcome several new women members to our Club this year partly due to the Give Golf a Go program coordinated by Jane Mitchell, Matt Barrett and others but is also due to the comradery developed between the Board of Management and the Women's Committee. This clubmanship filters down through the players and in turn encourages new members.

The Women's Club Championships were held in March 2019 and the Foursomes in October 2019 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 2019 was once again a resounding success and planning is well underway for an equally successful 2020 Tournament.

### **Denise Simpson President**

#### **2019 Championship results**

A Grade stroke: winner Chelsea Litchfield (297); runner up Casey Thompson (335)

A Grade nett: winner Mary Housler (288); runner up Manor Cooper (292)

B1 Grade stroke: winner Jan Ross (379); runner up Toni Pender (397)

B1 Grade nett: winner Lyn Morgan (297); runner up Sandy Anderson (300)

#### **2019 Foursomes results**

Division 1 : Scratch Winner Lousea Johnston & SarahThompson 134

Division 2 : Scratch Winners Lorette Sams & Jan McDowell 150

### **Number of Members**

Membership as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

<b>Category</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Playing	554	538	Junior Members	72	73
Concession	117	116	Life Members	5	5
Intermediate	26	26	House (Social)	416	407
Country	3	4			

Note all categories include ladies.

The number of financial members for 2019 was 1193. The number of financial members for 2018 was 1169.