

*Bathurst Golf Club Limited*

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



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**1894-2021**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AND**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> of April 2022**

**At 5.30pm**

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Floor Bathurst Golf Clubhouse, Orange Road, Bathurst  
Notice of Annual General Meeting**

## **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Bathurst Golf Club Limited is to be held in the Clubhouse on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 at 5.30pm

### **Agenda**

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021
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 2021.
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 25/03/2022

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 2021**

What a year again with a second round of Covid and rain.

Our Club has survived the year by following Health rules with Covid restrictions, weather causing days of no play, no carts and even teeing up on the course, help via Government stimulus packages, and a continued lift in the use of our Golf Course.

The result of the above has seen our financials once again on the positive side for the 14th Year even with the Stimulus packages removed- thanks to Brad for handling another most difficult year.

Thanks to Matt and his team for handling the ever-changing health rules and the increased use of the Course.

Dave and his team have had to cope with increased numbers on the course and a year with almost 1000 mm rainfall meant no rest for keeping the grass mown, great work fellows and their ongoing work, particularly on the bunkers, paths, tree planting and an increasing amount of fallen trees and branches due to the effect of age, drought, rainfall and winds.

Preferred lies prevailed for a long period again this year and were only taken off in December and during this period coring of the fairways including winter grass spraying took place.

The bores have reduced usage of Council water purchases again, but obviously helped again by above average rainfall as per 2020.

Wednesday volunteers again have been a great help to Dave handling those menial tasks including a lot of trees and limbs cleanups, trimming shrubs and edges and filling divots on our tee boxes. Special thanks to John Perfect, Bob Boschman, Tony Pryce, John Fagan and the Wednesday boys for their very important and much appreciated efforts.

Captain Darryn has done another great Job which has not been easy during COVID but additional Comp days and repositioning the Championships and postponing the Bathurst Open meant some of his load went to Matt Barrett with changing tee times and special COVID restrictions to ensure members could get a game.

Darryn with John Perfect and help from Kevin, Farms and Terry kept all the comps up to date and safely fed the scores into the system and their help to the women has been much appreciated.

Well done to Jane, Manor and the Women's Committee for their continued commitment to the new members in our Club – this achievement is and has bucked the trend in Women's Golf participation in Australia.

A further grant program will commence early 2022 for Girls in Golf.

A few months back a trial was conducted on the Women's 6<sup>th</sup> Tee to investigate safety issues. The response and interest shown was terrific and the outcome, although no changes were made specifically on the tee, now has potential to support all our members in the future.

I will keep you all up to speed on this later this year.

The Pennants this year saw only Division 4 get to the finals but beware there are strong teams this year and Darren is quietly confident his teams will perform well next year.

Thanks to Steve Darlington for his handling of the Capital and grant proposals particularly the lift grant which we resubmitted in July and were successful in receiving \$187500. The wait time is 4- 6 months away and we will soon will have some plans to show.

We have looked at Carpark improvements with improved drainage and with a possible grant it may be viable a project – also a grant to improve our entrance was knocked back so we will be doing some remedial work on the Boundary Road entrance soon.

The Country Championships were given to Forbes due to the Pandemic and Jack Newton Peter O'Malley Junior Tournament was able to go ahead last March.

Our Championships this year saw a new A Grade Champion in Stephen McDonald – a great effort as he has only returned to Golf in the last two years.

Steve also won the Matchplay Competition over another great player in Kelvin Cooke.

Matt Barratt has been kept busy this year with record fields and good numbers on normally quiet days attributed to the COVID restrictions.

During 2021 Matt and Nathan took on the Pro Shop and Professional duties at Duntryleague in Orange, but Matt will continue with Bathurst as his number one Club and continues to communicate his golf programs with Dylan and new Trainee James Hundy, plus support for Jane and the women members in the Give Golf a Go for Women and our young members.

The Restaurant now has a new Chef, Shannen Hobby who will combine with her brother Cody, so expect to have a stable and consistent team providing a new varied and enjoyable menu.

Our Operations Manager Brendan still has a great rapport with patrons and with good support from Rod and Jo is hoping for a more stable year in 2022.

The Trivia on Fridays returned eventually late 2021 and hope it can continue in 2022 with great support from not only golfers but the wider community. Hope our Courtesy bus will be back this year as well.

Thanks for the help on Friday night specially Bill, Greg and lifer Ian for his great support and commitment to the club.

Heather in the office has been friendly, diligent, hard- working support for Brad in the financial management area again through a second Covid year.

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 our Golf Club.

Tony has been a great help and mentor and his involvement with improving our Club House, surrounds and course photinias in particular is a credit to his passion for the game and club.

Bill's blue lines around the greens are time consuming but an integral part of preserving our greens and surrounds 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 with valuable commentary and strong debate.

Greg has been a keen member of the Committee and his business knowledge is a positive for our Committee and commitment to the Clubs improvement is evident.

Kevin is passionate about his golf, the club and a big support with the cards.

New board member John has shown his keenness in improving our Golf Course and has added vigor to our Board and his alarm clock is beginning to work.

Workplace Health and Safety is on our monthly agenda with the aim to maintain a safe workplace for all staff, golfers and visitors and a gentle reminder that we all contribute to safety on the course through consideration and awareness of other players as we have had some incidents this year and remember to call "FOUR" when in doubt.

Tree branches falling without notice, dying trees continue to be a concern and the 100 trees planted in 2021 will eventually fill some of the voids.

Our members can be assured the Board is listening and acting diligently.

In closing a big thanks to Brad in his running of the Club through a most unusual 2<sup>nd</sup> year with COVID and the financial security and stability we all enjoy.

Total Membership, including Social at end of December 2021 is 1241 down by 8 from 2020.

Total playing members – 778 up 12 on 2020

Women's playing members – 146 up 25 on 2020

This coming year will be consolidation of the previous initiatives, especially paths, continuing bunker improvement, plus a long- term initiative to look at major improvements and renos for the Club.

I have placed on the notice board and on the Website a list of some of the club's achievements through 2018 to 2021 and thoughts for the coming year.

Thanks to all members for their support of the Club and hope we can enjoy a more normal 2022.

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

**Ray Stapley**

### **Treasurer's Report 2021**

It is a pleasure to present my first annual Treasurer's Report on behalf of the board of Directors for the period ending 31 December 2021.

The club has had another very successful year, recording a net profit. This has been achieved despite some very trying times with the ongoing COVID restrictions and one of the wettest years on record impacting the number of rounds lost due to rain and the course being closed and cart access restricted. The figures below show how the COVID stimulus contributed to the club's profit for the 2021 year.

The Bathurst Golf Club has recorded a net profit for the period end 31 December 2021, of \$220,196.00. Whilst the net profit is down by \$239,513 compared to last year, it is to be recognised that last year's figures included \$358,000 of COVID Stimulus, compared to this year JobSaver of \$105,798. In real terms (excluding Government assistance) this year is up on last year by \$21,846.

The clubs net cash position has increased by \$83,443 thanks to another successful year of trading and ongoing Government assistance as 31 December 2021. Cash at hand also includes the Government Grant for the elevator of \$184,892.40 and funds for the BAS of \$56,184 for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021 year.

Due to this strong cash position the Board has approved funds to go towards designing some high-level plans for future renovations to the club and improved new technology to be deployed within the Club.

The Board has continued to invest in improving the course and club house with some of the major investments for 2021 including.

- Refurbishment of the clubs dining room.
- Improvements to the rear deck, which is now being better utilised.
- Acquisition of 3 greens mowers from the Lakes Golf Club
- Concrete path on 16<sup>th</sup>, although work has been held up due to heavy rain and limited access for heavy trucks.
- Increased prize money for weekly competitions and some of the major events.
- Purchase of new larger boom spray and workshop hoist.
- Returfing of 7<sup>th</sup> fairway with Santa Ana couch.

The continued heavy rain has made ongoing investment into the course a priority as well with repairs to bunkers, cart paths, and repairs/ replacements of bridges lost on the course.

I would like to thank the Board, Directors and General Manager for their support during the uncertainty of 2021 created by the COVID restrictions and unpredictable weather, which see Bathurst Golf Club in a very strong financial position to modernise and improve our facilities.

**Greg Murray**

## **Captains Report**

Bathurst Golf Club has survived 2 years of the dreaded covid virus, floods, storms and finds itself in an enviable position for future. With the easing of restrictions, the match committee believes it's time for the members to transition back to doing their own cards, so in the coming weeks we will be implementing this.

This year saw voucher prize totals increase along with all major prizes for events during the season this will include shirts also being awarded for all grade winners in the club championships as of 2022

Pennants for 2022 had division 4 come within 1 game of securing the pennant, all team captains applauded their players efforts in all divisions.

Vets golf continues to thrive under the guidance of Manual Pro and with the introduction of some new venues there has been a good buzz throughout the ranks

Ladies golf is now fully integrated with the men's competition's including NTPs and as of next year the club championships will be a combined event hopefully run during daylight saving

Not everything panned out last year the foursomes was washed out and had to be moved to the early part of 2022 with a revised format, our wonderful members embraced this and will be rewarded with the foursomes returning to a 2-day event with playoffs should there be a tie Pulse scoring has informed the club it's not looking at any form of live scoring which will probably force the club to look at another provider. I myself have used the live scoring app at some events last year and thought it worked well, stay tuned

John Perfect should be clubman of the year, he has proven himself invaluable with a calming demeanor and a tremendous work ethic; you will see him and his growing crew most Wednesdays on the course helping the green keepers along with assisting myself with decisions and scoring, other helpers this year have been Terry Lewis and Kevin Callaghan, Matt Barrett and the pro shop boys, Brad and Brendan and the staff so thanks again and let's enjoy 2022

**Captain Darryn Bruce**

### **Major Event Winners**

#### **Club Championships**

A Grade – Stephen McDonald - B Grade – Noah Constable

B1 Grade – David Sams - C Grade – Col Hope

#### **Dunwright Matchplay**

A Grade – Stephen McDonald – B Grade – Fred Hennessy

B1 Grade – Steve Johnson – C Grade – Mal Robins

#### **Foursomes Championships**

A Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Stephen McDoanld & Shaun Elphick

B grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Weekes & Jordan Bull

C grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Mitton & Ben Loomb

## Course Report 2021

A very busy golfing year that included a number of projects;

- Over 150m of concrete pathway on 16, still to be completed after a wet Summer
- Road base on some existing paths, more paths to come
- New irrigation pipeline installed from the main to increase volume to the 3<sup>rd</sup> green
- New 3<sup>rd</sup> tee extension
- Ongoing drainage and new sand in bunkers
- Barrier ropes and posts installed around greens to direct cart traffic – a big thanks to our volunteers!
- New bridge under construction on the 8<sup>th</sup>
- Dangerous tree lopping and stump removal with more to come
- 1000m<sup>2</sup> of Santa Anna turf replacement on 7<sup>th</sup> fairway.
- Extraordinary season of just keeping the grass mown!

**Bill Casey – Course Chairman – David Rogers – Course Superintendent**

## General Managers Report 2021

Another year on the Covid-19 roundabout, relatively normal periods punctuated by another lockdown, I would like to share some figures over the last 3 years to really illustrate the incredible ups and downs that have affected not only us, but the whole industry;

- Bar revenue up \$2612.16 on 2020, but down \$100174.68 on 2019
- Pokies down \$7909.47 on 2020 and down \$51118.01 on 2019
- Catering revenue up \$13593.47 on 2020, but down \$49025.14 on 2019
- Total Income for 2021 down \$87599.92 on 2019

On a brighter side the shifts and turns on the golf course in green fees, comp fees and cart hire tell a very positive story;

- Green fees up \$19773.21 on 2020 and \$34332.51 up on 2019
- Comp fees remain level pegging with 2020, but up a remarkable \$73395.60 on 2019
- Interestingly cart hire is down \$2877.10 on 2019, showing how many members use private carts.

The resurgence in golf has been mirrored in Australia and indeed world-wide, we are all grateful here at the Club that golf was allowed to continue throughout the Pandemic, without it and Government stimulus the Club's financial position would have taken a significant hit.

2022 will hopefully provide some exciting times ahead as we will install a new lift to the front of the Club to improve disabled access and also make things easier for our current members to have an alternative to stairs, thank you to the NSW Government and our Local Member Paul Toole for their continued support.

The Board of Director's have allocated funds to go towards high level drawings to renovate the Club in the future, these drawings will be put on display for viewing and members feedback when they are completed. Any future reno's will include complete upgrades of systems to bring us up to speed with the latest technology.

Once again I would like to thank President Ray Stapley and all of the Board for again showing great support for myself and all the staff here at the Bathurst Golf Course, it



really does make all our jobs and time spent at the Club far more enjoyable and in turn productive.

To Brendan in the operations department, thank you for your efforts and support along with Rod, Jo, the bar and wait staff, the wheels don't turn without you all.

Heather in the office, Dovey and Eric in essential services, you are greatly appreciated.

Matt, Dylan, Tim, James, a tough job at times we all know, but thank you on behalf of all our members and visitors. Special shoutout to Nathan King who is now the Head Professional at Duntryleague GC.

To the new kitchen combo of Shannen and Cody Hobby, we are all hoping you get clear running this year to showcase your talents.

Dave, Adam, Tom, Mick and Dillon, the course continues to be presented in magnificent condition, thank you all once again.

On a closing note there has been welcomed feedback over the last 12 months in regards to prizes awarded in not only competition golf, but also major events. This has been taken on board with an increase in competition vouchers of \$5 last year (\$10,000/year), some might suggest it is not enough it is a starting point. While some major prizes were increased a while ago some important events were not, this has also been rectified for 2022.

Another great year from our course volunteers, you are all gems!

To our members who have lost loved ones, our sincere condolences are with you.

Good golfing and hopefully stable times ahead!

**Brad Constable - General Manager**

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

A sincere thank you to the Golf Club Board, all Club staff, all Pro Shop staff, and the Women's Committee, for all they have done to keep golf going through a second year of Covid uncertainty. For many of us, the opportunity for outdoor exercise in a friendly environment, has been an important part of getting through the pandemic.

During the first half of 2021 we were able to run our golf program with relatively few disruptions. In the second part of the year many of our special events were cancelled. That said, women's golf remained strong with excellent numbers playing both competition and social golf through the week.

In particular I would like to thank Manor Cooper who has been our Captain through the pandemic and who has taken carriage for Tuesday competition results over the past year. Likewise, thank you to Darryn Bruce, John Perfect and other members who helped process women's results on Saturday, Thursday and Tuesday. This work is often not seen, or noticed, but is time-consuming and has enabled us to continue our competitions.

Thank you as well to all of the BWG 2021 Committee – Manor Cooper, Chris Burke, Bev Clark, Jan Ross, Kay Sandridge and Chelsea Litchfield. All committee members have worked hard to contribute to our golf program and to put women's golf at Bathurst in a very strong position. We have approximately 140 female members which represents a 30% growth over the last three years. Given that many golf clubs have seen a decline in female membership we are delighted that women's golf in Bathurst has gone from strength to strength.

The women's AGM is normally held in October. The 2021 AGM was postponed until February 2022 because of COVID with the 2021 Committee agreeing to stay on in caretaker mode. The postponed AGM was subsequently cancelled because of further COVID uncertainty. Fortunately, we had called for nominations for committee members and the following were appointed for 2022:

Mary Housler, Jan Ross, Kay Sandridge, Gaye Withers, Jane Williams, Chelsea Litchfield, Jane Mitchell.

Mary Housler has taken on the role of Captain, and all committee members have delegated responsibilities. Margaret Woodward has kindly agreed to continue in her role as Patroness of women's golf.

Three members of the 2021 Committee stepped down after considerable service to the Club and to women's golf: Bev Clarke – 21 years on committee (including being treasurer and secretary); Chris Burke – over two decades on committee (including two terms as Captain); Manor Cooper – 8 years on committee and our most recent Captain. A sincere thank you to these three members for their significant contribution.

We hope that 2022 is a more stable year than 2021 and that we can play our full program of events. The BWG Committee look forward to continuing to support and promote Bathurst Golf Club in 2022.

**Jane Mitchell (President) on behalf of the Bathurst Women's Golf Committee**

### **Major Results for 2021**

#### **Club Championships 2021**

##### **A Grade**

1<sup>st</sup>: Katrina Ferris 82, 78, 84, 85: 329

Runner up: Mary Housler 84, 81, 89, 88: 342

##### **B Grade**

1<sup>st</sup>: Sue Cregan 94, 98, 96, 100: 388

Runner up: Monique Hagerty 92, 95, 105, 100: 392

#### **Supervets Championship 2021**

1<sup>st</sup>: Manor Cooper

#### **Foursomes Championship 2021**

Cancelled due to COVID

### **Number of Members**

Membership as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021					
<b>Category</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Playing	623	607	Junior Members	73	73
Concession	125	121	Life Members	4	5
Intermediate	33	40	House (Social)	380	400
Country	3	3			

Note all categories include ladies.

The number of financial members for 2021 was 1241. The number of financial members for 2020 was 1249 with the reduction coming from social members.