

*Bathurst Golf Club Limited*

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**1894-2022**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**AND**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AND**

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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

**27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**At 5.30pm**

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

**1<sup>ST</sup> Floor Bathurst Golf Clubhouse, 136 Vittoria St 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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 5.30pm

### **Agenda**

1. To confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 11th April 2022
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 2022.
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 06/03/2023

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 2022

What a year again with a third and hopefully final year of Covid and third year of well above average rainfall.

Our Club has come through the year with solid Clubhouse trade combined with a continued lift in the use of our Golf Course.

A similar positive finish as last year and the result of the above has seen our Financials once again on the plus side for the **15th Year** - thanks to Brad for handling another most difficult year.

December saw the passing of our updated Constitution after 6 months of work from the Governance committee and Kinga McPherson.

The challenge now is to implement the changes.

Thanks to those who contributed and attended the Special Meeting in December.

Dave and his team have had to cope with increased numbers on the course and wet conditions again, no rest for keeping the grass mown- great work fellows and their ongoing work particularly on the bunkers, and an increasing amount of fallen trees and branches due to the effect of age, drought, rainfall and winds.

Several of our large dead trees have been removed as well leaving a new and improved appearance on our course. Further work in this area is happening.

Preferred lies prevailed again and coring of the fairways was completed while they were still wet in November and water usage was down again, as was bore use.

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.

Dave has lost a couple of employees in 2022- Adam Hodges after 16 odd years (good luck in your new ventures) and Dylan Grimmond, but has a couple of experienced replacements who have handled their roles well.

Captain Darryn has done another great Job which has not been easy during COVID and 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.

We are still looking at a new system to replace Pulse and reduce the load on the guys who do our cards – maybe this is the year will see the change.

The Pennants 2022 saw only the 4<sup>th</sup> get to the finals and they only just got beaten in the finals but beware there are strong teams this year especially in Division one so Darren is quietly confident his teams will perform well this year.

Well done to Jane, who has stepped down from the Women's Committee, thank you for the great work over the past 7 years with Women's golf, we wish Mary Housler and the new Committee the best in the coming years and their continued commitment to Women and the new members in our Club.

Congrats to young Maiv Dorman who continues to improve.

Back in 2021 we looked at a new tee on the 6th and although not there yet, Dave Rogers will be building a new Tee along with four others to be called Orange Tees for the newer women or those who wish to use them to help in the enjoyment of their Golf. The Orange Tees have been rated along with the other tees so handicaps will reflect the tee position.

This ties in with the rating of all our Course Tees on 1<sup>st</sup> November and the move to allow Men to play off Red Tees if they are not getting the enjoyment from their score or they may be disadvantaged by age or disability - 95 is the number for age and handicap but this is negotiable so please ask.

Our Disability Lift is finally showing signs of completion, maybe late March, as it has been a long wait so we hope will be appreciated by all.

We have looked at Carpark improvements again and I believe this will be our next big project after the Disability lift along with bunker improvements.

Our entrance is poor so it must be improved, same goes for the Boundary Road entry/Exit.

The Jack Newton /Peter O'Malley Junior Tournament was successfully held with close to 200 entries (down on an expected 220 due to Covid) so expect a huge turnout this year.

Our Championships this year saw a new A Grade Champion in Justin Sutton.

Young gun Cooper Starkey was triumphant in The Junior rank with a fantastic 3 round total.

Matt Barratt has had a tough year due to weather but been kept busy this year with record fields and good numbers and whilst having James Hundy as Trainee, he lost Dylan

Thompson to Canberra in pursuit of a Career stalled by Covid.

Matt has continued to support our Juniors and Women's Golf enthusiastically.

The Restaurant with Chef, Shannen Hobby and her brother Cody continues to improve with positive financials over the past 12 months and with support from Rod and members, expectations are positive for 2023.

Our Operations Manager Brendan has a great rapport with patron's & potential customers so with good support from Rod and Jo is hoping for a positive 2023.

Dovey is still going strong although having some health issues and continues to give me advice.

Heather Bennett in the office retired during the year after a very supportive role with Brad, she was replaced by Judy McClintock who has fitted in well.

The Trivia on Fridays continued with a solid base crowd and hope that continues –thanks to Ian, Billy, Greg and John for their continuing support and help.

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 escallonias in particular, it is a credit to his passion for the game and club- he has been a member for nearly 60 years- he started at a young age.

Bill's blue lines around the greens are time consuming but an integral part of preserving our greens and surrounds so please adhere to them, 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 Board and his commitment to the Clubs improvement is evident in his financial role.

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

John F has shown his keenness in improving our Golf Course and has added vigor and passion to our Board, but is still working on his alarm clock!

His push for Cart Paths has resulted in some great work in poor path areas and this is still progressing this month with around \$115,000 spent on paths in the past year and they are a huge plus for our Club, thanks John.

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.

Speed of play still haunts our Club at times and we all must work on **Ready Golf**

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

Total playing members – 767 down 21 on 2021  
Women’s playing members 129 down 17 on 2021  
Mens playing members 638 down 11 on 2021  
Juniors – Female- 3  
Male - 49

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 plus our entrance and carpark.

I have placed on the notice board and on the Website a list of some of the club’s achievements through 2018 to 2022 and thoughts for the coming year.

In closing a big thanks to Brad in his running of the Club through a most unusual 3<sup>rd</sup> year with COVID and the financial security and stability we all enjoy.

Thanks to all members for their support of the Club and hope we can enjoy a more normal 2023.

Thanks to all the support I have had in the role of President for the past 7 years but the time has come for me to pass the baton on.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role with its challenges but more so the friendship and commitment of the board to the needs of our members and the Club and the dedication of Brad our leader.

Once again, our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones during the year and in particular, Jim, Danny, Norma, Deidre and Shep recently and to those who are struggling with their health.

### **President - Ray Stapley**

### **Treasurer’s Report 2022**

It is a pleasure to present my annual Treasurer’s Report on behalf of the board of Directors for the period ending 31 December 2022.

The club has had another very successful year, recording a net profit. This has been achieved despite some very trying times with high inflation and supply issues as experienced by many businesses. In addition, continued wet weather on top of the lost number of rounds due to rain and the course being closed and cart access restricted.

The Bathurst Golf Club has recorded a net profit for the period end 31 December 2022, of \$259650.49, an increase of \$39454.68 on last year.

The clubs net cash position has decreased by \$28006 but overall has been a sound year financially. Cash at hand also includes the remaining balance Government Grant for the elevator which should be completed soon.

The Board has continued to invest in improving the course and club house with some of the major investments for 2022 including:

- Extension of concrete paths around the course.
- Remediation on bunkers on 6<sup>th</sup> green and surrounds.
- Purchase of electrical generator to support work around course

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. This work will be ongoing during 2023.

I would like to thank the Board, Staff and the General Manager for their support during the uncertainty of 2022 created by lingering COVID and unpredictable weather, which sees the Bathurst Golf Club in a very strong financial position to modernise and improve our facilities.

## **Treasurer - Greg Murray**

### **Captains Report for 2022**

The Bathurst Golf Club had a welcome return to normal operations for the 22 season with our full program being unchanged for the year.

Course rating changes occurred this year with the course going from 136 to 128 which I feel is a much fairer rating, also trialed this year was a hole index rating change, done through pulse which calculated changes per each hole. Though the theory was ok, our wet weather over the last 3 year gave an unfavorable result and it was decided to leave the hole indexes 'as they were'.

The forward tee program kicked off this year as well with the qualifying criteria being 95 (age plus handicap) and has been well received by our older members.

Competitions this year had interruptions because of weather; case in point the Club Championships which had the 3<sup>rd</sup> round cancelled, the eventual winner being Justin Sutton.

The Bathurst Open also had a long rain delay with the greens badly flooded, Mark Hale was Champion for 2022, with our own Michael Stanford the runner up.

Pennants for the 2023 season

Once again terrific turn out by the Bathurst teams just missing the finals in all Divisions.

Some stand out performers in the divisions, Blake Authur went undefeated in Division 3 along with Doug Masters in Division 4, and all the action can be read on our website in Club News.

Bathurst hosted Pennants twice this year, special thanks to Brad and Brendan and the crews who did a great job with the Catering and BBQ

Veteran's golf continues to go from strength to strength under the guidance of Manual Pro and you can keep up with all the vets' news from our new link on the website.

John Perfect this year has proven himself once again invaluable, the tremendous work you see him doing at the club, on and around the course, can sometimes go unnoticed, John assists the green keepers, along with assisting the Captain with decisions and scoring, this goes along way to making our club function smoothly, other helpers this year have been Ian Farmer, Terry Lewis, and Kevin Callaghan, great work guys.

Special thanks to Matt Barrett and his team, also the team at the driving range with the Pennant teams practicing and have coaching there. Matt has a passion for Pennants matched by the captains and always throws his full support behind the teams.

Bathurst Mens and Women's Club Championships this year will be combined, continuing the move towards inclusion for all members and will feature both Men and Ladies presentations on the final Sunday of the competition.

The Club is travelling well, but now it looks like we will be having some dryer weather, so be mindful to use the new cart paths, keep carts away from the greens tees and surrounds, continued vigilance with the pace of play and enjoy your golf.

## **Captain - Darryn Bruce**

## **Major Event Winners**

### **Club Championships**

A Grade – Justin Sutton - B Grade – Warren Matthews

B1 Grade – Fred Hennessy - C Grade – Kev Delaney

### **Dunwright Matchplay**

A Grade – Reece Hodson – B Grade – Wayne Morgan

B1 Grade – Fred Hennessy – C Grade – Rob Hennessey

### **Foursomes Championships**

A Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Jake Lamb & Mike Stanford

B grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Tim & Ben McCrossin

C grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Burke & Gary Taylor

## **Course Report 2022**

\* A lot of concrete paths have been constructed around the course as well as the toilet block on 13.

\*The RHS side bunker on 16 has been filled in with mounding.

\*A new bridge across the 8th creek was constructed. Work is still in progress with this.

\*The drainage of water near the 10th dam was causing a bog over winter with high water levels causing back- up. It has been rectified by keeping the water level below the normal.

\*Bunker drainage works on 4 and 14 have been undertaken, on- going work.

\*New surface was laid on the bridge at 18.

\*Bunker construction and surrounding areas on the RHS of the 6<sup>th</sup> have been completed.

\*The creeks got out of control this year with the amount of rain that we had.

\*Aeration of the fairways was carried out in November as usual.

\*Clearing of dangerous pines occurred behind the pump shed and practice nets. Some photinias will be planted in that area.

\*Reshaping of the area short of the 8th green was carried out.

\*A number of trees pruned.

\*A new garden was constructed on the 14th tee.

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

**General Managers Report 2022**

A changing of the guard awaits in 2023 as President Ray Stapley is standing down after 10 years on the Board, with 6 ½ as President, I wish Ray, Sue and family all the best, it has been a privilege to work with Ray in this time. Vice-President Tony Pryce will move to President after the AGM, if Tony continues on the path he has been on, we as a Club will be in great hands. A blast from the past in Col Hope will take the reins as Vice-President, Col has always had the Club at heart. Darryn Bruce and John Perfect will remain as Captain & Vice-Captain while Greg Murray will stay on as Treasurer. With long term Directors Darren Small and Kevin Callaghan stepping down (thank you gents for your service!) we will have a bit of new blood hitting the Board, it is also nice to see 2 women nominating this year. The Club has achieved another year of profit and growth, a massive thanks to all the staff including the Pro-shop, without you this would not be achievable. The support of our Membership is paramount, once again a huge thank you for your patronage.

2023 is a year in which we will upgrade our golf software and POS systems for the bar and restaurant, we will continue to chase grant opportunities to improve the Clubhouse and all going well relocate our gaming machines and extend the TAB area. To all our Club volunteers from the course to comp cards in the Clubhouse, you are amazing and true testament to Club spirit.

The Club is exploring all avenues to attract large events to our Club and the region, we have a close alliance with Bathurst Regional Council, our local Member and our peak golfing bodies, fingers crossed!

Our thoughts are with the families of our dear members who have recently passed. Onwards and upwards plus good golfing in 2023 and beyond!

**Brad Constable - General Manager**

**Bathurst Women's Golf Annual Report**

The change in the Constitution adopted by the Club in 2022 has meant changes in the way the Bathurst Women's Committee will operate going forward. Historically the Women's Committee was a separate "entity" holding AGMs and running the women's golf program. This was a legacy from the days when the ladies were "Associates" and not full members of



the Club. Times have progressed and the Women's committee is now a combination of a golf match committee and social committee looking after all things affecting our women members, and we liaise with the Board of Directors as well as the Men's match committee to achieve this.

We have a strong contingent of tireless workers on the committee, and I would like to thank them for their help and commitment to women's golf in 2022. The current committee is: Gaye Withers, Jan Ross, Jane Williams, Toni Pender, Kay Sandridge, Letty Sams, Debby Patterson, Bev Vickers, Patsy Lambertson. I would also like to thank our retiring committee members Jane Mitchell and Chelsea Litchfield. Jane served on the committee as Captain and later President for many years and made a huge contribution to the advancement of women's golf over those years. Thank you, Jane.

The 2022 golf program was very successful for women's golf, despite the big wet. The Bathurst Women's Open held in May was a great success with nearly 100 women participating from over 20 Clubs. It was extremely pleasing to see a local lady, Lousea Johnston, win the Blair Athol Cup as winner of Division 1. Lousea and Jane Williams also won the tournament foursomes.

## **Major Results for 2022**

### **Club Championship 2022**

Division 1

Winner: Katrina Ferris

Runner up: Lousea Johnston

Division 2

Winner: Val Stuart

Runner Up: Gwen Hadlow

### **2022 Glanmire Cup**

Winner: Sandy Anderson

### **2022 Super Veterans Championship**

Winner: Wendy Hamer

### **2022 Woodward Hallstrom**

Winners: Val Stuart & Kim Burton

Runners Up: Joy Morrow & Melissa Miles

### **2022 Foursomes Championships**

Winners: Jane Mitchell & Insook Jun

Runners Up: Dee McCarthy & Jenny Murray

The women's committee would like to thank the Board of Directors, all club staff, the pro shop staff and the course maintenance staff for their help and assistance throughout the 2022 year and we look forward to another successful golf year in 2023.

**Mary Housler (Captain) on behalf of Bathurst Women's Golf Committee**

## Number of Members

Membership as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

<b>Category</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Playing	601	623	Junior Members	49	73
Concession	117	125	Life Members	4	4
Intermediate	41	33	House (Social)	360	380
Country	4	3			

Note all categories include Women.

The number of financial members for 2022 was 1176. The number of financial members for 2021 was 1241.