

MELTON VALLEY GOLF CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT
2022 - 2023



Board members Present;
President – Bernie Lock
Treasurer – Peter Mikeska
Vice-Captain – Wayne Morris

Vice President – Sue Robertson
Captain – Grant Tolliday

The Business of the Annual General Meeting is

- Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual general meeting of 26th February 2022
- Appointment of the auditor for the coming 12 months
- To receive and consider-
 - The Annual report of each of the committees during the preceding year
 - The financial statements of the Association as forwarded to the membership
- To elect new members to fill the positions on the executive that have become vacant by rotation
- To set the amount of the annual membership fee in accordance with the club's constitution
- To consider any notice of motion(s) put to the club notice of receipt of which has been received by the close of business on the 25th of January 2023.
- To consider any general business raised by the meeting

Agenda

Item 1 Acceptance of minutes of AGM 23 December 2022

Refer attachment 1.

Item 2. Appointment of an Auditor for 2023

Item 3. Receive and consider the financial report for the year to 30.9.23

Item 4. The election of office bearers falling vacant due to rotation

Positions falling vacant due to rotation

Director - President,
Director - Vice President.

Only one nomination has been received for the position of President.
Mr. Simon Pengelly.

Two nominations have been received for the position of Vice President,
Messrs., Bernard Lock and Michael Bangit.

Item 5. Notices of Motion

Notices of Motion

Notice is hereby given of 3 matters that the board wish to put to the Members.

1. New Fee Structure;

Notice of motion;

That the current chart of fees be replaced by the following;

<i>Category</i>	<i>Current Rate</i>	<i>New Rate</i>
<i>Full</i>	<i>\$1246</i>	<i>\$1370</i>
<i>Senior 65 pen</i>	<i>\$913</i>	<i>\$1004</i>
<i>6 Day member</i>	<i>\$951</i>	<i>\$1046</i>
<i>Cadet 22-25</i>	<i>\$631</i>	<i>\$694</i>
<i>Cadet 18-21</i>	<i>\$327</i>	<i>\$360</i>
<i>Junior U18</i>	<i>\$150</i>	<i>\$165</i>
<i>6 Da Country</i>	<i>\$198</i>	<i>\$218</i>
<i>Social</i>	<i>\$10</i>	<i>\$10</i>

2. Changes to the Constitution of the Melton Valley Golf Club.

a. Notice of motion
Proxy Voting

That Sections 34 (5)(b) 34(6) and 34(7) be deleted and replaced by a new sec (6) that reads as follows;

Proxy forms must be obtained from and completed in the office of the Secretary Manager and handed to the Manager for safe keeping. A copy of the form may be retained by the member to be passed to his proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The nominated proxy must produce the proxy form when exercising its use at the AGM

b. To restrict the number of board members to the executive.

By way of explanation the constitution provides that in addition to the election of the office bearers that there be an election for the position of “ordinary member” to be voted onto the board at the AGM. There is no limit to the number of ordinary members that can be voted onto the board. In the past the club had determined this constituted a real impediment to good governance and determined not to permit a vote. The constitution however needs to be amended to reflect that position

Notice of motion.

That sec 44 (g) of the constitution be deleted.

c. Flying the flag

By explanation this notice of motion was submitted by Paul Bonnici who believes that Deceased members of the club are at times not recognised for their past service.

Notice of motion

That Part 3, Division 1 of the constitution be amended by the addition of a new clause number 19 that says;

19 Flying the Flag

That the Australian national flag will be flown at half-mast in the event that a member in good standing of the club becomes deceased and either;

- 1. Is a life member of the club.*
- 2. And/or is a former or current board member.*
- 3. And/or has been a member for more than 20 years.*
- 4. Or by order of and at the discretion of the board.*

Attachment 1.

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
MELTON VALLEY GOLF CLUB INC
Held on 23rd February 2022**

Meeting was opened at 7.30pm – The President/Chairman, Bernie Lock welcomed members. He then explained the procedure for answering questions.

Present at the Meeting: Julius Anuari, Peter Baulch, Melissa Bell, Joe Buttigieg, Robert Chamberlain, Rodney Craven, Geoff Cutler, Gary Diss, Cliff Dobbie, Alan Dykstra, Paul Ebeyer, Ian Fairless, Annette Gardner, Michael Gates, Paul Guthrie, John Justice, Michael Kaufman, Eddy Kernaghan, Brian Kershaw, Bernard Lock, Peter Mikeska, Wayne Morris, Jeannine Myers, Paul Myers, Shane O'Brien, Charles Perri, Damian Pinder, Giovanni Ravaneschi, Noel Robertson, Susan Robertson, Rowland Savage, Simon Smith, Grant Tolliday, Jenny Walker, Michael Williams

B Lock **welcomed Life Members** R. Chamberlain and B. Kershaw.

Apologies: Margaret Azzopardi, Glenda Foss, Noel Foss, Paul Nelson, Bob Bell, Paul Jones, Mark Jackson, Brendon Sanderson, Julie Stillman, Isabel Slocombe, Brian SLocombe, Col Gardner, Alan Chandler, Gary Carter, Graeme McDonald, Simon Pengelly, Les Grey, Erin Grey, Ken Drysdale, Gary Webb.

Confirmation of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on the 10th of February 2021.

Moved: B. Chamberlain

Seconded: B. Kershaw

Carried on a show of hands.

Business Arising from Annual Report/Financial Statements

Alan Dykstra #128 – Alan asked about miscellaneous income of \$23,000. Peter Mikeska explained the money is money from

Laurie Child #82 – Laurie asked why the operating profit is \$60,000 from the previous financial year. Bernie Lock explained it was due to the expenditure in the club from the request of members.

Confirmation of Annual Report & Financial Statements for year ended 30th September 2021.

Moved: L. Child

Seconded: M. Bell

Carried on a show of hands

Appointment of Auditor for next 12 months.

Brian Daley apologised for the delay in the financial reports due to been in hospital with a broken leg. Brian spoke about

Proposed: L. Child
Carried on a show of hands.

Seconded: A. Gardner

Notices of Motion

Annual Subscriptions

P Mikeska spoke about needing to increase the fees by \$50 for all categories except social membership, following a year of no increase due to covid. The increase in membership fees will help cover course maintenance costs.

Paul Guthrie #1098 – Paul asked what he is going to see for his extra \$50. Peter explained that Melton Valley is still reasonably priced with their member fees. Bernie then mentioned the CPI increase and the \$50 is minimal when many expenses have increased more than the CPI.

We hereby move the annual subscription fees for the financial year 2020/2021 be increased as per below table: (Figures are inclusive of GST, Golflink and Affiliation fees):

Category	Current Rate	New Rate
Full	\$1,196	
Senior	\$863	
6 Day	\$901	
Cadet 22-25	\$581	
Cadet 18-21	\$277	
Junior U18	\$100	
6 Day Country	\$148	
Social	\$10	

Peter mentioned a \$50 increase for membership fees for the 2022/23 year.

Moved: A. Gardner
Carried on show of hands

Seconded: J. Buttigieg

General Business

Alan Dykstra #128

The concrete paths are fantastic and asked if there any plans to do more holes. Bernie said that we'll wait to see how the funds go as there is the need to spend money on other things.

Damian Pinder #1354

Damian about kitchen contract. Bernie explained that the Hoppers Club have suffered through covid and if and when they can come, they will.

Brian Kershaw #321

Brian asked about the photo of the leaking pump. He said it was a joint venture between the golf club and the council. Brian asked if the council are contributing to the repairs. Bernie explained it's a hole in the filter. There are two filters, one is the golf clubs, and one belongs to the Council. Council plumbers came in to have a look, but the club should be able to claim the repairs on insurance.

Cliff Dobbie #6

Cliff asked about senior membership remaining \$333 below full membership. He believes the club can't sustain the difference with current numbers of senior and full members. Cliff mentioned that a lot of the senior members aren't on an aged pension and should be paying the full rate. Wayne explained that at the time they made the decision it was based on the government's pension age. Bernie said that the Board will look at these categories for the future.

Alan Dykstra #128

On the discussion of senior membership, he said you can't ask people if they are on a full or part pension. He said some clubs don't have a senior category at all.

John Justice #1054

John asked about increasing the competition fees to increase income. Bernie mentioned these were increased a few years ago.

Cliff Dobbie #6

The Greens Committee discussed auditing the watering system as the system isn't coping and there are bare patches on the fairways. Bernie said he spoke with the Ground staff and the irrigation system is 38 years old and is starting to break down. The club is looking at an automatic system to be able to water remotely through an app. Bernie explained again that the membership is low compared to what members expect work to be done.

Charles Perri #1489

Charles mentioned to introduce a member levy whereby you pay a fee to pay each time you play.

Brian Kershaw #321

Brian asked what the income split between the pro shop and the golf club. He said 3pm on a weekday, 4 people want to play golf and carts, they got told the carts can't go out as they won't be back before 5.30pm. Bernie said it's an issue that needs addressing with the pro shop. Sponsorship was also mentioned, and Bernie introduced Julius to the club.

Julius #2958

He mentioned that he will bring up ideas about fundraising, charity days for sponsors and other things that members would like to do.

Wayne Morris #300

Wayne mentioned that there have been 4 new courses created and in the near future, members will be asked which tee they want to play off – blue, white, red or green (par 3). Handicaps will be adjusted accordingly.

Cliff Dobbie #6

Cliff mentioned the scoring app with Mi Club which saves money on having to print cards.

Charles Perri #1489

Charles spoke about the Mi Club scoring app and why his score didn't register, he spoke to a representative at Mi Club, and they said that the Club hadn't accepted the self-scoring. Wayne mentioned that he needs to speak to the Captain or Match Committee about this issue.

Attachment 2.

President's report 2023

A year has passed since our last AGM. It is hoped that we will not be further affected by Covid restrictions and are able to move forward in a "business as usual" environment.

The past several years has been very stressful for both individuals and businesses. Our Golf Club has suffered both operationally and structurally. We have been able to navigate through this period and are now in a position to concentrate on bringing to Club to the highest possible standard.

I would like to thank all members of our golfing family including our Board Members, Ground staff, Pro Shop, our partnership with the Hoppers Club, volunteers and members who have all helped us through those difficult times and are continuing to do so.

I will personally not be seeking re-election as president for the forthcoming term and would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some of the advancements that the club has made during this time. We were able to achieve financial health and at the clear direction of members have ensured that capital improvements were our priority. As a non-profit organisation it is our obligation to return monies generated back into the club for the benefit of both our members and our visitors.

The following represents a sample of works and projects undertaken and completed:-

Clubhouse furniture

Privacy barrier on 17th tiger tee

Seats, ball washers and rubbish/sand bins erected around course.

Negotiated cessation of lease payment until review (saving \$75,000 over last 3 years)

Purchase of upgraded Fairway Mower

Purchase of and building of Spraying equipment for course maintenance

Upgrade/renewal of irrigation pump computer controllers

Installation of water aerator in the 9th dam

Solar Panel installation on clubhouse

Disability access to clubhouse

Blinds on veranda

Computer system replacement

All communication/computer cabling replaced.

Installation of MiClub golf system

Construction of 6 concrete paths around course

Switchboard replacement

Air conditioner renovation

Heater replacement

Upgrade and renewal of kitchen/bar facilities

Finalising business agreement with Hoppers Club for bistro/bar

Increased spraying programme to allow for fairway width expansion.

Increased green renovation activity.

Increased dusting programme

Purchase of hoses to cover “blind spots” in irrigation network.

These all represent considerable changes to ensure that we have the facilities to help future proof the club.

Equipment failures, supply issues, falling trees, greens problems, bird damage, severe weather conditions and so on all adversely impact the day-to-day operations on the golf course and Club and are ongoing.

There are still challenges that need to be addressed. Increasing costs associated with utilities, course staff maintenance expectations, fuel, a continuing failure of ageing irrigation system, new machinery requirements, CCTV upgrade, re introduction of lease payments to Council and any future planned improvements mean that our current fee structures need to be reviewed.

The major pipe works to be constructed by Greater Western Water along the 1st and 2nd holes will definitely be commencing at the end of February. Playing conditions will be tailored to reduce the impact on competition days. There may be some use of temporary par 3 tee positions on the 2 holes during weekdays but hopefully remain fully usable on weekends. Members will be informed of all changes during the construction period which is expected to take approximately 3 months to complete.

As always in life and golf “Have Fun”.

Bernard Lock

Attachment 3.

Treasurer’s report 2022

Hi everyone, once again another year has gone by all too quickly and there has been plenty going on,

Last year we made the commitment to make improvements around the club from the extra funds we had from the covid period which we were lucky to have, the list of works undertaken included the major overhaul of the kitchen area and like any renovation works only once you start you realise the hidden costs for flooring, plumbing and electrical works required over initial expectations, we hope you are enjoying the new level of service being provided by the Hopper Club for everyone, completion of cart path works, complete update for My Golf which included new data cabling in the office and Pro shop along with new card readers and printers.

As we are all aware the costs in daily life are on the increase everywhere from power to fuel and chemicals involved to run and maintain the Golf Course, over the last couple of years we as a Club have been understanding and made no membership rise 2020/2021 and again with empathy 2021/2022 a minor increase of \$50.00 was added along with this we covered competition costs for every member for 10 rounds of golf we also had some food available along the way, as a Club we are unable to sustain this level of support and with sadness we have to increase membership cost to the new levels provided to members, as we know we are unable to run and maintain the Golf Course on memberships alone it is vital we have green fee players and social clubs to help with costs.

Sponsorship is also a vital part and with continued efforts in this area we are hoping for improvements over the past 12 months which again is very difficult in current financial conditions.

Over the last 3 to 5 years, we have been proactive with outgoing costs and have made every effort to keep this under control, the overall finances of the club are good but we need to be mindful of future expenses when looking at other projects requiring attention irrigation being of some priority.

The Board members and I thank you for your continued support and I'm again looking to continue doing the best I can for everyone at MVGC
Thanks again and happy golfing ladies and gentlemen.

Regards Peter Mikeska

Treasurer's report

Attachment 4,

CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2022

Another year has come to an end and once again our syllabus was thrown into disarray due to the inclement weather during the months of October and November. The weather impacted the holding of the Club Championship and as a repeat of last year this has been re-scheduled to February 2023.

Some of the big winners for the year were:

The Club Champion for 2021 was:

Ryan HICKMOTT

Mid-Week Championship (Edgar J. Greig) won by: Graham McDONALD

The Saturday Summer Cup was won by: Joe BUTTIGEIG

The Saturday Winter Cup was won by: Sean McRAE

The Presidents Cup was won by: Michael LUCAS

The Saturday Medal of Medallist was won by: David SPENCER

The Mid-Week Medal of Medallist was won by: Glenn LAURIE

The Jason HAY Memorial day was won by: John ANDERSON

The Dick Steinmann winners 2022 were:
SLOCOMBE Russell STEVENSON/ Isabel

The Jack Windle Trophy was won by: Ken HEALY

The Ladies Medal of Medalist was won by: Margaret AZZAPARDI

The 2021/22 Ladies Summer Cup was won by: Dianne RAMSEY

The 2021/22 Ladies Winter Cup was won by: Susan ROBERTSON

The 2021/22 Ladies Silver Spoon was won by: Glenda FOSS

Our congratulations go out to all these winners. WELL DONE!

In the short time that we had a superintendent it was noticed that there was a big improvement in the condition of the course and greens. But there is still a lot of work to be done around the course and hopefully with the help of volunteers and ground staff we can keep improving the conditions on the course.

You, the members, can help in this regard whilst enjoying your game of golf by replacing divots on the fairways and plug marks on the greens. Also, if you see rubbish lying around it would be appreciated if you could pick up the odd bottle, can or wrapper and place it in the bins around the course. Every little bit helps in the presentation of the course.

N.B. Members must report to the pro shop, in person, before commencing play.

I hope to see you all out and about this year enjoying your golf and I hope your game continues to be a pleasure for you in 2023.

In closing I hope every-one had a very Merry Christmas and has a prosperous and Happy New Year.

Happy golfing.

Grant Tolliday

Captain

Attachment 5.

Vice Presidents and de-facto Lady Captain's report

I would like to thank the Board members for making me feel welcome when I accepted the position as Vice President in November 2021. I also thank the members for the support afforded to me during my short stint on the board.

I am not seeking re-election because a position on the Board was always going to be temporary for me, as I was approaching retirement and hoping to put my feet up, go on some trips, play more golf and generally enjoy some me time. In December 2022 I had clocked up 58 years in the work force. During that time I raised my 4 children, my husband often worked away quite a lot (sometimes up to 3 months at a time), I had the full time care of my mum who had dementia for a number of years she moved in to live with us for a little over 4 years.

When we moved to Melton in 1995 I purchased Bargain Box Fabrics, a business I ran for 27 years. When I was 56 years old, my husband and I took on the care of our two nieces and nephew as their mother passed away suddenly, we also had the care of another little foster boy for about 5 months. I spent many years here (MVGCC) as ladies handicapper, and a number of years on the committee and ladies captain at the Mt Xavier GC when we lived in Ballarat. So I hope the members will excuse me for not seeking re-election. I'm off to spend time with Noel who had a head start on me, retiring a little over 12 years ago.

I wish the new Board every success. I can tell you it is a hard slog to keep everyone happy.

I do hope some of our younger members get involved with the club, offering their time to volunteer and learn more from the people who are here doing the best they can under sometimes very trying conditions. I can assure you they all have good intentions

and love our club.

I offer my apologies to the members for not being at the AGM as I have an appointment with a surgeon that will slow me down for a couple of weeks.

Wishing you all good health, and great golfing.

Susan Robertson

Attachment 6.

Financial Reports for year 2021/2022