



NAMBUCCA HEADS ISLAND GOLF CLUB

MEMBERS UPDATE FEBRUARY 2023

FINANCIAL POSITION

I am pleased to report that the club has traded strongly during December and January and record levels of revenue from all avenues of the club business has resulted in strong trading profits during this period. Whilst a slower economic trading period is forecast we believe that we are prepared to cope with a slower period of trade in the event that this occurs.

THE COURSE

Members would appreciate the great work completed by Greg and his team as the course is almost back to its brilliant best. The first fairway is still a work in progress and you would notice that new grass is now germinating and this recovery will be completed in stages. We ask you all to be patient as this process rolls out. The big bunker next to the eleventh green is being progressively filled and it will ultimately be turned into a grass bunker. Good clean fill to complete this work is difficult to source and completion is still some time away.

OTHER WORKS

As you are all aware the entry bridge to the car park has been a problem for us for some considerable time and it has deteriorated further as a result of recent flooding. Following engineering and building advice it has now been resolved to undertake upgrading work and a grant to assist with this cost is expected to be available. This will happen in the next few months. During the time that the bridge is out of action (expected to be seven days) we hope to be able to replace the carpet in the club house. To enable golf to continue during this period it is proposed to repair the walking bridge adjacent to the practice nets for members to use to reach the club and the course. Parking will be in the public car park and the 18th hole will be closed to allow pedestrian traffic to pass without danger. A temporary green will be established elsewhere on the course to allow 18 holes of play to continue. Whilst this may be inconvenient it must be remembered that it will be for seven days only. More information regarding this will be circulated as a time frame is established.

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BOWLING CLUB

Further to previous notices regarding our ongoing commitment to the Bowling Club I am able to advise that a review of the current arrangements is scheduled to take place during April. Johnathon and Kyle have contributed a considerable number of hours to both clubs during the past months and this commitment needs to be wound down at the earliest opportunity. Outcomes of such discussions will be communicated to all members as soon as practicable. Further, I reaffirm to all members that there is not, and never has been, any consideration of a merger of our clubs and this will not form any part of this review. It has been made very clear that both clubs wish to retain their own identities.

STAFF

Further to the above I must congratulate Johnathon, Kyle and the many other staff who have assisted with our commitment to the Bowling Club. It has been a larger task than was first envisaged but it has been both worthwhile and successful. I am pleased to report that I am still receiving many favourable comments from Bowling Club members who appreciate our assistance. Well done to Johnathon, Kyle and the team.

THE CAUSEWAY

Progress in this matter is slow as we are finding it difficult to gain any co-operation or information from government bodies that control these matters. We are still pushing ahead and will not give up but I must report that, contrary to my previous advice, it would seem that no good news will be forthcoming in the near future.

Much discussion has taken place amongst various bodies with an interest in this matter and all agree that the preferred option is to build a bridge across the river and remove the causeway. This is no doubt a great idea but no one is quite sure where the funding will come from.

VISITORS

We have again derived great benefit from the visitors who frequent our facility during December and January. Many congratulatory comments have been received from these guests and such comments relate not only to the condition of the course but also to our hospitality in the club. This is a credit to our staff, volunteers and also to all members of our great club who are welcoming and cordial to our visitors. This support goes a long way to assisting us to continue to provide great facilities for you all.



SUMMARY

I hope that you all had a happy and restful festive season and that the year ahead is productive and enjoyable. We are looking forward to another year of financial consolidation and another year of growth and development. Your board is confident that we are on a very strong trajectory and that our aims and goals can be achieved and that we can continue to provide you with the best facilities to enjoy your golfing pursuits. We thank you for ongoing support and wish you all good golfing.

Geoff Harris,
President.