

UPDATE FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Management Committee I wish all members a Happy and Prosperous New Year. As we have just teed off this calendar year I am happy to provide an update on what is happening around the Club since the AGM and more importantly what is planned over the next 12 months.

The Management Committee:

We have a full Committee this year which is made up of:

President	Ashley Bleakley
Vice President	Peter Dutton
Secretary	Ian Britten
Treasurer	Peter Willmott
Captain	Ron D'Arcy
Greens Director	Ashley Fisher
Junior Coordinator	Chris Huet
Publicity and Promotions Director	Sheila Marchant

Financials:

For those members who were unable to attend the AGM, I mentioned that The Club again ended last year with a sound trading profit. Treasurer Peter and the Finance Committee continue to maintain a close control over all expenditure across all Cost Centres of the Club. Despite the loss of some playing days due to the recent rain we remain confident that this year will also result in a trading profit. We welcome the rain, but preferably not on our major competition and social days. A big thank you to the Cost Centre managers who have closely monitored their budgets, particularly during the recent wet days.

Membership Numbers

Our numbers continue to increase this year and the new membership offer currently being advertised has attracted thirty six (36) new members to date.

We can briefly summarise our changing membership numbers as at 31st December 2017 as follows:

	Dec 2017	Nov 2017	Oct 2017	Dec 2016
Male	457	455	446	477
Ladies	54	52	53	54
Junior	8	8	7	8
Social	119	119	111	183
Total	636	634	617	722

As can be seen the junior membership numbers remain quite low. This is not a position we want to be in for the future, particularly due to our aging membership base. Junior Coordinator, Chris Huet, together with Club Professional Paul Cook is planning to run more training clinics in an effort to attract more juniors to the Club.

The Course:

Aaron and his greens staff need to be congratulated for their efforts in trying to maintain the course in a good condition. They have had a difficult task of late due to the wet weather severely hampering

their work flow. As you know the bunkers were continually being flooded which then created a problem with other tasks that are required around the course. To heighten the problem our aging irrigation system has not been working properly and Aaron has been spending a lot of time trying to rectify the several issues, with the assistance of Jeff Black. We have allocated some funds in this year's budget to concentrate on the irrigation system.

You will notice a dead patch of grass on the edge of number two green. Unfortunately this was caused by hydraulic fuel from a broken pipe on the mower. This may take some time to be repaired and we thank you for your patience in these matters.

Volunteer Group:

With the Greens staff trying to maintain the course in a good condition we have again relied heavily on our volunteers, particularly Ashley Fisher and Ben Rendall. Ashley and Ben have been working tirelessly to keep the course mowed and machinery in a good working condition. Thank you to Malcolm Bell who has also recently assisted with the mowing with his own tractor. At the moment with the rain and humidity the mowing has been a full time job.

New Bridges:

You will also notice that we have repaired the bridges on the course. This work was well overdue and again this was all due to some great work from members, Vic Rasmussen and Graham Skelton.

Machinery:

At the AGM, Treasurer Peter outlined the program to lease new machinery during the year. In brief, Aaron is currently sourcing a new fairway mower and other machinery such as a new tractor and top dresser will be sourced later in the year. This new machinery will greatly assist the Greens staff to maintain the course. The leases for the machinery will simply replace the lease for the solar panels that is due to expire early this year.

Club Projects:

Cart Shed:

As I have mentioned previously we had been investigating every avenue to obtain funding for a new cart shed. Following extensive proposals and discussions Pat was able to secure an Interest Free loan of \$40,000 from the Moreton Bay Regional Council. This will enable us to now proceed with this project with a cash injection of \$10,000 from the Club. It will be a twenty (20) bay shed and we have already secured agreements from eighteen (18) members. The annual lease payments will adequately repay the loan within five (5) years. At that time it will be a positive cash flow asset for the Club.

Some alternative sites for the shed have been proposed. We have appreciated these suggestions and looked at all options and consider the location towards the front fence near the 7th green (existing trailer parking area) to be the best available given cost and impacts to other activities at the club.

Construction is expected to commence next month and we are hoping to have it fully completed and occupied by March.

Car Park:

Unfortunately we have exhausted all Government Grant and Council proposals for a complete revamp of the front car park. As I have mentioned previously the Committee is conscious of the fact that some work needs to be done on the car park and funds have been allocated in this year's budget to undertake this work. This is being closely monitored at this time due to the slower than expected cash flow start to the year. Nevertheless we remain confident that some work will be carried out during the year.

Upgrade/Refurbishments to Men's Locker room:

Unfortunately we have also exhausted Grants etc. for this project. We had planned to completely revamp the men's locker room and incorporate a disabled facility. Nevertheless we also remain committed to this project and the plans are being revamped to complete an upgrade of the locker room on a smaller scale. This will include but not limited to an upgrade to the shower facilities and new individual urinals. Once we have completed the new plans the intention is to resubmit a new proposal to all available Grant funding. This may take us into next year.

Summary:

Whilst the Committee is keen to commence some projects and purchase new machinery we will be guided by our cash flow position throughout the year.

On behalf of the Committee I thank you for your continued support of our Club. We are always looking to make improvements to the Course and Clubhouse and welcome any assistance you can provide.

Ashley Bleakley
President