



## CLUB BARGARA NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Club Bargara's first newsletter for 2019. The Board extends its best wishes to all members for the year and look forward to providing you with an optimistic and exciting future.

The goal of the Board this year is to develop a long-term Strategic Plan for Club Bargara. This continues the work started by the previous Board with support and guidance from Golf Qld. When complete it will provide a 5-10 year pathway for future development of the whole Club. The key elements of this plan centre around Golf Qld's Club Health check conducted early last year. They include

- Financial stability and sustainability
- Governance procedures that are aligned with Golf Australia best practice
- Membership growth
- Course maintenance and development
- Clubhouse maintenance and development

Each member of the Board has taken responsibility for an above element and developing practical strategies to include in the overall Strategic plan. While each element is being developed individually, its essential that all are co-ordinated and the plan is cohesive. Progress so far includes

- Financially the Club is in a strong trading position with an unaudited net profit of \$122,041 July – December. Financial systems have been reviewed and appropriate software and hardware procured ensuring that financial monitoring is efficient and accessible at any time.
- The Club management structure is being clarified insuring roles, responsibilities and expectations of all Club operation personnel is understood. The Club Manager is now responsible for reporting to the Board on all operations – Clubhouse and Course. His salary has been increased in line with this expectation.
- All members of the Board have completed a Golf Australia module on corporate governance and have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities as Club Directors. Professional development will continue for Board members during the year.
- In developing membership, a number of strategies are already underway. These include a short survey which will be emailed to all members next month, a community flyer sent to all households in the Bargara district advertising Club Bargara attractions and possible clinics for beginners by Phil in the hope of attracting new members
- Course development strategies are being investigated in order to progress in an orderly structured manner that is respectful of the capabilities of green staff and volunteers, water availability, the environment, membership demographic and financial viability. It's essential that a long-term course development is clearly mapped out for future Boards to maintain, rather than short term responses that prove costly and driven by changing personnel input.



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- Discussions with local builders are underway to plan short- and medium-term improvements to the clubhouse. Previous quotes were not considered viable. Progress on a partnership development of the Clubhouse site continue. These discussions have slowed because of the State Government's pending decision re the Jewell Development. While any Club proposal would not challenge current height restrictions, its clear developers are concerned about costs associated with lengthy delays.

### Other notable recent achievements

- Thanks to Brian Casey and AKORA, the Club is the beneficiary of a free regular supply of sand which will save the Club several thousand dollars over 12 months
- Despite the recent unfavourable weather, efforts of Kevin and his greenstaff will see play resume on the new 15<sup>th</sup> green in the next two weeks. The new tee on the 9<sup>th</sup> is being welcomed by members and a new tee on 18 will soon be in play as well.
- The Hughes Road dam has been badly overgrown and thanks to the efforts of John Bloem this is being remedied. An excavator will soon be used to assist in this rehabilitation process to protect a very valuable free water source.
- Screening around the back of the Pro shop is being replaced with a much more attractive and substantial structure
- Currently because of the work tasked to all Directors, the Board meets every two weeks. Hopefully this effort will bring us closer to resolution on the many challenges of a Club Bargara Strategic Plan.
- A single card for 4BBB is now available and will require members to familiarise themselves with the correct procedures for use.
- Club entrance improvements will start in the next month as part of the structure Clubhouse development plan.
- The Club will be closed the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February while Ergon and Jago Electrical upgrade the power board to cater for the Clubhouse improvements.

To all those who serve the Club as employees, volunteers, our Professional, members of committees, gardeners and others your work is greatly appreciated. With your continued support 2019 will no doubt again be successful.

Club Bargara Board