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The January newsletter outlined the goal of the Board this year – a long-term Strategic Plan. When completed it will provide a future pathway that insures consistency and efficiency in the management and development of the club. The Board continues to meet each fortnight to share progress, discuss solutions and maintain focus on these elements. The last months efforts are outlined below:

- **Financial stability**

Club trading continues a resurgence that began in the latter part of last year. Despite this being a traditional quiet trading month, January showed a profit of \$11,155, a \$19149 improvement on last year. Our year to date unaudited profit is \$133,193.04 which is a \$101,909 improvement on last year's position. An emphasis on quality service, food and general hospitality by all staff has contributed considerably to this improved position driven by our general manager Ian Witt.

To further improve this bottom-line Janine has negotiated with banks to take advantage of competitive rates on offer. Opportunities to reduce interest and bank fees is anticipated to result in a saving of several thousand dollars. The current strong financial position provides the capability to develop our Club's facilities.

- **Governance**

The governance manual has been received and updated. Policies and procedures are currently going through the same process. This will become an annual process and insure we are fully compliant with Golf Australia's expectations.

- **Membership growth**

Responses continue to come in from members who have completed the survey. If you did not receive one, please collect one from the office. Results will be collated and used to help frame future development. The community flyer advertising club facilities and membership options will be distributed this week. Increasing our community footprint will reinforce our current financial position.

- **Course maintenance and development**

The course has been a major focus of discussions this month. While Summer storms have not eventuated, the course remains in reasonable playing condition thanks to the efforts of green staff and volunteers. Given the prevailing weather conditions, it's imperative the course is protected as much as possible. Keeping golf carts on designated pathways, away from greens and tees is appreciated by green staff.

Water remains the life blood of the course. While extending the current fairway watering system to 13th, 17th, part of the 11th and finish the second in coming months, sourcing more water remains a challenge. Government grants, effluent water and purchase of increased allocation are all being investigated as potential avenues to a sustainable future. Any future strategies will be incorporated in the long-term Course Development Plan. This plan involves the employment of an architect to design a long-term master plan for the course. Four have submitted resumes for consideration. While the input by membership will be sought during this process the creation of this plan will be professional



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and independent of individual bias. The parameters for any changes must be cost effective, future orientated, environmentally sensitive, cognisant of member age and gender as well as sufficiently challenging for all players. Major redevelopment / renovations are not anticipated, and any changes will be structured over time to minimise any interruption to play.

- **Clubhouse maintenance and development**

The Clubhouse is undergoing a number of changes. The entrance reshaping has almost been completed, additional air conditioning is fully installed, and updated poker machines will soon replace older models. The structural changes to the Clubhouse will continue in a measured and budget conscious manner over coming months.

Similarly, the process to attract a third party for the development of our clubhouse site continues to occupy our discussions. The engagement of Price, Waterhouse, Coopers to evaluate, assess and act upon opportunities that exist in the market place is considered a professionally responsible approach and necessary investment. While the market awaits the outcome of the Jewel project there is interest in our site.

As the preferred future of each of these elements becomes clear, the Club's Strategic Plan will then be completed for presentation to the membership.

Special thanks to

- John Archibald and his team for the production of the Club Program of events and new rules interpretation for members
- The Vets for their \$500 donation for a new TV
- The chicken runners \$300 donation for tinting of the front entry windows
- To all members who support this Club to reach new heights.

Reminder

- Twilight markets start on April 6th at 5.00pm in ocean front of the Clubhouse
- Jag the joker will start on Saturday the 9th March from 4.00-5.30pm with a draw at 6pm
- Any proposed memorial - plaque, golf memorabilia etc. for the course must be approved by the Board prior to placement.
- While the Board takes responsibility for the strategic direction of Club Bargara with a membership that includes many resourceful and talented people positive and constructive suggestions on improvements are always welcome.
- Practice on the course is limited to 2 balls. Please respect the green staff as they remind players of this request.