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Club Bargara NEWSLETTER

As the months begin to fly the focus of the Board remains developing a strategic position for the Club's future. While this task is slow in putting all the pieces together, the Club continues to develop and grow through day to day operations. This month has provided plenty of activity.

Financially, by tradition, this is our worst trading period. 2019 February figures again reflect this trend with a loss of \$15804.00. This is the same figure as last year but still puts us in an overall position of \$117277.00 profit for the year to date. There are few country golf clubs who could match this figure.

A small growth in membership continues. No doubt the coming months will see an increase in social members as the northern migration of our southern visitors begins.

Course maintenance has been improved by the one factor it has been lacking – rain. While still well short of our normal totals to date the falls we have had are immediately obvious. Water is the lifeblood of the course and increasing storage capacity and inefficient dispersal through fairway irrigation are high priorities. To this end the Board have applied for a federal grant to expand Hughes Rd dam and other possible areas to increase water availability.

An obvious area for possible use has been Moneys Lagoon. Rehabilitation of this area has been sought by the Club through all levels of government for a decade without result. While the Club owns this waterway, the causeway has led to a number of environmental concerns that are beyond the Club's control. The recent fish kills highlighted just one of them. The Bargara Progress Association has urged the Council to take action in rehabilitating the lagoon and BMRG (Burnett Mary Regional Group) have made a submission to the State Government for funding of this process on behalf of the Club. We await outcomes that will provide some assistance with this problem.

The long term Course Development Plan (Master Plan) process is underway. A survey of members on course opinions has been distributed and results will be used in the analysis by our Course Architects, Pacific Coast Design. One of the Architects has already visited and reviewed its features. He was very impressed with the layout. He walked and played the course with members of the course development committee and followed this with a workshop. The changes he proposed were adjustments rather than any major changes. Some members have questioned the need for this plan given the quality of the course. By developing a long term plan that coordinates the maintenance and development with irrigation and water storage provides green staff with a clear pathway to future to quality playing surfaces. It also avoids costly ad hoc changes that have occurred in the past. This process will continue with the goal being to have a plan available for all members to view before ratification at the AGM.

Clubhouse upgrade will continue in coming months with essential maintenance areas e.g. external structural steel work being rectified. The recent member's survey also suggested a number of areas that need to be addressed including acoustics, entertainment advertising, kid's room. These will be assessed in terms of cost, space etc. The clubhouse will continue to be developed in line



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with the above maintenance and others that are financially viable. However, some suggestions, while desirable (like covering the front deck), remain currently out of reach financially.

The process of Clubhouse site development is progressing slowly. Increased interest in the site is evident but any potential will be assessed professionally (Price Waterhouse Coopers) before any Board consideration.

The Men's Match Committee are currently creating a new course etiquette for members. They have also identified number of issues that need to be addressed including use of the card electronic system. All members are advised that cards must be scanned, checked and submitted electronically not just returned to the box. While Micropower continue to refine the system, a number of our problems have come from members not following the above simple procedure.

They are also working on improving our course rating bringing it closer to our par. Our course architect has also been given this challenge to consider as well.

Thank you to all members who completed surveys

Thank you to the Juniors generous \$500.00 donation for the TV.

Reminder that the clubhouse will be closed on Good Friday and all day on Anzac Day. Raffles and membership draws, that would be on Good Friday, will be held on Easter Thursday, starting at 5.30pm with trivia from 6.30pm. Also please note, there will be no Caddy Shack on the Easter Weekend.