



## Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club

### February 2018 Newsletter

Welcome to 2018, the start of the year has been very busy with the rounds of Murrindindi Masters at Eildon, Yea and Alexandra, with Marysville to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March. We have also hosted the Great Country Australia Golf Challenge on the 17<sup>th</sup> February with Lakeside on the 17<sup>th</sup> March coming up and Tour Elephants on the 7<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks to all who support these events and importantly those who put their time in to preparing for them including Kellan and the course volunteers.

Unfortunately, the Christmas/New Year period was interrupted by a break in at the course works compound and all the portable equipment and tools were stolen. The police are following up the theft and our insurers are close to finalising the matter but a lot of inconvenience has been imposed in attending to these matters and preparing to replace the stolen equipment.

As reported late last year the club has been successful in securing a community grant from the Marysville and Triangle Community Foundation to fund a Solar Panels installation project and lighting to the carpark. This grant is a reflection of MCG&BC's strong connections with the Triangle communities and a credit to all the members/volunteers/staff who maintain those strong links. The club is committed to continuing to make available our facilities and course to the community.

Lesley, Heather, Beau and Liz have continued to support golf and bowls clinics and community golf days. The club is keen to foster the use of the bowls greens and has welcomed bookings by visiting groups, any member able to assist with coordinating these bowls sessions please contact Heather or Lesley, just an hour or two occasionally would help.

There has been an enthusiastic take up of the gardens program including adopt a hole gardens, contact Peter Lilley or Kellan to hear about the planting program.

The club has proposed a couple of golf initiatives in 2018

- i) unlimited golf midweek after 1:00pm for \$15 for green fees players after the Easter public holidays to the beginning of September, excludes public holidays.
- ii) A membership offer for new members under 40s discounted fees for the first 12 months (reverts to full fees following)

A couple of initiatives to share with your friends.

A lot of time has gone into promoting the course and the restaurant to various groups that may wish to visit Marysville and SMS messaging is now available through the online booking system Quick 18, the club's own database and Drummond Golf. The club is also working with Chris and Barbara at Terracotta restaurant on marketing that highlights golf, bowls and Terracotta offerings at Marysville.

Drummond Golf are again supporting the club through a sponsorship arrangement and we have re-established a consignment stocking arrangement with Drummond's for the golf shop.

The golf shop will continue to be staffed on Saturdays and Sundays through the year, thanks to those who helped to staff the shop for extended times over the summer holidays. Anyone interested in volunteering for occasional holiday or regular week day manning of the golf shop please contact the committee.

As reported last year the committee's focus in 2018 will continue to be supporting the business plans outlined at the AGM's over the past 4 years; these measures have seen the club's position stabilise. Through persistent efforts the green fee income has increased and we have welcomed a steady number of new members. The challenge this year is to investigate options to replace the ageing mower fleet whilst supporting and encouraging all aspects of the club's activities.

The club has welcomed a number of new sponsors in Barry Plant Real Estate as well as appreciating the ongoing support of our existing sponsors, we look forward to opportunities to acknowledge these businesses and groups.

It is terrific that the Thursday 9 hole competition continues to prosper and a number of new members are enjoying both Thursday and Saturday competitions.

We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying our great facilities and course.

Regards,

Marysville Community Golf & Bowls Club Committee