

## **2017 Secretary Managers Report**

The main talking point again continues to be the redevelopment of the Golf course to an eighteen hole course through the landfill operation.

It is important for all members to realise that the club has no control of the operations of the landfill or is involved with any meetings held between the EPA or council regarding the landfill.

To the clubs knowledge the landfill company are still trying to work towards delivering an eighteen hole championship golf course and cleaning up the landfill site and ensuring that the water catchment area is not affected at all.

The Golf course has recently lost two holes through the development as they have had to increase their area for EPA and Council reasons.

We are hopeful that stage 1 will commence in the near future so that the golf course is redeveloped into a championship course and that the landfill site can finally start moving forward so eventually it can be eventually completed.

Small clubs throughout NSW continue to struggle and are closing down or amalgamating with larger clubs as it is becoming extremely hard to keep small clubs financially viable.

The Club has a very strong strategic plan in place to try and ensure that this club remains viable and can stand alone in the club industry.

Throughout the year with the enclosed balcony and the introduction of Foot golf we have been able to increase the trade in the club and the club is constantly growing.

In June 2017 the club made the decision to take over the running of the catering operation after leasing this area of the business out for the last several years.

This decision has been made to ensure that every dollar spent in the club stays within the club and the club can trade as one entity. Catering is a very cut throat industry and this area of the business will be managed closely by the board to ensure it is not effecting the capital growth of the business.

Shortly the club will be introducing new till systems in all areas of the club. This will be able to provide 10% discounts to club members by swiping their membership card and also earn members points that can be redeemed to make purchases.

The new system will reduce the amount of hours spent at the back of house on simple procedures and will move the club forward with modern technology.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their tireless work behind the scenes and a special mention to Tony Smith and Phil Judd who are not re standing for their positions this year.

To all staff at Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club thank you for all of the hard work that you put into the club. Some staff have been here for a number of years and continue to perform above their duties.

The volunteers on the golf course your help is always appreciated and without the assistance that you provide the golf course would struggle to be kept in the condition that it is.

Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club continue to provide the facilities of the club to a number of local groups throughout the year including the Mangrove District Association, Chamber of Commerce, Mangrove District Football Club, The equestrian Club and many more.

I would also like to thank the Ladies Auxiliary that continue to hold the Anzac service at the club with assistance now from Gosford RSL and the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club. They do a wonderful job for a small group and deserve plenty of recognition for their work. The Ladies annual luncheon is a wonderful day and would not be possible without the work that they put in.

The club also provides thousands and thousands of donations too many community groups and charity organisations throughout the year and have continued to be one of the sponsors of the Mangrove Country Fair for a number of years.

To all of the members of the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club thank you for your continued support of the local community club. We are constantly trying to provide facilities that encourage the whole family and community to enjoy and the club appreciates the support that is received.

In the New Year we will continue to implement new ideas and initiatives for members and guests of the club as we continue to ensure that the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club is more than just a Club.

Paul Alexander

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