

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021 – 22

I start my first report as President with the sad reminder of the passing of Keith Robson on 17th January 2022. Keith was one of the foundation members who commenced proceedings to establish the Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club at its present location and continued his dedication as a Director for 33 years, 18 years as President until his passing in January 2022.

The 2021/22 year has been different to the previous year as we not only closed for Covid we have had to put up with nearly 8 months of rain which caused the closing of the Golf Course for 15 competition and 60 social days. These closures, 75 days or just over 2 months, have markedly affected the income of the Club resulting in a loss of \$77,120.

It has been a somewhat difficult initiation for CEO Lachlan Ford who commenced his employment with the Club in May 2021, 3 weeks later the doors were closed for another bout of Covid restrictions. The Club has not been immune to the ongoing staffing shortages that we hear about regularly on the news, which Lachlan has had to contend with.

The Board and myself thank Lachlan for the time and effort he has devoted to his job to ensure we have staffing levels to supply the service required to keep doors open.

My compliments go to Course Superintendent Steve Fury for the great condition of the course during what has been a tiring time with the extreme weather conditions. We have received many encouraging remarks from golfers, which is a result of Steve's and apprentice Daniel Palmer's continued efforts and dedication in maintaining the grounds.

To all the Bar, Restaurant and Pro Shop staff I thank you for your efforts in maintaining the friendly welcoming atmosphere for members and visitors to enjoy in our Club.

To the Financial Manager Gwen Ward I thank you for your many years of service. Your loyalty and dedication to the Club has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to it continuing in the future.

The Club is lucky to have a band of dedicated volunteers whose efforts assist the ground staff in their duties to produce an enjoyable and well maintained course. In particular I thank John Spargo and Al Cox for their regular manning of the Saturday morning BBQ for the golf competition. The monies raised from this goes towards the cost of purchasing new equipment for the course. My thanks go to John and Al as well as the golfers who support the BBQ.

Your Board is continually looking for ways to improve the experience of patrons attending the Club as well as upgrades to the clubhouse. As you would all be aware whatever we do is restrained by a tight budget which must be taken into account when making these decisions to keep the Club viable.

I take this opportunity to thank Bill Elliott and Steve Firth for putting themselves forward to fill the casual vacancies on the Board and wish them well for their re-election at the AGM.

To all Directors I thank you for your support in my time as Chairman and your ongoing dedication and efforts in the management for the future of the Club.

It is the support members and their guests that make any club succeed and this club is lucky to have long term members who have left the area but still return to support us as well as the support all our members we are all very grateful.

Colin Aldrick
President
Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club