Maffra Golf Club Inc.

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"Tee to Green"

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Welcome to the third edition of our Club's newsletter "Tee to Green".

The newsletter will be issued following each monthly Committee of Management meeting. A hardcopy will be available in the Clubroom and "links" to the newsletter will be available via "Focus on Golf", our Facebook and Web sites thus giving four avenues of communication within the Club.
The overall aim of the newsletter is to provide regular updates on key events and activities within the Club – it will not be advertising daily/monthly golf competitions/events as these are detailed in the *Annual Program Booklet* issued to all members (available on request from the Bar) and our *Booking Sheet via the MGC Website.*
Likewise daily golf results will not be published as they are available on our website.
Your COM encourages members to contribute to the newsletter via photos taken on competition days or during presentations and welcomes any feedback regarding content.

Course Maintenance Report

Tree management is a continuing issue for our Club, due in part to the success of our recently installed watering system. Trees which have been identified as dangerous, causing obstruction or have just gone beyond their lifespan have small flags attached indicating removal at a later date and this has resulted in many members raising concerns about this sensitive issue.

In order to address this a Sub-Committee has been formed to investigate all available options. The S/C Co-Ordinator is **Dick Noble** supported by **Marg Durrant**, **Peter Anderson**, **David Mulcahy** and **Scotty** and it is proposed that this will be an on-going S/C.

Any members who want to have input are encouraged to contact a member of the S/C in order to assist in the reporting of S/C recommendations to the MGC Committee of Management for consideration and appropriate action.

PLEASE continue to repair yours and any pitch marks you come across on our greens as well as filling divots and raking bunkers – "many hands make light work".

***** APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS *****

Recently significant damage has occurred around some garden beds and greens caused, we believe, by green fee players and a number of "juniors". If you witness such behaviour you, as a member, have the right to question those involved and report the circumstances to a Committee member so as appropriate action can (and will) be taken.

Ian Templeton

"The Master & The Apprentice"

Maffra Golf Club has an enviable reputation amongst Gippsland golfers for being a very picturesque and well maintained course. This is due in a very large part to the efforts of our groundsman Scotty and his apprentice Billy who are supported by a dedicated group of volunteers. Scotty has been at MGC for over 40 years whilst Billy has been with us for 3 years and is 2 years into his apprenticeship. Both have varied hobbies – **Scotty** horse racing, general sports and gardening/**Billy** hunting, fishing and camping.
Scotty is approaching retirement in about 5 years which gives Billy time to complete his apprenticeship and gradually take over the reigns – not a bad succession plan as far as Maffra Golf Club is concerned.
Both Scotty and Billy have similar views about the future of our Club and identify resolving tree issues, course pathways and an outside viewing area from the Clubrooms as key items on their wish-list.
Scotty is very grateful that the watering system has been installed as previously early morning visits were required to ensure that appropriate watering of the course was maintained.
The assistance of Club volunteers is greatly appreciated by "The Master & The Apprentice" however both recognise that our volunteer ranks are dwindling due to age and the pressures of modern living therefore younger members are seen as critical to the future of the Club not only from a Committee viewpoint but also our volunteers.
On behalf of the Committee and all members of Maffra Golf Club thankyou Scotty & Billy for your dedication, commitment and on-going work.



Social Report

Friday Nights

Every Friday commencing at 4.30pm members and RV Park visitors meet in the Clubroom for a social gathering which includes a Members Draw (*member must be present to win*), the 100 Club draw (when complete) and a raffle. **All members are encouraged to attend.**

MGC 75th Anniversary Celebration

In November we will be having a week of activities to celebrate our 75th year at our Fulton Road address commencing with "A Night at the Dogs" on **Sunday 22nd November**. This will be a fundraiser for our Club as we get any race sponsorship money plus the proceeds of a raffle (prizes sourced via MGC). Race sponsors receive two $25.00 vouchers for the "Graze Restaurant" and general admission is free.
A ***"Weekend of Golf"*** will be held over the **28th to 29th November** – Saturday 28th pre-round BBQ & golf and Sunday 29th golf followed by an Anniversary Luncheon.

Flyers are about to be prepared promoting the 75th Anniversary Celebrations – members will have the first chance to reserve golf and luncheon bookings prior to promotion of the weekend via neighboring golf clubs.

Committee Notes

New Members

At our last meeting your Committee welcomed the following members :-

Full :
Intermediate : Steve Pritchett
Non Comp : John Fixter
Junior Comp : Willow Parer, Thomas Parer

Committee Participation

Do you realise that most of our current Committee members are over 70 yo ? The future of your Club revolves, in part, around a solid, active and dedicated Committee. At each Annual General Meeting a new Committee is elected. Our younger members are the future of our Club and the Committee encourages your participation in planning for that future via your involvement in our Committee.
Enquiries can be made via ***Alex Johnson (0477 662 000)*** or ***Barry Nicholl (0408 324 377).***

"An Exciting Opportunity"

Your Committee is currently considering an exciting proposal for the use of some MGC land north of the dam and behind our existing cart sheds. A company, Greenwood Energy, would erect a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) via the installation of 3-5 compact containers, each the size of a shipping container, housing advanced battery systems. BESS stores excess electricity (often from solar and wind) and releases it when the community needs extra power.
The opportunity would have minimal impact on MGC operations, would include all required approvals and would have minimal noise during the day and lower at night as acoustic fencing would surround the area. MGC would have no outlays and would receive an initial payment of $60,000 (first year) followed by $30,000 per year (CPI adjusted) lease payments for the remaining 29 years
Currently, Neville is working to ensure that our Club is not disadvantaged by this proposal and that the contract to proceed meets our requirements.
Further details regarding this proposal will be put forward at our upcoming AGM. This is an important development in the future of our Club and members are encouraged to read the documentation which is being circulated about this proposal.

Annual General Meeting

Our 2025/2026 **AGM** will be held on **Friday 2nd October** commencing at 6.00pm and will be followed by our Friday night social gathering. Agenda, Financial and General Reports have been circulated via "Focus on Golf" and emails. All members are invited to attend and nominate for vacant COM positions.

Sponsors Day

The Committee is planning to have a **"Sponsors Day"** on **Friday 23rd October 2026**. Sponsors will be invited to have an afternoon 9 holes of golf (Chicken Run) followed by our normal Friday Night social gathering. A "Special Sponsors Raffle" will be held and members are invited to participate in the event to assist the Club in thanking our many loyal Sponsors.

Voucher Redemption

Our "Day Winners" voucher redemption participants have been expanded to include : Tinamba Hotel, New Rainbow Chinese (Maffra) & Soul Thai Massage (Maffra).

Diary Notes :

18th September – Presentation Night, 2nd October – AGM, 23rd October – "Sponsors Day", 22nd November – Sale Greyhounds, 28th to 29th November "MGC 75th Anniversary – Weekend of Golf".

Clubroom Hiring

Our Clubroom is available for hiring to ***Members of MGC*** for Corporate Golf Days, business networking events or family celebrations – enquiries welcome via ***Fay (0417 055 612)***

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