



## **2014 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On behalf of the Management Committee of the Cooroy Veteran's Golf Club I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our valued Members for the tremendous support offered to us during the past year. Without this support the VETs would not survive. As a Veteran's Club we are a formally recognised representative association of golfers having a common interest – all baby boomers and beyond – formed by a group of people to enjoy golf and other interests amongst its membership. Thanks to the foresight of a group of men in the eighties, some of whom are still members – we exist today.

May I take this opportunity to thank the hard working members of your Management Committee as without their high level of energy, commitment and support we would not have been able to achieve what we have this past year. Thanks Grant, Jim, Rod, Andrew, Michael, Terry, Bruce and Allan.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteers from the Vets who have assisted the Club throughout the year – in particular the regulars who turn up for the clean up days and the crew who help out on our host days.

Thanks also to the Management Committee of the Cooroy Golf Club for their support throughout the year and most importantly to Wayne and his staff for keeping the course in excellent shape and the hospitality flowing before and after game days.

The past year has been a very successful year on many fronts – and Grant and Rod will provide further insight into these in their reports.

I am pleased to report that we enjoy a sound financial position which Rod will cover shortly and that this has enabled us to provide a high level of support to our Members and to the Cooroy Golf Club.

Our membership currently stands at 137 Ordinary Members and 13 Restricted Members, giving us a total membership of 150.

We have increased the total rounds played this year by 23% on last year's numbers. Yes this can be put down in part to the weather conditions experienced, however I believe it is more to do with you, the Members, enjoying the great supportive, social atmosphere that has been developed within the Club.

Grant has been quite innovative in the development and management of our events with great support from Vice-Captain Jim and from a social perspective, this year saw the successful introduction of the free sausage sizzle in lieu of the complimentary birthday drink, an excellent example where Members take advantage of the opportunity to share a yarn and spin a few stories – plus partake of the best sausages cooked on the coast. The short gun starts on Monthly Medal days also affords Members the opportunity to socialise as a group at the end of the days play.

Our Weekly Newsletter continues with good feedback. Distribution includes past members to keep them in the loop and involved.

We have made a number of contributions to the Cooroy Golf Club to support their projects and Rod will cover these later. I am sure that everyone appreciates the new Club score cards, sponsored by the Vets.

This year also saw the development of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Vets and the Cooroy Golf Club. Thank you to our Committee members for their input into this process and thanks also to CGC Club President David Jones and Secretary Rob Powell.

It was indeed an interesting process to be a part of and I believe the result will benefit us all now and into the future by providing a platform for and understanding of our operations. Under the terms of the MOU, recognition and acknowledgement is given to the right of each Party to independently manage and exercise governance in accordance with their respective Constitutions and By-Laws.

The MOU also acknowledges that ownership of the financial and physical assets of Cooroy Veteran's Golf Club vest in Cooroy Veteran's Golf Club and recognises the right of the Vets to independently manage and control these assets in accordance with our Constitution.

To facilitate this process, we have opened and operate our own bank account with the ANZ here in Cooroy. We conduct monthly Management Committee meetings and undertake regular communication with the CGC via a Vet's delegate to the CGC Management Committee.

Thank you again for your support throughout the year and I look forward to a continuation of this into 2015.