



Newsletter 2021/4

September 10th 2021

From the President

This will probably be the last newsletter that you will receive that has been written by me. I have decided not to nominate for President at the coming AGM. I have been a member of the Club for a bit over 6 years and have been President for 3 and on committees for 7 (2 positions at once for a couple of years). That's enough from me, time for someone else to take over the reigns.

I am not leaving the Club. I'll be around for a while yet (particularly since I paid 5 years membership in advance and still have 2 years to go).

Regards,
Greg Michael.

Annual General Meeting

The 2021 AGM will be held on Tuesday 9th November at 7:00pm.

Committee positions for which nominations will be called are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Finance Director
- House Director
- Greens Director
- Men's Captain
- Women's Captain

At least the following positions will be vacant at the end of this year: President, Finance Director, Men's Captain and Women's Captain.

All members are encouraged to consider nominating for Management Committee positions and to consider contributing to the ongoing viability and prosperity of the Club.

Brief descriptions of the roles of each position can be found in the Club's constitution and by-laws which can be accessed on the Club's website at:

<https://cooroygolf.com.au/about-us/#governance>

More detailed descriptions can be obtained from the Club Secretary, Andrew Dick.

Wayne's World

A shortage of used golf balls to sell prompted Wayne and John Cairns to don wet-suits and go paddling in the dams. Their efforts rewarded them with about 1800 balls. (Unfortunately a player used John as target practice while he was in the dam on the 14th - we wish him a speedy recovery from what is probably a nasty bruise.)

Cleaning the balls will keep Andrew Carson very busy for some time. If anyone wishes to help him, please see Wayne.



The upgrade of the Club's IT systems has struck a hurdle – MPower MSL's implementation and training teams have not been able to enter Qld from Melbourne due to border closures. All the hardware, i.e. card printer, card readers, user kiosks, POS system are all here waiting for the borders to open.



Pro-shop stock is gradually being replenished – new mens shirts have just recently arrived.

Staff

Greenkeeper Brendan O'Brien has resigned to take up a position at Mt Coolum. Rex Williams has also resigned his casual appointment and will also be following Todd and Brendan to Mt Coolum. We thank both Brendan and Rex for their valuable contributions to CGC over the past 5-6 years.

CGC has now seen a complete turnover of greenkeeping staff. All permanent and casual staff that were with us at the end of 2020 have now moved on.

Warren Smith began as Greens Superintendent on August 9th. Dale Scanlan also started work on the same day. Dale will complete his greenkeeping apprenticeship at the end of this year and on completion will most likely be appointed as a full-time greenkeeper.

The current greenkeeping staffing level stands at three full-time staff: Warren, Dale and Ayden (1st year apprentice). The Club will be looking to appoint more staff (possibly casuals) in the near future as the weather warms up, the grass begins to grow and more time needs to be spent on mowers.

Members approaching greens staff. If members wish to say a cheerie hello to greens staff or thank them for a well-presented course then please do so in a manner that does not interrupt their work. However, if you have any complaints about the course presentation or ideas on potential improvements, please do not communicate them directly to the greens staff. The proper avenue for you to express these thoughts is through the Greens Committee or the Management Committee.

GemLife

GemLife are continuing to work on their appeal to the Planning and Environment Court. Some members may have observed some environmental scientists on the course recently. They are some of the expert witnesses that GemLife are contracting to prepare reports for the court hearing. Noosa Council is most likely also contracting expert witnesses and seeking reports.

The appeal is a costly and time-consuming process and the matter is unlikely to be resolved prior to the 2nd half of 2022.

In the meantime GemLife are completing detailed drawings, specifications and costings of the work to be done on CGC land (course, carpark and clubhouse) in preparation to present to CGC members at a special general meeting (date as yet unknown).

Money Matters

Despite losing around \$20k to \$25k of revenue due to the recent lockdown-induced closure, the Club's finances are reasonably healthy at the moment with the balances of our bank accounts totalling approximately \$400k.

This might appear to be a tidy sum and you might be wondering why you are not seeing it being spent on course or clubhouse improvements. The Club's finances operate as follows: we receive a significant boost (approx. \$250k) in revenue in June each year when members pay their annual fees, hence the current healthy-looking bank balance. However, for the remaining 11 months of the year, expenditure exceeds income to the tune of about \$16k/month. We also need to keep funds in reserve to cover staff commitments (we recently had to payout significant sums to departing staff to cover unused annual and long-service leave), machinery repairs and replacement, and potential loss of income due to further covid-19 closures.
