

## Cooroy Golf Club Inc. Special General Meeting Agenda

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Special General Meeting
<b>Meeting time and date:</b>	1:30pm, 28 September 2024
<b>Meeting venue:</b>	Cooroy Golf Course, 28 Myall St, Cooroy QLD 4563, Australia

1.	<b>Meeting open</b>
2.	<b>Appeal against the management committee's decision to terminate Jeff McDonald's membership of Cooroy Golf Club</b>
3.	<b>Meeting close</b>

### Reason for SGM:

On Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2024, the management committee met to hear and consider complaints it had received regarding the actions of Mr Jeff McDonald. The management committee made a unanimous decision to expel Mr McDonald from the Cooroy Golf Club (i.e. terminate his membership).

As per his rights as a member, Mr McDonald has appealed the management committee's decision. In accordance with the club's constitution, a member's appeal against expulsion must be determined by the members at a general meeting. The SGM on 28 September 2024 has been called to hear the appeal.

### Eligibility to vote:

Life members  
 Ordinary members  
 9-hole members

Please note:

PAYP members are not entitled to vote.

Members who are not financial by the close of business (6.00pm) on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September are not entitled to vote at this SGM.

As per the constitution, members must be in attendance to cast their votes.

### The voting process:

On entering the golf club, members will sign the attendance book.

Eligible members will be given a ballot paper and any other information.

No other business other than the appeal and subsequent voting will be transacted at this meeting.

Voting will be by secret ballot.

### The appeal process:

The management committee will be given an opportunity to present the reasons for the decision to expel Mr McDonald from the club and for the appeal to be dismissed.

The appellant (Mr McDonald) will be given an opportunity to present reasons for the appeal to be upheld and for his membership reinstated.

In order for the appeal to be upheld (and for Mr McDonald's membership to be reinstated), two-thirds of the eligible voting members present must vote in Mr McDonald's favor.

**Section 9 of the club's constitution:**

9. Suspension/termination of membership

a) The Management Committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any Member who, in The Club premises or elsewhere, is in the opinion of the Management Committee, guilty of conduct derogatory to the character of a gentleman or lady or prejudicial to the interests of The Club. A Member shall not be suspended from the privileges of membership under this rule for a period longer than six (6) months.

b) A Member shall not be dealt with by the Management Committee under this provision, except upon a charge or complaint made in writing to the Secretary. Under this provision:

i. Management Committee only shall deal with matters of termination; and

ii. Management Committee and/or relevant Sub Committee shall deal with matters of suspension or reprimand.

c) Any person so reprimanded, suspended or expelled shall have the right of appeal within 28 days of receipt of written notice of reprimand, suspension or expulsion to a Special General Meeting. Such written notice shall inform such person of this right of appeal under this rule. Such appeal shall be in writing signed by the appellant. Upon receipt by the Secretary of appeal a Special General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary in accordance with Rule 16, and the appellant shall be entitled to all Club privileges until such appeal is determined. Such appeal shall be deemed lost unless upheld by two-thirds majority of the total of Life and Ordinary Members present to vote at the meeting. The appellant shall not be entitled to be represented by Solicitor or Barrister or other agent. Forthwith after the expiration of the said 28 days if the person suspended or expelled has failed to appeal, or if his/her appeal has failed then immediately after the Special General Meeting, the person concerned shall lose all rights and privileges of The Club during the period of his suspension or expulsion, and the Secretary shall certify in writing to the Zone and District Golf Associations, and to the Queensland Golf Union, the name of the member suspended or expelled and the period of the suspension.