

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

9<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Hello Members,

### **The year that was.**

What a busy year we have had. Some big changes have taken place. One of the biggest changes being the shift from Slice Golf to the One-Golf / Mi-Membership systems which I'm sure is and will make the Captain's and the Membership Officer's jobs much easier. There have been many changes that have happened within the office, changes that are way above my ability with technology, so thanks to all those involved within the office.

I will have a go at these changes. Firstly, we changed our accounting software from QuickBooks to Zero to be compatible with the Mi-Membership software. Secondly, the Club implemented new Corporate Governance Software called Cat Herder to manage and record all Committee meetings, all discussions and decisions made by committee and for document storage.

### **On course.**

There have been many things going on out on the course. Tee enlargements and Levelling, have started and are really starting to look good. Bunker refurbishments are going nicely. Some trees have been strategically removed to allow sun to get to grasses areas e.g. the 15<sup>th</sup> tee. How much that tee has improved since those trees were removed. I know that some members won't be happy about the tree removals and that's fine, everyone is entitled to an opinion but overall I have mostly heard good and positive comments about what the Greens Committee have been doing.

The concrete cart paths have mostly been finished and what a huge improvement they have made to the course, receiving many good comments from other clubs' players.

There is a lot going on at Belvoir Park, probably too much to mention in this report. In the twelve years that I have been a member here, this golf club has improved every year and just keeps getting better and better.

It must be mentioned that the majority of the work aside from Dylan and David is done by a group of about thirty or forty volunteers, a magnificent effort, thank-you to all volunteers.

**The Future.**

I think the Club is getting to the stage where we need to start thinking about and looking into employing a General Manager. We are no longer the nice little friendly club of a few hundred members. We have grown into a fairly substantial business that I can see is only going one way and that is up. I can see a time coming when we will have three or four competitions per week and our membership growing towards 1,000.

**Thank-you.**

I would like to congratulate the group of volunteers who run the Friday morning coaching clinics. This has been a fantastic success. Since this program started, our Lady memberships has almost doubled and now we are getting men starting to come also. Well done.

I would also like to sincerely thank the retiring General Committee members stepping down this year. Thanks to Peter Adams, Lachlan Margrain, Chris Rosetta, Suzie Ryan and Sue Slattery. A special thank-you to Suzie Ryan for her efforts over the last two years specially sorting out our financial systems post the fraud. And an extra special thanks to Sue Slattery for her efforts as Ladies Captain over the last three years plus.

I have enjoyed my time as President as challenging as it can sometimes be. When I first took this on, I committed to two years in the role. I would love to be given the chance to complete that commitment.

Thank-you,

**Mick Elliott**

**President, Belvoir Park Golf Club**