

ANNUAL REPORT

1 October 2019 – 30 September 2020

GOULBURN MURRAY GOLF ASSOCIATION



**GOULBURN MURRAY
GOLF**

17 November 2020

GMGA Member Clubs as at AGM November 2020

Cobram-Barooga	Cosgrove	Hill Top Tatura	Kialla	
Kyabram Parkland	Kyabram Valley View	Mathoura	Merrigum	
Mooroopna	Nagambie	Nathalia	Numurkah	
Rich River	Rushworth	Shepparton	Strathmerton	Tocumwal

Committee 2019-2020

President: David Roberts	Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Ros Seymour	Treasurer: Alex Howson
Captain Women: Mandy Faram	Captain Men: Shane Halloran
Committee Woman: Sonya Hill	Committee Man: Vacant

Meetings 2019 -2020

General (Delegates) meeting dates

AGM 12th November 2019 17th March 2020

Email voting on motion for discount affiliation fees 23 to 31 March 2020

Committee meeting dates

14th October 2019 5th February 2020 13th May 2020*

3rd June 2020* 1st July 2020* 4 August 2020*

2nd September 2020* * denotes meeting conducted via zoom

President's Report AGM 17 November 2020

On behalf of the Committee, I am pleased to be able to present the third annual report of the Goulburn Murray Golf Association (GMGA). The GMGA came into existence as a result of the amalgamation of the Goulburn Valley District Golf Association (GVDGA) and the Goulburn Valley Ladies Golf Association (GVLGA) on 27 July 2017.

For our Association and for all Clubs, there is no doubt that dealing with restrictions and conditions of the Covid 19 Virus was the major issue of the past year. I am sure that at the AGM on 12 November 2019 that no one would have predicted what the year of 2020 was going to bring.

During our 2019-2020 year the GMGA lost three clubs. In late November 2019 Rochester Golf Club voted to return the Golf Central District (Bendigo) and left the GMGA. In April 2020 Tallygaroopna Golf Club formally ceased to exist. Murchison has not affiliated with GMGA or Golf Australia.

In December our Golf Australia Regional Development Officer (RDO), Darren Jackson resigned. Our District was extremely fortunate to have Dylan Grandell officially appointed as our RDO in June 2020.

On Monday 2 December 2019 the traditional Flag Day for the Final of women's mid-week summer 4 ball pennant was played at Hill Top Tatura in cold windy conditions; where the leader of North East Zone Shepparton Navy Team registered a 4 matches to 1 win over Valley View Hills, the leader of the South West Zone. At presentations we said thank you to Annie Beveridge for her years as Captain of the women's District golf and soon welcomed Mandy Faram to the role.

Sunday 17 February 2020 the Final of Sunday Summer 4 Ball pennant was played at Mooroopna where the leader of North East Zone Tallygaroopna- Cosgrove played the leader of the South West Zone Merrigum with Tally-Cos winning 3 matches to 2. In the women's final Mooroopna defeated Cobram-Barooga 2 matches to 1.

At the Delegates meeting of 17 March 2020 it was decided to introduce semi-finals across zones in the future.

In February 2020 the World Handicap System was introduced throughout Australia.

From March 2020 Covid 19 restrictions came into full force. Golf was not allowed and courses were closed to play for several weeks. One benefit was that many courses used the time to undertake improvement works. From this time on, because of complete restrictions or for the unknowns and uncertainty, Captains, Mandy Faram and Shane Halloran had no other option than to recommend the cancellation of GMGA events. A similar process that took place for events at all District Clubs, and for events at the Victorian State and National level. Even the Country Teams Event (District V District) was cancelled.

As President, throughout the period March to August, I was not sure if I was trying to operate a District Golf Association or working for the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Emails and Notices of Advice about Covid 19 restrictions, from DHHS and Golf Australia flowed. I sent the information to all Club contacts, taking the attitude that it was better to duplicate material sent directly to clubs, rather than to perhaps have some Clubs not receive the information.

After several emails and discussions Rich River Golf Club applied to re-join the GMGA in August 2020 and they will certainly be very welcome in the coming 2020-2021 year.

Throughout 2019-2020 seven GMGA clubs completed all the sessions involved with *Vision 2025* and *Even Par* programs with basic aims to attract more women into Golf. Four of these clubs, Tocumwal, Shepparton, Kyabram Parkland and Kialla also completed club reviews and action plans. Well done and may future benefits flow. We are fortunate to have Megan Carr, Golf Australia's Female Engagement Manager based in our District who has lead the Clubs through the major projects and achieved great outcomes.

In September Darren Rogers, current professional at Mooroopna, ceased his involvement with the Golf Show on radio OneFM 98.5. With encouragement of the Committee I agreed to do the show with a GMGA flavour. OneFM 98.5 now have the "Hole in One Golf Show" as part of their pod-cast list so it is available to all golfers at any time. I encourage all Clubs to send me news items for the show as it is a great opportunity for all of us.

October to AGM

In a year that has seen the most events ever cancelled; the six week time period from the start of our 2020-2021 year to the AGM has been a hive of activity with the following:

- (i) Return of Rich River GC into GMGA
- (ii) Women's Virtual Play at Home Pennant. This was conceived to restrict travel and congregation of players. It commenced in October and sees the Women's 4 Ball Pennant teams play at home, score stableford points which are then matched against opposing teams to achieve a result. All feedback is that it is very popular and has 210 women participate each week.
- (iii) District Junior Virtual Play at Home Pennant. GMGA has a team of Juniors playing in Victorian "play at home" pennant. Similar to above but with individual stableford scores recorded so that the GMGA team competes against four Melbourne Clubs.
- (iv) GMGA Championships to be played in association with the Shepparton Open 13 December our last chance to be able to play our Championships for the year.

No doubt 2020 will be seen as one of the strangest years of our lives and although much golf was curtailed there was still a lot of work undertaken. I wish to thank all Committee members for their support and will mention some specifics:

- Ros Seymour, Secretary for her reliability and consistent always there, always helpful
- Alex Howson, Treasurer; concise, accurate, efficient (makes auditor job easy)
- Sonya Hill, for work with our Website and Facebook
- Captains Mandy Faram and Shane Halloran; nearly a year without events, but at times with more worry about postponements and cancellations.

To Golf Australia Regional Development Officer Dylan Grandell and Female Engagement Manager Megan Carr thanks for your advice, assistance and encouragement and for always answering phone calls and emails.

I can inform all Club Delegates that at a wider level I am working with Golf Australia to examine Districts, their activities and role in the modern world of golf. Participation in District events and Pennant is declining in all Districts throughout the State. Interest in District Committee participation, especially by men is at a low ebb. Nearly 35% of clubs in Regional Victoria have less than 50 members. Golf cannot continue in the next ten years like it has for the past 50 years.

May our 2020-2021 GMGA golfing year be a good one for all Clubs and their members.

David Roberts
PRESIDENT

**Goulburn Murray Golf Association
Financial Statements
1st October 2019 to 30th September 2020**

Cash Flow Statement

Opening Balances as at 1st October 2019		
Balance General Account	\$29,025.37	
Balance Junior Funds	\$ 7,069.76	
Junior Development Funds Term Deposit	\$62,300.83	
GMGA Term Deposit	<u>\$10,422.62</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$108,818.58
Income		<u>\$ 9,538.57</u>
Sub Total		\$118,357.15
Expenses		<u>\$ 19,992.86</u>
Cash Balance as at 30th September 2020		\$ 98,364.29
Balance General Account	\$17,590.51	
Balance Junior Funds	\$ 7,069.76	
Junior Development Funds Term Deposit	\$63,137.73	
GMGA Term Deposit	<u>\$10,566.29</u>	<u>\$ 98,364.29</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2020

Current Assets		
Cash on Hand		
Balance General Account	\$17,590.51	
Balance Junior Funds	\$ 7,069.76	
Junior Development Funds Term Deposit	\$63,137.73	
GMGA Term Deposit	<u>\$10,566.29</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$ 98,364.29
Liabilities		0
Net Assets		<u>\$ 98,364.29</u>
Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$108,818.58	
Current Year Loss	\$ -10,454.29	
Total Equity		<u>\$98,364.29</u>

**Alex Howson
Treasurer GMGA**

The Profit and Loss Statement is a separate document

29 October 2020

To the members of the Goulburn Murray Golf Association

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Goulburn Murray Golf Association (GMGA) for the financial year ending 30 September 2020. In conducting my review I have had access to the original invoices and payment vouchers, cheque books, deposit books and bank statements. I find that the Profit and Loss report and Balance Sheet for the year ended 30 September 2020 present fairly the financial operations and position of the GMGA for that year. I congratulate Alex Howson on his thorough financial recording and thank him for his assistance.

Yours Sincerely



Jeff Huddle

B Bus(Acc)

Goulburn Murray Golf Association Financial Statement

Basis of Preparation.


The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the mandatory Australian Accounting Standards applicable to entities under the Incorporated Association Reform Act (VIC) 2012, and in accordance with part 6 – Financial Matters of the Rules of Goulburn Murray Golf Association Incorporated

The financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis and are based on historical costs unless otherwise stated in the notes.

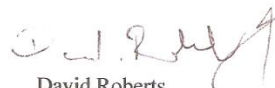
Declaration

On behalf of the Committee of the GMGA, and its member clubs we the undersigned declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes as set out present fairly the associations financial position as at 30th September 2020 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies outlined above and
2. there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.



Alex Howson
Treasurer



David Roberts
President

Dated: 3 / 11 / 2020

**Financial Motions:
Annual Subscriptions/Affiliation Fees**

I wish to move to the AGM that the Annual Subscriptions stay the same for the 2021 golf season i.e. \$6.00 for each Adult Playing Member and \$2 Subscription fee for each Junior Playing Member under 18 years of age, based on the membership numbers provided by clubs in a requested return to the Goulburn Murray Golf Association Treasurer as at 31st December 2020; and that the Annual Subscription be payable as at 28 February 2021.

Furthermore, given the impact of Covid 19 restrictions on Clubs, that the actual payment of Annual Subscriptions be discounted to \$4.00 for each Adult Playing Member and free for Junior Members for this year.

Moved Alex Howson Treasurer Seconded

Honorariums

Honorariums were set at the General Meeting on 23rd November 2017 as follows;

President	\$500	Secretary	\$750
Treasurer	\$300	Women's Captain	\$750
Mens Captain	\$750		
		Total	\$3 050

I wish to move that the Honorariums stay the same for next year.

Furthermore, given the impact of Covid 19 restrictions on Clubs and the decline of activity in 2020 that the actual payment of Honorariums for this year be as follows:

President	\$400	Secretary	\$400
Treasurer	\$200	Women's Captain	\$500
Men's Captain	\$500	Total	\$2 000

Moved Alex Howson Seconded

Reports

Finally I move that all the financial reports be received and approved

Alex Howson Seconded

Treasurer