

ANNUAL REPORT

GOULBURN MURRAY GOLF ASSOCIATION



**GOULBURN MURRAY
GOLF**

**Annual General Meeting
29 October 2024**

GMGA Member Clubs as at AGM October 2024

Cobram-Barooga	Cosgrove	Hill Top Tatura	Kialla
Kyabram Parkland	Kyabram Valley View	Mathoura	Merrigum
Mooroopna	Murchison	Nagambie	Nathalia
Numurkah	Rich River	Rushworth	Shepparton
Strathmerton	Tocumwal	(18 clubs)	

Committee 2023-2024

President: Alexandra Odell	Secretary: David Roberts
Treasurer: Alex Howson	Women Events Coordinator Mandy Faram
Development Coordinator: Vacant	Junior Coordinator Alexandra Odell
Committee Person: (vacant)	

Meetings 2023 -2024

General (Delegates) meeting dates

AGM 14 November 2023	26 March 2024	6 August 2024
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Committee meeting dates

4 December 2023	10 January 2024	6 March 2024 (On-line)
8 May 2024	17 June 2024 (On-line)	6 August 2024

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GOULBURN MURRAY GOLF ASSOCIATION Inc.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Shepparton Golf Club
on Tuesday 14th November 2023
Commencing at 7.00pm

- 1. Welcome:** President (Alexandra Odell) welcomed all Delegates and Life Members Iris Hicks and Joy Kelly and expressed a thank you to Shepparton Golf Club for hosting the meeting.
- 2. Attendance:** *Committee:* Alexandra Odell, Mandy Faram, David Roberts, Shane Halloran, Alex Howson.
Delegates: Deb Ryan and Matt Haddrell (Cobram-Barooga), Howard Cooper (Cosgrove), Bev Roberts (Hill Top Tatura), Ross Campbell and Brian Reiners (Kialla) Kathy Bell (Ky Parkland), Helen Emery (Ky Valley View), Jeff Parry (Merrigum), Sandy O'Connor (Mooroopna), Margot McGrath, Beverley McIntosh and Ron Smith (Numurkah), Louise Rolfe (Rich River), Kerry Pickworth, Heather Brain, Peter Toy and Nigel Shelley Shepparton),
- 3. Apologies** Sue Reid and Mick McAuliffe (Ky Valley View), Ronda Richards (Nagambie), Stan Verlinden (Nathalia) Peter Caldow (Hill Top Tatura), Dennis Hardie (Rushworth), Trish Berry (Shepparton)
- 4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting held on 15th November 2022 which were distributed by email the week previously and printed in the Annual Report were read and received.

Moved Brian Reiners (Kialla) and seconded Peter Toy (Shepparton) those minutes be received as true and correct. Carried
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** NIL

6. ANNUAL REPORT:

The Secretary David Roberts drew the attention of Delegates to the printed Annual Report distributed at the start of the meeting. David then went through the report and highlighted.

- The Committee and General (Delegates) meetings held during the year.
- Changes required as a result of disastrous flooding in October 2022
- The major events and pennant conducted and the winners of these competitions, recorded with photographs as well.
- The resurgence of Junior coaching and events at some District clubs under the coordination of Alex Odell.
- The participation and favourable results of the GMGA Women and Men representatives Teams in the Country Teams Event which was played in Gippsland (Trafalgar, Traralgon and Yallourn GCs)
- Thanks to Radio OneFM 98.5 for the weekly radio show and the opportunity for clubs available through this medium.

The Secretary continued to outline President's Report Part One, being the time, he was President highlighting several events from October 2022 to March 2023. He concluded his remarks with advising all present that the changes to the Rules of Association has been filed with the Consumer Affairs Department.

President Alexandra Odell took over with President report Part Two, thanking David Roberts for his work as President of the previous six years and adding thanks to other members of the Committee for their support. Alexandra added that from State meetings that she has attended that she has learnt that GMGA is regarded very highly, and she encouraged people to get involved.

Captain Report.

Shane Halloran spoke to his printed report outlining some of the highlights and problems faced during the year. He stressed that although the Committee had to deal with a few issues the season of events ran smoothly for all clubs and players involved. Shane asked Club delegates to try to get more and new players involved in District events and Pennant. Shane concluded that he had found his time as Captain very rewarding and encouraged others "to give it a go" adding that he would not stand for Committee in the coming year but will help especially with the setting up of Pennant into the GolfBox system.

Mandy Faram thanked all the club captains for their help, assistance and encouragement in the organisation and operation of the women's events.

Financial Report

The Treasurer Alex Howson drew the attention of all present to the Financial Statements in the Annual Report, which involved:

- (i) Basis of Preparation
- (ii) Profit and Loss with last year comparisons
- (iii) Cash Flow Statement
- (iv) Balance Sheet.

Alex focussed firstly on the Profit and Loss Statement October 2022 to September 2023 (with previous year comparison) which was part of the final section of the Annual Report and highlighted.

- Decline in Annual Subscriptions as a result of the reduction in Affiliation Fees as per the motion of last year's AGM
- Some events with more income and some with a bit less
- No Grant received from Victorian Golf Foundation to purchase equipment for Juniors, as was the case last year.
- Total Income of \$33 670 being a decrease of \$6 916 on the previous financial year and approximately equal to the decline of Affiliation Fees and no Grant.
- Total expenses increased by only \$655 on last year. Junior expenses were down because Junior Regions event was not held during this financial year. However, Country teams Event expenses were up as a result of accommodation and associated expenses in Gippsland (the previous year was in our District but was "washed out") .

- Trophy expenditure decreased because many trophies/prizes were purchased the previous year.
- Overall, the GMGA still made a profit of \$4 509 in 2022-2023 compared with \$12 080 the previous year.

Treasurer Alex then highlighted the Cash Flow Statement and Balance Sheet to highlight.

- The overall position of the GMGA at the start of the Financial Year, the total Income and expenditure of the current year to give Total Bank Balances at 30 September 2023 to be \$126 739
- The details of the Bank accounts in General, Investment and Junior funds were shown.
- As the GMGA does not own any substantial assets, the Total Equity at 30 September 2002 was \$124 338.25 which was equal to the Bank Balances less an unrepresented cheque.

The Treasurer Alex Howson had prepared motions about Affiliation Fees and Honorariums which were distributed by email the previous week and in the printed version of the Annual Report at the meeting.

Financial Motions:

Annual Subscriptions/Affiliation Fees

I wish to move to the AGM that the Annual Subscriptions for the 2023-2024 GMGA golf season be \$5.00 for each Adult Playing Member and \$0 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 2023; and that the Annual Subscription be payable as at 28 February 2024.

Moved Alex Howson Treasurer

Seconded Sandy O'Connor (Mooroopna)

Carried

Honorariums

Honorariums were set at the General Meeting on 23rd November 2017 as follows, (with Men and Women's Captains rather than the two new Coordinator positions);

President	\$500	Secretary	\$750
Treasurer	\$300	Men's Captain	\$750
Women's Captain	\$750		

Total \$3,050

I wish to move that the Honorariums, with the Events and Development Coordinator positions replacing the Captains, stay the same for next year

Moved Alex Howson Treasurer

Seconded Ron Smith (Numurkah)

Carried

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

Alex Howson Treasurer

Seconded Margot McGrath (Numurkah)

Carried

Annual Report

It was moved Margot McGrath and seconded Bev Roberts that the total Annual Report be accepted and approved.

Carried

Golf Australia Liaison Officer

Triston Zitto the GALO for our District addressed the meeting:

- Explained his role and some help that he can provide or arrange for clubs.
- Congratulated the GMGA Committee for the new things they are willing to try (even if they do not always work) and the innovative approach.
- There is a meeting about club facilities and assistance at Jubilee GC on Monday 20 November 2023, for which clubs should have received an invitation.

Nominations for Committee

The Secretary David Roberts explained to the meeting that under the Rules and Association and By Laws the current Committee members could continue and that there had not been any other nominations received by closing date.

This meant that with Shane Halloran stepping down the Committee was down to four people and it will be necessary to re-call for interested people to join or be seconded to help. With a plan to get sub-committees to help, especially with pennant others might want to join the Committee. David added that he could take on the Event's Coordinator position if someone would take on Secretary.

President Alexandra called for any nominations for positions from the floor. There were no nominations forthcoming. Therefore at this point in time the committee is:

President	Alexandra Odell
Secretary	David Roberts
Treasurer	Alex Howson
Event's Coordinator	Mandy Faram will do women's events. Secretary will commence organisation of men's events.
Development Coordinator	<i>Vacant</i>

Secretary David Roberts then added that there is still the plan to conduct GMGA events in association with club events, such as the Joyce Broadbent Shield with a Club bowl/salver which was very successful at Numurkah this year; or club organising an event such as the work by Kathy Bell at Parkland to conduct the Ann Johnson event.

Discussion of the meeting supported this concept. Beverley McIntosh stated that Numurkah were keen to do the Joyce Broadbent Shield again – based on “winners keep the event principle”. Kathy Bell spoke that the organisation of the Ann Johnson event could easily be done again, and Parkland suited the teams event format. Ross Campbell nominated Kialla for the GMGA mixed in association with their Bushies Mixed event. Bev Roberts then said that Hill Top could conduct the Gray Barton Gollan Hicks Kelly teams' event again.

Helen Emery spoke about the previous ten year plan the former GVLGA had which allocated events to different clubs. Nigel Shelley said it would be better for clubs to have a plan of events to help them sort their events into the GMGA program.

President Alex Odell said that she will draw up a template for clubs to nominate what events they would like to conduct and when.

General Business:

- Helen Emery asked about conditions for Pennant and specifically handicap limits. Helen highlighted issues with an above “average” handicap player coming into a team and making it hard to give shots. The average needs to be maintained in each Division.
David Roberts responded that this can be hard for some clubs based on the number of players who will play pennant. Nigel Shelley expressed the opinion that is what handicaps are about that golfers compete based on handicaps every week.
- Nigel Shelley asked about dates for pennant so that players can know what they are committing to. This was supported by Sandy O’Connor. David Roberts responded that the invitation for Summer Sunday pennant was for a start in early January and finish aimed at the end of February. Impossible to be exact when number of teams unknown. Ross Campbell expressed strong opinion for no Pennant on Australia Day weekend.
- Bev Roberts asked all clubs to use the GMGA Web site better by sending event fliers to be attached to the events Calendar so that details of events can be found easily, especially if fliers are not sent to clubs.

The Secretary then asked all clubs to please attend to the following two main things

- (i) Update of club officials so that GMGA Committee have the correct people to contact for information. This is important at this time of year with AGMs happening.
- (ii) Please send in ASAP dates for major events/tournaments at clubs so that they can be entered into the website calendar

The President stated that she wished to share three items of information:

- (a) The Junior regions event will be held in Bendigo 16 and 17 December and she is currently trying to get juniors from clubs to play, although the dates are proving problematic.
- (b) Meeting of Districts attended on 29 October examined possible changes to the format of the Country teams event, with perhaps one combined men and women team or different format of play and perhaps same venue for three to five years.
- (c) Alexandra then informed the meeting that she is pregnant (greeted by applause) and will need some time away from GMGA during 2024. *(Secretary Note: This maybe the first time ever that a District President is pregnant in office)*

There being no further business meeting closed at 8.08pm

EVENTS REPORT 2023-2024



GMGA Championship The Championships were played in conjunction with the Shepparton Open (Ivo Whitten, Suzie Tolhurst status) Disappointingly there will insufficient entries to conduct the women's event. For the Men Daniel Adem scr 69 won the event from former District Champion Brett Kellow 72 with the Nett section going to young Max McNally with a round of 65 from runner up Mark Georgiou on 70.

Women's Summer Fourball Pennant

At a magnificently presented Numurkah course, the home team managed a win over Kyabram Valley View to take the Goulburn Murray District Women's Summer Fourball Pennant. (For those who may question to home course advantage, it must be made clear that the venue for the final was decided before the season started in October).



The Numurkah players were extremely happy and for some members of the team and for the club in general a great achievement as they won the Winter Division One Pennant earlier this year. The "double" is something to be very proud of.

In the support event to the pennant final, players from seven other clubs played a Fourball Best Ball Stableford competition which was won by a Cobram-Barooga pair of evergreen Edna Lloyd and Glenice Opray with a great 45 points.

History made in Sunday Summer Pennant Final

In the final played at Hill Top Tatura on Sunday (11 February) history was made when a mixed team comprised of men and women from Shepparton GC took on the combined Merrigum-Rushworth all men's team. Not only was the contest record breaking it was further enhanced by the fact that the Shepparton mixed team won.



In addition to this this being an historic event and a great step for golf, it was the closest fourball final for many years with all five matches going to at least the seventeenth hole to get a result.

Gray Barton, Gollan Hicks Kelly Teams Event

St Patricks day on Sunday 2024 saw the playing of the District Teams Event at Hill Top course.

Although the total number of players was down on last year, it was great to see the number of different clubs represented.

The best individual scores of the day for the women was Janine Morgan (Rich River) 40 points on a count back from Colleen Johns (HT). For the men it was Paul Kuiper (Kyabram Valley View) 38 points.

The emphasis of the day is the aggregate Four Person Teams Event, with the women playing for the Gollan Hicks Kelly (GHK) Shield named after our three female Life Members and the men playing for the Gray Barton Cup named after former Life Member and which has been played for since 1966.

Life Member Joy Kelly helped to present the winners with the Shield in honour of her name to the team from Nathalia who blitzed the field with 138 points of Sue Lowe, Wendy Fulton, Nancy Dunn and Sonia Verlinden



For the men, the home club dominated (does anyone believe in home ground advantage?). A Hill Top team lead by GMGA Life Member Michael Keen along with Michael Downs, Glenn Newton and Jacob Dodds who managed 134 points to clinch the victory by two points.

District Mixed

A beautiful day, a well-presented course and great lunch was the golfing environment for the 2024 GMGA Mixed Championships at Cobram-Barooga GC on Sunday 28 April 2024. Special mention to Chris Tomlinson who administered the golf.

The winners of the scratch event were the Numurkah Team of Mitch Grandell and Julie Daniel with a superb 73 strokes. Runners up were a Tocumwal pair of Aaron Dale and Michelle Pearce with 78.

The Handicap event in which the handicaps were three-eighths of the combined handicaps of the pairs. The trophy for this event is the George Cronyn Memorial Cup in honour and memory of past District President and major golf administrator. Local Cobram-Barooga pair Andrew Cossar and Rowena Wallace won with a 73 net, just ahead of Lance and Leah Boyd with 75.375.



Mitch and Julie
the scratch
winners left.

Andrew and
Rowena right



It was great to hear all the positive comments from the players about the organisation and enjoyment of the event.

Women's Winter Pennant

Great thanks were also extended to Shepparton GC for hosting the event, the condition of the course, and of course for the food and beverage hospitality.

In **Division Three** Tocumwal played
Valley View
The final result 3.5/1.5 to Tocumwal





Division two saw the clash of the two teams who had played each other the week before and the same result prevailed with Rich River scoring a 4/1 win over

Division One was a repeat of the last couple of years with Cobram-Barooga taking on Numurkah. Numurkah were looking for four in a row, however, 2024 will be seen as the year Cob-Bar were not letting a great run continue. It was a very strong win for the riverside team.



The final outcome of 4/5/0.5 win for Cobram-Barooga. The only thing left to do after presentations was the celebrating on the bus trip home.

While the pennant contestants did battle, a field of supporting players contested for an individual Stableford event. Two home club Shepparton players topped the list with a win to Helen Jennings with 35 points to Sally Naylor on 34 points.

Joyce Broadbent Teams Winners

A cloudy cold, but no wind, day, a well-presented course and great lunch was the golfing environment for the 2024 GMGA Women's Teams Event Joyce Broadbent Shield played at Numurkah Friday 14 June.

In keeping with the last few years of combining a District event with a club event, the GMGA event was played in conjunction with the Numurkah Glynmawr Salver and the home ground teams were looking for a tiny bit of advantage, especially with Nola Dalton winning the individual A grade score with 38 points. However, the team representing Ky Parkland were not going to hand it to the home club for a second year running. In a great effort, the Parkland trio of Pam Stokes, Heather Gunston and Chris Kelly registered a combined score of 105 stableford points to edge out the local team of Nola Dalton, Tracey Clouston and Jeanette Adams on 103 points



Joyce Broadbent Shield Winners are gridders (with Mandy and David of GMGA)

The best individual scores of the day were: A grade Nola Dalton 38 points. B Grade Heather Gunston 36 points. C Grade Chris Kelly 40 points.

Ann Johnston Ambrose Event : Two years in a row.

The Ann Johnston Ambrose Teams Event was played at Kyabram Parkland on Monday 8 July, where last year's winners Bobette Wilkinson and Maxine Sadler, made it two in a row.

A big THANK YOU must go to Kathy Bell of Parkland who was the main organiser of the event.

The event was attended by Life members Faye Gollan, Joy Kelly and Iris Hicks and the legend Ann Johnston.

The event honours Ann Johnston whose achievements are too many to list, but include District and Victorian Championships, Victorian State Team on five occasions including two Australian Championships, Western Australian State Australian Championship Team and a member of the Australian Trans-Tasman Team. The winners of the day, and the best scratch score of 56, Bobette Wilkinson (Tocumwal) and Maxine Saddler (Cobram-Barooga) $56 - 4.25 = 51.75$ did better with the countback than Runners Up from Shepparton Di Wood and Denise Whyte $64 - 12.25 = 51.75$



Ann Johnston (centre holding the trophy) with Bobette Wilkinson (left) and Maxine Sadler (right)

Sunday Winter Pennant

The finals of the Goulburn Murray District Winter Pennant were played at well-presented Rich River course on Sunday (28 July) in what was certainly winter conditions thanks to cold temperatures and stiff breeze. Special thanks to Rich River for hosting the finals and Club Captain Joel Watson and his helpers for the organisation of the day. The standout statistic of the finals was the closeness of all the team matches.

Division Four was played between Tocumwal and Mooroopna. The number one pair went to the 18th where Mooroopna scored a 1up win to take the team match 3/2.



Division Three must have loved the cold so much they were last to finish thanks to a couple of nail biters. Again, the result went down to the wire. A win to Shepparton on the 19th and the last pairing to Shepparton on the 18th to seal 3/2 team win to Shepparton.

In **Division Two** Tocumwal went through the season clearly on top of the ladder. However, as was expected Shepparton were not going to just roll over. Another nail biter with a great last putt of the day to give Tocumwal a 3/2 team victory.



Some of the best golfers in the District faced off in **Division One** with Shepparton taking on Rich River on the latter's home track. Rich River got off to a blinder with a very strong win. Then three Shepparton warriors were up to the challenge and recorded solid wins to enable some waving and messages to the pair who had gone 19th to shake hands. Win to Shepparton 3.5/1.5



For a District record, this is now seven years in a row for Shepparton in Division One, plus with three teams in the finals a great club achievement and attitude toward pennant participation.

Country Teams Event

GMGA had both women's and men's teams in Division One which saw all their matches played at the same courses each day 30 September to 2 October. The District thanks the players for their participation and efforts.

Women results

Day One played at The Sands Torquay. Morning versus Murray Darling District we gained a 4/3 win. In the afternoon it was against Western District and we suffered a big loss 1.5/5.5. (The one that got away)

Day Two played at 13th Beach. Morning versus Ballarat District and a very tight match which we eventually won 4/3 gained through 3 individual wins and two squared. In the afternoon the "girls" had the bye to enable them to practice, go shopping or sleep after a couple of early starts.

Day Three, the last round, played Wednesday morning at Portarlington where we played our neighbours from North East District. A great effort resulted in a 5/2 victory from the 7 individual matches.

After team matches against the four other Districts it was Ballarat and GM both with 3 wins and 1 loss and so to decide the winning team, the separation went to winning margins, points for and against with Ballarat having the better winning margins. Congratulations to Ballarat District.



Overall a great effort from the Goulburn Murray women's team. From left to right in the photo below: *Marcia Spiers (RR), Julie Daniel (Num), Sonya Hill (Shepp), Kim Morris (Capt Shepp), Tracy Clouston (Num), Casey Chandler (Cob-Bar), Rhylee Chapman (RR) and Nacole Horneman (RR)*

Big thanks to Mandy Faram for her assistance with the women's team with the day to day management.

Men results

Day One morning at The Sands, versus Murray Darling District where we suffered a big defeat 1/6, although three of the individual matches were lost 1 down. I they had just gone the other way !!! The "boys" had the bye in the afternoon when some played Curlewis GC for practice.

Day Two at 13th Beach, morning. versus West Gippsland and we reversed the previous day with a dominant display to record a 6/1 victory. The afternoon match was against Ballarat District and in the cold evening air at the finish a tied match was registered, 3.5 each, which included a couple of real nail biters.

Day Three and final round in the morning at Portarlinton against South Gippsland and again another couple of nail biter matches early and a good finish to enable us to record a 4/3 team win.

The results for the Men's shield saw Murray Darling District with 3 wins and 1 loss. With both Ballarat and Goulburn Murray on 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss. Ballarat had better winning margins to take second spot and the question from both teams being if either of them had won the tied match the overall Division winner may have been different. Congratulations to Murray Darling District on a great win in a competition that was the closest for many years.



Another great team effort and great camaraderie between all the players and opposing teams. From left to right in the photo below: *Luke Dixon (Shepp), Daniel Adem (Shepp), Darcy Whyte (RR), Mitch Grandell (Num), Brett Kellow (Capt, Moo), Chris Tomlinson (Cob-Bar), Jeremy Rath (Shepp).* Aaron Dale from Toc is missing from the photo.

Overall comments/highlights: (it is a huge few days!!!)

Well done and thanks to Caitlan Haggis from Golf Aus who managed/organised our Division each day at each of the courses.

To Brad Chandler (Casey's dad) and Fern Chapman (Rhylee's sister) as full-time caddies did a great job and helped to support the teams, as did the players when rested and swap over caddies. ,

- From talking to other team manager, I think GMGA look after our players well.
- D'Arcy Whyte getting a square result after being four down with four to play on day two.
- Casey Chandler, our youngest team member (and I think the youngest player at the event) four strong wins and now undefeated in the last two years.
- The sportsman/womanship displayed by our team members.

Rules 101: On Tuesday 24 September 2024 we were fortunate to obtain the services of David Blake – an international rules referee as a guest speaker for what become known as Golf Rules 101. About 80 golfers from a variety of GMGA Clubs attended and right from the start it became a very interactive session with many questions and experiences about rules from several clubs. From all the comments received, it was a great event and certainly something different offered by the GMGA Committee.

For those who may wish to keep involved with similar rules situations, explanations and stories, David Blake hosts the *Golf Rules Podcast* that streams around the world and provides opportunity for players to send in questions or seek clarification about rules situations that have occurred at clubs.

PRESIDENTS REPORT – AGM 2024

As we reflect on the past year of golf, I look to highlight our achievements, challenges, and future direction for the Goulburn Murray Golf Association (GMGA). Our commitment to fostering a vibrant golf community across the region remains steadfast, and the current committee is intrigued to see what lies ahead for the district.

The GMGA hosted a series of successful tournaments, including all pennant classifications, an open championship, a mixed tournament and various other women's events. Participation levels were steady, as we continually tried to drum up interest through all our possible avenues. Although, I hope more clubs will look to regularly support our events in the coming years. I have continued to push events and results through our Facebook page and Facebook group, whilst David has been keeping everyone updated through the Radio and web page.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the other GMGA Committee members. David has continued to be the backbone of the GMGA and keeping everyone in line with events and organisation. He took over leadership whilst I had a few months off to care for my newborn. Alex is the always trusty treasurer who asks all the right questions and is willing to go along with my grand ideas. And Mandy has been ever so helpful organising women's pennant throughout the year, assisting me with the juniors over Term 2 and 3 and providing support at events where needed. As most in this room would know, it is hard to be on a committee and keep everyone happy, but I think we manage to do an okay job!

To the volunteers at club level who have assisted in running our events, I greatly appreciate your support – without your hard work a lot of events wouldn't be as good as they have been.

Looking ahead, there has been information released by Golf Australia, which supports the notion of amalgamating districts. Although, we will not know the outcome of this proposal and how or if it will affect our district, I would like to let everyone know that I will be stepping down from my role as President. I have enjoyed the past two years in this role; however, I feel that I no longer have the time or energy I need to commit to this role and therefore cannot do it the justice it deserves. I hope that someone is willing enough to give it a crack, and I will continue to support that candidate throughout their tenure if they wish.

I am optimistic about the future of the Goulburn Murray Golf Association, while we do not know for certain what will happen, I believe golf is a loved sport in our area and I hope that members and clubs will continue to provide the district with the support that it needs.

Thank you, Alexandra Odell

JUNIOR REPORT – AGM 2024

The past year has been an exciting time for junior golf within the Goulburn Murray Golf Association (GMGA). We have made significant strides in developing young talent, fostering a love for the game, and providing opportunities for our juniors to compete and grow.

Junior Regions – December 2023

In December 2023, 15 junior players from Goulburn Murray competed at the Country Junior Regions tournament held at Heathcote and Belvoir Park. The juniors represented Rich River, Cobram Barooga, Numurkah, Shepparton, Hill Top and Parkland. Bailey Goodall was fortunate enough to win a third straight title after a play off. It was great to see the whole team out sporting Bailey, as this was one of his last tournaments as a junior. The trip itself was not only about competition; but it provided an invaluable opportunity for personal growth, teamwork, and sportsmanship for the players.

Junior Regions – October 2024

At the time of submitting this report, I am gearing up to attend the 2024 Country Junior Regions, this year it will be held at Heathcote over two days. Due to availability, we have had to combine a team with Dalhousie and will be known as the “Hume” district. We have juniors competing from Cobram Barooga, Shepparton, Hill Top and Valley View. Hopefully I will be able to share some good news about the outcomes!

Launch of the Junior Golf Academy – April 2024

In April 2024, we were excited to launch the GMGA Junior Golf Academy. This initiative aims to provide structured training programs for juniors of all skill levels, focusing on skill development, course management, and competitive play. The academy will include:

- Regular coaching sessions led by PGA Professional, Reanna Blake.
- Workshops mental aspects of the game and strength and conditioning.
- Opportunities for on-course practice and competition.

We believe that the academy will not only enhance the golfing skills of our juniors but also instil a lifelong passion for the game.

MyGolf Junior Tournaments

Throughout the year, we successfully ran a series of MyGolf junior tournaments that engaged participants from various clubs within our association. These tournaments provided a platform for juniors to compete in a friendly environment, promoting sportsmanship and camaraderie. Highlights included:

- Steady participation: We saw many juniors come back week after week to support and participate in the events
- Recognition: Awards were given for various categories, encouraging all participants and celebrating their achievements.

For the 2025 season, we will be looking to change the direction of these events and get the clubs involved. The finer details are yet to be determined but we hope that clubs and juniors will be excited with the new idea!

Ben Patten Junior Golf

As of last week, PGA Professional, Ben Patten, has commenced junior clinics at Hill Top Golf Club under the GMGA banner. This is very exciting for us and with Ben’s help we will continue to foster the up and coming golfers in our district.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, our goals include:

- Continuing the GMGA Junior Academy and starting up a “development” branch to this
- Enhancing our tournament schedule to include more competitive events and fun formats.

I would like to express my gratitude to our coaches and parents who have supported our junior programs this year. Your commitment and enthusiasm play a crucial role in shaping the future of golf in our community.

The future of junior golf at the Goulburn Murray Golf Association is bright. I have thought long and hard about staying in this role, as like the presidency it is hard to find the time to commit to this event. If I can get more on ground support, I will be willing to re-elect for the Development Coordinator. As you can all appreciate, I have put a lot of time and effort into the juniors, and I would find it hard to see it all dissolve into nothing. I think with continued support and engagement from our district, we can have a truly flourishing junior program.

Support.

The GMGA Committee voted to provide funds to support

- (i) Mooroopna Fund Raiser; to assist manager Craig Prothero
- (ii) Junior Girls Camp; Indi Bauman (Parkland), Charlize Mathew (Rich River)
- (iii) Junior All Abilities event Queensland; Kayne Crompton (Parkland)
- (iv) State Schools Teams Championships; D'Arcy Whyte (Photo Rich River)



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 2024 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
Secretary

Dated: 17 October 2024

Goulburn Murray Golf Association
Financial Statements
1st October 2023 to 30th September 2024

Cash Flow Statement

Opening Balances as at 1st October 2023

Balance General Account	\$56,225.33	
Balance Junior Funds	\$ 1,209.69	
Junior Development Funds Term Deposit	\$55,884.80	
GMGA Term Deposit	<u>\$10,668.43</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$123,988.25
Income	\$ 34,281.00	
Interest Earned on Term Deposits		
Junior \$3,410.00 – Gen \$1,278.61	\$ 4,688.61	\$ 38,969.61
Sub Total		<u>\$162,957.86</u>
Expenses		<u>\$ 32,336.81</u>
Total Balances as at 30th September 2024		<u>\$130,621.05</u>

Bank Balance GMGA Account		
General Account	\$ 37,099.67	
Less Unpresented Cheques		
\$250, \$3,547, \$120, \$135, \$50, \$50	<u>\$ 4,152.00</u>	\$ 32,947.67
Junior Account		\$ 1,431.54
Junior Term Deposit		\$ 53,294.80
GMGA Term Deposit		
Tfr. \$25K Gen Acc & \$6K Junior Term Deposit	\$ 42,947.04	
Total Bank Balances as at 30th September 2024		<u>\$ 130,621.05</u>

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2024

Current Assets

Current Assets		
Balance General Account	\$32,947.67	
Balance Junior Funds	<u>\$ 1,431.54</u>	\$34,379.21
Junior Term Deposit		\$53,294.80
GMGA Term Deposit	<u>\$42,947.04</u>	\$130,621.05
Trade Debtors – Rules Night Entry Fees		<u>\$ 250.00</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>\$130,871.05</u>
Liabilities		0
Net Assets		<u>\$130,871.05</u>

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$124,338.25	
Current Year Profit	\$ 6,532.80	
Total Equity		<u>\$130,871.05</u>

Alex Howson
Treasurer GMGA

**Profit & Loss [Last Year Analysis]
October 2023 through September 2024**

This Year		Last Year	\$ Difference
Income			
Annual Subscriptions	\$26,661.00	\$27,140.00	(\$479.00)
Adults			
Golf Tournaments			
Men			
George Cronyn Memorial	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
Gray Barton	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Super League	\$0.00	\$1,720.00	(\$1,720.00)
Other	\$0.00	\$600.00	(\$600.00)
Total Men	\$800.00	\$3,320.00	(\$2,520.00)
Ladies			
Ann Johnson Teams Day	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Gollan/Hicks/Kelly	\$900.00	\$1,100.00	(\$200.00)
Foursomes	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Championships			
Joyce Broadbent	\$0.00	\$250.00	(\$250.00)
Total Ladies	\$1,900.00	\$1,600.00	\$300.00
Summer Pennant	\$200.00	\$275.00	(\$75.00)
Winter Pennant	\$850.00	\$925.00	(\$75.00)
Juniors			
Junior Academy	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Total Juniors	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Interest Received	\$4,688.61	\$410.00	\$4,278.61
Other Income	\$770.00	\$0.00	\$770.00
Total Income	\$38,869.61	\$33,670.00	\$5,199.61
Expenses			
PayPal Charges	\$0.00	\$95.32	(\$95.32)
Tournaments			
Men	\$0.00	\$460.00	(\$460.00)
Ladies	\$0.00	\$690.00	(\$690.00)
Catering	\$1,251.35	\$605.25	\$646.10
Total Tournaments	\$1,251.35	\$1,755.25	(\$503.90)
Reimbursements	\$2,450.00	\$0.00	\$2,450.00
Junior Expenses			
Junior Academy	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
Tournaments	\$1,190.00	\$0.00	\$1,190.00
Clinics	\$200.00	\$380.00	(\$180.00)
Accommodation	\$1,614.95	\$0.00	\$1,614.95
Catering	\$176.36	\$0.00	\$176.36
Grants	\$1,980.00	\$500.00	\$1,480.00
Uniforms	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Trophies	\$1,216.84	\$1,989.40	(\$772.56)
Total Junior Expenses	\$8,778.15	\$2,869.40	\$5,908.75
Country Week			
Ladies	\$3,848.37	\$4,172.00	(\$323.63)
Men	\$5,343.44	\$4,441.25	\$902.19
Total Country Week	\$9,191.81	\$8,613.25	\$578.56
Pennant			
Ladies	\$55.00	\$265.00	(\$210.00)
Men	\$55.00	\$330.00	(\$275.00)
Catering	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$630.00
Total Pennant	\$740.00	\$595.00	\$145.00
Honorariums	\$2,300.00	\$3,050.00	(\$750.00)
Conference	\$0.00	\$1,109.00	(\$1,109.00)
Postage	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$0.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$246.50	\$61.20	\$185.30
Printing & Stationery	\$91.20	\$527.99	(\$436.79)
Trophies	\$3,178.50	\$4,706.40	(\$1,527.90)
Trophy Engraving	\$117.70	\$315.20	(\$197.50)
Uniforms	\$1,244.10	\$3,120.15	(\$1,876.05)
Website	\$1,584.00	\$1,584.00	\$0.00
General Expenses	\$1,103.50	\$699.00	\$404.50
Total Expenses	\$32,336.81	\$29,161.16	\$3,175.65
Net Profit	\$6,532.80	\$4,508.84	\$2,023.96

Financial Motions:
Annual Subscriptions/Affiliation Fees

I wish to move to the AGM that the Annual Subscriptions for the 2025 golf season be \$5.00 for each Adult Playing Member and \$0 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 2024; and that the Annual Subscription be payable as at 28 February 2025. These funds will be fully refundable to each individual Club if there are any major structural changes to GMGA during the year.

Moved Alex Howson Treasurer Seconded

Honorariums

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

President	\$500	Secretary	\$750
Treasurer	\$300	Development Coordinator	\$750
Events Coordinator	\$750		

Moved Alex Howson Seconded

Reports

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

Alex Howson Seconded

Treasurer

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