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## **Golf Course**

The course is recovering from its dethatching program as the recent rain will assist with kicking the native couch into gear. By New Year we look forward to a good coverage over the majority of the course.

## **Tree Maintenance**

The Black Box tree at the Men's 17th tee and the dead tree at the fourth hole have been assessed with permission from DEECA to proceed with a lopping/pruning program.

Good news is the black box will be pruned rather than taken out altogether. Grounds chairman, Fred, is pleased it will remain & the dead trees lopped to a safe standard but still be available for our wildlife.

These works will be done as soon as we can employ an arborist/experienced firm to tackle the task.

## **Annual General Meeting 2023**

Our AGM was held Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November we appreciate the past committee's work & commitment in having the club in a stable & viable position.

Reports were sent out through Tidy HQ so enjoy reading them & appreciate the work done by the committee.

**Positions filled were: Secretary** – Ross Laycock; **Men's Captain** – Ash Purdue; **Independent** – David Kranz.

**Positions available still are:** President, Vice President, House Chair

Nomination forms are on the notice board. These may be given to the Secretary or a Committee member.

Thank you to retiring members Bernie Naylor, Allan Ross & yours truly for their time & effort over the past 10+ years in roles such as secretary, president, captain & committee.

We wish our newly elected committee all the best in guiding the club & enjoy the positive approach the club has at present. Our members need to support the committee where possible to keep our club a fantastic place to come to for social, mental & physical enjoyment.

## **Memberships 2024**

At the AGM members approved the fees for 2024 and our Treasurer will adjust these & send out the renewal of memberships through Tidy HQ during December. Please read carefully & tick the correct membership category, cart/handbuggy shed, sponsorship, donation or other [noting what other is] so our treasurer places it into the correct category.

If by early January you have not received your membership renewal, please contact your captain or DMA so it may be attended to. They do need your correct email address to send it to you.

Renewal & new membership forms will be on the notice board for those without email addresses.

Your support is much appreciated & fees are due on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Fees & sponsorships/donations may be paid directly into the club's account [banking details at the top of the first column of this newsletter], it is important to note who it is from and secondly the physical form needs to be returned to DMA or at the clubhouse so all details are up to date.

Thank you.

## **New Men's Captain**

The new 2024 committee have approved the nomination of Ash Purdue as the Men' Captain for 2024-25.



We congratulate Ash and appreciate his willingness to take on the role.

It is up to members to now support Ash in carrying out his role through positive feedback & willingness to assist when it is needed.

Ash has been a member for around five years and he has been an active member in the Grounds Group and a great assistance when special events have been on. He was our Open Champion in 2022 & Intermediate Champion in 2023.

All the best to Ash & his Match Committee. The Match Committee members will be confirmed and are similar to the previous 12months. We are sure they will support him well in carrying out his Captain's duties.

## **The Shearwater 'Road to Port Fairy'**

The men's leader is the irrepressible Dennis Muphy [51] who has won this prestigious event a couple of times. This year he certainly has his challengers though with Danny Kearns [49] and three hungry-to-win golfers in Brenton Cheney, Kym Stepney & Dave Trippett [46]. Richard Bett [43] & new captain, Ash Purdue [42] won't relax over the next four months either. There are plenty of opportunities with the Naylor Agencies Monthly Medal, public holidays over Christmas & New Year and some board events to be decided. SO, look out Dennis, the pack are coming!!!

## **Queries & Concerns**

Over the festive season if there are any queries, concerns or offers of assistance, please contact the Captains, Carolyn Morcom or Ash Purdue or a Committee member who may be of help. It does make running the club a challenge without a President or Vice President as other committee members takes on more work load.

## **Upcoming events**

Our program is quiet at the present with harvest on the go and Christmas around the corner. Please enjoy the course through the daylight-saving period & inviting friends etc out to experience our lovely bush course.