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## Golf Course

The course is going well with the greens being in great order & the fairways turning to its winter grass. The fertiliser is taking effect while the greens have been groomed & sanded ready for the Winter season.

## Welcome to all!

The Warracknabeal Golf Club, including the Bowls, heartily welcome our visitors to the town and we know you will have plenty to see & do thanks to our WAG group who have done a fantastic job organising the 'Easter in the Beal' activities. It is a great time for families & friends to catch and have an enjoyable occasion.

## Easter Golf Program

Easter is upon us and we look forward to the town festival over Easter which is driven by the Warracknabeal Action Group.

Our golf club will have an event each day which provides the opportunity for members & visitors to enjoy our course & company at some stage over the Easter weekend. It is a fun, social & a healthy option for people. We encourage visitors & social golfers to come & join our members in having a hit one or more of the days. The Golf Club appreciates our sponsors of the prizes provided for each day & they are:

**Warrack HOME Timber & Hardware**

**Royal Mail Hotel**

**Emmett's Warracknabeal**

**Drummond Golf Ballarat**

**Start times** are:

Morning tees off **before** 9:30am & afternoon tees off **between** 12:00pm & 12:30pm

**Box office** will be attended by a member at 11:30am; morning golfers will have a sheet to place their name on & please use the Greens fee box to put your money in.

**Event cost:** \$15 per head [Light afternoon tea included]

**Bar facilities** will be:

Friday – open between 4:00 – 6:30+pm

Saturday, Sunday & Monday - open between 11:40am – 1:00pm & 4:00 – 7:00pm

\*\* Pies, Pasties & Sausage rolls available at lunch time

**Presentations** at approximately 5:30pm

**Men's Contact:** David Kranz 0447 647 480

**Women's Captain:** Carolyn Morcom 0427 982 106

**Events:** The first 3 days is Stableford for Women & Men while Monday is 4BBB Stableford [any combination of players]

## Fixture Books 2023

Our fixture books are being printed & will be available very soon.

## Urgent!! 'House' position needs filling!!

It is a priority to find a volunteer who is willing to take on the position of 'House'. The clubhouse & bar are essential to our club staying viable, bringing in revenue through our bar committee & catering committee.

**The House volunteer is responsible for coordinating our clubhouse maintenance when needed & bar rosters. This person communicates with the Bar Committee chair & Catering Committee chair making sure functions are well organised between the two.**

Please consider taking on this position or even part of ie bar, clubhouse.

Remember it is our club and it is only as good as its active members who make it a great place to be.

## Tap & Go!!

The club is providing access to the use of plastic money [bank card] for the convenience of not carrying cash which many citizens now do.

Customers may ask at the bar to use their card now & hopefully we will work the system correctly.

## Easter Raffle- Ritchies IGA & Warrack Butchery

Our major raffle over Easter has been well supported by the people in the street and we appreciate them supporting our club & our two generous sponsors. First prize of \$400 from Ritchies IGA & \$200 value prize from Warrack Butchery makes it a very inviting raffle to try for. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March after the golf competition on the day.

The club appreciates the ticket sellers who sat in the street over two days and also the members who have taken & returned their book of ten tickets to raise much needed finance to keep our club running well.

Members are encouraged to ask for a book of tickets if they haven't taken the opportunity to enter for these great prizes & support our club.

Once again, thank you to our supportive sponsors. All members are encouraged to support these two vital businesses in our town.

## Grounds Working Bee

A fantastic job by Nigel Zanker & his band of merry men who groomed and sanded the eighteen greens, plus the practice green, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. It is essential to complete this type of task at the right time and thanks to Bernie Naylor, Dennis Murphy, Peter Schilling & Russell Schultz in providing their time to achieve this task. Some warm weather, some showers of rain & bingo!! The greens should be right for the winter.

## Catering Group

Our catering group have been busy over the past month and did a great job last weekend with Arts Council dinner and the Bowls Club function. Golf & Bowls catering is essential to our funds, our members & club reputation. Easter is upon us so if you can assist at all over the four days, please contact Shirley or Women's President Leonie Atkin to lighten the load on the regulars. Thank you.

## **Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Club celebrate 50years**

The Warracknabeal Golf Bowls Club turned 50 years old in 2020 but due to COVID restrictions at the time, any celebration of the event had to be postponed. It was finally held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



A beautiful cake made & decorated by Shirley Liersch was well-accepted. Pictured cutting the cake are Marj Thewlis & Jack Kranz [Life Member].

Past members of the Club came from Mildura, Ballarat, Ocean Grove, Creswick and Horsham to join local members & partners for social bowls at 11:00am. This was followed by a magnificent lunch prepared by the Ladies Catering Committee.

A special commemorative booklet prepared for the occasion was presented to all in attendance and it will be posted to those who were unable to attend the function. The booklet details the history of the club from the first meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 1968 of Golf Club members interested in forming a bowls section, up until the present day. The booklet includes a complete list of all members and the many achievements of individuals and the Pennant teams over the 50 years. Congratulations to Terry Sanders on his effort to compile this valuable booklet in recording the club's history.

Individual members recognised on the day for their special contribution included Ellen Clarke, Ladies Secretary for 15 years, Brian Gunn, Secretary for 12 years and Rodney Ashfield Secretary for 11 years. Past & present Champions of the club were also recognised including Eric Kosloff,

Max Woodward, Murray & Joan Anderson, Noel Kearns, Dot Haeusler & Edna Anderson.

The many Pennant teams' successes over the years were also highlighted as was the huge voluntary effort of many members in establishing the Bowling Green in the first place, converting to a synthetic green, replacing that with another synthetic 14 years later, installing the light towers and developing & maintaining the surrounds to a high standard.



Pictured: enjoying their lovely lunch are Terry Irwin, Noel Kearns & Jack Kranz. The table behind them sees Veronica Muller with Lynne & Max Woodward [Life Member].

At the conclusion of the lunch, President Graham White, thanked all for their attendance, particularly those who had travelled from far away. President Graham said the Club looks forward to the next 50 years.



Pictured: another valued member of the Bowls, Life Member, Mick Marchment.