



Bannockburn Golf Club Newsletter

August 2023

Bannockburn Golf Club's vision

'To provide a positive golfing experience with a country feel to our growing community'

The Clubs August General Committee meeting was held on Saturday 12th August, with the following highlights arising from the meeting.

MiScore for Competitions

The Committee have decided to introduce MiScore as the online scoring system that can be used with all future competitions. This system will be introduced slowly from 3rd September where trained Committee members will assist members to learn how to score using their mobile phone. Score cards will still be available for those without phones. Some members who play at other clubs are already have the MiScore app on their phones, the rest of us will need to install the MiScore app which has a 14-day free trail that you can use, and then there is a \$20 annual fee for ongoing use. (Grandkids are often a good help in learning things like this!) I especially like to thank Vice Captain, Michael Jochum for all his research and work he has done behind the scenes for the Club to make this happen.

The Committee applied for a grant to assist the Club with the cost of introducing the Miscore.

I am very pleased to advise the **Bannockburn & District Grants** that is partnered with the Bendigo Bank has provided the club with a grant \$4306.50 for the implementation of the system.

The **Bannockburn & District Grants** have been a wonderful supporter of our Golf Club over many years with grants for various projects the Club has undertaken.

To help them with their valuable work throughout the community it is important that if you have any bank accounts with Bendigo Bank that you advise the Bank, to have your accounts linked with grants program which is not at any cost to you.

Strategic Planning

The Club's current 3-year Strategic Plan has almost run its course and needs to be refreshed to meet the future needs of the Club. Chris Crabbe from Golf Australia is helping us with this work so that our plan will fit in with National Golf Strategy and align with other golf Clubs in Australia.

A large focus of our new plan will be to bring people in from outside the club into the Club i.e., attracting new golfers and working in partnership with the local community. We will also be looking at what members actually want from their club in the future.

The first step in developing this plan is to survey all members of the Club. This will be done online and all members will receive a questionnaire shortly via their email asking their input into the process. I encourage you all to participate, as the more information we receive the stronger our plan will be.

Once the survey has been completed a workshop will be held with the Committee and other interested members to further develop the plan and then present this at the Club's Annual General Meeting on Monday evening November 27th.

Nine Hole Competition

Due to high interest from a number of members the Committee has decided to re- introduce the nine-hole competition that runs over the week similar the current 18-hole Mid-Week competition. This will allow people who maybe a bit time poor to get in a shorter round a golf in the evening etc.

The cost will be \$5.00 a round and you are required to place your name on the list before you play to part of the competition.

Captains Information

Some changes have been made to the fixture book.

The **Cancer charity day** will now be held on Saturday 16th September. This is replacing the John Sexton Memorial Day with all entry fees on that day donated in supporting **Kids with Cancer**.

The **Open Tournament** is now scheduled to the last weekend in November, running from Friday 24th to Monday 27th November.

The Clubs **Men's Championships** will be run on the following 3 Saturdays, December, 4th, 11th, and 18th December.

Happy golfing

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