

The first couple of weeks of my presidency started with the onslaught of covid with vaccine passes for the club house and lots of discussion on un-vaccinated players rights. Looking back, I think the committee made the right decision. Now just a distant memory and the rest of the year has been a big learning curve for me.

I would like to thank Peter Johnson for all his guidance and advice through the year, you have been great and I will no doubt be looking for more.

As I write this, we are half way through the Freyberg and the course is in magnificent order thanks to Nick, Ian and Steve who have been working towards this tournament for months, and with the course being so wet a couple of months ago they have done a wonderful job.

The comments from every player, coaches, managers have been positive in fact many have said that we are so lucky to have such a wonderful course.

The woodies are part of a very large number of volunteers in the club who do a great job each week. This lets the green staff do all the other work that would not get done if they had to cut wood so a very big thanks to all you guys.

My committee have been great to work with so thanks to you all. The club is in good hands with some very passionate and hardworking people looking to drive this club to be even better and one of the best courses to play at in the country.

So, a big thanks to Bruce for all his support over the year and all his great work on sponsors, organising the power underground carpark and the signage with his right-hand man Judd.

I'm going to rattle off some names who have put a lot of time into the club this year and previous years who deserve a huge thank you.

Shona always busy doing everything. Emily I would be in deep trouble without your help. Bernard always at the club working in the match room. Rex my wise man and great advisor. Rob and Jenny in the clubhouse just brilliant and always smiling, Chris you have the patience of a saint and doing a brilliant job keeping the finances under control. David you've done a great job setting up the Dot Golf system. Meredith for doing a great job looking after the 9 hole ladies. Kevin for all your work with She Loves Golf. Stan for always having a joke on club days. Gail for looking after all the new members. Sue for running the ladies committee.

Last but not least Barrie who is stepping down this year from the house chair. He has been on the committee for that long we don't know when he started. He has led me through this year and been a great help so I thank you on behave of everyone you have been involved with over the years. Barrie is still keen to do the strategic plan for the club so he's not going far.

Nick and the boys have got some great ideas on what they want to achieve with the course over the next year.

In closing we have a golf club that everyone should be very proud of and with some forward thinking and good decisions we can make it even better.

Have a great year golfing and I will see you out on the course