



## PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Dear Members,

This is Bacchus Marsh Golf Clubs 50<sup>th</sup> year of operations at the current Links Road course.

The club will be celebrating the occasion on 23rd November, which will also include our Presentation for the 23/24 club championships and all other board event winners.

To mark this special occasion there will be wine (red and white) bottles on offer in recognising the milestone. The club will be rolling out the day events and how to order the wine bottles over the coming months.

We are continually faced with challenges, and we must reflect on the work that the past and current committees have made to allow us to continue to celebrate and enjoy the course over the past 50 years. We acknowledge and will be inviting as many of those committee people to attend the day in celebrating our 50-year milestone.

The club has always had a welcoming and strong collegiate culture that has been developed by the strength of its members and that work has been done by enthusiastic members throughout our history.

To recognise these values the BMGC board will be recommending that members accept the nomination for Life Membership at our next Annual General meeting, which will be held late August or early September (date to be confirmed).

It is with great pleasure that we present the nomination of Roger Suter as Life Member of the Bacchus Marsh Golf Club. The individual effort over the last decade and Roger's commitment to the club has been enormous and the best way to thank him is to recognise him as a Life Member and what a better way to do it in our 50-year milestone.

The BMGC had its recent EGM and informed all members of the new Articles of Association which are reflective of the restructure of the club moving away from gaming. In addition to the restructure the club will be registering from an Australian Public Company, Limited by Guarantee to an Incorporated Association.

The purpose of these changes is to provide and allow the club to seek grants from various Government bodies.

Golf clubs across Australia are changing the landscape that they operate in as many are either partnering up with other golf clubs or local community sports clubs or groups. Our club has had many challenges from financial to membership growth and continues to work hard in addressing these problems, however the associated costs to continue running operations of this type requires strong revenue streams and this is the key focus moving forward.



The club has opened discussions with Hoppers Community Club (HCC) about ways it can benefit in doing a Joint Venture that will benefit the long-term sustainability of the club. Our aim is to ensure that our club can become the leading sports venue in our municipality and that it can offer a range of golfing opportunities.

The club will have an update on those discussions at the next AGM and anticipate that the information will be designed to support the long-term future of the club.

The club focus recently has mainly been on the golf course and with limited staff numbers we have been getting great support from our volunteer groups, which we are grateful for and they have also been doing upgrades around the venue and one area of concern has been the limited work on the premises, which presents the need to be compliant with the building codes. You will see a range of Asbestos labels at some locations and there is an Asbestos Division 5 report that outlines those locations. The club has adopted the Asbestos Management Plan with HCC and will continue to ensure that the OHS requirements are always adhered to.

We are also mindful that many of our members are limited in attending to meetings and by way of communicating various topics by way of email, we hope that this update will provide the information that provides some insight into what your board has been active in doing in supporting the club needs.

Regards

Tom Svaljek

BMGC President