



Toowoomba Golf Club – Middle Ridge Matters of interest to the Members from the Board meeting, 26 October, 2009.

- Mr Ron Jadach's tenure as General Manager of the Toowoomba Golf Club commences on Monday 09 November. Ron brings to this position a wealth of experience, expertise and enthusiasm and the Board has every confidence in his ability to promote and progress all aspects of the Club's business. Both Ron and his wife, Anna, are relocating from the North Coast to Toowoomba and are looking forward to a long and successful association with the Club. I am sure you will all make every effort to ensure Ron and Anna are made feel welcome.
- Stage 2 of the advertising program, designed to promote the use of our facilities to both members and the general public, is well under way. A letter box drop as well as TV advertising (Channel 7) is resulting in both positive comment and increased patronage.
- Our President, John Blakeney, has held informal discussions with Ed Britnell (City Golf Club President) with a view to creating a closer working relationship between the two clubs in an endeavour to promote and optimise the patronage of both clubs' facilities. Discussions will be ongoing with, hopefully, mutually beneficial arrangements being developed.
- A special "thank you" to all members who supported the course working bee held on Sunday 25 October. The efforts of those involved certainly enhanced the appearance of those areas targeted and were greatly appreciated by the course staff and course committee. A further working bee is scheduled for early 2010 with relevant details to be communicated in due course.
- The concern by some members of the Hoteliers' Charity Day taking precedence over the normal Club Wednesday Competition has been addressed by the Board. Moving the event to a more acceptable week day is currently being negotiated by the Club Captain and representatives of the Hoteliers' Group.
- The Stage 2 Project (DOSA, Gaming Room and Children's Room) is now complete with all facilities now available for use by members and visitors.
- The construction of the new Pro Shop and the erection of a sail over the North-West corner of the deck is well under way with the contracted completion date being 23 November.
- The entering by members of their competition scores, by way of the touch screen, is progressing most satisfactorily. Please ensure that a "slash" is placed on your card prior to its placement in the card receptacle to indicate the successful entry of your score to the competition coordinator of the day.
- A proposal to better utilise the club's available female toilet facilities is being considered. There has been, for quite some time, concern of the lack of clearly marked, accessible washroom facilities for females attending functions being held at the Club. This proposal, which involves better use of and access to the facilities currently available in the Women's Locker Room, has been discussed with a cross section of both the current and incoming women's committees. It has been generally agreed to proceed to the planning and costing of such proposal for further consideration by both the Board and Women's Committee.

- The Board has allocated funds for the “revamping” of the club’s main entrance and the installation of appropriate signage for the entrance, as well as around the Club House and new Pro Shop. It is envisaged that this work will commence in the near future with a budgeted cost of \$15,000.00.

- **Finance**

- Management has continued identifying areas of the business in which costs (wages, cost of goods sold etc) can be trimmed and resultant actions have assisted in the Club operating at a profit, year to date.

- It is most encouraging to note the improvement in both the number of competition and social players and the obvious associated increase in income.

- The Club’s significant injection of funds into capital investments during the past two years has led to a decrease in interest income from funds that were previously invested in Term Deposits and the like. It is most reassuring and encouraging to note that this loss of income is being somewhat negated by the increased profit generated in the Bar & Catering Department with its improved and extended facilities.

- An increase in income from both sponsorship and social golf will be a high priority for the incoming General Manager.

- It is the President’s intention to provide a financial summary to members giving an updated financial position, once the major capital works projects have been completed.