



### **Notes from the President, Nancy Young**

It is with regret that I announce Brett Searston's resignation from the Board. Brett had been on the Board since May 2010 and also served on the Course Committee. Given the needs in his own business, Brett felt he could not dedicate the time and commitment that he wanted to give to the Board. I thank Brett very much for his contribution to the Board and Club throughout his tenure. His involvement will be missed.

This vacancy was discussed at length during the August Board meeting, keeping in mind the terms of Clause 29 of the Club Articles of Association which states: "the Board of Directors may at its discretion appoint a successor to hold office until the next election at an Annual General Meeting". The Board deliberated over this point and eventually decided that in order to retain consistency with the precedent created by the resignation of Mr. Brad Ward earlier in the year, the position would remain vacant until the next Annual General Meeting. This decision directly reflects the full consensus of the Board.

Our sub-committees, committees and work groups are meeting regularly and working together constructively. We have co-opted club members on to the committees and work groups in the interest of their skills and experiences. There are twelve club members who are members of either the Junior Committee, the Handicap Committee, the Golf Participation Work Group or the Membership Classification Work Group.

The Membership Classification Committee would like to hear from members about your thoughts, ideas and needs about membership classifications – should we

have a 5 day membership, should we have a weekend only membership, what sort of membership might suit you? Please let us know by emailing me on [goss.young@bigpond.com](mailto:goss.young@bigpond.com)

It's been a busy golfing time around the Club recently. The Mixed Foursomes Championships were played on 21 August. Congratulations to Darren Nielsen and Trudy Dunne who are the 2011 Mixed Foursomes Champions. The runners up were Liz Robinson and Chris Webster. Craig and Jenny Shaw took out the 36 hole nett event with Paul and Tricia McDonald as the runners up. It was great to see a large field out on what was a fairly inclement day.

On Friday 2 September we are holding our Pro Am with 68 professionals competing. The recent rain has been very timely and Danny and his staff will be presenting the course in great condition. Enormous thanks go Club Director, Morrie Turner who has organised weekly working bees for the last three weeks. A changing guard of volunteers have cleaned up gardens, poisoned weeds, and picked up sticks and branches. We really appreciate the efforts of all Club members involved in these working bees and thanks to Morrie for his drive and enthusiasm.

As a consequence of the success of the working bees, we are forming a volunteer Garden Group. This group will work under the direction of our Course Superintendent, Danny Beresford and General Manager, Steve Owen. Morrie Turner will take on the group leadership role. If any members are interested in participating in our Garden Group, please contact Morrie on [catnmat@bigpond.com](mailto:catnmat@bigpond.com) or on his mobile 0409 494080 or his home phone 4636 2330.

Still on the course – General Manger, Steve has organised for the Course Superintendents from Windaroo and Southport to be mentors to Danny. They are both on the Board of the Golf Superintendents' Association and are thrilled to be involved in assisting in Danny's development. Thanks to Steve for this great initiative.