

## WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020

### **Coronavirus:**

Unfortunately, we are still in a battle with this deadly virus around the globe and the course will be closed til Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May when the situation will be reviewed again.

### ***The Course is CLOSED!!***

### ***Maintenance necessary!!***

It is vital to have our volunteer workers carrying out the necessary maintenance around the club and on the grounds. We are strictly abiding by the rules of two members only at the task in hand, keeping our distance and going straight home.

Security & grounds checks are being done regularly by different members so any broken pipes, trees down, clubhouse locked, etc are noted and attended to. If you are carrying out any necessary maintenance please let me know.

Thank you for being active members and keeping our club up to scratch for our members while the course is closed.

### ***Fairways Renovation***

The aerating of the fairways has been completed over three beautiful autumn days thanks to Bernie Naylor and the use of his tractor. We also thank Anzac Park for the use of the aerator which works superbly on our fairways. We believe this will benefit our course in the long run and will be a regular part of our maintenance program each year. The fairways should have recovered by the time we get to play again.



### ***Kitchen check and uplift!***

Our committee member for Catering, Shirley Liersch, has been checking the kitchen regularly for mice etc and smartened the place up with a lick of paint. A job well done Shirley!! The mice said you were very efficient and didn't disturb them too much.

Look at those shiny cupboard doors!!



### ***Car park Project***

Action has begun on the car park project which aims at providing more car parking for trailers and caravans when we have major events such as our Easter & Annual Tournaments, Bowls major days, May Day,



Green-Taylor & Partners and the many more special events we have over the twelve month season.

Fantastic work by Brian Wilson with his back-saving equipment and the time he has put into it voluntarily.

It is looking fantastic. Great to have active members who keep our

club on the move and in play. Many thanks Brian!!

### ***What did we discover during this project??***

As you know with each project, we dig to find a mystery for our members to ponder.

Our car park is no different!! Not long after starting the project we were confronted with a problem. What is this? Having already checked out where services like power, water and telecom cables ran, it was a surprise to find this rather large drain??

We delved further, worried it was going to be a headache if it continued on and how was it set in the ground, but fortunately there were only



half a dozen of these relics which were full of our beautiful sand. I guess most of our members will know what they were and their important use. How they fitted in with the club or the burial of them is up for debate. Not far from this area is the old brick septic which would have been



a modernised version of these historical cans!!



## **Updating machinery**

The Club is continuing to look for opportunities to update our facilities, equipment and machinery.

Committee Groundsman member, Wayne George, has been on the prowl for a while looking for a more modern version of our greens mower which is essential to our club.

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, the club purchased an updated version for our staff to work with, safely and efficiently. Sean is pictured with Toro rep, Mick, instructing him on the improvements to the model we had.

Many thanks to Wayne and Mick for sourcing out a machine which will suit our needs and budget at this stage.



## **Survival opportunities**

Our treasurer, DMA, are following up opportunities that will allow us to survive this COVID 19 period of time where we have no income at all. There are avenues through the Federal and State Governments which are being pursued and it is hoped we will hear more on these support programs/grants as time moves through.

At present we are still employing Sean to look after the course and especially the greens which need attention before the winter arrives. The executive is in touch with DMA and a review of our situation is made regularly. It is appreciated the time DMA contribute to our club and especially in times like this.

## **Bowls Grounds Maintenance**

Good work has been done by Clicker and Clayto in essential maintenance of the bowls green and its surrounds for the winter. The garden area will appreciate the hair cut and removal of dead or dangerous plants/limbs.

Our club has some fantastic active members and it is a pity not all can be out doing some of the nonessential work as well.

### **Oh Dear!**

It is always the best time of the year to play golf because the weather is great, the course is great and our scores are great!! Well, two out of three aspects are true!!



Check out this view down the eighteenth!

This Coronavirus has a lot to answer for but good things come to those who are patient, caring and kind in our times.

Keep up the good work and we look to hitting the fairways sooner than later. [maybe]

**Working Bees:** These will return to a consistent Sunday [9:00-11:00] after each Monthly Medal; Monday [8:00-10:00] 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. You may contact Dennis Murphy re Sunday and David Baxter re Monday.

**Just which Monthly Medal is the big question at this stage!!**

**Upcoming events:** Check your fixtures booklet.

**Due to the Corona virus we have no events but we look forward to getting restarted in the future.**