

## WARRACKNABEAL GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### **RIP**

It is sad to farewell Liz Denham and Jim Landt over the time the Coronavirus has had us closed.

Our condolences to David in Ballarat and his family. Both Liz and David were fantastic supporters of the club before they moved to Ballarat. The Denham name being in the club for many years.

Jim passed recently. He and wife, Flo [deceased], were also strong, active members of the club, always willing to do things which assisted the bowls or golf side of things. Our condolences to the family, Jim is sadly missed by his golf & bowls mates.

### **Coronavirus:**

The COVID-19 situation has changed:

### ***Golf is now allowed!!!***

The COVID-19 is a serious situation and we will be following the directives of the Federal & State Governments along with the advice of Golf Australia.

The Victorian Premier, Dan Andrews, announced today that golf facilities will be able to be accessed but under guiding rules which prevent the congregating of large numbers.

Here are some measures being used at various Australian golf facilities to achieve effective social distancing which we will adopt at the Warracknabeal Golf Club. These measures are helping clubs avoid congregation in the following areas: registration and score submission points, practice areas, starting tees, and anywhere out on the golf course.

1. Access to the clubhouse will be the Presidents, Captains and Match Committee on duty for absolute necessities or doing results.
2. Timesheet will be on the Green fee table for competition days – Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday. No pen available – use your own pen please.
3. The time sheet will run from 8:00am until 2:00pm. All players **MUST** write their name on the time sheet in the time they are hitting off.
4. Limit of 6 have access to practice putting greens and other practice areas.
5. People who have pre-booked a starting time have preference to play.
6. Use First tee only unless otherwise designated.
7. Play in groups of 2-4.
8. Intervals between starting times is 6 minutes to ensure there is no congregation.
9. Players to leave the facility immediately after completing their round.
10. No presentations at the conclusion of play.

11. Use of motorised golf carts restricted to one person only. [cart sharing permitted by people living under the same roof.]
12. Score submission: recorded card placed into “Card Only” slot at the Office Box.
13. Players are to write out their opponent’s card, score the card with verbal confirmation of the hole total and total score. Do not sign your own card.
14. During play, the flagstick must remain in the hole.
15. Handle your own equipment throughout the round.
16. Bunkers have no rakes. Level as best you can; if you believe you have an unfair lie, ask your opponent for a preferred lie in the bunker.
17. Captain and Match Committee will record scores, decipher the winners and paste results in the window.
18. Wash hands in soap and water before & after the round of golf.
19. Welcome back and enjoy your golf by adhering to these suggestions to stay fit & healthy while not putting others at risk.
20. If you feel unwell or display any flu-like symptoms **Stay Home!!**

Thank you

The club appreciates immensely the patience of you, our members, and welcomes you back with great admiration.

***Green fee players are certainly welcome but need to be aware of the constraints we are operating under at present and adhere to them.*** There is a board which clearly states the constraints at the clubhouse.

Any queries, please contact me or for up to date information, go to the Golf Australia website or the Federal Government have also created a COVID-19 site.

### ***Great Financial Support***

The club has been supported by the State & Federal Government’s financial programs, allowing it to pay for essential items such as wages & utilities over the present period. With no income in the club, it has certainly been appreciated and kept the club buoyant.

The programs of Jobkeeper and Business Support Fund have kept us afloat and positive for the future as we have retained Sean’s services and been able to pay our utilities.

We look forward to members using the facilities, playing for the challenge and enjoyment, and best of all, being active members of our club.

If you have ideas and you can follow up with plans, action &/or a source of finance, I would appreciate you contacting me or slip it into the suggestion box at the bar.

## Car Park Project

The Car Park Project is 98% completed. It is looking great and can now be used by members to park their car, their car & cart trailer or their car & caravan [with notification]. Brian Wilson is putting the final line of path posts in place while below two active, learned members consider their task of erecting the screening.



Whitey and Spuddy did a fabulous job and achieved their goal as you can see the finished product below.



**And then the final product!!** Well done to all who contributed to this project. A job well done!! Again, a big thank you to Brian Wilson for his time and use of machinery to produce a professional finish. Its finish reminds me of something I might do!! Paint on the foreground posts is the 2% left to do. Anyone??

## Fixture Book

The new fixture book is available at the clubhouse but members need to be aware that there may be changes to events. A fabulous effort by Venita Walder in compiling the information and well supported by the Captains and their Match Committees to have the booklet available for you on return.

## Bar Maintenance:

Judy Mann & Shirley Liersch took the opportunity to do a clean-up and some maintenance in the bar area. The fridge shelves were growing some mould through lack of use and a little paint was rolled on the walls. All benches and shelves were cleaned as well as the floor. Well done ladies on the maintenance work.

## Good Story:

Stand Proud you noble swingers of the golf club and losers of golf balls.

A recent study found the average golfer walks about 1445km a year. Another study found golfers drink an average of 83 litres of alcohol a year.

That means, on average, golfers get about 17 kilometres to the litre.

Kind of makes you proud. Almost feels like a hybrid!!

## Volunteers:

Many thanks to the people who put their names down to assist re fairway mowing.

Please add your name by seeing Fred George or myself and we will talk to you regard tasks, time and roster.

Thank you for being an active and proud member of the Warracknabeal Golf Club.

**Working Bees:** These will begin again in March and 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.

The March date will be shifted to the 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> due to the long weekend being the Monthly Medal weekend.

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

**The fixture book will be available the next game of golf you play thanks to Venita Walder and the two match committees.**

## Projects of the future!!

Maintenance teams for gardens, fairways, surrounds, bunkers & more

Machinery upgrade ie fairway mower, sander

Painting of the clubhouse and changerooms

Solar power for the pump &/or clubhouse

Regenerating plant life around the course

Upgrade the main cool room