



## **AXEDALE GOLF CLUB Incorporated**

# **ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Peter Hoskin</b>
<b>VICE PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Owen Davies</b>
<b>CAPTAIN:</b>	<b>Rod Threlfall &amp; Peter Andrew</b>
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	<b>Maureen Connelly</b>
<b>TREASURER:</b>	<b>Jan Walklate</b>
<b>WOMEN'S PRESIDENT:</b>	<b>Rosemary Griffin</b>
<b>COURSE CHAIR:</b>	<b>Lex Johnstone</b>
<b>WOMEN'S CAPTAIN:</b>	<b>Joy Kennedy</b>

### **SUB-COMMITTEES**

#### **Sponsorship & Marketing**

Owen Davies (Chair), Jan Walklate, Sue O'Connor, Andrea Minnis, Stuart McGibbon, Megan McPherson (Social Media Co-ordinator)

#### **Social & Catering**

Andy Watson (Chair), Jan Walklate, Sue O'Connor, Annette Holmes, Fred Kath and Ruth Iser.

#### **Social & Catering Committee support**

Fred Kath, Catering  
Mick Purdon, Raffles Co-ordinator

**Finance**

Jan Walklate (Chair), Sue O'Connor (Acc Rec), David Bailie (Vouchers), Ian Martin & Tony Lindrea (Bar) Mandy Hamilton (Membership).

**Bar**

Jan Walklate [Chair], Tony Lindrea, Garry Harrop, David Lubke, Ian Martin, Denis Jeffrey.

**Bookings Co-Ordinator**

Maureen Connelly.

**Membership**

Mandy Hamilton

**Grants Development**

General Committee

**Golf Development**

Fred Kath

**Social Media Co-Ordinator**

Megan McPherson

**Match**

Peter Andrew (Co-Chair), Rod Threlfall, Joy Kennedy, (Co-Chair), John White (Men's h'cap), Emma O'Connor, Len Rodda, Hayden Nielsen, Stephen Amos, Sue O'Connor

**Course**

Lex Johnstone (Chair), Fred Kath, Jan Walklate, Steve Jeffrey, Sean O'Connor, Chris Beames, David Ivey

**Women's**

Rosemary Griffin (Pres), Catherine Hodder (Secretary), Joy Kennedy (Capt), Sue O'Connor (handicapper), Annette Purdy, Raye Fleay, Helen Martin, Loretta Prowse, Marg Kerr.

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## Axedale Golf Club Inc. Annual General Meeting – 23 August 2023

### Agenda

Meeting to be held at the clubrooms commencing at 7.30pm

#### 1. Welcome

- 1.1 President's Welcome
- 1.2 Apologies
- 1.3 Proxies

#### 2. Minutes from the previous year's Annual General Meeting held at Axedale Golf Club 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022.

#### 3. Business arising from the previous minutes.

#### 4. Annual Financial Statements and Treasurer's Report.

4.1 Report by Treasurer Jan Walklate

4.2 Membership fees

The Committee endorsed the Treasurer's recommendation of the following fee structure for season 2023-24.

Category	AGC 2022/23 Fees	Proposed AGC 2023/24 Fees	% increase
Full	565	600	6.2%
Country	300	320	7.1%
Intermediate	320	340	6.7%
6 Months			
Sporting	358	380	6.2%
Seniors (> 75 years)	358	380	6.2%
Junior < 18	60	60	0%
Social	20	20	0%

## 5. President's address & Committee reports

5.1 President Peter Hoskin

5.2 Committee reports

Written reports from each Sub-Committee were included in the 2023 Annual Report emailed to Members:

Captain	Rod Threlfall and Peter Andrew
Women's President	Rosemary Griffin
Women's Captain	Joy Kennedy
Course	Lex Johnstone
Sponsorship & Social	Owen Davies
Golf Development	Maureen Connelly
Bar	Tony Lindrea & Ian Martin

## 6. Announcement of election results for Committee of Management positions for 2023-24

The following nominations were received. The number of nominations not exceeding the positions available, the following Members are declared duly elected:

Office	Nominee	Proposed by ...	Seconded by ...
<b>President</b>	<b>Rod Threlfall</b>	Allan Andrews	Andrew Watson
<b>Vice Pres.</b>	<b>Owen Davies</b>	Peter Andrew	Maureen Connelly
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Maureen Connelly</b>	Rosemary Griffin	Peter Andrew
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jan Walklate</b>	Joy Kennedy	Lex Johnstone
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Roger Heider</b>	Peter Andrew	Maureen Connelly
<b>Women's President</b>	<b>Muriel Pitts</b>	Joy Kennedy	Peter Andrew
<b>Women's Captain</b>	<b>Sue O'Connor</b>	Joy Kennedy	Muriel Pitts
<b>Course Chair</b>	<b>Lex Johnstone</b>	Joy Kennedy	Jan Walklate

## 7. Resolutions to be considered by the meeting.

Nil.

## 8. Life Member nominations

Nil.

## 9. Meeting Close.

## **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

Just when we thought managing a golf club could get no more difficult than a once-in-a-century pandemic, we get hit with a once-in-1000-year flood. Welcome to your 50th anniversary, Axedale!

The impact of that flood continues to be felt both on and off the course. On course, we see its effects in the bare ground across fairways on the river flat where the silt deposits have soured the soil and challenged our grass cultivation. Off course, the huge flood recovery costs were leavened by government assistance but still left a sizeable dent in our finances.

If there is some good in the muddy course conditions, it's that it became apparent to Committee that the Club needed to reinvigorate the couch fairway program started in 2019 but then stalled by COVID plus conflicting views about the best way forward. Whilst virtually all our non-couch fairways struggled in the wake of the flood and follow-up Winter rains, the 8th and 17th offer excellent golfing conditions. With the decision now made, I think we all look forward to the rewards that will come from some short-term interruption over the next few Summers.

Elsewhere, our course management was dominated by 'vegetation management', which is political speak for 'chopping down trees'. Naturally the removal of dozens of semi-mature trees, mainly sheoaks, caused some consternation among members – and fair enough, too, none of us likes to see healthy trees removed. However, were this work not undertaken, the Club faced very large challenges in future as these trees matured and spread their crowns and roots. Quite simply, our course would eventually become unplayable by the standards we enjoy today. Fairways would dwindle to narrow tunnels and greens and tees would be undermined by thirsty roots, rendering them unhealthy and susceptible to dieback in years where our water allocation is not plentiful.

On that subject, it is worth looking back at photos of the lower section of the golf course – taken in the 1980s. They reveal a vast grass plain interspersed with occasional old-growth redgums and box. Those old-growth trees remain, but have been joined by literally thousands of trees planted by our Club in a beautification program that has been wildly successful to the point where we now need to manage it for golfers.

The year in review was the first 'normal' year since the sugar hit all golf clubs received as COVID boosted memberships, competition fees and green fees. Axedale's return to normalcy was solid. Our member numbers continue to edge up, our competition and green fees returned to their long-term 'slow burn' growth trend, and our bar sales have recovered. Even more importantly, the clubhouse is again a place of fellowship and I am glad we have stuck with our shotgun starts rather than resort to time sheets as the rest of the golfing world appears to have done.

Our move to the Simple Golf online booking and results service had a few teething problems but has since gained widespread acceptance from members. Those who

use the scoring app would be loath to return to cards, such is its simplicity and efficiency. Thanks in particular to Jan Walklate and Rod Threlfall whose perseverance smoothed adoption of the Simple Golf platform.

It would be remiss of me not to mention Lex Johnstone's remarkable achievement in winning his 20th Club Championship, a testament both to his skills and his longevity. Lex is also a 'champion' contributor to the broader Club affairs and deserves the accolades that come his way.

Accolades, too, to all our volunteers – and there are far too many to name here. This Club would not exist were it not for the efforts of dozens of members both on and off the course. All clubs have their volunteers, but I seriously doubt there would be another that could best our collective. Thank you all.

As this 50th anniversary year of the Club's revival ended, we were handed the final product of Ken Morrison's amazing research into our history. 'Pretty Challenging: The History of the Axedale Golf Club' is an invaluable document as well as being an entertaining and informative read. Again, few clubs would be able to boast a chronicle such as that Ken produced. Thank you, Ken, for your long and wonderful contribution to Axedale Golf Club.

As we move into another golfing year, it is worth just pausing as I have done here to reflect on the tumult our Club has endured in these past few years. But endure we have and I believe we have cause for optimism about our future. The course will continue to be improved and as the Axedale township grows and more golfers become awareness of the beauty and challenge of our boutique golf course, we can expect further growth in our membership and green fee cohorts. I believe, too, that we can manage this growth in a way that preserves that 'special feeling' that is uniquely Axedale's.

**PETER HOSKIN**

**President**



*This year we celebrated the "50 year Revival of the Club"  
"A Night on the Green" – actually the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway – enjoyed by all.*

# **WOMEN'S PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

It has been a pleasure representing the Axedale Ladies in my 3 year term.

Our club is continuing to grow in numbers with great camaraderie amongst our players. Our volunteers are priceless, never failing to step in whenever the need arises. We have had wonderful support from the membership ensuring the success of Tournaments, Federation Bowl and other events where we needed to extend our hospitality.

I thank all those who have visited district clubs to represent Axedale. It is important to support these clubs and enable them to prosper and reciprocate the visit.

Thank you to Fred Kath who quietly works behind the scenes to encourage and coach so many new golfers. Our Friday group are thrilled with the clinics he runs before our hit off.

Friday golf is developing with a lot of our new member's participating creating and forging new friendships. Morning tea is enjoyed after the competition. Our reputation as being the friendly club has contributed to this success.

I thank women's secretary Catherine Hodder for all her effort and support.

To all the contributions of expertise in culinary skills and enthusiasm for any club activities on our calendar shown by one and all I thank you

I on behalf of the Women's Sub-Committee pass on my thanks and congratulations to the outgoing office bearers for their dedication to the club and best wishes to the incoming committee.

**Rosemary Griffin**

Women's President



*Ruth Iser  
Club Champion 2023*

## **CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

After having had our golf disrupted by COVID over the last few years, we were looking forward to 2022/23 being a more normal year, how wrong we were the November 2022 floods brought havoc to our course disrupting golf for many months. Even now in August 2023 we are still seeing the aftermath of the floods in the conditions of our course with the need to limit cart access and even cancel or restrict golf even after only moderate amounts of rain.

This report has been prepared by Rod Threlfall and myself, my input is limited as has been my tenure as Captain, only taking over from Rod in May. I'd like to thank Rod for all his assistance in bringing me up to speed to do this role. I now realise how much work goes on behind the scenes as Captain and I'm not sure how Rod managed to do this role for the past 4 years. I'd also like to thank the Match Committee especially Co-Chair Joy Kennedy for making things as easy as possible for me.

**Peter Andrew**  
**Interim Captain**

In March we held the Club Championships where we crowned Lex Johnstone Club Champion after three solid rounds of golf. This was the 20th time Lex has won the club championship which is an achievement unlikely to be equalled. It was also a pleasure to present the B Grade Championship to my son Rowan who set up his win with a great first round score. Carl Jones was crowned C Grade champion, Carl played solidly across the three rounds to take away the trophy.

Congratulations to the winners of the Gold and Silver letter events. You should be very proud of your achievement.

Thank you to the members of the Match Committee who dedicated their time and knowledge to support the club and members. In the past 12 months changes were made to the competition prize structure which allowed a more even spread of prizes for all players in competitions. These changes were made after significant research into previous competition rounds.

Thanks also to Len Rodda and Ian Kerr who continue to manage Thursday Men's golf, they are great people who achieve great results for the club and members.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who commit their time to ensure the office is manned each Saturday. From registration to results each role is very important. I encourage all members to support these roles which, provides a smooth operation on competition days.

My decision to resign as captain was not an easy one as I loved being in the role. I received many phone calls, text messages and personal approaches following my

decision. These actions confirmed to me that we have a great club and members appreciated the time I spent in the role.

I would also like to thank Peter Andrew who has stepped into the role of club captain. Peter is a quality individual who is performing the role very well.

Finally to all members, you are an outstanding group of individuals. We enjoyed many good conversations and had many laughs especially during presentations each week. Thank you to each of you who made my role so enjoyable. It has been an honour to be the club captain at Axedale.

## **Rod Threlfall**



*Life Member Garry Harrop with  
2023 Club Champion Lex Johnstone*

# **MEN'S TROPHY WINNERS**

## **Gold Letter Events**

Club Champion (Garry Harrop Trophy)	Lex Johnstone 2023
Mixed Canadian Foursomes Championship	Lex Johnstone / Joy Kennedy 2023
Men's Canadian Foursomes	Not played 2023 due to floods and wet weather
Medal of Medallists	Bill Makeham 2022
Peter Nielsen Memorial	Rod Jacobs 2022
Singles Knockout (David Lubke Trophy)	Rob Murrell 2023
Doubles Knockout	Len Rodda & Geoff Arundell 2022

## **Silver Letter Events**

4BBB Stableford (Peter Kealy Memorial) 2023	Maureen Grogan and Eily Dal Santo
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## **2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Men's Club Champion	Lex Johnstone (68/71/72=211)
Men's A Grade Nett	Lex Johnstone (65/68/69=202)
Men's B Grade Champion	Rowan Threlfall (79/87/91=257)
Men's B Grade Nett	Rowan Threlfall (64/72/76=212)
Men's C Grade Champion	Carl Jones (84/84/93=261)
Men's C Grade Net	Carl Jones (64/64/73=201)
Men's Veteran Nett	Doug Osborne (71/75/72=218)
Men's Putting	Lex Johnstone (26/28/27=81)
Women's Saturday	Champion: Joy Kennedy (82/82/90 = 260)
Women's Saturday Nett	Champion: Joy Kennedy (75/69/77=221)
Women's Putting	Joy Kennedy (33/32/29=94)
President's Cup	Ian Edwards 2022/23
Captain's Trophy	Tim Holmes 2022/23
Summer Cup	Ian Edwards 2023

Joe Holland Cup

Peter Thomas 2022

Charlie Cugley Cup

Craig Lee 2023

Ian Martin Trophy

Danny Curran 2023

Life Members Trophy

Andrea Minnis 2023

2022/23 Summer Cup Winner

Ian Edwards 2023

Bob and Lorraine Gunn  
Opening Day Trophy

Joy Kennedy and John White 2023



*Pam Davies and Sue Gamble  
2023 Foursomes Championships*

## **WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

My past two years have been a bit of a roller coaster. We have managed to recover from Covid 19 and all that it involved, which also included appointing the new Superintendent Chris, and staff member Roger. The flooding of the course presented huge and ongoing issues. Under the guidance of Lex Johnstone the course was playable within a couple of weeks. A hot summer followed which was difficult to manage with the flood having caused damage to the pumps. We then have had an extremely wet winter making some fairways quite wet. The greens however are fantastic. Thanks to the Greens Committee, staff, and volunteers for their many hours of work in the weekly presentation of the course for we the members to play on. The new booking system was introduced, and we now are using the MyScore App to record our scores whilst playing, thus eliminating some of the queues for scanning of cards at the end of day.

This role ensured a huge learning experience, but I have had lots of support, notably from Lesley Elvey who has been very patient in teaching me some very basic computer skills, to helping in the planning of the calendar fixture. Lesley also managed the Federation Bowl Day for me which was very successful. Handicapper Sue O'Connor has also been great in her office knowledge and with the banking on the Women's play days. Mandy Hamilton and Pam Davies are my other Match Committee members who have supported me in my role as Captain. Thanks also to Jan Walklate, always ready to help with advice, mainly when I have computer issues. Thanks to Captain Rod Threlfall and Interim Captain Peter Andrew, both very knowledgeable and I also wish to thank Trish Shanahan who for several years managed the Women's Golf Clinics. From this we have benefitted with many members and terrific workers for the club. Fred Kath has now begun giving coaching lessons on a Friday which the women are finding very beneficial.

I also wish to thank the women players for arriving in plenty of time to be ready for hit-off. Moving at a good pace (you all know I hate unnecessary slow play), and for their willingness to assist with office duty.

Congratulations to our current Club Champion Ruth Iser. 2 years in a row.

The Federation Bowl was again a great success. Thanks to Wendy Nielsen, a Life Member for her ongoing sponsorship of this event. We had 74 players participating with 41 of these being visiting golfers representing 13 teams for the event, which was won by Neangar Park Golf Club. The Wendy Nielsen Trophy, which is contested by the Axedale Ladies on this day, in teams of three was won by Anne McManus, Wendy Wood and Barb Collins.

A big thank you also to Rosemary Griffin & Maureen Connelly for the running of the Friday morning nine or twelve-hole golf events for our seasoned and new golfers. This has proven to be a great success with the numbers growing. Golf is then followed by a cuppa and morning tea provided by the players, to discuss the days play.

I would especially like to thank our other sponsors, The Bendigo Club, Axedale Tavern, Re-Adjust Chiropractic, Elders Real Estate and MCG Airconditioning.

I wish Sue O'Connor as Women's Captain and her incoming Match Committee all the best for the coming year. Please support all our new Office Bearers and various committee's members in their roles. They are volunteers for the club, always trying to do the best for The Axedale Golf Club.

**Joy Kennedy**

Women's Captain

## WOMEN'S TROPHY WINNERS: 2022 – 2023 Year

### Gold Letter Events

Club Champion	2023	Ruth Iser
Foursomes Championship	2023	Pam Davies & Sue Gamble
Medal of Medalist	2022	Trish Shanahan
	2023	In progress
Singles Knock Out (Loretta Prowse Trophy)	2022	Emma Dorrington
	2023	in progress
Doubles Knock Out	2022	Loretta Prowse & Ruth Iser
	2023	in progress

### Silver Letter Events

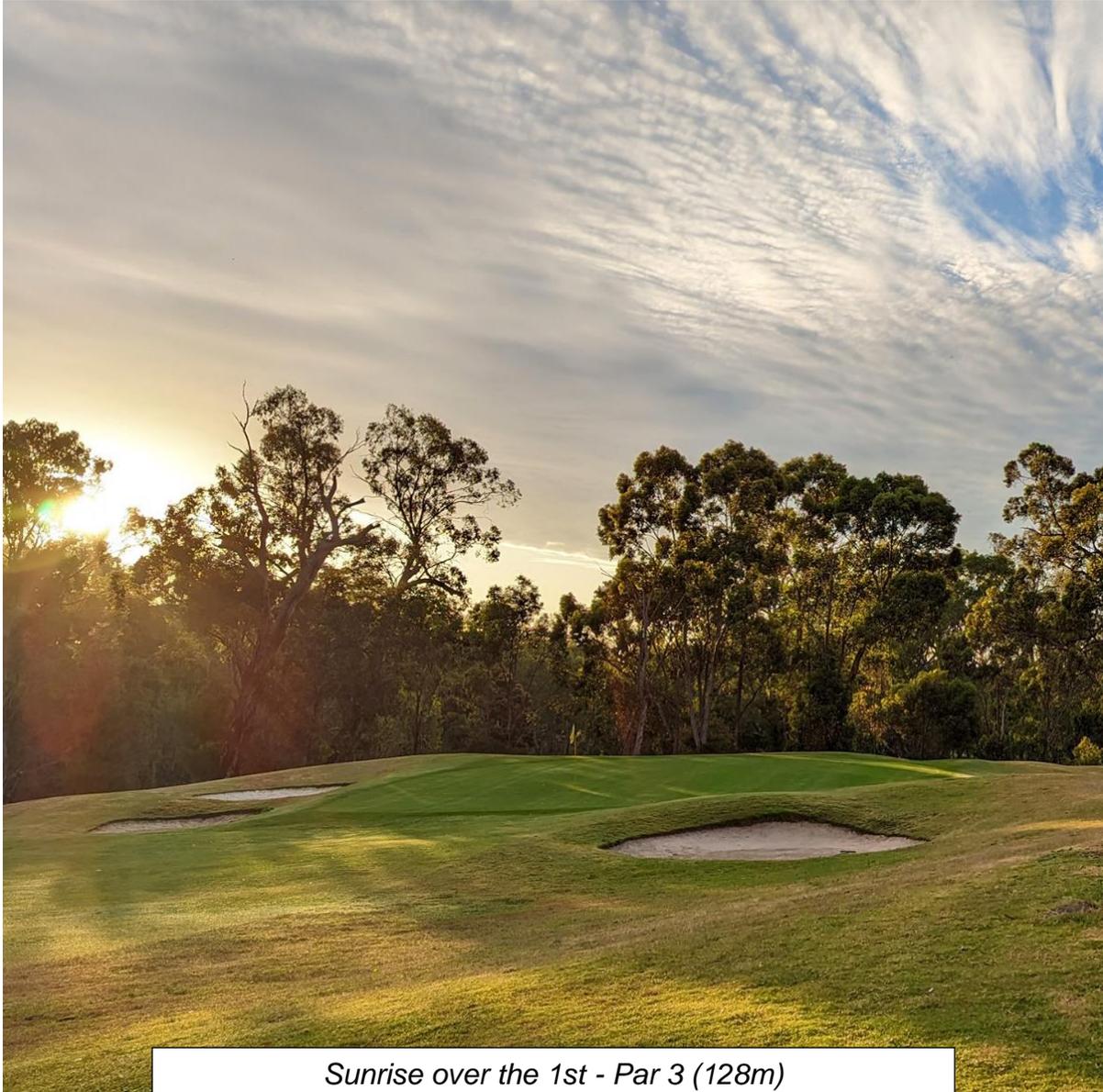
Saturday Women's Championship	2023	Joy Kennedy
Veteran Championship	2023	Sue Minne
A Grade Champion Nett	2023	Ruth Iser
B Grade Champion Nett	2023	Sue Minne
B Grade Champion Gross	2023	Sue O'Connor
C Grade Champion Nett	2023	Marianne Dunn
C Grade Champion Gross	2023	Karen Griffin
Putting Champion	2023	Carmel Harrison
Summer Cup	2023	Helen Lindrea
Saturday Medalist	2022	Anne Telford
	2023	in progress

### Other Significant Events

Saturday Nett Championship	2023	Joy Kennedy
Federation Bowl	2023	Neangar Park
Wendy Nielsen Trophy	2023	Anne McManus, Wendy Wood, Barb Collins
Silver Spoon State Finalist	2023	Joy Kennedy
Doris Chambers State Finalist	2023	Joy Kennedy & Muriel Pitts
	2022	Sue O'Connor & Sue Minne
Sunday Pennant Players of the Year	2023	Joy Kennedy & Emma O'Connor undefeated with best wins

Proud winner of the 2023 ProAm  
Andrew Martin





*Sunrise over the 1st - Par 3 (128m)*

*Photo – courtesy Rowan Threlfall*

## **COURSE SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

2022/23 has been an interesting year on course. While work has continued to focus on improving the health of our greens, which are a key asset to the quality of the course, a range of course work and improvements have taken place on fairways, tees, surrounds, bunkers and vegetation.

However, the dominant factor of the last twelve months has been the devastating flood that hit our golf course on the morning of Friday 13 October 2022. It was as destructive as it was unprecedented. Lake Eppalock reached 138% full. The breaching of the second spillway caused a huge rush of water which inundated the course within a matter of a couple of hours.

Those who saw the 2011 flood could hardly have imagined that just 12 years later, a torrent of water almost two metres deeper than 2011, would sweep through the lower Reserve, carrying away trees, signage, fences, bunker sands, pins, paths, drums, stockpiled timber, stakes & mulch and even some of our machinery. In total, 8 greens, 8 tees and 13 bunkers were completely submerged, some by up to 5m of water. Ten fairways were partially or totally submerged.

The machinery shed was inundated by 1.2m of water, destroying golf carts, shed fittings, computers, documents, tools and some machines. All major machinery was impacted, some significantly. Some machinery items were repairable, while some were replaced via insurance. Most of our small machinery was impacted, but was repaired to normal working condition by a wonderful group of volunteer members with mechanical backgrounds.

River pumps, which had been removed a week prior to the flood as a precaution, were placed on the shed floor and also went under. They are not insurable. Two six-month old variable speed pump controllers worth \$15,000 each, were lost. The computer controlling our irrigation system was damaged beyond repair.

The bridge across the 9th fairway was completely dislodged and dumped at 90 degrees in the creek floor, damaging key irrigation mainlines.

The 8 submerged greens were washed off as soon as the flood water receded off the greens, to remove the silt. This was done with a submersible pump and using flood water and took staff and volunteers about two hours per green.

The course was without any irrigation capacity for three weeks. After three weeks, we regained treated water irrigation capacity, but 100% watering capacity from the river with new pumps and controllers has only just been restored, 10 months after the flood.

Course staff worked diligently for many weeks to manage the clean-up, both in the shed and on course. For three weeks, we had significant support from volunteer members to carry out major course clean up works.

I would also like to acknowledge the amount of time Peter Hoskin and Jan Walklate spent on course, on the phone, with insurers, with Golf Australia etc during the three or four weeks after the flood to try and sort all aspects out for the club. I appreciated their support as I was required at work and was unable to fill these roles during the week.

Golf was interrupted for approximately one week, but effects of the flood are still impacting the quality of some turf areas on course.

The impact on the course and club was potentially existential. Had the greens not been saved, had our insurers demurred about payments, had government and council not provided relief packages, and had members not responded with more than 2000 volunteer hours, the club would have been in a dire predicament.

We have spent \$170,000 on flood repairs – just to bring the course back into good repair, never mind implementing any improvements. At the end of the day, it is that last point that is the lasting impact – our course improvement program was basically set back a full year.

As we approach this year's Annual General Meeting, we have been faced with further challenges with the decision to not renew superintendent Chris Neville's consultancy contract and Joe Fiske-Kealy's decision to further his training elsewhere. The loss of two key staff will unquestionably produce some short-term challenges that General Committee and Course Committee will work their way through strategically. The response from our member volunteers gives Course Committee confidence that we can continue sound course maintenance as well as implement planned developments under the guidance of Roger Conner. We wish Joe all the best with the remainder of his apprenticeship and we believe he will be very successful in this field.

Our improvement program will include a return to the couch grass fairway replacement program, started with 8 and 17 but then paused because of the change of Superintendent in August 2021 and the 2022 flood. We also plan new 'mid-tee' grounds on 2 and 4, plus levelling of some other tees. Coring of tees, fairways and surrounds is also planned and construction of new paths will extend our cart path network. The course will be 'dressed up' by new tee signs currently being installed.

As well as flood damage repairs, we were able to achieve other milestones during the year:-

- The soil profile under our greens is significantly healthier, providing high quality and consistent surfaces in cool and warmer months. Chris had estimated that disease problems in our greens had reduced by 80% during his time at AGC.
- Target fairways 4th & 5th were sprayed through Autumn to begin the removal of kikuyu and other unwanted grasses. While this has created a poor playing surface through Winter, it should assist the promotion of couch grass when we reach the warmer months.
- High priority and medium priority trees identified in the 2021 DWELP Tree Audit, have been removed or pruned to guidelines by a qualified Arborist. A COGB grant of \$10,000 has supported this work. This has been a joint project with the Axedale Recreation Reserve Committee of Management.
- Planting of native trees and shrubs has continued in non-golf areas, and we have planted approximately 30 flowering gums in strategic positions around the course.
- Problem, weak and poorly shaped trees/shrubs were removed to promote better turf surfaces, fairer golf, more efficient course maintenance practices and the chance for stronger trees to assert themselves. We are continuing to identify trees that will

have an impact of our golf in the next five or ten years and remove them while they're still within our capacity to do so.

- All tees have been oversown with rye grass for Winter colour and density. This initiative has not been as successful as 2022 with a reduced seed strike. This program will continue in the Winter of 2024.
- Continued improvement of the practice fairway surfaces provides a great facility for members and a useful supply of sprigs or sods when required, with COM approval.
- Development of cart paths on the 3rd, 5th & 7th holes. With planned further works on the 8th, 10th and 11th .

Our fleet of machinery & equipment covers all our current needs, with the focus now being on ensuring everything is working at 100% efficiency. We have both self-propelled hand mowers and an electric greens mower for use, depending on man power and weather conditions. Updated Toro fairway and rough mowers are reliable and efficient. Roger and volunteers will work to ensure all the machinery is in good order and we have in place a maintenance program to ensure our staff and volunteers have quality equipment.

The aftermath of the flood has prompted us to hit pause on the upgrade to our almost 20-year-old irrigation system. This is a very large investment – in the order of \$300,000 – and until we can rebuild our Club finances and borrowing capacity, we will continue to maintain the current system. Replacement is imperative, but not urgent. As we move towards the coming expected hot Summer we have new pumps and a full water allocation. The situation will be reviewed towards the end of this financial year.

A big thank you to the Course Committee of Fred Kath, Jan Walklate, Steve Jeffrey, Sean O'Connor, David Ivey and Chris Beames who have worked alongside our Superintendent and staff to formulate a range of short-term priorities and long-term projects to enhance the playability and enjoyment of our golfing facility.

The Course Committee would like to thank all Members for the care they take of our course each and every week – your efforts really do make a difference.

We thank the Tuesday volunteers for the significant work that is completed each week, as well as other volunteers who help out in a myriad of ways throughout the year.

Good golfing to all members

**Lex Johnstone**

Chairman Course Committee



*Flood October 2022*

*All that is visible of the roof of both the cart shed and old pavilion.*



*Standing on the path in front of the men's 4<sup>th</sup> tee looking down the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway. The big tree on the right is behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> green.*

# **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

Firstly I would like to thank the finance committee

- David Baillie for recording & reconciling club vouchers
- Sue O'Connor for reconciling competition & green fee deposits
- Mandy Hamilton for all membership activities
- To the many members that banked cash deposits.

The 22-23 year was “pretty challenging” financially. We started the year with very strong cash reserves, and then in October we had the flood. At the end of the financial year the cash position is diminished from \$185,836 to \$97, 811, a change of about \$88,000.

Operating income for the year was up

- Comp fees up by \$13,800
- Green Fees up by \$9,500
- Insurance payments of approx. \$200,000 following the flood
- Flood grants of \$50,000
- Pathway grant \$10,000

New tee signs were purchased with sponsorship. The Bar has again been a strong contributor to the clubs funds, with net proceeds for the year approx. \$39,000.

Expenses for the year were up:

Labour expenses were up by \$32K

- We had the equivalent of 3.4 workers during the year
- 1.4 being apprentices – these wages are subsidised heavily in year 1 (50%)

Flood repairs of \$185K

- Pump repairs in last fin year over \$96K
- Repairs to bridge approx. \$10K
- Equipment losses included John Deere Tractor, Toro rough mower, Toro MDX.

New equipment purchases during year included

- Toro EFlex walk behind mowers
- Toro Groundmaster Mower
- Yamaha Ute
- 2 Toro Rollers
- Kubota tractor
- New cart & storage shed at clubhouse

In light of the flood and costs of flood repairs, and the changing economy and increased interest rates, the irrigation system upgrade has been put on hold.

We currently have 2 loans in place

- For the Jacobsen electric greens mower completion date April 2026.
- Toro Procorer completion date December 2026

I look forward to continuing as Treasurer next year, and thank everyone in advance for their support. I would like to thank past and present committee members for the time and passion that they give to our great club. Volunteerism is the heart of our club and we are all doing our best for the benefit of the club.

**Jan Walklate - Treasurer**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF AXEDALE GOLF CLUB**

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

**Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Axedale Golf Club, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis of Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Axedale Golf Club as of 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**Basis of Qualified Opinion**

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Axedale Golf Club to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our audit in relation to receipts was limited to amounts recorded.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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## **Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The committee of the Axedale Golf Club are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, committees are responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Mulqueen', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

**Peter Mulqueen**  
**Kelly Partners Bendigo Partnership**  
**Location- Bendigo**  
17 August 2023

# Balance Sheet Axedale Golf Club

As at 30 June 2023

	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank</b>		
Bar - Cash on Hand	550	550
Club - Petty Cash	70	70
Club - Term Deposit	50,000.00	50,000.00
Club Interest Bearing 625	761.34	69,332.89
Debit Card Account - Bar	3,410.74	2,866.21
Ladies - Interest Bearing 770	637	730.3
Social - Interest Bearing 643	42,382.89	62,376.65
<b>Total Bank Current Assets</b>	<b>97,811.97</b>	<b>185,926.05</b>
Accounts Receivable	5,523.49	38,082.07
Stock on Hand	11,386.58	7,617.97
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>16,910.07</b>	<b>45,700.04</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Buildings & Fixtures	201,614.27	170,370.64
Clubhouse Equipment	56,462.26	57,119.63
Course Equipment	692,416.84	647,537.50
Provision - Course Equip Dep'n	-407,246.89	-396,364.30
Prov'n B'ldgs & Fixt's Dep'n	-64,160.18	-61,917.63
Prov'n Chouse Equip Depec'n	-36,840.78	-34,219.48
Water Rights	306,000.00	255,000.00
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>748,245.52</b>	<b>637,526.36</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>862,967.56</b>	<b>869,152.45</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	8,781.06	5,121.59
GST	-1,868.98	730.97
PAYG Withholdings Payable	3,504.00	2,772.00
Provision - Trophy Vouchers	10,283.00	7,421.00
Provision-Employee Entitlement Liability	11,787.26	6,208.13
Rounding	-	-0.05
Suspense	9.27	-
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>32,495.61</b>	<b>22,253.64</b>

# Balance Sheet

(cont'd)

As at 30 June 2023

	30-Jun-23	30-Jun-22
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>		
Chattel Mortgage Loan - Capital Finance	33,978.92	45,971.48
Chattel Mortgage Unexpired Interest - Capital Finance	-2,031.29	-3,639.46
Toro Equipment	28,873.18	86,702.04
Toro Mower Loan (2)	-	3,083.08
Unexp'd Loan Interest Toro Mower (2)	-	-0.25
Unexpired Interest Toro Finance	-3,199.68	-10,622.32
<b>Total Non-current Liabilities</b>	<b>57,621.13</b>	<b>121,494.57</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>90,116.74</b>	<b>143,748.21</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>772,850.82</b>	<b>725,404.24</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
Asset Revaluation Reserve	221,000.00	170,000.00
Current Year Earnings	-3,553.42	26,983.75
Retained Earnings	555,404.24	528,420.49
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>772,850.82</b>	<b>725,404.24</b>

# Profit and Loss Axedale Golf Club

## For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Trading Income</b>		
Total Membership Fees	172,621.41	174,260.12
Total Cart Storage	5,954.64	6,545.55
Total Cart & Equipment Hire	6,603.97	3,562.33
Total Competition Fees	118,850.67	105,043.94
Total Tournament Entries	5,959.10	8,282.72
Total Green Fees	77,711.08	68,177.62
Total Sponsorship	49,066.12	55,213.70
Total Social Club Income	26,218.11	15,521.96
Total Catering	2,429.34	1,143.09
Total Bar Sales	92,809.22	73,870.97
Total Interest Income	217.13	147.68
Total Grants Income	60,960.00	93,636.00
Total Fuel Tax Credits	1,960.00	2,038.00
Total Apprentice Subsidies	16,085.11	7,975.66
Total Miscellaneous	202,359.67	4,812.21
<b>Total Trading Income</b>	<b>839,805.57</b>	<b>620,231.55</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>839,805.57</b>	<b>620,231.55</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Total Banking & Loan Expenses	6,690.83	7,218.30
Membership Expenses	30,789.28	27,811.99
Total Clubhouse Expenses	126,763.90	109,053.60
Total Cartshed Expenses	4,476.95	7,616.45
Total Bar Purchases	53,862.98	37,498.30
Total Course Management	157,772.93	173,224.29
Total Turf Management	46,987.88	42,172.91
Total Staff Expenses	230,033.14	188,651.96
5317 - Flood Repairs	185,981.10	-
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>843,358.99</b>	<b>593,247.80</b>
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>-3,553.42</b>	<b>26,983.75</b>

# Statement of Cash Flows

## Axedale Golf Club

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	2023	2022
<b>Operating Activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	647,037.54	559,901.59
Payments to suppliers and employees	(789,729.55)	(605,276.94)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	283,823.41	106,261.53
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>141,131.40</b>	<b>60,886.18</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	-	685.00
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(221,785.88)	(123,631.08)
Other cash items from investing activities	(3,768.61)	(2,063.95)
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(225,554.49)</b>	<b>(125,010.03)</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>		
Other cash items from financing activities	(3,690.99)	28,603.26
<b>Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	<b>(3,690.99)</b>	<b>28,603.26</b>
<b>Net Cash Flows</b>	<b>(88,114.08)</b>	<b>(35,520.59)</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	185,926.05	221,446.64
Net change in cash for period	(88,114.08)	(35,520.59)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	97,811.97	185,926.05

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

<b>Sponsorship Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Event sponsorship	\$363.64	
General sponsorship	\$2,092.34	\$32,786.37
Pro am	\$20,818.25	\$19,000.04
Special event	\$1,363.65	\$2,063.65
Tee sponsorship	\$22,227.32	
Tournament sponsorship	\$2,181.83	\$1,363.64
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Insurance Claims	\$201,780.00	
Coffee pot/donations		\$91.00
Sale old John Deere Mower		
Wood Sales	\$272.72	\$4,090.91
<b>Social Sub Committee Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Wine Fund Raiser		\$5,500.00
Raffle income	\$17,193.43	\$9,967.41
Fund Raising & 50th Anniversary	\$9,024.68	
<b>Grants Income</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Apprentice Commencement		\$1,500.00
Grants Received	\$960.00	\$74,200.00
Cash Flow Boost		\$17,936.00
Pathway Grant	\$10,000.00	
Flood Grant	\$50,000.00	
<b>Membership expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Affiliations	\$24,505.55	\$24,482.18
BPay Charges -- PriCap M'ships		
Catering	\$4,310.99	\$1,806.65
Club Team Entries	\$346.37	\$127.27
Member Amenities	\$1,626.37	\$1,395.89
<b>Cart Shed</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Cart Shed -- Maintenance	\$1,772.17	\$4,330.72
Cart Shed & Workshop -- Electricity & Power costs	\$2,704.78	\$3,285.73
<b>Clubhouse Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Clubhouse Improvements	\$3,820.00	

Clubhouse Miscellaneous		\$266.29
Clubhouse Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,819.09	\$2,376.47
Compliance Expenses	\$2,122.30	\$1,382.22
Computer Expenses	\$1,770.86	\$1,778.00
Donations		\$504.55
Depreciation Clubhouse Equip	\$3,342.30	\$3,443.70
Depreciation Bldgs & Fixtures	\$6,580.05	\$6,755.05
Insurance	\$16,033.85	\$11,411.27
Miscellaneous Expenses		-\$1,403.09
Printing & Postage	\$3,294.53	\$5,207.29
Pro Am Expenses	\$14,159.62	\$13,793.69
Raffle Purchases		\$140.00
Rent & Rates	\$7,415.00	\$14,990.90
MSI & Slice Software	\$5,092.80	\$3,450.00
Security	\$920.00	\$1,520.50
Special Events/Functions	\$14,833.12 *	\$1,710.21

\*Includes 50<sup>th</sup> anniv merchandise

Stationery & Office Supplies	\$571.85	\$450.71
Telephone & Internet -- Clubhouse	\$1,966.74	\$2,606.63
Tournament Expenses	\$2,084.83	\$2,494.93
Trophies	\$34,524.63	\$32,210.36
Vendi Commission on Green Fees	\$4,964.92	\$3,963.92

<b>Course Management</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Course Furniture & Signage	\$4,285.10	\$1,204.07
Course Renovations	\$4,190.22	\$9,026.06
Depreciation Course Equip	\$36,762.08	\$37,169.07
Fuel & Oil	\$13,955.29	\$13,982.94
Fuel Card		\$41.72
Golf Equipment (Flags, cups)	\$1,353.00	\$5,015.09
Irrigation Computer Contract (Toro)	\$3,504.00	\$2,264.74
Irrigation Pump -- Electricity costs	\$6,913.16	\$14,596.15
Irrigation System parts & repairs	\$15,184.40	\$9,993.27
Lease Fairway Mower	\$5,848.73	\$9,429.96
Replacement tools & equip	\$11,283.16	\$2,242.85
Pathways	\$7,644.98 #	\$1,678.02

# Funded by CoGB grant

Plant & Equip -- Repairs & Maintenance	\$18,702.00	\$17,806.99
Plant & Equip Miscellaneous	\$7,119.42	\$3,327.15
Plant Hire	\$1,719.86	\$1,986.35
Plants	\$2,292.09	\$383.22
Pump Station Upgrade		\$28,330.00
Sand (Bunker Replacm't) & Soil	\$5,797.03	\$3,968.74
Telephone & Internet	\$991.39	\$1,028.40
Water Costs	\$1,141.11	\$3,934.38
Workshop Maintenance	\$3,286.30	\$5,815.12

<b>Total Turf Management</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Chemicals - Fertilisers & Seed	\$14,932.32	\$7,345.00
Chemicals - Fungicides	\$11,630.00	\$18,538.52
Chemicals - Herbicides	\$6,507.00	\$7,670.00
Chemicals - Pesticides	\$263.64	\$455.00
Chemicals - Wetting Agents	\$2,063.00	\$6,253.00
Freight	\$4,771.92	\$961.39
Soil Tests and Water Tests	\$600.00	\$950.00

<b>Staff Expenses</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
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Protective Clothing	\$873.44	\$1,049.31
Provision--Employee Entitlement	\$5,579.13	-\$20,362.57
Staff Training	\$4,170.82	\$1,340.00
Superannuation	\$10,491.28	\$8,853.20
Wages & Salaries/Contract	\$206,005.30	\$196,623.31
Workcover	\$2,913.17	1148.71

<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Membership direct debits	\$2,829.60	\$3,106.79
Raffle Sponsorship		\$160.00
Sponsorship	\$1,500.00	
Sallamc ( Vendi) RCTI	\$1,193.89	\$1,815.28
Fosterville sponsorship		\$33,000.00

### Water rights

The Club owns an 85 M Water Right, which at 30/6/23 was valued at \$3,600 per ML

<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
ADE Turf Equipment	\$221.71	
Axedale Recreation Reserve Managemen	\$3,400.00	
Axedale Tavern		\$451.00
Bart nPrint	\$1,626.90	
Bendigo Bearings (Aust) Pty Ltd	\$511.38	
Bendigo City Framers		\$120.00
City of Greater Bendigo	\$349.80	
Coliban Water	\$195.20	
Cool Frog P/L	\$187.00	
David Golf & Engineering P/L		\$1,303.50
Golf & Bowling Machinery		\$1,334.80
Golf Link Partners Pt Ltd		-\$330.00
Greenway Turf Solutions		\$412.93
Hume & Iser	\$88.23	\$25.40
J.j. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd	\$99.07	\$99.07
Kilmore Racing ( Bendigo Club)		\$380.00
Marble Supermarkets Pty Ltd (IGA)		\$780.00
Max Ellis Signs	\$1,980.00	
Meats on Mitchell	\$33.77	
Myadd Poty Ltd -- Web host		\$407.00
North State Security	\$88.00	\$88.00
Supa IGA Strathfieldsaye		\$49.89

<b>Trophy Vouchers</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Value Vouchers issued ( exc GST)	\$35,793.00	\$31,908.50
Value Vouchers redeemed ( exc GST)	\$25,510.00	\$24,487.50



AXEDALE GOLF CLUB INC.  
ABN•. 38 180 9941 198

## DECLARATION OF THE COMMITTEE

Annual Statements give true and fair view of financial performance and position of the Axedale Golf Club Inc.

We, Peter Hoskin and Jan Walklate, being members of the Committee of the Axedale Golf Club Inc, certify that:

The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Axedale Golf Club Inc. during and at the end of the financial year ending on 30 June 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hoskin', written in a cursive style.

Signed:  
Peter Hoskin, President Axedale Golf Club

Dated: 20 August 2023

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jan Walklate', written in a cursive style.

Jan Walklate, Treasurer, Axedale Golf Club

Dated: 20 August 2023

# **SPONSORSHIP & SOCIAL CLUB ANNUAL REPORT**

## **FOR 2022-23**

It's fair to say both these areas of activity have been slow to overcome the Covid blues, yet both are important to the running of the Club.

On the sponsorship front, mea culpa. Whilst the signing of Stoneman's Village IGA and the sourcing of sponsors for our new-look tee signs were major accomplishments ... that's about it on my watch so far.

Our regular Saturday sponsors have fallen off the radar and we need to develop new ways to engage with businesses to make sponsorship work for them as well as us. There is no point in asking businesses to support us in the hope of a return; we need to demonstrate we can help them grow their sales.

Stoneman's is probably a good example of how that should work. The family run supermarket has provided members with cut-price shopping and feedback I hear suggests many of you are returning the support Stoneman's provides us.

Committee is currently considering a range of sponsorship packages we can promote, so we will soon be seeking your help in approaching businesses with which you have relationships.

The Social Club is gradually reintroducing those fun events – AFL footy day, the Par 3 day, Bendigo Cup, etc – and, again, needs you to make an effort to support them. Not much point us saying, 'It's not what it used to be' unless we are prepared to make it what it could be.

Sponsorship and social events speak to two of the Club's guiding principles – financial stability and, even more importantly, camaraderie, culture – call it what you will, it's what makes Axedale a Club and not just a bunch of people playing golf.

Finally, a big thank you to members of both Sub-Committees who are having a crack at re-energising our approach. Your time is valuable and valued.

I especially wish to thank our social media guru Megan McPherson, who has started the ball rolling on a big opportunity to broaden our audience. Please Follow and Like our social media, including Facebook, to help spread the Axedale story.

**Owen Davies**

Vice-President Marketing and Sponsorship

## **GOLF DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

Trish Shanahan and Fred Kath have collectively given many hours to coaching women and juniors at our club. Early this year, Trish advised that she would no longer be in her coaching role, but would still enjoy both playing golf at Axedale and the many friendships she has made. Our sincere thanks to you Trish for the many years you have dedicated to coaching women. The Women's Membership would be considerably less without your input.

Fred continues to coach juniors each Tuesday evening, and has more recently provided coaching to women that play on Fridays. There are currently 10 regular juniors that come along and benefit from Fred's tuition and easy manner. We thank you Fred for the many hours you put in and for your encouragement to all.

**Maureen Connelly**  
Golf Development Sub-Committee

## **BAR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022-23**

This last 12 months has seen a lot of activity at our club, none more devastating than the flood of last October. The bar continues to be a great area to gather and discuss whatever is happening at the club – many problems are solved and great friendships formed. A new system (for beers!) has been installed in the bar, which is working very well. Our thanks to those members who have undergone online training to attain their RSA (Responsible Serving of Alcohol) – your commitment is very much appreciated by us all.

Our thanks to the Bar Sub-Committee for their continued good humour and support throughout the year. Also the many volunteers that now play an active role in serving both members and guests. Early in the year we enjoyed hosting football clubs, cricket clubs and others who enjoyed a day of golf followed by presentations in the clubhouse and of course the bar was enjoyed by all. These functions raise a lot of funds for our club and good fellowship is enjoyed by all.

You will see in the Treasurer's Report the financial contribution made by the bar – we thank you all.

**Tony Lindrea and Ian Martin**  
Chair, Bar Sub-Committee

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY – MANDY HAMILTON 2022-23

Category	30	New	Resigned	30
	June	Members	or	June
	2022		Did Not	2023
			Renew	
Life/Honorary - Male	8	1		9
Life/Honorary - Female	2	1		3
	10	2		12
<b>Full Members - Male</b>	268	25	34	257
<b>Full Members - Female</b>	82	4	5	78
	350	29	39	335
Intermediate - Male	7	0	3	5
Intermediate - Female	1	0	1	0
	8	0	4	5
Country - Male	11	6	2	15
Country - Female		1		2
	11	7	2	17
Six Mth Sporting - Male	0	1	-1	0
Six Mth Sporting - Female	1			0
	1	1	-1	0
Junior - Male	54	4	20	37
Junior - Female	3	1	3	1
	57	5	23	38
<b>Leave of Absence</b>				
Suspension - Medical				
LOA - Male	5		1	5
LOA - Female	4		3	3
	9	0	4	8
Social - Male	4			5
Social - Female	2			3
	6	0	0	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	452	44	71	423

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