

AXEDALE GOLF CLUB Incorporated

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

GENERAL COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Rod Threlfall

VICE PRESIDENT: Steven Lee/Andrew Watson

WOMEN'S PRESIDENT:
SECRETARY:
Peter Andrew
TREASURER:
Jan Walklate
COURSE CHAIR:
Lex Johnstone

CAPTAIN: Rob Smith

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN: Sue O'Connor

SUB-COMMITTEES

Sponsorship & Marketing Steven Lee (Chair), Russell Anderson

Social

Annette Holmes, Ruth Iser, Jan Walklate, Sue O'Connor.

Social Committee support

Mick Purdon, Raffles Co-ordinator

Finance

Jan Walklate (Chair), Sue O'Connor (Acc Rec), David Baillie (Vouchers), Ian Martin & Gary Day (Bar), Mandy Hamilton (Membership).

Bar

Gary Day, Ian Martin.

Web Master

Brian Retallick

Social Media

Megan McPherson

Grants Development

General Committee

Golf Development

Fred Kath

Match

Rob Smith (Co-Chair), Sue O'Connor, (Co-Chair), Len Rodda, John White (Men's H'cap), Margo Edgar (Women's H,cap), Emma O'Connor, Rod Jacobs, Phil Brooks, David Ivey.

Course

Lex Johnstone (Chair), Greg Hamilton (Superintendent), Fred Kath, Jan Walklate, Steve Jeffrey, Sean O'Connor, David Ivey, Peter Elvey and Gary Day.

Women's Committee

Muriel Pitts (President), Carmel Harrison (Vice President), Catherine Hodder (Secretary/Treasurer), Sue O'Connor (Women's Captain), Margo Edgar (Women's Handicapper).

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Axedale Golf Club Inc. Annual General Meeting – 27 August 2025 Agenda

Meeting to be held at the clubrooms commencing at 7.30pm

- 1. Welcome
- 1.1 President's Welcome
- 1.2 Apologies & attendance
- 1.3 Proxies
- 2. Minutes from the previous year's Annual General Meeting held at Axedale Golf Club 28 August 2024.
- 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 2025-26.

	2024/25	Proposed	% increase
Category	Fees	2025/26 Fees	
Full	630	680	7.9%
Country	340	365	7.4%
Intermediate	350	375	7.1%
6 Months:			
Sporting	400	430	7.5%
Seniors (> 75 years)	400	430	7.5%
Junior < 18	70	75	7.1%
Social	30	30	0.0%

5. President's address & Committee reports

5.1 President Rod Threlfall

5.2 Committee reports

Women's President **Muriel Pitts** Captain Rob Smith Women's Captain Sue O'Connor Course Lex Johnstone Sponsorship Steven Lee Social Jan Walklate Golf Development Peter Andrew Ian Martin/Gary Day Bar Membership Mandy Hamilton Jan Walklate Finance

6. Announcement of election results for Committee of Management positions for 2025-26

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

Office	Nominee	Proposed by:	Seconded by:
President	Owen Davies	Rod Threlfall	Peter Andrew
Vice Pres.	Jan Walklate	Sean O'Connor	Stephen Jeffrey
Secretary	Peter Andrew	Rod Threlfall	Owen Davies
Treasurer	Rob Murrell	Jan Walklate	Stephen Jeffrey
Captain	Rob Smith	Chris Gibbs	William Andrea
Women's President	Margo Edgar	Jan Walklate	Sue O'Connor
Women's Captain	Sue O'Connor	Raye Fleay	Karen Griffin
Course Chair	Lex Johnstone	Phil Brooks	Gary Day

7. Special Resolutions to be considered by the meeting.

Nil.

8. Life Member nominations

Nil.

8. General Business

9. Meeting Close.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

I am pleased to present my second annual report as President of the Axedale Golf Club. The past twelve months has seen significant growth in our membership, competition numbers, green fee revenue and cart hire. Members and visitors are providing great feedback on the quality of our course, with some long-time members saying the course is in the best condition they have ever experienced.



Our number one asset is our golf course, and we have seen it develop nicely, where we enjoy great putting greens, tees that continue to improve and fairways that are responding to the line planting that has been performed across the past 20 months. There have been many changes to the course, and these have enhanced the playability, allowing members flexibility to play from different tees for example. New tees on holes 2 and 4 have been built. Tee extensions are currently being developed on holes 11, 13 and 18, these too will allow for more flexibility and spread of the wear and tear on our precious teeing grounds.

We upgraded the electrical supply to the large cart shed which has reduced the power issues that were being experienced. At the same time, we have installed some of the infrastructure needed to future-proof the power supply to the cart shed when needed.

The Course Committee, led by Lex Johnstone have continued to build on their work to develop the course. Working closely with our superintendent Greg Hamilton, they have identified several machinery items which we were able to procure, including a new Sod Cutter and another tow behind Toro Blower which clears fairways and greens in readiness for mowing and/or play. There will also be another addition to our fleet - a second Toro Fairway mower which will give us greater flexibility as this machine has a wider cutting width, and fairways will be cut in one day rather than 1.5 days as they are now.

Our staff, Greg, Roger and Noah do an outstanding job in preparing the course each week. Their dedication and work ethic are outstanding and we are extremely fortunate to have them on board. They work closely to ensure the course is being developed in accordance with the course plan.

Match Committee is led by our Captains, Rob Smith and Sue O'Connor, and both contribute many hours of their time to manage competitions. Both Rob and Sue perform their roles with enthusiasm and dedication to ensure we enjoy our time at the club.

I know there are many volunteers from the Match Committee and outside of the Match Committee who also work in the office on competition days and I say thank you to all of you for the great work across the year. Your work makes it easier for members to enjoy their golf.

Our volunteers who work in the office on Sundays have contributed to the large increase in green fee revenue. Maureen Connelly, who manages the roster and arranges volunteers for the Sunday roster, plays a significant role in ensuring this aspect is successful. Thank you to all those members who contribute your time which is making a huge difference to our revenue.

I would like to thank Rod Jacobs for the significant work he undertook to develop all of the Policies and Procedures; Safe Operating Procedures and Machinery Start up Procedures to meet the requirements from WorkSafe. Rod has also been critical in developing training standards for staff and volunteers. This has been a huge commitment from Rod, and we are very lucky to have him in our membership to undertake this important aspect of the business.

Fosterville Goldmine (Agnico Eagle) came to rescue again to renovate our main vehicle bridge. They removed the flat steel plates at both sides of the bridge and replaced them with checker-plate and added a non-slip coating. This work was done at zero cost to the club, so we thank the great people at Agnico Eagle for their ongoing support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank members of all sub-committees who have dedicated their time and efforts to contribute to the golf club. Members of the general committee have also made a significant contribution across the past 12 months, and I thank them for their dedicated involvement and their ongoing support.

The role of treasurer is very demanding, and we are fortunate to have Jan Walklate in this role. Jan does a great job of ensuring the finances are on track with budget. My thanks go out to her for her dedication in this role. Jan is supported by a small team, who perform roles to support the financial processes, ensuring the workload is shared.

I also like to pay tribute to our Bar Managers, Life Member Ian Martin and Gary Day. It is worth bearing in mind that the Bar makes a significant contribution to the Club's income and I thank Gary and Ian for their magnificent work. There are many volunteers who support the bar managers on competition days and without your support their job would be much more of a challenge. Thank you to all the volunteers who volunteer in this area.

The Symes Motors BMW Pro-Am held in April was a great success, with Andrew Martin winning his third title from a quality field of professional golfers from across Australia. We were also able to host a leg of the international BMW Cup golf day in February. These corporate golf days allow us to showcase our great course, our enthusiastic volunteers and all we have to offer at Axedale.

Critical to the success of these two events were Steven Lee and Hayden Nielsen who both committed a large amount of time and effort to ensure both events were enjoyed by everyone. Importantly, the events brought important revenue into the club. I would also like to thank Muriel Pitts for all her work in the catering side of the ProAm and many other events. Muriel has shown great leadership and organisational skills to ensure all events were successful.



In June the General Committee made the decision to move to the One Golf (MiScore) golf management system. I know many members have been asking for this over a period of time and we are now in a position to implement the system which will be fully operational in the next few months.

The 2025 – 2030 Strategic Plan provides a roadmap for General Committees to work on developing specific projects and plans. This plan has been received well by members and in conjunction with the Course Plan will allow future committees to develop and manage the business which this club has now become. Significant contributions to the preparation of the plan were made by many members including, Graeme Robertson, Debbie Kesper, Steven Lee and Peter Andrew who finalised the plan into what is now the working document.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge all of our sponsors. Your contribution allows our club to undertake important developments to the course and purchase new machinery. Your support through these partnerships is greatly appreciated by all members.

This will be my final report as President as I have decided to take a break to refresh and spend more time with my family. I would like to thank everyone who has supported me across these past two years, especially the general committee members and many of you who have enquired about my current health concern.

One of my aims when I first came into this role was to reconnect the membership and build an environment where members like to be. The environment is critical to the ongoing success of any club and now I see our clubhouse filled with members and visitors at presentations, all enjoying each other's company. We have an environment which is the envy of many clubs and our club culture is also very critical to the ongoing success and development of the club. Both aspects have contributed to where we find ourselves now with increased membership and competition numbers.

I look forward to seeing the development of this club over the next 12 months and beyond. I would also like wish the incoming committee every success in their roles.

Rod Threlfall President AGC

IN MEMORY

'Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure, remembering you always, forgetting you never.'

In memory of the following members of the Axedale Golf Club, who passed away in the past twelve months.

Mark Davies Peter Richardson Alan Darby Drew Drummond

We also acknowledge those current members who have lost family members in recent years. You are always in our thoughts.



Bob Gunn Memorial Seat

Bob was a Foundation Member and the first President of the reformed Axedale Golf Club in 1973. Bob received Life Membership in 1986 for all the work he did in reforming the club and golf course over many years.

Bob's wife Lorraine and their family provided a memorial seat in honour of Bob on the 16th tee. The 16th was a special for both Bob and Lorraine as they both scored Holes in One there over their golfing careers.

WOMEN'S PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

It has been a privilege to represent the Axedale Women in my second term as women's president.

Axedale Golf Club women members, who are all volunteers, share responsibility for captaincy, tournament organisation, finance, office administration, cart hire, memberships, handicapping, bar and office rosters, catering and hospitality. In accepting these roles, we are bound to welcome visitors to our beautiful course with a view to having them return. It is also incumbent on us to nurture new members and continue to support established golfers.

During this past year, we have had wonderful support from the membership. This has contributed to the success of the Pro-Am, Spring and Annual tournaments, Federation Bowl and other events where we needed to extend our hospitality.

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 hit-off. It's wonderful when new members join the playing group for 9 or 12 holes. It's a thrill when those same women go on to play eighteen-hole events at home and away.

I thank all those who have visited district clubs to represent Axedale. It is important to support these clubs to enable them to prosper and hopefully reciprocate the visit. Many thanks go to Captains Sue and Rob for their support and expertise.

Thanks also to Mandy Hamilton, Margo Edgar and Sue Gamble for their hard work in organising our golf trip to Murray Downs in early May. It was an excellent 3-day getaway.

Thanks to women's secretary Catherine Hodder for all her support. Thanks to Carmel Harrison for her attention to detail in presenting the clubhouse at its best during events. I am so appreciative of the women members who have supported the club with their time, expertise and provision of food for events.

On behalf of the women members, I pass on my thanks and congratulations to all office bearers for their dedication to the club. I will not be seeking a third term so I extend my best wishes to all those who will be office bearers in the coming year

Muriel Pitts Women's President

CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

Congratulations to all members, volunteers and ground staff for making Axedale Golf Club the preferred course to play in the Bendigo area.

I would like to thank all the volunteers for the incredible amount of hours on the course, especially the Tuesday morning boys ably controlled by the field marshal Mr Rick Manley. The contribution made by inducted members working the rough mowers and my nemesis the zero turn is an example of the commitment to the high quality we aim for when presenting our club facilities. It would be remiss of me not to say good job to the general duty guys for doing tee sand duties, our in-house arborists, the whipper snipper fraternity and the pickup sticks brigade. With these ongoing endeavors and improvements, it allows the club the capacity to facilitate larger and more extensive commitments from the grounds staff.

I would like to thank the members on the Match and Course sub-committees; and those doing our social media, marketing and sponsorship, the bar staff held together by Ian Martin and Gary Day, and I can't forget all the volunteers in the kitchen under the stewardship of Muriel, what a legend.

Special thanks go to all the volunteers who have helped in the captain's office. Without your help I would've been up the proverbial creek without the canoe. Special thanks to Sue O'Connor who is the maestro within the office, to Jan and Lesley for the advice gleaned from their experience and to all other helpers within the captain's room - you know who "youse" are, thanks. Thanks Len, Phil and Geoff for easing the workload by running the Thursday competition.

We are committed to involve more juniors in the sport. We have endeavored to collaborate with local schools and clubs to increase junior participation. This is a work in progress.

Congratulations to all Gold and Silver letter event winners during the year. To Lex Johnstone, congratulations on your 21st club championship.

The men had pennant teams in Division 1, 3 and Open with Open Division B being victorious in their division, good job fellas.

Like my predecessor, Roger Heider, I am chuffed, along Women's Captain Sue O'Connor, to have held our first multi--tee competition which is something we hope will be ensconced into competitions going forward.

Also, it would be remiss of me not to say thanks to Nick Cherry for conducting the First Aid Course in June. What a knowledgeable bloke within this field, thanks.

I would also like to thank the grounds staff including the head honcho Greg Hamilton ably supported by Roger Connor and Noah Wharfe. PS, and no I can't forget Pete Elvey who I include within the ground staff. To Course Chair Lex Johnstone, what a "goa", they have had some tough conditions to work through with the course recovering to the picture it is today, tough job, done well.

Rob Smith Club Captain

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

Another year has flown by in my second year as Women's Captain. I believe women's golf at Axedale is in a strong position, as we continue to get good numbers on all competition days.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my Match Committee (Margo Edgar, Noelene Arundell, Mandy Hamilton and Jan Walklate), who are always on hand to help with all involved in running the competitions each week and also our special events. I would be lost without their support.

Thank you to Muriel Pitts and Rosemary Griffin for running the ever-growing Friday 9-12 hole competition. Also thank you to Fred Kath for running the clinics prior to play. Fred willingly gives up his time, helping women members improve their golf. Fridays, I believe have so many benefits and are great for both new and old members. New golfers learning etiquette, rules etc. and being gently encouraged to eventually join our Wednesday competition. The highlight of the day is the morning tea which follows after play!!!

Our Club Championships were quite well supported and congratulations to Ruth Iser on winning the Club Championship. Ruth also won the Saturday Championship.

The Federation Bowl was very successful with record entries. We had to cap the day at 100 and had teams on the emergency list. It wasn't that long ago that we struggled to attract visiting teams. A big thank you to Wendy Nielsen for her generous sponsorship of the day. Wendy also organises the catering and along with her team of workers, do a mighty job!! The Federation Bowl was won by Gisborne, they are multiple winners of this event. Terri Gadsden-Brown, Rosemary Griffin and Jan Walklate were the winners of the Wendy Nielsen Trophy.

We had two teams playing Monday Pennant this year. No Pennant flags for Axedale this year but I'm sure those who played enjoyed the experience. It was great to have quite a few who played pennant for the first time. I strongly encourage members to play pennant. I believe it is good for your golf, good to meet people from other clubs and also the opportunity to play at other courses.

As usual, our women members continue to strongly support events at other clubs in the district. Sue Bice, Maureen Connelly and Ellen Curnow were the winners of Bendigo GC Jubilee Bowl.

To Super Greg and the grounds staff, thank you for looking after our course and presenting it week in and week out in such great condition.

Finally, I would like to thank the women members for coming to golf each week. We have a great group of women and hopefully we continue to grow in numbers.

Looking forward to another successful year. I'm open to any suggestions/ideas.

Sue O'Connor Women's Captain

TROPHY WINNERS: 2024-25





2025 Club Champions Lex Johnstone with President Rod & Ruth Iser.

This is Lex's 21st Club Championship

Gold Letter Events

Men's Club Champion (Garry Harrop Trophy)

Lex Johnstone

Women's Club Champion Ruth Iser

Mixed Canadian Foursomes Championship Paul Pyke & Joy Kennedy

Men's Canadian Foursomes Reece Thompson &

Andrew Schaeche

Women's Foursomes Championship Sue Gamble & Carmel Harrison

Men's Medal of Medallists Paddy Carmody

Women's Medal of Medallists Jan Walklate

Men's Singles Knockout (David Lubke Trophy)

John White

Women's Singles Knock Out

(Loretta Prowse Trophy) Noelene Arundell

Men's Doubles Knockout (Ian Kerr Trophy)

Peter Hoskin & Peter King

Women's Doubles Knock Out Terri Gadsden-Brown &

Sue O'Connor

Peter Nielsen Memorial Rodney Connolly (2024)

James Fearn (2025)



Women's Foursomes Championship Winners Sue Gamble & Carmel Harrison



Men's Medal of Medallists – Paddy Carmody

Silver Letter Events

Club Championships

MEN'S

A Grade Champion Nett

B Grade Champion Gross

B Grade Champion Nett

C Grade Champion Gross

C Grade Champion Nett

C Grade Champion Nett

C Grade Champion Nett

Peter Pannell

Veteran Championship

Fred Kath

Junior Champion Nett

Not played

Putting Champion Rodney Threllfall

WOMEN'S

A Grade Champion Nett Ruth Iser

B Grade Champion Gross Eily Dal Santo
B Grade Champion Nett Eily Dal Santo
C Grade Champion Gross Anne Robinson
Veteran Championship Sue O'Connor

Putting Champion Raye Fleay

4BBB Stableford (Peter Kealy Memorial) Peter Elvey & John White

Presidential Cup Derek Higham
Captain's Trophy Noah Edwards

Silver Letter Events (cont'd)

Men's Summer Cup Zachary Grieve

Women's Summer Cup Ruth Iser

Joe Holland Cup Postponed

Charlie Cugley Cup Chris Barrett

Ian Martin Trophy Rodney Connolly

Life Members Trophy Derek Higham

Saturday Women's Championship Ruth Iser

Saturday Women's Medalist Janelle Wilson





Wendy Nielsen Trophy Winners Jan Walklate, Rosemary Griffin, Terri Gadsden-Brown with Wendy Nielsen Women's Championship Winners – Sue O'Connor, Eily Del Santo, Ruth Iser, Anne Robinson

Other Significant Events:

Sunday Pennant Open Division B winners Stephen Jeffrey, Steve Amos

Martin Skahill, Rod Jacobs

Doug Osborne

Saturday Women's Nett Champion 2025 Janelle Wilson

Federation Bowl 2025 Gisborne

Wendy Nielsen Trophy Terri Gadsden-Brown,

Rosemary Griffin, Jan Walklate

Silver Spoon State Finalist 2024 Jill Baldwin

Doris Chambers State Finalists 2025 Deb Cairns

& Rosemary Winther



Open Division Pennant Winners Steve Amos, Rod Jacobs, Martin Skahill, Stephen Jeffrey, Doug Osborne



2024 Peter Nielsen Memorial Trophy winner, James Fearn, winning with 3 solid rounds of 36-37-38.

Congratulations James!
This is a special day on the Club calendar and James is pictured here with Sue and Hayden Nielsen.

Foundation Day
B & L Gunn Trophy Winners Reece
& Chris Thompson with Lorraine
Gunn



COURSE SUB-COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

The past 12 months have been a time of great progress for our golf course. As projects and remediation works begin to bed in, the quality of turf cover on our tees, fairways, surrounds and greens has continued to improve.

Increased membership numbers, increased competition numbers and a significant rise in green fee income are reflective of the improving quality of the golf course. Staff have continued to work well as a team, utilising all their skills and passion to present an excellent course on a weekly basis and to problem solve their way through the regular challenges that occur in this field.

My thanks go out to Greg who is thriving in the challenge of continually improving the playing surfaces provided. After 18 months on site, Greg has strengthened his knowledge of our greens profile, our soil characteristics, our turf performance, our irrigation and what is required to take our course to the next level.

Roger continues to provide great support to Greg and works with unflagging determination to improve our course irrigation. There aren't many mechanical issues that Roger and Peter Elvey can't sort out.



Noah continues to be a very productive staff member, picking up extra responsibilities and is showing great observation skills in identifying diseased spots on the course. Noah has developed and nurtured our surrounds nursery near the cart shed, which has proven to be a great asset over the past six months as we have improved our surrounds and repaired significant bird damage.

I would like to thank Peter Elvey who has contributed a significant amount of on-course work over the past twelve months, and all our Tuesday volunteers who turn up each week to complete a wide range of important tasks. Combined, Peter and the volunteers equate to two full-time staff members on course each week. An amazing contribution!

Greg has formed a very positive connection with the Course Committee. At meetings, all ideas are discussed, analysed, evaluated, modified and then agreed actions are put in

place. The Course Committee possesses a wide range of useful skills, experiences and knowledge and there is a great sense of teamwork.

Staff and Course Committee would like to thank the members for the care they take of our course in repairing divots, fixing their own and others' pitch marks, driving carts carefully and generally treating the course respectfully.





Course Committee has spent considerable time developing a five-year Course Plan that covers all aspects of improving the golf course and supporting infrastructure. This plan will provide direction for future works on course and support continuity as Committees change each year. Members will have seen a copy of this plan by the 2025 AGM.

Part of this plan is working towards the future water security for the golf club, in conjunction with Coliban Water and Goulburn Murray Water. Further water right purchases are a key part of our future strategy.

Catering for increased golfer traffic has been a key part of our planning over the past twelve months. Two key areas for focus will be

- In the next twelve months, some additional cart paths will be added to our course and some paths will be re-directed to improve cart traffic flow and general safety.
- In the next twelve months, additional tee space will be added to the 1st, 6th, 12th & 18th tees to spread the wear and tear on the current par 3 tee spaces.



There have been a number of highlights from the past twelve months.

- Improved green health and consistency of green surfaces through poa removal and bare patch sodding. The gap between our best and worst greens has been significantly reduced.
- ➤ The line planting program has been completed with the santa ana sprigging of fairways 3, 7, 11,13,15,18 and re-sprigging of barer patches of the 4th & 5th fairways. This year we were blessed with perfect humid weather & lots of rain, meaning we had a strike of sprigs on the surface as well as underground, and the fairways prospered, improving much quicker than we had expected. Lots of fertiliser and water! We thank members for their patience while the fairways were in poor order through last Winter, but now hope the short-term pain was worth it. We look forward to these fairways having a second growing season. With a 100% water allocation for the next twelve months, we believe the fairways will be in great order come Autumn 2026. We thank Yarrawonga and Border Golf Club for their great support and I thank the Match Committee for their cooperation & support while the fairways were recovering from this process. We will continue with removing kikuyu from the fairways. The program will take place in Spring so that the Santa ana couch already in the ground will cover bare areas as quickly as possible.
- Our tees were thoroughly renovated for the first time ever last Summer. Coring, top dressing and fertilising saw the coverage on the tees prosper like never before, providing a thick healthy couch cover and levelling out many minor dips and hollows. This process will be repeated in November/December this year.
- ➤ Completion of the new 4th and 2nd white tees.
- ➤ We have recently installed a new filter into our irrigation system, along with a new, industrial strength, foot valve. The valve will ensure we don't lose pressure in the system and the self-flushing filter will ensure water getting to our sprinkler heads is clean. This \$35,000 investment means that every part of our pumping infrastructure is now less than three years old.
- > The greens surrounds nursery that Noah has established behind the cart shed is proving to be a great asset and its benefit will show through as further work is done on our greens surrounds this summer.
- A new second hand fairway mower has just been purchased and will give us the capacity to mow all fairways in less than one day. We also purchased a second tow-behind blower. Having two blowers means we can complete a whole course clean-up in less than one day if needed.
- ➤ The improvement to the slope approaching the 15th green has made this hole more predictable and functional. Alterations to irrigation, mowing patterns and the removal of paspalum has contributed to this change.
- ➤ During the Summer, we suffered significant and continued bird damage to our greens and surrounds. The standard of repairs that were completed by Greg, Roger and Noah were prompt and exemplary. Thanks also to the Course Committee and volunteers for nightly patrols over a five-week period.

- Significant background work has been completed in planning for a future irrigation system upgrade. Critical components of our current irrigation system are becoming obsolete, with spare parts and technical support becoming unavailable from 2027. This program will see the installation of a new computer and control system in Greg's Office, rewiring and gel capping of all decoder wire connections and the installation of 111 new decoders across the golf course. Coupled with the ongoing transition to valve in head green/surrounds sprinklers, it will complete a near total river to sprinkler replacement. We have sought quotes from both Toro and Rainbird and are in the process of finalising options and installation costs, with the plan to start this work in mid 2026.
- Our machinery shed is tidy and well organised. Our sod cutter and scarifier were two key purchases in 2024 and have been used many times to great advantage
- Removal and maintenance of 'high' and 'medium' urgency category trees identified in the 2021 DWELP (DEECA) Tree Audit has been completed, with some 'low' category tree removal still to be completed.



The Course Committee and I look forward to working with staff, General Committee, Match Committee and our members to continue to improve our wonderful little golf course.

Kind regards Lex Johnstone Course Committee

SPONSORSHIP & MARKETING ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

We have been very fortunate once again to have excellent support from a range of sponsors across the district, some of whom have been valued supporters for very many years. Some indeed have been supporting this club for close on 50 years and without them and our other newer sponsors we couldn't have achieved what we have.

Members are reminded that we have a regularly updated list of our sponsors on the end wall of the clubhouse. Please take the time to find out who are sponsors and if possible please support them. There are a wide range of businesses listed so you should be able to find one to meet most of your needs.

Unfortunately not as much has been achieved this year as was originally planned owing to the illness and subsequent resignation of the Vice-President however. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Russell Anderson for his support throughout the year – it has been of enormous assistance.

Once again, to all of our valued sponsors both individual and business, thank you very much for your continued support.

Steven Lee

GOLF DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

Golf Development is a low key affair at Axedale. We have a number of members who are only too happy to give up their time and share their knowledge with new golfers and those wanting to improve.

Fred Kath does a great job with our juniors and is always ready to help any member who needs some help. Fred has continued to provide coaching to juniors on Tuesdays and works behind the scenes with his Friday clinics to encourage and coach new golfers.

We were also fortunate this year to have golf professional Gareth Cusack available as part of the Pro Am be able to provide some coaching and tuition to members prior to the Pro Am.

The club has also tried to get more juniors involved and worked with Golf Australia along with professional Dean Dixon to run a MyGolf School Experience Day for the Axedale Primary School in November 2024. The day was a success, with many of the students wanting a follow up program, although that may have only to get out of another day of classes. We are discussing options to hold further MyGolf programs with other schools in the area as a school holiday program.

BAR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

Another busy year has been experienced by the Bar. The past year we did not have the number of social groups that we have had in previous years, with two of our regular social groups "poached" by another golf club, which was disappointing. We hope to be able to hire out the course and the facilities for fund-raising purposes to more social groups, as this is a good source of revenue for the club. The Bar still managed to bring in over \$108,000 in revenue last year an increase of over \$3000 from the previous year. 2024/25 Bar expenses were about \$54,000, down by about \$4000 from the previous year, resulting in a net profit of approximately \$54,000 which is about \$8000 better than last year.

Our Club has been fortunate to have so many volunteers, their help is greatly appreciated. We would sincerely like to thank all those members who have given so freely of their time to assist in the Bar. Again, it is great to have more women being involved, making us a more inclusive Club. Also, thanks to Danny Curran for his time in the cashing of cans and stubbies at the CDS Centre.

Over the past few months, we have reviewed the items of stock that are being carried. There have been items culled and there have been some added; this we feel is moving with the change of members needs and tastes.

The Bar is also looking at ways to have "added" services, with the inclusion of merchandising such as pre-loved balls, tees, stubby holders, etc. gradually increasing in sales. We intend to further add to this service particularly to guests and green fee players. We must thank members for the donation of pre-loved golf balls which is a great money earner for the Club.

In closing we would like to congratulate the outgoing committee for the effort they have put in and the assistance they have given.

Yours in golf, Ian Martin and Gary Day Bar Managers

GRANT DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

The club applied for 3 grants during the year, unfortunately only one of those was successful.

The club has been successful in obtaining a \$2,250 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria, to go towards providing First Aid & CPR training for our volunteers. Fourteen members attended one-day training courses in both First Aid and CPR. The training was comprehensive and well received and those attending were impressed by quality of the training and the confidence it gave them.

Finding suitable grants that suit the club's priorities is difficult. Their criteria limit or exclude the activities we need funding to support and the timelines are often very short and the application process falls to just a few people.

We plan to develop more concepts, with preliminary costs so that we can be better prepared when opportunities arise.

SOCIAL CLUB REPORT 2024-25

Social Club ran events on most public holidays over the last year

- Footy Colours Day (Grand Final Parade)
- New Year's Day,
- Australia Day
- Labour Day,
- Anzac Day
- King's Birthday.

The main objective of these events has been purely social, another opportunity for a game of golf in a relaxed setting with a few drinks & treats afterwards. The days were generally well attended, and will be run again in 25-26. If anyone has ideas of different events, please contact social committee members (Sue, Annette, Ruth, Jan).

We have quite a few fund-raising groups as part of the social club

The Raffle Committee of Mick Purdon, Rod Connelly, Russell Anderson, Steven Lee and others conducted a raffle each Thursday & Saturday. These raffles along with those at the tournaments and Federation Bowl raised \$19,600 over the last financial year. Congratulations go to all concerned, and thanks to all our members and guests for supporting them.

lan Martin has been recycling golf balls and over \$2,000 was raised from sales through the office – mainly to green fee players.

We have also been recycling our empty bottles & cans through the VISY CDS system and have raised over \$1500. This project had been started by Mark Davies and is now being done by Danny Curran. A huge thanks to them both.

Each monthly medal day Steve Jeffrey, Greg Henderson, Vallon Gibson, and a team of helpers put on a sausage sizzle, supported by Flora Hill Bakery and Meats on Mitchell. Golfers enjoy a snag in bread (and sometimes a steak) and over \$ 1,000 was raised last year

If you would like to help out or have any fund raising or social event ideas, please do not hesitate to contact the committee.

Jan Walklate

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY 2024-25

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

at 30 June 2025

Category	30	New	M'Ship	Resigned	30
	June 2024	Members	Change	or Did Not Renew	June 2025
Life/Honorary - Male Life/Honorary -	7		-1		6
Female	3				3
	10	0	-1		9
Full Members - Male Full Members -	249	57	-4	33	269
Female	76	12		1	87
	325	69	-4	-34	356
Intermediate - Male	7	5	2	3	11
Intermediate - Female	0		1	1	0
	7	5	3	4	11
Country - Male	12	5			17
Country - Female	2				2
	14	5	0	0	19
Six Mth Sporting - Male	0	3		3	0
Six Mth Sporting - Female	0				0
:	0	3	0	3	0
Junior - Male	42	20	-5	7	50
Junior - Female	4		-1	1	2
	46	20	-6	8	52
Leave of Absence Suspension - Medical					
LOA - Male	3		7	3	7
LOA - Female	2			1	1
	5	0	7	4	8
Social - Male	4		1		5
Social - Female	4				4
	8	0	11	0	9
TOTAL	415	102	0	53	464

Mandy Hamilton Membership Officer

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-25

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
- the many members that banked cash deposits.

The 24-25 year was a great year financially for the club.

At the end of the financial year the cash position is improved from \$119,825 to \$148,605 an increase of almost \$29,000.

Our Profit and Loss Statement for the year shows a profit of \$35,840 up considerable on our loss of \$33,860 last year.

Operating income for the year was up

- Competition fees were up by \$8,160
- Green Fees were up by \$25,470
- Bar Sales increased up by \$3,300
- Cart Hire was up by \$17,000
- Membership Fees were up by \$22,666

Unfortunately grant funding has dried up, though we did receive funding for First Aid training. Thanks to Nick Cherry for conducting the first aid training for us, the feedback from all involved was extremely positive.

The Bar has again been a strong contributor to the Club's funds, with net proceeds for the year approximately. \$54,000 up about \$6,000 on the previous year.

Expenses for the year were down.

New asset purchases during year included

- 2 new golf carts
- New fridge in kitchen
- Course Equipment
- - scarifier
- - sod cutter
- - filter for pumping system

There was no course equipment purchased this year and we sold 4 walk behind mowers and various small bits of equipment.

A second hand fairway mower has been purchased in 25/26.

We currently have 2 loans in place

- Jacobsen electric greens mower with a completion date of April 2026.
- Toro Procorer which has a completion date of December 2026.

Major financial decisions will need to be made in next 12 months in relation to the planned irrigation upgrade.

I have enjoyed my term as Treasurer of the club, and thank everyone for their support over this time. I wish Rob Murrell all the best and hope he enjoys it as much as I have.

Jan Walklate Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REVIEW 2024-25

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INDEPENDENT REVIEW REPORT AXEDALE GOLF CLUB INC.

We have reviewed the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report of the Axedale Golf Club Inc. which includes the Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2025, the Profit and Loss Statement for the Financial Year 2025, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the statement by members of the committee.

Committee's responsibilities for the financial report

The committee of the Axedale Golf Club Inc. is responsible for the preparation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of the preparation is appropriate to meet the financial reporting requirements of this type if entity. The committee's responsibility also included such internal controls as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors responsibility

Our review was conducted in accordance with Auditing Standard on Review Engagements (ASRE) 2410 Review of a Financial Report Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity, issued by the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. The review consisted of making enquiries, primarily of person's responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures and does not, ordinarily, require corroboration of the information obtained. The scope of the review of an annual financial report is substantially less that the scope of an audit conducted in accordance with Auditing Standards whose objective is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial report and accordingly, we shall express no such opinion.

ASRE 2410 requires us to also comply with the ethical requirements relevant to the review of the annual financial report of the entity.

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

Independence

In conducting our review, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Australian professional accounting bodies.

Basis for qualified opinion

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the Axedale Golf Club Inc. to maintain an effective system of internal control over receipts until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly, our review in relation to the receipts was limited to the amounts recorded. It is also noted that internal control concerning payments is limited to the authorisation of the payment and individual invoices are not notated as approved prior to payment.

Qualified opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our review procedures referred to in the basis for qualified opinion paragraph not existed, the financial report of Axedale Golf Club Inc. presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies relevant to the financial statements, the financial position of Axedale Golf Club Inc at 30th June 2025 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

Basis of accounting and restriction on distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Axedale Golf Club Inc. to meet the reporting requirements of the association. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.

Yours sincerely

21/08/2025

Managing Director Graham D. Watson, FIPA FFA B. Bus. (Accounting), M. of Bus.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR 2024-25

Balance Sheet

Axedale Golf Club As at 30 June 2025

	Account	30 June 2025	30 June 2024
Assets			
	Bank		
	Bar - Cash on Hand	550.00	550.00
	Club - Petty Cash	70.00	70.00
	Club - Term Deposit	50,000.00	50,000.00
	Club Interest Bearing 625	75,023.08	48,649.37
	Debit Card Account - Bar	2,401.86	2,318.65
	GoCardless-AUD	72.00	0.00
	Social - Interest Bearing 643	20,489.02	18,237.58
	Total Bank	148,605.96	119,825.60
	Current Assets		
	Accounts Receivable	4,553.10	7,147.01
	Stock on Hand	9,939.84	8,001.74
	Total Current Assets	14,492.94	15,148.75
	Fixed Assets		
	Buildings & Fixtures	202,969.27	202,969.27
	Clubhouse Equipment	65,297.72	61,770.40
	Course Equipment	738,987.28	689,235.02
	Prov'n B'ldgs & Fixt's Dep'n	(77,320.28)	(70,740.23
	Prov'n Chouse Equip Depec'n	(44,629.50)	(40,466.80
	Provision - Course Equip Dep'n	(501,457.26)	(452,887.99
	Water Rights	306,000.00	306,000.00
	Total Fixed Assets	689,847.23	695,879.67
Total Assets		852,946.13	830,854.02
	Current Liabilities	4 964 64	10 010 00
	Accounts Payable	4,861.64	10,018.89
	GST	4,712.01	2,782.73
	PAYG Withholdings Payable	6,670.00	6,864.00
	Provision - Trophy Vouchers	9,075.00	11,472.00
	Provision-Employee Entitlement Liability	25,065.98	16,102.78
	Rounding	0.00	0.04
	Suspense	0.00	19.03
	Total Current Liabilities Non-current Liabilities	50,384.63	47,259.47
	Chattel Mortgage Loan - Capital Finance	9,993.80	21,986.36
	Chattel Mortgage Unexpired Interest - Capital Finance	(170.88)	(861.62)
	Toro Equipment	18,915.34	25,494.10
	Unexpired Interest Toro Finance	(961.20)	
		27,777.06	(1,951.06) 44,667.7 8
Total	Total Non-current Liabilities	21,111.00	
Total Liabilities	Total Non-current Liabilities	78,161.69	91,927.25
	Net Assets		91,927.25
Liabilities		78,161.69	91,927.25
	Net Assets	78,161.69 774,784.44	91,927.25 738,926.77
Liabilities	Net Assets Asset Revaluation Reserve	78,161.69 774,784.44 221,000.00	91,927.25 738,926.77 221,000.00
Liabilities	Net Assets	78,161.69 774,784.44	

Profit and Loss

Axedale Golf Club For the year ended 30 June 2025

Account	2025	2024
Trading Income		
Total Membership Fees	200,462.17	177,795.56
Total Cart Storage	8,977.40	8,568.30
Total Cart & Equipment Hire	32,388.02	16,722.20
Total Competition Fees	137,830.26	129,671.88
Total Tournament Entries	14,899.09	14,545.45
Total Green Fees	123,526.68	98,051.82
Total Sponsorship	26,477.37	35,191.05
Total Social Club Income	25,928.17	25,752.30
Total Catering	2,808.69	2,064.15
Total Bar Sales	108,575.57	105,230.29
Total Interest Income	2,005.12	1,973.74
Total Grants Income	2,250.00	0.00
Total Fuel Tax Credits	3,196.00	3,014.00
Total Apprentice Subsidies	2,639.03	3,178.45
Total Miscellaneous	45.45	51,657.60
4407 - Equipment Sales	21,363.64	3,126.40
Total Trading Income	713,372.66	676,543.19
Gross Profit	713,372.66	676,543.19
Operating Expenses		
Total Banking & Loan Expenses	5,889.13	8,879.09
Membership Expenses	36,992.96	44,906.32
Total Clubhouse Expenses	132,071.68	125,319.20
Total Cartshed Expenses	13,661.88	15,661.68
Total Bar Purchases	54,400.98	59,471.31
Total Course Management	173,198.46	208,487.09
Total Turf Management	46,665.34	48,896.03
Total Staff Expenses	214,643.83	192,898.97
5317 - Flood Repairs	0.00	5,883.92
Total Operating Expenses	677,524.26	710,403.61
Net Profit	35,848.40	(33,860.42)

Statement of Cash Flows

Axedale Golf Club For the year ended 30 June 2025

Account	2025
Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	769,487.82
Payments to suppliers and employees	(658,684.69)
Cash receipts from other operating activities	(16,276.82)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	94,526.31
Investing Activities	
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(53,279.58)
Other cash items from investing activities	(1,938.10)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(55,217.68)
Financing Activities	
Other cash items from financing activities	(10,528.27)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(10,528.27)
Net Cash Flows	28,780.36
Cash and Cash Equivalents	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	119,825.60
Net change in cash for period	28,780.36
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	148,605.96

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.

Axedale Golf Club Inc

Notes to 2024-2025 Consolidated Financial Reports

This is not a complete list of transactions, or accounts, it is just to add information to the published accounts.

Sponsorship Income	2025	2024	Notes
Event sponsorship	4,336.41	272.73	
General sponsorship	3,272.73	8,281.85	
Pro am	21,990.98	16,354.60	
Special event	1,409.10	22.73	
Tee sponsorship	1,636.87	272.23	
Tournament sponsorship	2,545.46	1,272.73	
Miscellaneous Income			
Chair sales	45.00		
Social Sub Committee Income			
Raffle income	19,677.45	17,559.30	
Recycled Golf Balls	2,000.00		
Grants Income			
First Aid	2,250.00		
Total Grants & Donations			
Membership expenses			
Affiliations	26,022.97	25,742.44	
Catering	6,364.22	8,724.63	
Club Team Entries	669.08	429.09	
Members Amenities	3,936.69	10,010.16	1
Cart Shed			
Cart & Cart Shed - Maintenance	9,703.31	8,798.87	
Cart Shed & Workshop - Electricity & Power costs	3,958.57	6,862.81	

Clubhouse Expenses			
Clubhouse Improvements	1,200.00		
Clubhouse Repairs & Maintenance	644.17	7,656.46	2
Compliance Expenses	998.00		
Computer Expenses	2,686.75	2,142.19	
Depeciation Clubhouse Equip	4,162.70	3,626.02	
Depreciation B'ldgs & Fixtures	6,580.05	6,580.05	
Insurance	21,727.27	18,327.78	
Printing & Postage	3,951.55	1,600.60	
Pro-Am Expenses	15,184.51	13,195.45	
Raffle Purchases	400.00	49.59	
Rent & Rates	18,485.46	15,838.18	
MSI & Slice Software	8,088.37	6,298.37	
Security	1,584.46	1,257.60	
Special Events/Functions	344.73	1,474.55	
Stationery & Office Supplies	675.27	1,030.97	
Telephone & Internet - Clubhouse	1,398.15	2,001.92	
Tournament Expenses	3,405.73		
Trophies	42,554.51	40,347.30	
Course Management			
Course Furniture & Signage	409.00	6,056.36	
Course Renovations	20,366.67	15,216.82	
Depreciation Course Equip	48,569.27	46,085.68	
Fuel & Oil	15,152.31	17,954.26	
Golf Equipment (Flags, cups)	1,227.31	1,925.00	
Irrigation Computer Contract (Toro)	3,516.76	3,978.50	
Irrigation Pump - Electricity costs	12,529.50	8,694.80	
Irrigation System parts & repairs	19,877.54	35,263.89	
Replacement tools & equip	4,215.74	2,642.05	
Pathways	7,486.95		
Plant & Equip - Repairs &	12 265 16	30,980.95	
Maintenance	13,365.16	30,960.93	
Plant & Equip Miscellaneous	657.76		
Plant Hire	792.72		
Sand (Bunker Replacm't) & Soil	3,003.00	6,642.35	
Telephone & Internet	1,138.49	801.87	
Water Costs	3,586.56	2,122.56	
Workshop Maintenance	8,660.72	4,161.22	
Safety Maintenance (tree removal)	•	11,863.63	
Total Turf Management			
Chemicals - Fertilisers & Seed	19,119.00	14,457.45	
Chemicals - Fungicides	5,075.00	10,755.00	
Chemicals - Herbicides	14,141.50	12,410.00	
Chemicals - Pesticides	1,835.00	2,222.00	
Chemicals - Wetting Agents	2,129.00	2,480.00	
Freight	1,013.57	3,517.58	

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Soil Tests and Water Tests	1,150.00	1,550.00
Staff Expenses		
Protective Clothing	1,071.53	1,977.33
Provision-Employee Entitlement	8,963.20	4,315.52
Staff Training	2,225.77	2,568.63
Superannuation	20,421.30	15,100.77
Wages & Salaries/Contract	179,796.61	167,640.55
Workcover	2,165.42	1,296.17
Accounts Receivable		
Membership direct debits	2,068.90	2,627.01
New Members		520.00
Sponsorship	0.00	2,000.00
Sallamc (Vendi) RCTI	2,484.20	2,000.00
Total Accounts Receivable		

Water rights

The Club owns an 85 M Water Right, which at 30/6/25 was valued at \$3,600 per ML

Accounts payable

Australian Communications & Media	47.00
BOC Limited	418.18
Boltons Office National	18.50
Goulburn Murray Water	835.50
Irrigear Bendigo	900.70
JJ Richards	155.06
Kennards Hire	493.00
Kilmore Racing Club	668.00
Macdonalds Nursery	370.00
Max Ellis Signs	497.20
meats on Mitchell	205.00
North State Security	88.00
Reservoir Hotel	80.00
Total Aged Payables	4,776.14

Trophy vouchers

Total	11.472.00
Value Vouchers redeemed	26,001.00
Value Vouchers issued	37,473.00

Notes

- 1 Inside Golf, Kitchen Supplies, Volunteer expenses, Legal expenses, Xero
- **2** Honour Boards, Permits, Keys, Toilets



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 Andrew 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 2025.

Signed:

Peter Andrew, Hon Secretary Axedale Golf Club

Dated: 22 August 2025

Signed:

Jan Walklate, Treasurer, Axedale Golf Club

Dated: 22 August 2025

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