

Alexandra Golf Club Inc PO Box 172 Alexandra Vic 3714

Dear Member,

I am writing on behalf of the Alexandra Golf Club (AGC) and will begin by thanking you for being a valued member at our club.

At AGC we have weathered another year of maintaining and managing our course to high levels of presentation and maintenance to levels I hope has you proud to be a member. Across our region I believe AGC rates highly as a course where people find the layout to be enjoyable and challenging. The golfing syllabus with our regular club formats have been running smoothly with good attendances along with the community events and activities.

Some highlights over the year have been the district events in both Women's and Men's formats. The men winning the Division 1 Dalhousie scratch golf final for the first time beating Euroa and the women's members representing the AGC at over 11 DDGA events over the year

Late In 2023 we held after school junior golf clinics for over 35 primary and secondary aged students in Alexandra and surrounding communities with the support from Alex Members and the golf professionals from Cathedral Golf club who have been fantastic in supporting our club and community.

There were 5 weeks of women's clinics that had over 30 women attend to learn and improve their golf. We hope to continue these clinics and more into 2024 and 2025 seasons

We were well represented at the Murrindindi Masters events, in the Dalhousie handicapped division 2 event, strong turnout for the AGC community event and more.

Across 2023/24 year we have experienced floods, wind damage and pumps that have failed which has needed us to rally the members to support and assist with repairs and maintenance which people did and for all of you who responded and assisted in some capacity it is greatly appreciated by all our members. To the members who support and commit on a regular basis doing the maintenance, mowing, catering, gardening and administration for the club it is appreciated and valued as you continually commit your time and treasure.

There is a capital investment plan underway that will capture where we invest as priority to upgrade mowing machinery, practice green, tee boxes and greens over the next year and beyond to ensure longevity and quality is maintained. Some of these activities you will see are already underway. The club is financially sound and has capacity for some investment that we need to manage and prioritise appropriately and carefully.

As a regional small town club we rely on membership fees, volunteerism and sponsorships to support the activity it takes to manage and maintain this asset for the members and the community. We are very lucky at AGC to have a very loyal and committed team of volunteers who continually provide the treasure of time to support the regular work required to maintain our course. We have over 28 sponsors who pay for the signs around the course, friends and sponsors that support prizes for events which are all critical for our clubs success.

The committee did a review of the membership fees across our region to see where our fees compare to surrounding regional golf clubs and we identified we were one of the lowest in annual

fees. We have therefore increased our fees for 2024 -2025 by \$50 for full adult annual fee. This takes us from not being the cheapest but mid field across the region. This additional fee will support the challenges of increased operational costs we are experiencing across all elements of the operations.

If anyone feels with the increased pricing that this will affect your ability to participate as a member I ask you reach out to a committee member and have a confidential chat.

Please find attached a membership renewal invoice for the next financial year 2024-2025 and as mentioned in this letter of appreciation thank you for your support over the current and previous financial years.

With best wishes and thanks

Brendan Smith

AGC President