

HUME VETERANS GOLF CLUB
ANNUAL REPORT 2023

(Presented to members at the AGM 5th February 2024)

This is the consolidated Annual Report of the Hume Veterans Golf Club, incorporating:

- President's Report
- Captain's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Balance Sheet
- Independent Audit Report
- Membership Secretary's Report

HVGC President's Report for year 2023

Greetings members. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. The past 12 months have passed quickly and compared to the events of the past several years, we had a relatively quiet year.

Firstly, the new club administration and management systems such as the One Golf booking system, EFT deposits and EFTPOS payment systems and an updated club web page are all working well, and we are all benefiting by the introduction of these new systems.

Our club 'business model' or 'selling point' remains successful. What is our selling point you ask? Well, it is simple, our club offers selected golf clubs an opportunity to book up to 100 players to play golf between the hours of 8am to 12 noon (mostly on Mondays) followed by a sit-down luncheon.

Experience has shown that Monday mornings are quite times for most clubs with very few players braving the early starts. The HVGC offers an opportunity to these clubs by guaranteeing a large amount of green fees, catering fees and other sundry monies such as purchases from the bar, Pro Shop etc. Because of this, the committee can negotiate with the clubs to achieve a very competitive and affordable price for our group to play golf each month.

Price negotiations with the clubs and the committee is conducted 12 months in advance. This allows us to lock in our monthly costs with the clubs over a 12-month period. Apart from the occasional price fluctuation (Koorinal was a good example of this), we know in advance what our monthly operating costs are going to be over the 12-month period.

The committee's objective is to try and off-set the costs of the game (the amount the venue charges the club for the game and lunch) with the income (what each player is charged i.e. \$50) without having to draw on reserve funds from our bank. The committee meets on a regular basis (at the end of each game) to review and monitor these costs.

Secondly, our playing numbers have dropped off over the past 2 years. The club was regularly fielding around 90 plus members per game but is now around 70-75. I believe that the reduced numbers are due to several factors such as the COVID shutdowns, changing weather patterns and just old age! I have also been told by some ex-members that they didn't rejoin because of the early start time!

We have also had interest from new members so the club's membership numbers are dynamic and are part of a cycle that is constantly changing. What I do know is that we all need to be aware of this issue and be part of the solution by actively recruiting suitable prospective members for the club.

Lastly, I would like to make a special mention of John Feehan who passed away last year. John served the club with distinction as an active member and committeeman for about 22 years. John holds the honour of being the longest serving treasurer of the club having served from 1998 to 2017. If you consider that the club was established in Oct 1995, he was very much a part of the club's rich history.

I first met John when I joined the 'vets' in 2016. Not long after I joined the committee and served with John as 'his' assistant treasurer. It was about that time that the committee were planning to move away from the established manual golf administration systems and introduce new electronic ways to manage the club's administration.

Programs such as One Golf, MiScore and a club web page were being planned to reduce the workload on the committee on golf days and to get information out to the members in a timely fashion.

John recognised that his treasury portfolio would need to change from the manual based double entry accounting system (based on cash) and recorded in exercise books, to a more advanced electronic based system for banking and financial management.

That's where I came in. John decided that perhaps it was a good time to hand over the treasurer's duties and let a 'younger fella' take over the reins. He didn't let go of the reins though until I showed him what my plan was and how it would work.

John's accurate and concise manual financial information based on cash was transferred to an electronic financial management system based on EFT, EFPOS and cash payment option.

John Feehan also recognised that financial resources in small developing clubs like the Hume Vets were critical to its success and its on-going viability.

John's legacy to this club was the healthy bank balance that he created and managed during his service as treasurer. It is this legacy that has allowed today's club to flourish. VALE John Feehan.

That's it for this year. I would like to thank my fellow committeemen for all the work that they do on behalf of the club. I would also like to thank all those members who turn up each month to play golf, enjoy the game, enjoy the company of a fellow player/s and share a meal - which was the original tradition that was started back in 1995.

Happy Golfing

Shane Turner

Captain's Report 2023

A full calendar of golf events was completed during the 2023 year by the Hume Veterans. Although there were some cool brisk starts through the winter mornings, all our games were played through the year without interruption by rain.

It has been an honour to serve as Captain of the Hume Veterans Golf Club for the last 4 years and although disappointed at not being able to play for the last 4 months, I have enjoyed the responsibility of the position.

The successful and efficient running of our Competitions can only occur with the assistance of dedicated committee members. They all share in the tasks of co-ordinating field entry, payments, card preparation and correlation of scores and prize presentations. I thank them all for their sustained efforts and all our members for their co-operation on match days. Thanks to Vice Captain Bill Mandouit for his assistance through the year.

Thanks also to President Shane Turner for leading the Club and to (new Life Member) Kerry Bayly our Webmaster for maintaining the website and compiling results. A special mention to Arnold Messias (also a new Life Member) for his efforts in compiling our informative and entertaining monthly newsletter.

The annual grudge match held in Jan between Melbourne and Hume Veterans saw the shield retained by Melbourne Vets with a margin of 15 games to 5.

The competitions for the year started without drama on Friday the 13th of Jan at Werribee Park GC. In March we encountered some heavy conditions at Trentham GC, after downpours the previous few days and in April had a torrid time at Melton GC putting on heavily sanded greens. All the other courses we played through the year were presented in good condition.

Our Championship rounds were both held in Sep at Goonawarra Golf Club due to unplanned coring of greens in Oct. The year ended with a 4BBB competition in warm weather at Melbourne Airport.

Congratulations to Hume Veterans Golf Club Champions for 2023.

Club Champion: Richard Te Whare

A Grade Champion:	Bill Mandouit	B Grade Champion:	Pam Murphy
C Grade Champion:	Peter Denny	D Grade champion:	Leslie Coelho

In our competitions this year 10% of players scored equal to, or better than their handicap and the ratio was evenly spread over the grades. A score down to around 30 points was usually enough to win a golf ball. Field numbers have ranged from 59 to 80 players over the year with an average of 70.

The Order of Merit competition was decided over 8 games through the year, with the winner Alan Kinnaird scoring 528 pts who also won his age group.

Winners:	55-65 age group	Ray Pentony	517 pts
	66-70 age group	Pamela Murphy	478 pts
	71-75 age group	Alan Kinnaird	528 pts
	Over 75 age group	Ted Haydon	455 pts

After cancellation in 2022, a successful John Feehan Aged Tournament was held at Trentham Golf Club on the 21st of April 2023. We had 59 players vying for prizes in 3 age groups with sponsorship from APR Plastics.

Altona Lakes Golf Club Pro Shop continues to supply golf balls and equipment to our Club. The manager Chris Condon is happy to assist our members to purchase any golf gear at a competitive price.

With a successful golf program held over the 2023 year, I am sure that your committee will again strive to provide a structured and well administered Hume Veterans Golf Club for members to enjoy through the 2024 year.

Gus Steegstra

Captain

HUME VETERANS GOLF CLUB INC. TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

This Financial Report outlines the Income and Expenditure of the Hume Veterans Golf Club for the year ending 31st December 2023

Notes

Activities and events were close to normal this year

Player numbers were down on pre-Covid years due to a number of factors including a drop in membership and cost of living increases

The Entry Fee for the events 2023 remained at \$50.00, however a number of Venues increased both their Green Fees and the cost of Meals

This is expected to be the same in 2024 and will necessitate a review of Entry Fees for 2024

Costs for the John Feehan Event were minimal this year as the prizes were carried over from the cancelled 2022 event

The \$400.00 donated by Darren Thorpe's Company, APR, for the John Feehan Event was most appreciated

The number of Members choosing to pre-pay continues to grow, and this together with the use of the EFTPOS process is of assistance for both the Starters and the Treasurer

Overall a small loss of 10.5% (\$1866.00) is considered acceptable taking into account the decision to present Members with a Christmas gift of a bottle of Wine

The Club still managed to meet all of its obligations and maintain a healthy balance in the bank.

HVGC INC, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Comp Fees Direct Deposit	\$ 20,725.00	Merchant Fees ETPOS Terminal	\$ 660.00
Comp Fees cash at Venues	\$ 7,780.00	Green Fees	\$ 21,380.95
Comp Fees Paid EFTPOS at Venue	\$ 13,510.00	Catering Fees	\$ 17,011.00
Membership Fees Direct Deposit into Bank Acct	\$ 3,375.00	Winners Vouchers (Incl. Championships)	\$ 3,940.00
Membership EFTPOS at Venue	\$ 1,585.00	Members Draw Prizes	\$ 421.00
Membership Fees cash at Venue	\$ 740.00	MiClub Fees	\$ 1,298.00
Raffle Monies Profit	\$ 2,435.50	Web Page Expenses	\$ 1,428.00
Clothing/Badges	\$ 1,575.00	Clothing	\$ 1,734.70
Golf Balls Sales	\$ 468.00	Badges	\$ 447.26
Donations / Other	\$ 40.00	Golf Balls	\$ 1,625.00
Cash Held Over		Major Raffle Prizes	\$ 1,150.74
		VVGA Fees	\$ 472.00
		Consumer Affairs	\$ 61.20
		Postage/Stationary/Printing	\$ 14.00
		Audit Fees	\$ 250.00
		Vic Vets Tournament Fees	\$ 1,020.00
		Christmas Gift Wine	\$ 1,205.70
Total Income	\$ 52,233.50	Total Expenditure	\$ 54,119.55
Profit/Loss	\$ (1,886.05)		

RECONCILIATION

Cash @ Bank 1 January 2023	\$ 17,809.28
Plus Total Income 2023	\$ 52,233.50
Less Total Expenditure 2023	\$(54,119.55)
Cash @ Bank 31 December 2023	\$ 15,923.23
Nett movement in Bank Account	\$ (1,886.05)

ASSETS

Cash at bank as at 31st Dec 2023	\$ 15,923.23
Laptop Computer	\$ 1,379.90
Less Depreciation	\$ (344.98)
Clothing in stock	\$ 525.70
Championship Shields	\$ 1,000.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 18,483.85

Signed



Peter Caple
HVGC Treasurer

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc.

SCOPE

I have audited the attached Financial Statements comprising the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December 2023. The Committee is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial report and the information contained therein, and I have determined that the basis of accounting used is appropriate to the needs of the members. I have conducted an independent audit report of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members.

The statements have been prepared for distribution to the members of the association for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's accountability requirements. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

My procedures included examination of bank reconciliations, examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet presents fairly the financial activities of the Hume Veterans Golf Club Inc. for the year ended 31st December 2023 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

Dated this 29th January 2024


BARRY M BAGULEY



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16th January 2024.

Membership status report for 2023

As at the 31st December 23 HVGC had a total of 121 active members, the club had been notified At this stage we have not been notified of any members that have decided to to renew their membership

115 Male

6 Female

The club has 4 Life Members that are still active. During 2023 Kerry Bayly, Mario Caruso, and Arnold Messias were appointed Life Members of HVGC,

During 2023 3 of our Life Members passed Wreford Blake many uyears president ,Secretary and Committee, John Feehan 19 Years as treasurer and committee, Norm Stron g 15 years of service on the committee

Terry How Life Member notified the committee that he would no longer be able to participate in Golf.

We have 10 over 80's that are still active and participate regularly.

A net increase in Membership for 2023 of 2

I again reiterate that the club must vigorously recruit new members to replace the natural attrition of membership due to age, illness or pursuing other interests. The incentive program of rewarding members by introducing two new members appears to be helping to steady the decline in membership and I would like to strongly recommend that this incentive program continue and maybe be enhanced to encourage more members to participate.

All members that have not renewed their membership by the end of February 6th 2024 will be removed from the database and have booking privileges revoked.

Mario Caruso
Membership Secretary