

## President Roger's 2020 Report

The year started with every news bulletin reporting horrific damages due to the bush fires along the east coast of Australia. At the same time, the rest of the world was hearing of a deadly virus. It eventually spread to our shores changing our lifestyles completely, COVID caused isolations, lockdowns, border closures, mandatory wearing of masks, social distancing and interruption to all sports.

Through member generosity, as a special fund raiser for the golf clubs affected by the bushfires, namely Mallacoota and Buchan we sent \$525 to each club to assist in re-establishing some equipment damaged during the fires.

All 2020 members membership fee, was extended through 2021 due to the regulations as there were no tournaments in March, August, September and October.

Our annual Christmas function was cancelled due to indoor regulations as well as our championship awards.

With the easing of government regulations we were grateful in being able to have games at Churchill Waverley and Rosedale golf courses to complete the year.

The CoM arranged meetings virtually and when the 5km rule eased we made it to a coffee shop to discuss our 2021 season.

Sadly during 2020, we lost several members :

Hugh Churchward ; A life member.

John Currie ; A previous President.

Stan Odachowski ; A previous Secretary, who collated club history and was also instrumental in the introduction of our club yellow shirts.

REST IN PEACE, GENTS.

Our thoughts go to those members who have been battling health problems, we do hope 2021 is a better year for them.

Looking at 2021 and years beyond, the Vets club needs to make changes to maintain our club as a GREAT club within the VVGA format.

The financial changes proposed will be :

a) All new members fee for 2021 will be \$105. That includes: joining fee \$30, annual fee, name tag, club shirt, bag tag and VVGA registration and booklet.

The Annual Subscription fee for new members will be \$40 for 2021.

b) Our tournaments will be conducted as a two tier system.

The major courses to be structured at \$60 per round

The second tier courses will be at \$55 per round.

Golf fee when playing on your home course will be \$15.

These will include your lunch and the major draws on the completion of the round.

Our Captain, Harold Hayes has made requests for Shot Gun starts at all venues.

c) The introduction of a 'Tap & Go' system for payment of our golf day fees, instead of using the envelope system. Reduces the need to handle cash.

We need you, the member to support ALL tournaments that are proposed for our 2021 calendar schedule.

Many thanks to our sponsors, House of Golf at DFO. - Innes Ireland.  
Chris Thorne - Window Cleaning Services.  
Also to those who have generously donated prizes.

I wish to take the opportunity of thanking the CoM for all their support throughout this interruptive year.

MEMBERS - Please check your incoming emails and junk/spam area for Vets club info weekly or you may miss important news.

Enjoy your golf in 2021 - see you on the fairways.

Roger Selwood  
President. 2020.