

Oakbank Golf Club, Annual General Meeting 2019/20

At a very well attended AGM on Saturday March 16, President Peter Murray reported on a successful, but 'challenging year' when several milestones were achieved. Peter suggested that the results of the 2018/19 golfing year put the Club in a strong position to look towards getting even stronger in the future and achieving our goal as one of the best 9-hole golf courses anywhere.

While Peter said increasing membership was crucial, he noted the women's numbers were up and the success of the junior program.

Peter told the meeting that The Board had finalised the Strategic Plan which will greatly assist the Club "identify the way forward in the years to come with the directors and their committees responsible for achieving the targets we set for ourselves".

In thanking the board members, directors and others responsible for the many operational areas of the Club, Peter emphasised the delegations, made and accepted, were working extremely well. He said we can all be proud of the major changes to the course which are getting close to being completed.

He particularly mentioned Ben Birtles who had done such a great job in his first year of captaincy. Finally, he expressed his "sincere thanks and gratitude to you all".

Captain Ben Birtles reported on the successes of the golfing aspects of the club, pointing to several major 'wins' including the new format for the championships, major increases in twilight golf attendances, the C1 pennant team's trifecta of premierships, the very successful Presentation Night, the 1st Volkswagen Challenge and the Wenzel Cup which attracted a total of 76 players. Ben also paid tribute to the championship winners and the many volunteers who, in various ways, contribute to the running of the Club.

Finance director, Matt Knight, in presenting his report, said that "the Clubs' financial position is reasonably strong" and that "with the support of all members and prudent financial management we will continue to remain a financially sound Club". Matt's report showed that expenditure was up by almost \$26,000 but he explained this was largely as a result of vital course changes including a much needed new irrigation pump and updating the irrigation system generally.