

AGM 2023 Membership Report

Good morning, Madam President, Committee Members, Delegates and Observers. Welcome to you all.

We are still experiencing a loss of members from the association, but we have registered 658 new members, 248 from Metropolitan clubs and 410 from Country clubs, up from 603 last year. We have a total of 1,1397 financial members which is down from last year's 1,1950, but still encouraging in our current climate. We lost 1,344 members, (1,215 last year). This does not include members from clubs which have relinquished their affiliation with the association.

Clubs who have stepped away from the association due to dwindling numbers or conditions are always welcome back to the association should their situations change. Clubs who have resigned this year are Fairfield and Glenmore Heritage from metro and, Hay, Jindera, and Leura from country. Some members from these clubs have moved to other clubs.

The 2024 Membership fees are starting to come in and are due from now, some clubs are already financial for 2024 so we are very happy to accept your fees. It would be a great help if fees could be paid before the end of February 2024. A reminder to all delegates that the annual fees for 2024 have been increased to \$7.00 per member. The application fee for new members has changed to \$15.00 for Metropolitan members plus \$7.00 annual fees (total \$22.00) and \$10.00 for Country members plus \$7.00 annual fees (total \$17.00), to be paid at time of application.

When paying by EFT, please include the Club name so we can match up the information and the money. Invoices and current members lists have been sent to clubs where the office pays the fees but if you would like an invoice, please let me know. Please send the fees as soon as possible. I was chasing up fees into September last year.

It would help greatly if the Delegates could collect the fees and send them in in one lot rather than bits and pieces. It helps the membership and financial management to keep it all together. The fees must be paid by the 31 March 2024 otherwise the club will be deemed unfinancial. Members are financial until the end of the current calendar year. If members wish to play in any of the tournaments in 2024, they must be financial at the time of the tournament. If any delegate requires a current membership list, please let us know and it can be emailed or posted if required, a new list will not be sent automatically.

The stickers for 2024 are Red. I have stickers today if anyone would like to collect theirs' after the meeting. The current year sticker is an ID that you are a current financial member, attached to the membership card or club fixture book etc.

All new memberships from now, are registered as 2024. The application form and the Membership Summary Sheet have both been updated to reflect the new fee structure for 2024, both can be found on the website. Please use these.

I would like to thank Jacky Parsons, our President and all the Committee members for helping me throughout the year and I look forward to being involved again this year in moving the Association forward. Best wishes to all members of the Association. Good golfing in 2024 and look forward to seeing you at some or all, of the Tournaments in 2024! There are some changes to the usual clubs hosting tournaments so let's see you there.

Best wishes for the Festive Season.

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