



The Eagle



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2026 PENNANT PREMIERS Bairnsdale Golf Club Clean Sweep



Division 1

Bairnsdale 3 def. Maffra 2

Brett Makings lost to Cooper Rimington 3/2
Craig Rimington 2/1 def. N. Wallace.
Koby McCormick lost to D. Reynolds 5/4
Mat Walkenhorst 1 up def. D. Bullen
Daniel Churches 2 up def. H. Burgiel

Brett Makings, Craig Rimington, Koby McCormick, Mat Walkenhorst and Daniel Churches.



Division 2

Bairnsdale 4½ def. Sale ½

Damien Tubb 6/4 def. N. Chaffe
Ash Baylis all square J. Todd
Jacob Brewer 3/2 def. A. Patten
Tim Elliott 4/2 def. J. Hargreaves
Les Coles 2 up def. G. Ballinger

Damien Tubb, Les Coles, Lachlan McGrath, Tim Elliott and Ash Baylis.



Division 3

Bairnsdale (1) 5 def. Orbost 0

Rod Cotton 5/4 def. M. Munro
Michael Brusamarello 3/1 def.
L. Endley
Lachlan McGrath 2/1 def.
C. Marshall
Marty Fanning 1 up def.
J. Cuthbertson
Darren Beggs 5/4 def.
A. Gilviania



Michael Brusamarello, Rod Cotton, Reed Dixon-Kitt, Marty Fanning, Lachlan McGrath and Darren Beggs.

aRound4Good a huge success at Bairnsdale Golf Club

Bradley Campbell, chief executive officer of Your Own Way, has joined forces with the Bairnsdale and Morwell golf clubs to launch **aRound4Good** — a community initiative using golf to encourage conversations around mental health and suicide prevention in regional Victoria.

The concept behind the initiative is simple: a round of golf provides up to four hours walking side-by-side with mates, away from phones, screens and daily pressures, creating an environment where genuine conversations can happen naturally.

Mr Campbell said the program had been designed differently from traditional awareness campaigns. “People have had enough of being spoken at,” he said.

“They’re disillusioned, stretched financially and emotionally, and tired of lectures.

Golf is different. You’re walking beside someone for hours — sometimes a mate, sometimes a complete stranger — and the conversations that happen out there often don’t happen anywhere else.”

He said **aRound4Good** was not about forcing difficult conversations or confronting people with speeches and statistics.

“You won’t be preached to. There won’t be formal speeches telling people how to feel,” Mr Campbell said.

“This is about starting conversations, not forcing them. Help and support will be there when people need it, but the focus is on creating a culture where it’s okay to ask someone if they’re alright and not be afraid to open up.”

Importantly, the initiative extends beyond raising awareness.

Funds raised through **aRound4Good** will help provide golf club members and staff with access to professional assistance programs, allowing people to continue conversations with registered mental health professionals and access ongoing guidance and support.

“That’s where this program is really trying to be different,” Mr Campbell said.

“It’s not just about awareness for one day and then moving on.

It’s about making sure support is actually there afterwards for members and staff of these clubs.”





The initiative comes as regional communities continue to experience higher suicide rates than metropolitan areas, with men accounting for the majority of suicide deaths nationally.

Mr Campbell said many people across Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley often carried personal struggles quietly.

“People in regional communities are built tough. They put on a brave face when things are hard, and often even their families don’t know what they’re carrying,” he said. “Sometimes something as simple as a conversation during a round of golf can be the catalyst for someone to seek help.”

Mr Campbell also thanked the corporate sponsors supporting the initiative.

“We want to thank all the corporate sponsors who genuinely care about their local communities and have committed to supporting this important cause,” he said.

“The support from local businesses and organisations is what helps programs like this make a real difference.”

Organisers are already planning to expand **aRound4Good** beyond Gippsland in 2027, encouraging other golf clubs and sponsors to become involved.



aRound4Good will be held in partnership with the Bairnsdale and Morwell golf clubs, with the long-term aim of building stronger community connections while helping normalise conversations around mental health in sporting clubs and regional communities.



MANAGER'S REPORT - MAY 2026

Jeff Graham



Hello all,

What a wonderful stretch of weather we had in AprilAND MAY and forecast for the rest of JUNE. That's the good news, unfortunately, this type of stretch through autumn and winter generally precedes a very hot and dry spell. Hope I'm wrong, but we are probably due for one.

Special General Meeting- June 16th

As most would be aware, the Committee of Management has called a Special General Meeting (in accordance with the Constitution) to approve several category of membership fee increases on June 16th. The predominant reason for the increases is to align these categories to a scale for either access or age-based discounts which the Committee considers a fairer spread of the financial load (across all categories). In advance of the Meeting, we will provide more detail on each category so that an informed discussion can occur. If you want to have your say, come along on June 16th.

Whilst this Meeting is open for any member to attend, **only entitled members can vote.**

Jazz, Pizza and Pasta night a huge hit

Close to 90 patrons attended the recent Jazz, Pizza and Pasta night and what a great success it turned out to be. **The Ramblers** played for close to two hours with everyone staying well past 10pm for the encores. A big thanks to member Tony Porter who liaised between the group and BGC ensuring the "win-win" arrangement. Tony even snuck in a few vocal performances with the band that were very well received. Including the band, the kitchen staff served 107 meals in an À La Carte format which is to be commended. Despite pre night concerns, the food was delivered in a prompt and efficient manner. A great job by all!!!! Especially Julie Brittain (in the red circle).



MANAGER'S REPORT - MAY 2026 (cont.)



Strategic Plan update.

IN PROGRESS

Perform minor renovations to the female change rooms. UPDATE. Approval has been provided for the replacement of the carpet in front (with vinyl planks) of the vanities along with a vanity refresh (new countertop, taps and basins). The aim is to have this complete by Marion Dwyer day on Friday May 29th UPDATE: Unfortunately, a delay on the new benchtop means that we won't have the upgrades complete before the Marion Dwyer, so we won't start prior to avoid any mess. **NO UPDATE**

Change the sand in seven bunkers. Repair the drainage and change the sand in four others, fill in and grass two others. (Perform 50% of)

In accordance with our Bunker audit, we will be fully renovating the 1st hole left greenside. The 17th hole left greenside, 8th hole front right greenside.

We will also replace the sand in the 2nd hole, 3rd hole x 2, 5th hole, 8th hole and 14th hole. **NO UPDATE** since last report

Repair or reconstruct the golf course paths rated a

high priority (Perform 50% of). UPDATE: Some good news, the culvert drain on the 18th has been completed and we expect to start laying the hex grid (purchased and awaiting installation) within the next 3-4 weeks. UPDATE: We are close to finishing the 18th path with the hex grid and crushed rock installed. We need to lay some sod grass on the 10th tee and finish off a few rough areas but other than that its complete. Whilst we are very happy with the outcome, we won't be entirely satisfied until we have a significant downpour of rain to test the path and new drainage. The course team will then finish the 18th green bunker and surround works before moving onto the 15th green to 16th tee path. Lastly, the team will address the path on the 17th hole which will take a new direction on the opposite side of the women teeing ground.

NO UPDATE

Until next month, play well,

Jeff Graham



PRESIDENT'S REPORT - MAY 2026

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

May 26 has been another busy month with the Men's Pennant Finals held at Bairnsdale, plus the East Gippsland Men's Championship event.

After several busy months our course staff will appreciate the quite months going forward allowing work on paths and bunkers to take place.

MEN'S PENNANT FINAL

Congratulations to the Bairnsdale Div 1, 2 & 3 for winning the Men's Pennant final.

Great effort guys-you have made us all feel very proud of you.

ALL GIPPSLAND MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Noah Paterson for winning this event.

Huge thanks to David Pollard for organising the Saturday-Sunday event.



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

At our recent Committee of Management Meeting, the following decisions were made,

- Peter Alldis was elected as Club Captain for the remainder of this year.
I am sure all members will give Peter their full support.
- Hole in One prizes have changed as follows,
 - The Winner will be supplied with (a) Mounted Golf Ball, (b) Bottle of Wine, (c) Titleist Cap plus now a \$ 100 Members Credit Voucher (Please note that the Hole in One winner will **not** also be entitled to \$30 for an Eagle).
 - Playing partners of the Hole in One winner will be entitled to one free drink from the club.
 - Members in the clubhouse will **NOT** be provided with a free drink going forward.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 6pm

Members are encouraged to attend the above special meeting as previously advised via email.

After this meeting Committee of Management will set fees for the 2026-2027 season.

Regards

STEPHEN MANN (President)

Team Golf

The return of Team Golf for the 2026 season was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to all the winners and those who volunteered to ensure the season ran smoothly.



The Jacals: Colin and Jeanette Jones with Andrew and Julie Percival.



Jeff Graham congratulating Bairnlow Medal winner Andrew Gibbons.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MAY 2026

David Pollard



Hello all!

Firstly, a shout out to Peter Alldis officially stepping into the Captain's role. Peter has already said of the tremendous support he has already received.

Good luck Peter!

Our annual audit is ready to begin. Once we have that 'done and run' we can go about setting the date for this year's AGM.

Any time you would like to chat about the figures, let me know.

The reporting period is 01.07.25 to 30.04.26

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is over by \$40,508 (good)

- Sponsorship, Major events & Bowls revenue are all up.
- The retail trade is showing great signs with our collective Gross profit up \$20,000.
- The only other variance is the Grant's received that we had not budgeted to receive.

Expenses are over \$61,446 (not so good)

- Our staffing costs are up \$26,000 for the year, not a surprise but a considered decision to provide more staff in the Clubhouse as well as on the course.
- House costs are tracking over budget due to some unforeseen repair costs as well as unforeseen damage from a break in.
- Course costs are currently over budget but are being reviewed regularly by Craig and Jeff and we have no concerns there.

Net Profit (Before Depreciation) is under \$21,000 (not so good).

Considering some of the impactful events that have happened during this year, I am quite happy with where we are at. We have almost completed the 2027 budget and once we get through the Special General meeting on Tuesday, we will be ready to set the subscriptions for 2027.

David.



The Bairnsdale Golf Club welcome our most recent new members. We wish them a happy and successful association with their new Club.

Peter (David) Hoefer	Shelley Wirken
Julie Ritchie	Dylan Radford
Eden Fanning	Addison Fanning
Janey O'Keefe	Michael Banson
Elaine Phillips	Susan Ladley
Paul Reinsch	

ALL GIPPSLAND CHAMPION 36 Holes



Congratulations!!

Noah Paterson is the All Gippsland Men's Champion! With a score of 143, Noah finished 3 shots ahead of Paul Andrijczak from Traralgon.

Hole in one



Congratulations!!

Cameron Willmott joins the St. Halletts 'Hole-in-One' Club with his shot at the 8th on May 30.

COURSE MANAGEMENT - MAY 2026

Craig Rimington



May has now seen the conclusion of a busy Golf events schedule, Women's Pennant rounds, host Club for all Divisions Men's Pennant Finals, Marion Dwyer Day, All Gippsland 4 Ball Championship and 36 Hole All Gippsland Stroke Championship.

The break in and theft from the work sheds has left us extremely light on with tools and equipment, we are currently working to upgrade secure storage and visibility on site.

Tee path grid installation - we will continue this process and complete works for the 10th/18th, Clubhouse path and then move onto the 16th tee path/toilet area and the new path from the 17th ladies' tee.

Course Management Practices undertaken during May have included: - preparations for day to day running of all Club events Golf & Bowls; bunker edging, weeding, moss removal from faces, sand levelling, addition; sod laying LHS 9th rough; burn green waste piles; clean open drains and cut clear around drain tops; clean work shed's roof, gutters, and rear of sheds; Air 2g2 deep aeration golf greens (contractor), third selective herbicide application golf greens, couch grass control.

Selective herbicide application to greens pre and post emergent herbicides for *Poa annua* control.

Mainline irrigation repair at work sheds, install scour (air) and isolation valve.

General course maintenance practices.

Greens The renovation with the Dry Ject machine was very disappointing and failed to achieve optimal results, after ten greens were completed, we had the contractor inject the remaining greens with high pressure water to fracture the surface and not inject sand. We have numerous theories as to why this practice was unsuccessful. Deep air injection has been undertaken to target deep in the greens profile. Both these processes used together were to achieve total greens profile aeration to a depth of 35cm and to aerate and sand fill columns.

Bowling Greens The top green is currently closed to give it a rest, from a full season of use. The liquid bio stimulant/nutrition program will continue throughout the winter to bolster soil biology and aid in disease suppression.

Tees Divoting tees has been on a fortnightly or as needs basis. Colored pigment applications to take place on tees during June.

Fairways We have received delivery of the new turbine blower. This will be put to full use during the winter. Herbicide applications for winter grass and weeds will take place during June, 9-hole closures will need to take place for herbicide applications.



COURSE MANAGEMENT - MAY 2026 (cont.)

Vegetation General clean-up from high winds of fallen limbs, branches and leaf litter. Select tree works will re-commence in accordance with the Enspec tree audit.

STAFF/OH&S Chemical splash back incident.

Implementation of safe access to Bowls greens with Rollers (ongoing).

Machinery Scheduled maintenance is being undertaken on all machinery as required. Posi track currently out of service, requiring repair.

Rainfall

May 2025	27 mm (rain days 5)
May 2026	52.5 mm (rain days 8)
Year to date 2026	242.5 mm



Temperature

May

Ave Min – 8 degrees

Ave Max – 19 degrees

Highest this Month 28 degrees

Works Program for June 2026 to include: -

Preparation for all Club and Corporate events Golf and Bowls; Security/Storage upgrades at work sheds; cart path Works; continue vegetation audit works; machinery maintenance; IPM Control Program.

Course issues which may arise from Committee meeting.

Works program may vary due to weather conditions.

Craig Rimington
Course Superintendent



The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

THAT'S
\$5,412
OFF*

G10 PLUS 2.0L TURBO
DIESEL VAN FROM
\$36,500
DRIVEAWAY*

Stock No: E16632. *See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

THAT'S
\$6,000
OFF*

TERRON 9 ORIGIN MY25
DOUBLE CAB FROM
\$46,990
DRIVEAWAY*

Stock No: E09922. *See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

THAT'S
\$5,263
OFF*

OUTBACK MY25 2.5I
SPORT AWD FROM
\$48,500
DRIVEAWAY*

Stock No: 065659. *See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

UP TO
\$11K OFF
SELECTED
DEMONSTRATOR
VEHICLES*

DON'T MISS OUT

*See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

THAT'S
\$4,424
OFF*

FORESTER HYBRID MY26
SPORT AWD FROM
\$55,900
DRIVEAWAY*

Stock No: 016255. *See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

THAT'S
\$5,466
OFF*

FORESTER HYBRID MY26
TOURING AWD FROM
\$55,900
DRIVEAWAY*

Stock No: 011211. *See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

The Big Garage
BAIRNSDALE

EOFY
DEMO EVENT

THAT'S
\$11,018
OFF*

SUBARU SOLTERRA MY24
AWD WAGON FROM
\$56,500
DRIVEAWAY*

Stock No: 056859. *See in store for full T&C's. LMCT 9583

A RANGE OF THANKS

Once again, I thank all the 15 volunteers who participate in retrieving, cleaning, and making available Driving Range golf balls.

Our gratitude is particularly important as we move into the cold, and sometimes wet, period of early mornings which will occur over the next few months.

Those named below, rostered on in pairs fortnightly, spend at least two early morning hours on either Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and other days when required by Special Golf Competitions, Coaching, and Commercial Club Fitting days.

The benefits of their work include the availability of the range for members and visitors, as well as substantial revenue for our Club.

Thanks to Tom Deer, Bill Flack, John Fleischer, Alan Jackson, Gary Keys, Chris Lamb, Steve Mackay, Don May, Kelvin Mathews, Sam McPherson, Frank Ryan, Frank O'Connell, Greg Reardon and Denis Shelton.

Because of the unavailability of Team Members from time to time for a variety of personal reasons, we appeal to you to take this opportunity to join us, noting that although the pick-up is mostly mechanised, the manual handling aspects do require a reasonable level of physical capability.

If you are interested, please call Manager Jeff, or me on 0417 011 166.
Look forward to having you involved.

Peter Wilson.



ORBOST V BAIRNSDALE SHIELD CHALLENGE 2026

The Orbost Shield competition commenced at Bairnsdale in March 2003, originally played twice yearly until 2008 and annually since then. The competition is alternated between the courses and this year it was at Orbost. Always a very difficult task up there for our Club and this year it was no different.

12 Bairnsdale players travelled to Orbost with some of them never having experienced the Course. I might add it was in the best condition I have ever seen it; the greens have improved out of sight, fairways however are Kyke and no run, the rough was about 3 inches deep and tough and there were some crow problems.

I played against Steve Robinson, (starting on the par 3 10th, he hit his ball close to the green and before he could get into his cart the crow had the ball and took off). As the back nine early was a major concern with crows, players with carts chased up the fairways to protect the balls of other players.

Overall, it was a very dismal performance with Bairnsdale going down 9 ½ to 2 ½.

Our winners were Barry Kubale 31 pts, he was as surprised as anyone, Les Barnett first time in a challenge also 31 and the half was Norm Bambury proudly with 24.

One of the Orbost boys returned 42 pts off single figures, the next best was 36.



Ron Healey returning the Shield which we held to Orbost's Brian McDonald.

Most of the Bairnsdale boys were in the low 20's with a couple under. 3 matches were decided by 1 point Orbost way.

Once again, we go to a course which is supposed to be much easier than Bairnsdale and we lose 2-3 shots on our handicaps.

It is always a good day against the Orbost boys, and I thank all our players for making the trip.

28 matches have now been played in this series with Orbost winning 14 Bairnsdale 11 and 3 matches have been tied.



200 CLUB



Congratulations to our latest winners:

Draw 79 12/05/2026

\$800 (164)
\$400 (185)
\$200 (44)

Phil Soulsby, Fred Jackson, Chris Savige, Lyle Elliott
Kody McCormick, Campbell Holland, Cam Willmott, Trent Ball
Jim Adams, Peter Alldis

SUNDAY GOLF - JANUARY 2026

Geoff Brooks



A shortened report this month as in the last two weeks of May the Club hosted the East Gippsland Pennant Finals on Sunday 24th and the East Gippsland Championships on Sunday 31st May.

Reverting back to the beginning of the month, Sunday 3rd attracted only 37 players (23 men and 14 women) with the eventual winners being Sharyon Dumbleton (25) 37 pts and Noah Large (28) with 38 pts. Congratulations to the winners!



Sunday 10th (Mother's Day) saw 29 men and 18 ladies battle for the honours of the day. Winners this day were Nadine Martin (8) with 35 pts. Whilst in the men's section Waylon Whelan (11) and Johnny Lash (22) tied on 41 pts with Waylon winning on countback.

The following week attracted 40 players and saw the ever consistent Sharyon Dumbleton (24) 39 pts win by one point from Jenny Brown (28) with 38 pts, whilst in the men's division Noah Large (27) continued on his merry way by once again winning from Rafael Rodriguez (25) with 41 pts and 40 pts respectively.

More next month as winter sets in and safe travelling to those who head north for their annual winter respite.

Geoff B.



See you Sunday!

No Plans For Thursday Night Dinner? Book a table at the Bairnsdale Golf Club Pizzeria

Pizzeria		April 26
Traditional Italian stone baked Pizza		
Garlic & Herb	Crushed garlic, olive oil & herb	\$16.00
Garlic Herb & Cheese	Crushed garlic, olive oil, herb and mozzarella	\$19.00
Salmon	Crushed garlic, olive oil, smoked salmon, asparagus, capers, fresh mozzarella cheese, fresh basil	\$25.50
Pescatora	Crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, olive oil, prawns, smoked mussels, marinated baby octopus, fresh basil	\$28.50
Margherita	Crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, fresh basil	\$21.00
Capriccosa	Crushed tomatoes, smoked ham, kalamata olives, artichokes, mushrooms, mozzarella	\$23.50
Patate e Salsiccia	Sliced potato, crushed garlic, pork and fennel sausage, olive oil, fresh mozzarella, fresh rosemary	\$23.50
Diavola	Crushed tomatoes, fresh mozzarella, spicy salami, chilli	\$22.00
Favourites Pizza		
Aussie	Crushed tomatoes, smoked ham, smoked bacon, egg, mozzarella	\$23.00
Italian Meatlovers	Crushed tomatoes, hickory BBQ, smoked ham, Calabrese salami, pork and fennel sausage, mozzarella	\$25.00
Hawaiian	Crushed tomatoes, smoked ham, pineapple, mozzarella	\$22.00
Speciality bases	House made Gluten Free add \$3	

Pasta	
Gnocchi alla Sorrentino	\$27.00
House made baked gnocchi, tomatoes, roasted garlic, caramelised onion, fresh mozzarella, basil.	
Pappardelle di agnello	\$29.00
Pappardelle, braised lamb shanks, red wine and rosemary ragu, cherry tomato, fetta, flat leaf parsley	
Spaghettini	\$32.00
Spaghettini, olive oil, prawns, garlic, chilli, spring onion, spinach, flat leaf parsley	
Penne ai funghi e Pancetta	\$27.00
Penne, smoked bacon, portobello mushroom, spring onion, parmesan, cream	
Pasta alla Chitarra con Pallottine	\$29.00
Spaghetti, house made pork and veal meatballs, napoli sauce, Parmesan	
Dessert	
Cassata	\$12.50
Strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice-cream, Amaretto sponge cake, dried fruits, cocoa	
Limoncello Gelato & Limoncello	\$15.00
Sharp lemon gelato, Limoncello liquor, mint	
Tartufo & Dolce de Leche	\$15.00
Vanilla bean ice-cream, Amaretto cherry, chocolate biscuit, dulce de leche, slivered almonds.	
Affogatto	\$16.50
Vanilla bean ice-cream, espresso, Frangelico	



HISTORY

Ron Healey - Historian

HISTORY OF THE CLUB THROUGH MEETING MINUTES



In January 2018 I commenced writing excerpts from Club Minutes each month for the Newsletter, the last of these in the October 2022 edition. As we have many new members since 2018 it was felt that some of the history is worth repeating. Up to this time I have covered minutes from the original Black Quarto Exercise book covering the forming of the Club in 1904 to 1910.

EXCERPTS OF MINUTES FROM THE NEXT BOOK STILL ALL HANDWRITTEN.

COMPRISES 349 PAGES AND DATES FROM 6TH MARCH, 1947 TO 12TH SEPTEMBER 1957.

The following meeting was the **1956 AGM held March 13**, attended by 33 members, the Treasurer pointed out the salient features of the financial report and balance sheet and as there were no queries the report was adopted.

The only nomination for President was Mr. Alan Archibald who was duly elected with acclamation.

Retiring President Mr R H Archibald spoke in appreciation of the work that Alan had put in for the Club and that his appointment was a total reward for his efforts. Mr N Roberts then spoke on the work retiring President Mr R H Archibald had been involved in during his 6-year term in the chair.

Elections were then carried out for Executive and Committee, as there were only sufficient nominations the following Executive were elected.

Vice President: Mr N Roberts; Past President: Mr R H Archibald; Captain: Mr R. Evison; Treasurer: Mr. R Hawkins; Secretary: Mr B. Dahlsen; Hon Auditor: Mr J Smith. From 12 committee nominations the following were elected as Committee: Mr D Dahlsen, F H Morecroft, A L McLeod, C C (Haggis) McPherson A. Potter, C. Ferguson, J L Pallot and A R Kyte.

Subscriptions were set the same as last year. Appreciation was noted of the tireless work retiring Secretary Mr C Ferguson and Auditor Mr K Dahlsen had put in for the Club.

Mr R H Archibald spoke on the necessity of course etiquette and a Course Etiquette Circular was to be duplicated (yes one of those Roneo Machines) and forwarded to all members with a copy of Club Rules.

A request was made that new flags be purchased with a different colour for each nine.

At the General meeting following the AGM the subcommittees were appointed and much discussion was held on arrangements for the Peter Thomson visit, a rain out insurance cover was to be arranged for £100 at a cost of £9/17/6 and that Messrs A Archibald, N. Roberts, R Evison, A. Potter, F Morecroft and B Dahlsen represent the Club at a luncheon at the Commercial Hotel to welcome Peter Thomson.

With regard to the course the services of Mr Nielsen were to be obtained for the rotary hoeing of the bunkers.

At the Committee Meeting held at the Club House **March 13, 1956** sub-committees were formed and arrangements were made for the Easter Tournament over Saturday to Monday, a letter was received from Spalding Bros. offering a visit at no cost to the Club from professional Len Woodward on Thursday May 10th, it was moved that the offer be accepted and date confirmed. The **Meeting on April 3rd, 1956**, saw plans for alterations and additions to the Club House being discussed in relation to the Liquor Licence, the Treasurer said that further stress would be placed on Club to raise funds. He said that currently club's financials showed a deficit of £976. He said the Peter Thomson visit financially was disappointing only showing a profit of £8.

The Treasurer also referred to the laxity with green fees, it was moved that a new larger sign be produced and displayed conspicuously. A new metal box to contain cards and money envelopes was to be installed.

The next **meeting was May 1st, 1956**, and complaints had been made as to the tidiness of the Buggy Room, the House Committee was instructed to take the necessary steps and act as they saw fit in order to curb the general untidiness.

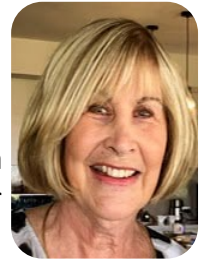
The financial deficit was reduced to £863; reminders were sent out regarding late payment of subscriptions.

Much discussion was held on the problem of slow play on Saturdays and the players not strictly adhering to the time sheet. Any group not ready to hit off at their allocated time would be moved to the end of the field (The whole Group "No argument").

A membership induction was held at this meeting with 23 new Members and 15 new Associates joining the Club.

WOMEN'S GOLF - MAY 2026

Janine Newell



May brought the continuation of that beautiful autumn weather until we got a blast of 12-degree chill to bring us back to reality. Fortunately, the chilly weather only lasted a couple of days and we were lucky enough to get more of that beautiful balmy weather for the rest of our golf days.

Once again, we are very grateful to our women members for their sponsorship of our Wednesday competition and this month we would like to thank Karen Carmody, Glenda Wardrope, Sue Goodman, Jo Dyer and Jenny Halloran for their support and generosity.

Of course, the month of May brings the very important Marion Dwyer Day which draws players from all over Gippsland and Melbourne. We had around 130 ladies for lunch with antipasto grazing platters on the tables, a variety of wraps and a dessert of apple and berry crumble.

Thanks to our Catering Committee for arranging our food and our equally hard-working men in the kitchen, Daryl, Barry, Alan and Kevin who did a fabulous job cleaning up.

It was wonderful to have Lyn Johnston speak about her personal experiences playing golf with Marion Dwyer and she spoke about her wonderful contribution and dedication to the game of golf, particularly at Bairnsdale and in Gippsland.

This very successful day was a result of lots of hard work from our organiser, Janet Gibson, our Captain Julie Percival and the hard-working Match Committee.

Thanks also to Claudia Watson our Honorary Secretary who prepares all the letters, paperwork, prize certificates etc. ready for our events and Robyn Brunt for her hard work and thanks to our generous donors, we were able to have 22 prizes for our raffle on the day. The tables looked wonderful and for that we thank Jodie O'Connell and her table setting crew.

Overall, we would have to conclude this year's Marion Dwyer Day was a huge success. Good golfing!

Janine.



WOMEN'S SATURDAY GOLF - MAY 2026

Julie Brittain



We have had wonderful weather for May as it has been great to be on the course in sunshine.

2 May we only had 18 ladies playing stableford but did not stop Jenny Gibbs shining with 39 points.

9 May 20 women playing with Gwen Jackson winning with 37 points.

23 May our badge day saw 24 women playing and nice to see Val Dent winning with a 70 net

30 May saw very low numbers most likely due to the Marion Dwyer played on Friday. 10 ladies came out to play and Marg McCallum won with 35 points.

With winter on our doorstep and many of the ladies (including myself) heading off to warmer climates, I hope the ladies will continue to enjoy their Saturday Golf and I will be keeping track of the action.

Julie.



WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - MAY 2026

Julie Percival



Welcome to the Captain's report for the month of May, which was certainly a little quieter for us all, but it still finished on a high note with another Hole-in-One.

Our Pennant season came to an end and unfortunately three teams did not make it into the finals. Thankyou to all our Pennant representatives who gave their time travelling around representing Bairnsdale Golf Club this year. We will certainly regroup and give next year a good shake!!!

Once again, the weather was kind to us and we managed to have all weeks completed with any delays. Even managed to squeeze the Marion Dwyer Day in at the end.

Our Marion Dwyer Day was very successful and appreciation to all those who made this day special and possible.

Thanks to Craig and his team as the course was looking a picture and really on show to all our visitors.

Thank you to Robyn Brunt for putting up a huge raffle on the day with 22 amazing prizes – your efforts were certainly on display. Big thankyou to everyone who assisted Robyn with your generous donations.

To our Lady President Janine and your team – just two words – amazing & thankyou!

Congratulations to our three 'Hole-in-One' winners this month who certainly broke the bar budget for the month !!!

Congratulations !! 'Hole-in-One

Nadine Martin, Shirley Walters and Angela Boyd who this month all joined the St. Hallett's Hole-in-One Club.



1st May Nadine Martin 4th hole.



20th May Shirley Walters 11th hole.



29th May Angela Boyd 8th hole.

WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT - MAY 2026 (cont.)

RESULTS: Week 1 6th May Stroke and Monthly Medal. Sponsored by Bairnsdale Bowls Club.

72 players. 9 Hole Comp. 11 players.

Div. 1 Mary-Ann Emerton (8) 68 Nett; Div. 2 Jean Murray (30) 68 Nett ; Div. 3 Claudia Watson (36) 68 Nett. Monthly Medal awarded to Jean Murray on C/B with 68 nett.

9 Hole comp. Joy Vellios 19 Stableford points.



Jean Murray receiving her Medal from Captain Julie. Mary-Ann Emerton, Jean Murray and Claudia Watson.

RESULTS: Week 2 13th May Stableford.

Sponsored by Glenda Wardrope, Joanne Dye and Karen Carmody. 86 players 18 hole Competition & 13 players 9 Hole Competition.

Div. 1 – Mary-Ann Emerton (8) 40 points.

Div. 2 – Glenda Wardrope (27) 42 points.

Div. 3 – Jeanette Jones (34) 35 points.

9 Hole Comp – Val Quirk – 19 Stableford points.

Winners Mary-Ann Emerton and Glenda Wardrope (also a sponsor) with joint sponsors Karen Carmody and Joanne Dye.



RESULTS: Week 3 20th May Par. Sponsor: Club

Event. 72 players and 9 Hole Competition 11 players.

Div. 1 – Fiona Gray (15) +2

Div. 2 – Jenny Archibald (25) +2 C/B

Div. 3 – Jenny Hamilton (31) +3

9 Hole Comp. Gloria Barrack – 18 Stableford points

'Hole-in-One': Shirley Walters 11th Hole.

Jenny Hamilton with Fiona Gray.



RESULTS: Week 4 27th May 2 Ball Ambrose Event.

Sponsors: Sue Goodman & Jenny Halloran

Winners: Jenny Ellis (visitor) & Leonie Taylor Nett

67.75. Runners Up: Cecilia Stewart & Mary-Ann

Emerton Nett 68.25

9 Hole Comp – Mira Faithfull with 17 Stableford points.



MARION DWYER PERPETUAL SALVER

RESULTS: 29th May Marion Dwyer Day Salver

4BBB Par Event 116 players.

Winners: Dianne Gray & Dianne Dickson (Lakes Ent. GC)
+10 C/B.

Runners Up: Heather Twyerould & Karen Demarco
(Metung GC) +9.

Visitors Trophy: Sharon Duguid & Robyn Bertino
(South Pines GC) +10.

Best 9 In – Sue Gannon & Lyn Beeck.

Best 9 Out – Kaye Kuizenga & Lorna Morgan (Newry GC).

‘Hole-in-One’ Angela Boyd 8th Hole.



Dianne Dickson and Dianne Gray.



*Karen Demarco and
Heather Twyerould.*



*Lorna Morgan and
Kaye Kuizenga.*



*Sue Gannon and
Lyn Beeck.*



*Robyn Bertino and
Sharon Duguid.*



Marion Dwyer Day is a special event on our calendar where we have the opportunity to recall the wonderful golfing feats of our past Life Member and extra-ordinary Champion golfer.

Marion's many achievements include: 9 times Vic. Country Champion; 13 Gippsland Championships; 3 Metro Club Championships; 16 East Gippsland Championships; Bairnsdale Golf Club Champion 31 times and 3 times Victorian Veteran's Champion.

Marion was also a Life Member at Orbost, Newry and East Gippsland Women's Golf where she served as President and Captain.

At Bairnsdale, Marion had been President, Ladies' Captain and a member of the Associates Committee for 23 years. She also represented East and West Gippsland on the Victorian Ladies' Golf Union Council.

Marion was dedicated to developing country golf courses when she was on the VLGU Council and was vitally interested in supporting new golfers and would travel to small clubs giving clinics.

Her name is perpetuated with the annual WGV Victorian Country Foursomes Championship.



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