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Bairnsdale Golf Club Newsletter



September 2026 Issue 140

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aRound4Good day was conducted at Bairnsdale Golf Club on Saturday 12th September 2026, sponsored by YOUR OWN WAY. Bairnsdale Golf Club sincerely thank Brad Campbell and YOUR OWN WAY for their great support.

200 golfers played a Mixed Ambrose event, in beautiful weather, supporting Mental Health.



Winners (left):

Nathan McGrath, Lachlan McGrath, Patrick Hollow and Tyler Elliott, each receiving \$250 with a score of 51. The youngest players on the day - very well done!



2nd Place

Brett Makings, Darren Makings, Reed Dixon- Kitt and Marty Fanning each receiving \$100 each for a score of 53.625.

3rd Place

Mark Ashley, Rodney Walton, Marcus Richards & Scott Ashley scored 54.375 and received \$50 each.



On Thursday September 17 the Club hosted its annual Trivia Night. Thanks again to all who attended and we hope to run the event same time next year.



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86 attendees enjoyed the Trivia which was prepared and hosted by David Pollard. It was very well received with lots of head scratchers and laughs.



The winners after an extended play-off were Lee Hall, Janine Newell, Daryl Newell, Barry Kubale, Sue Kubale, Brenda Pearce, Ivan and Rose Turrey.



Runners-up were Heather Peart and her partner, Sue McInnes, Steve McQualter, Chris Clarke, Linda Daniel, Jeanette and Colin Jones.



Jenny Archibald and Jenny Hemming were assisted by the usual set of volunteers to prepare the three-course Italian menu. Lachie McGrath and Paddy Hollow managed the dishes whilst Stephen Mann, Peter Schmidt and Phil Soulsby delivered the meals.



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MANAGER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

Jeff Graham



Hello all,

Typing this report whilst 50mils of rain falls on the course is very satisfying, and another 30mils forecast for tomorrow. Whilst it's frustrating to miss out on a few rounds of golf, the value of the water that falls from the sky over the stuff from sprinklers can't be overstated, especially heading into what is forecast as a long hot summer.

What we are working on

Pizzeria

- The outline of a **fun, after 3pm, 9-hole event** designed to encourage players to have a hit and then a pizza on the deck is underway. Whilst we are brainstorming only, there have been lots of great suggestions and I'm looking forward to presenting it to the Match Committee.
- **Members draw.** This will certainly occur, most likely towards the end of October. I'm hoping to find a generous sponsor (around \$1000 per annum).
- **More Music and Events.** The success of the Ramblers Jazz Band and Trivia Nights has confirmed that when we combine the food with entertainment, everyone wins.

Inclement Weather Policy Update

You may not be aware that for some time, the Club has utilised an Inclement Weather Policy which covers Heat, Lightning, Wind & Fog. We also have an onsite weather station that up until recently, hasn't been integrated into the policy. Based on the data collected from this station, we will soon release an update policy, tailored closer to the microclimate we experience at our course rather than generic weather stations located across the region (such as the airport). Hopefully, this data will keep us safer whilst allowing us to continue playing.

By-Laws Review

The Committee of Management have delegated a working group to continue the process of By-Law review. The primary focus is to improve governance and equity as well as modernising some of the operational practices.

Pro-am.

The Australian PGA have offered Bairnsdale and Maffra Golf Clubs a chance of a lifetime. Rather than conduct two separate Legends (over 50s) Pro-Ams, they have suggested we join up and run a two – three-day event. Last month, the Board of the PGA approved the concept for the **Victorian PGA Legends Championships** to be conducted at our two Clubs! Now the hard work starts.....

Strategic Plan update.

At the upcoming AGM, we will be releasing the annual member's update to the 2023-28 Strategic Plan. Prior to this date, we will be sending out a member's survey on playing surfaces and service standards. One of the most important contributions you can make to the Club is to provide honest, considered answers to the questions posed. We typically conduct this type of survey every two years, and it takes no more than ten minutes to complete. Your time and effort will be greatly appreciated.

Until next month, play well,

Jeff Graham

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

Stephen Mann



Hello to all members,

Spring has arrived with a few warm days followed by the usual wind in Spring.

Golf Club Election Nominations for Committee of Management for 2 Year term

Nominations are due no later than Wednesday 14th October 2026 for the following positions,

- Club Captain Currently held by Peter Alldis who will not continue
- Club Vice Captain Currently vacant
- Treasurer Currently held by David Pollard who will not continue
- 1 Committee Member Currently held by Cecilia Stewart

I welcome nominations for any of the positions and encourage potential nominees to contact Jeff Graham if you require further detail on the above roles.

I sincerely thank Peter Alldis and David Pollard for their service to our Committee of Management over many years.

MONACELLARS SPONSORSHIP

Members are reminded that we have a sponsorship arrangement with Monacellars. You can buy alcohol at discount rates in Bairnsdale from their store.

Discounts are as follows and the Club receives a % of sales annually when you buy from them.

Discount vouchers are available from the office.

BOWLS AGM

Our Bowls Club recently held their AGM.

I wish to sincerely thank John Crawford for his fine service as President for the past three years.

Enjoy your Golf and Bowls in September.

Regards,

STEPHEN MANN (President)



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

Sharyn Martin

Robert McGufficke

Braxton Patrick

Brady Wilms

Carol Crane

Angus Stringer

Christopher Grimsey

Jacob McAlpine

Neville Read

William Lawrey



200 CLUB

Congratulations to our latest winners:

Draw 83 21/09/2026



\$800	(101)	Peter Woodcock, Alan Jackson, Jim Adams, Norm Bambury.
\$400	(74)	Dave Turner, Les Coles, John Fleischer, Peter McDonald.
\$200	(176)	Rob Barton, Ginny Quist, Rick Lucas, Warren Prior.

TREASURER'S REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2026

David Pollard



Hello all.

We are well advanced in our Annual Audit. Once again, a big thank you to Stephen Mann for all the work he does, not only for the Audit, but for so much else he does in and around the administration of our Club.

A big thank you also to Jodie. Jodie's work results are outstanding and very valued. Any time you would like to chat about the figures, let me know.

The reporting period is 01.07.26 to 31.08.26

RESULTS V BUDGET

Income is over by \$10,500 (good)

- Very happy to say that all areas are working very well against budget.
- Major Events is the only area trailing at present and that is more to do with timing of receipts as opposed to the income not coming in.

Expenses are over \$2,200 (not so good)

- Wages, specifically Annual leave, is over budget. Again, more a timing issue so far as some annual leave taken earlier than expected. This will correct itself over the year.

Net Profit is over \$8,300 (good)

This is a good result, adding to the good start in July.

David

SUNDAY GOLF - SEPTEMBER 2026

Johanna Wyllie

September golf results

Sunday 6th we had 37 men and 22 women play on Father's Day with visitors from Lakes Entrance, South Pines and Tambo Valley golf clubs.

Congratulations to Julie Percival winning the women's section with 41 points. Congratulations to Terry Martin winning men's A grade with 35 points on a c/b and Andrew Percival winning B grade with 41 points.

Sunday 13th we had 36 men and 21 women play in the Stableford event with visitors from Lakes Entrance, Metung, Orbost, Monash Churchill, Gunnamatta and Future Golf Clubs. Congratulations to Liz Coleman for winning the women's section with 39 points, Gerry Ciavarella winning the men's A grade with 37 points and Tony Bickery winning B grade with 39 points.

Sunday 20th we had a 4BBB Stableford event with, unfortunately, MiScore causing mayhem with our computers. Unfortunately, I do not have results as I was away that week. However, those who had won had been informed.

Sunday 27th we had 35 men and 25 women in the stableford event with Jenny Gibbs winning the women's section with 40 points, Marty Fanning winning men's A grade with 40 points and Ian Fleischer winning B grade with 34 points on a count back.

Looking forwards to some more beautiful spring weather in October.

Happy hitting everyone!

Johanna.

See you Sunday!



Where's Wally?

Can you find Wally? He is in this edition somewhere. This is where he was in July P. 10.



COURSE MANAGEMENT - August 2026

Craig Rimington



September has been exceptionally dry and windy only recording 26.5mm rain. We now prepare for the upcoming, Ladies Classic, Annual Tournament, and the start of the Bowls Club and Pennant season.

Course Management Practices undertaken during September have included: -

Preparations for day to day running of all Club events Golf & Bowls; bowls greens, verti cut and fertiliser program; IPM spray management programs; weed control, bunkers, and tee surrounds; machinery maintenance and general course maintenance practices.

Greens

Greens have been liquid and granular fertilised, wetting agent and insecticides applied. Verti cutting and sand dusting to take place during October.

Bowling Greens

Both greens have been double Verti cut, shaved, multiple spray applications have taken place in accordance to the soil test results, wetting agent, insecticide and microbials.

Both greens look to be in great condition.

Tees

Divoting tees has been on a fortnightly or as needs basis. Tees have been sprayed for Black Beetles and early season application of miticide has been applied to minimize mite damage. Tees have been liquid and granular fertilized during September. Testing of tees heads irrigation.

Fairways

Fairways, general maintenance has taken place for the month, Fertilizer, Miticide, Growth Regulator and Herbicide applications will take place during October/November, as the Herbicide products used can be highly mobile with foot traffic spraying of these products will require closure of holes to complete. We aim to complete spraying in suitable weather and plan for Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Weed spraying in Roughs and out of play areas are underway.

Bunkers

General maintenance, weed spraying, leaf litter removal.

Vegetation

Clean up from strong winds, removals of hanging branches.

STAFF/OH&S

Create/ add/ update E – Par WHS system, staff training compliance.

Machinery

General maintenance taking place as required.

Rainfall

September 2025 **9 mm (no rain days 4)**

Year to date 2025 **484.5 mm**

September 2025 **26.5 mm (no rain days 2)**

Year to date 2025 **381.5 mm**

Temperature Averages

Ave Min – 4 degrees

Ave Max – 18 degrees

Works Program for October 2026 to include: -

1. Preparation for all Club and corporate events Golf and Bowls. 2. Golf greens verti-cut and sand dusting. 3. Post- emergent herbicide spraying fairways/ greens surrounds, roughs. 4. Selective herbicide applications greens for (Couch/Kikuyu). 5. Select scarification of fairways. 6. Machinery maintenance. 7. IPM Control Program. 8. Couch/Kikuyu grass encroachment herbicide spraying applications. 9. Issues which may arise from Committee Meeting. 10. Works program may vary due to weather conditions.

Craig Rimington Course Superintendent



WOMEN'S GOLF - September 2026

Janine Newell



You do know that spring is well and truly here in East Gippsland when you have your hat whipped off your head on the course with the wind gust and the ball is nearly blown off the green when you are about to putt.

We are now definitely getting those infrequent very warm days but then the cool change sweeps in with rain and it's back to the really mild but welcome spring weather, but unfortunately with windy days.

So, our golf gear changes slightly and we can hopefully put away those heavy winter woollies that take up lots of room in our golf bags.

I know that it is very important to both the Club itself and our members that we acknowledge our monthly sponsors, whether they are our own members or special sponsors who have generously donated money or prizes for our competitions.

So, with that in mind let's thank Ginny Quist, Kerryn Clemm, Jodie O'Connell and Maureen Dumbleton for their support of their fellow members. This month we would also like to give a special thanks to some new sponsors, the Wednesday Whackers who are a very generous group of our gentlemen members who hit off after the ladies on a Wednesday. We do love their matching shirts and their friendly greetings as we are coming in from our round.

Thanks also this month to the Bairnsdale Bowlers for their continuing support and we once again welcome our Corporate Sponsors Lincoln Lifestyle who are now sponsoring a number of events at our Club throughout the year.

We look forward to more special golf events such as our Annual Tournament coming up in the next few months with the warmer weather expected as we move into spring.

Good golfing!

Janine



WOMEN'S SATURDAY GOLF – September 2026

Julie Brittain



I did spend most of September up north but I believe the weather was kind to the golfers for some of the month.

On 5th. Sept. we had a good turnout with 26 women playing Stableford and Vanessa Stokes starred with 40 points.

The 12th. September was the RUOK Day.

The 19th. was Badge Day and was great to see Marg McCallum win with a great score of 67 net.

The weather turned on us on the 26th. and only nine women braved the elements to play Par (I opted to stay dry in bed). Did not seem to faze Carolyn Hine who won with +3.

It is nice to be back home and playing golf.

Good golfing.

Julie.



Women Into Golf Program 2026

Beginners' Golf Program wound up this month on the 15th September. The ladies played Canadian Foursomes which introduced them to a competitive team event for the first time. This was a fun filled morning enjoyed by all involved. Winners on the day were Linda Daniels and Tammy Richardson followed by Tracey Jardim and Clair McGufficke a close second. The Encouragement Award went to the 2 Julies', Julie Richie and Julie Brown. NTP were won by Julie Brown and Linda Hall. Well done ladies!

Our Program has had quite a successful year in terms of numbers and new member enrolments. The weekly roll up has produced some very enthusiastic participants that have well and truly caught the "golf bug". Should you run into any of our newbies out on the course, please make yourself known and welcome them to our club. There are quite a few that have expressed an interest in coming to play on a Wednesday and Friday.

Thanks to all our walkers over the last 6 months: Lois, Trish, Sue P, Karen, Jodie, Fran, June, Valerie and Glenda, I hope I haven't missed thanking anyone that filled in during that time. We truly appreciate all that you do.

A special thank you to Lois and Trish, they have both been the backbone of this program for a lot of years. Our wonderful Loie has been part of this program for over 20 years, and she has decided to wind up her mentoring role and retire. (No more getting up early on those cold winter Tuesday's Lo.) We are sure going to miss you and all that knowledge that you have passed on to all of us '*beginners*' over the last 20 years.



Left to right: Tracey Jardin, Elaine Phillips, Julie Richie and Cathy Doyle.



Elaine and Tracy.



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WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT – September 2026

Julie Percival



Well, we are getting into the business end of the year where we start to have last opportunities of winning monthly medals and finalising our Knockout competition, and getting rid of the layers of clothing to help improve the freedom of movement. Sunny skies and our golf ball appearing to go further.

Some are also seeing a reduction in their handicaps as we leave the cold winter months behind us.

However, we couldn't say that for the East Gippsland Country Teams women who braved the toughest conditions up in Ballarat during their three days. There was certainly another meaning too cold. But having gone up to Division 1 this year and to end up finishing 4th was a fantastic effort and certainly did the district proud. Had the privilege of watching some fabulous matches and to our Bairnsdale ladies who represented us up there – Johanna, Maddison, Nadine, Sue and Chrissy well done and no doubt will be giving this a really good shake in 2027 to win that Silverware. Thank you!

The Singles Knockout Competition was finalised this month and the finalists were Maddison Kelly and Leonie Taylor. They both played a strong match until Leonie continued with her great form during the month of September and won on the 17th Hole. Well done Leonie you certainly have been in form these past months.

This match was a really good lead up for Maddison for Ballarat – well played to you both and Leonie stands as our 2026 Knockout Match Play Champion after five strong rounds of Matchplay.

We did trial turning off the Leaderboard on our Monthly Medal Day And as this was received very well by most members. In the future, we will be turning off the Leaderboard on Medal days and mostly likely for Championship events for a trial. Maddison Kelly and Leonie Taylor.



RESULTS 2nd September Stroke and Final Medal 2026. Sponsored by Ginny Quist and Kerry Clemm. 73 players for 18-hole competition And ten players for the 9 Hole Stableford competition.

Div 1. Leonie Taylor (18) 68 Nett;

Div 2. Isabel Hussey (29) 67 Nett;

Div 3. Jan Critchlow (45) 65 Nett and Monthly Medal winner.

9-hole Stableford competition winner Jayne Campbell with 20 points.



Leonie Taylor, Isabel Hussey and Jan Critchlow.



RESULTS 9th September Stableford.

Sponsored by Jodie O'Connell and Maureen Dumbleton. 70 players for 18-hole competition and ten players for 9-hole Stableford competition.

Div 1. Sue Wood (12) 34 points; Div 2. Jennifer Gibbs (23) 38 points; Div 3. Cindy Holden (34) 38 points. 9-hole Stableford competition winner Joy Vellios with 15 points.

Sue Wood, Jenny Gibbs, Cindy Holden and Jodie O'Connell.



WOMEN'S CAPTAIN'S REPORT – September 2026 (cont..)

RESULTS 16th September. Par Event.
Sponsored by Wednesday Whackers.
66 players for 18-hole competition
and six players for 9-hole competition.
Div. 1 Leonie Taylor (18) +1.
Div. 2 Marg McCallum (27) +2.
Div. 3 Heather Peart (33) +2.
9-hole competition winner Kerryn
Lindsay with 22 points.

Winners with the 'Wednesday Whackers'.



RESULTS 23rd September. Stableford event.
78 players for 18-hole competition and nine
players for 9-hole Stableford competition.
Div. 1 Leonie Taylor (18) 39 points.
Div. 2 Jenny Archibald (26) 40 points.
Div. 3 Joy Vellios (40) 45 points.
9-hole competition winner Debbie Goldsworthy with
17 points.

Leonie Taylor, Jenny Archibald and Joy Vellios.



RESULTS: 30th September. Stableford Event.
Sponsored by Lincoln Lifestyle Living.
72 Players for the 18-hole competition and
nine players for 9-hole Stableford competition.
Div. 1. Cecilia Stewart (17) 39 points.
Div. 2. Sue Brook (27) 41 points.
Div. 3. Julie Frew (41) 43 points.
9 Hole competition winner Kerry Lyndsay with
23 points.

Cecilia Stewart, Sue Brook and Julie Frew.



Congratulations Pat!!



*Pat Stewart became our most recent
player to join the
St. Hallett's Hole-in-One Club.
Pat achieved her first ever
'Hole-in-One' on September 20th at the
11th hole.*

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.
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At the next **meeting September 12, 1957**, the sub-committee reported on the McNamara's Lane site and although it appeared to be a good site, establishment costs would be too high and that the Club would have continue on the present course for some years while the new course was being developed.

Mr McArthur outlined a proposed finance offer from AMP Insurance at 6% P.A. for a period not under 20 years. The committee decided not to accept this offer.

The President gave notice of an offer for the purchase of the Bairnsdale Golf Course, he was appointed to negotiate the sale for £10000 cash or better with the Club having the right to remove the Clubhouse and sheds, greens, pipes and other fittings. Permission to be given and taken on any date within a period of 12 months from the date of contract.

At the Committee Meeting held at the Club House **October 15, 1957**, The President outlined the steps he had taken in negotiating the sale of the Golf Property (existing) to the Education Department at a higher sum than the first offer of £10000. Subject to an approval of a general meeting the President was to proceed with the signing of a contract with the Education Department. (No mention of the actual amount).

Discussion was held on a new tractor for the Eagle Point course; this was held over until further quotes were received. Quotes were to be obtained for a superannuation scheme for the Greenkeeper, it was felt that this would be an incentive for the Greenkeeper and security for the Club.

It was also decided to send Mr Greenwood the Greenkeeper to Melbourne for 14 days to work under instruction with Mr Berriman the course architect who was looking after the design of the new course. Permission was granted to a request from the Technical School to peruse old minute books for information required for a school project.

Bairnsdale Golf Club History from Minutes Page 52.

It was moved by A B MacArthur that Mr D Brownlow be elected as the third Trustee to join Mr MacArthur and Mr T. Jackson.

Extra-Ordinary Financial Meeting at Club House **October 21, 1957**, The President outlined details of negotiations to date: -

- (a) Sale of present site to Education Department for £11000 Cash – Club to retain Club House and other buildings & fittings.
- (b) Purchase of the "Rae" property 115 acres at Eagle Point for £10000 subject to grazing rights to March 1, 1958. Possession dates 1st & 2nd December 1957 respectively.

An alternative site mentioned at a previous meeting was inspected but was found to be unsatisfactory by the investigating committee.

Mr K T Dahlsen moved that the Committee & Trustees be empowered to exercise such option of purchase and to make financial arrangements as necessary to expediently complete the purchase of the site for the new Links.

HISTORY (cont.)

An offer was made by Mr J Coate to co-ordinate machinery donations for the new course project and it was suggested that the first working bee be held early in December as by that time the Survey and Architect plans would be available.

A sub-committee was formed to follow up immediately on availability of Telephone, Electricity, effect on Licence application, a co-ordinator of works to be appointed and workers compensation be investigated relating to voluntary labour. 17 offers of machinery had been made to date.

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A vote of thanks and acclamation was extended to the President Mr A. Archibald for his untiring efforts in achieving this fine result.

Committee Meeting held October 21, 1957, Mr Coate was requested to provide a list of all machinery that had been offered, if insufficient a circular requesting machinery be sent to all members. The first working bee to be held Saturday 7th December. A post hole digger was to be sourced to get fencing under way and this project was to be put in the hands of Mr J. Rae.

Quotes for the removal and transport of the Club House were in hand, and it was felt that extra meetings should be held to co-ordinate the new project.

At the **Meeting of November 14**, the Associates requested a revision of the Constitution as affected them and that details be raised at the AGM. An invoice was to be sent to the Trustees of the Racecourse for £751/1/- for their share of the expense relating to fairway improvements that was incorporated in their track. (for those new members who are not aware the original racecourse was in the middle of the golf course with the whole lot in general where the Bairnsdale Secondary College now stands).

The Bairnsdale RSL made an offer on the Golf Club House as they were in a position to obtain a block from the Education Department, however their offer was insufficient considering the high cost of building a new Club House.

A quote from Mr Cox of £450 was accepted to transport and erect the Club House from Bairnsdale to Eagle Point.

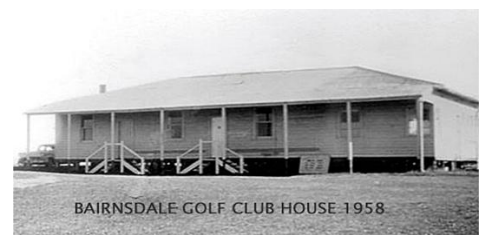
Secretary to contact Council re approval of new site at Council's December meeting and approval from Shire Engineer for the removal of Club House. Machinery donations were discussed and offers from Messrs. Kennedy, Ezard and Blandford were accepted with thanks.

Mr Greenwood detailed his activities in Melbourne under the direction of Mr Berriman and advised that he has gained some very useful information.

Necessary arrangements for Telephone & Electricity were put into place, and quotations were being received for septic tank systems.

A short **meeting was held December 3rd** where plans submitted by course Architect Berriman were accepted by committee, and from these the President outlined the program to be set down for the first working bee to be held over the weekend of December 6 & 7.

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