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FROM THE BOARD

QUO VADIS; Back to square one?

After a meeting with Council on June 24, and gaining further insights into what level of subsidy the Council was prepared to contribute, the Board has decided not to proceed with the concept of taking over the running of the course.

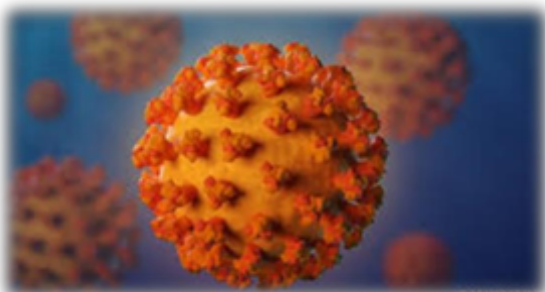
We have instead gone back to Council offering an increased level of payment to the Council per member and sharing a component of our competition fees.

The Board feels this is a more prudent approach given the number of unknowns around the precinct development.

The Community Panel has issued its report with a Vision statement as below.

"Lane Cove Golf Course provides an accessible, sustainable golf and greenspace for the current and evolving community to enjoy for generations to come."

Full details of the report can be found on the Council's website. See later report from panel member Rosemary Hurford, following.



It is indeed unfortunate that the Club is closed again due to the Covid restrictions. However, as soon as we are able the Club will reopen to members.

We wish to advise the mail out for the annual subscriptions has been delayed whilst we negotiate with Council, but there is an intention to start the process in the coming week.

THE COMMUNITY PANEL



Editor's note In April this year, Lane Cove Council sent a letter to 750 residents inviting them to express interest in being on the Community Panel tasked with the aim of developing a vision for the outdoor areas of the Lane Cove golf course site.

More than 30 residents were selected to participate in the panel, involving four sessions, over fifteen + hours in total, in a range of on-site, face-to-face, and virtual meetings. The panel was given the task of producing a final report which was to be presented to

Council. We were fortunate that Club member Rosemary Hurford was selected to be a member of the panel and her report follows.

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“I was lucky to be randomly selected to be a participant on the Community Panel organised by Lane Cove Council and run by Mosaic Lab, to determine:

‘What is the best use of the outdoor area on the site (Lane Cove Golf Course) to meet our community needs now and in the future.’

A group of thirty-two people, representing the demographics of the Lane Cove Municipality, met on four separate occasions to discuss, explore information resources and deliberate the details in small and large groups. Stakeholders were invited to contribute to the forum.

The outcome of these sessions was a vision statement and criteria which, hopefully, will be used as a guide for future actions. The content reflects a broad range of views that were not always unanimous. An 80% or more votes were necessary. The final vision statement reads as follows:

‘Lane Cove Golf Course provides an accessible sustainable golf and greenspace for the current and evolving community to enjoy for generations to come.’

Ten criteria were established as a means for assessing the proposed future uses of the site. Each criterion includes a description and rationale.

- 1: Evaluation and Evolution of the Lane Cove Golf Course. – as long as golf contributes to the community, its presence should be maintained.
- 2: Community inclusivity. – striving for inclusivity and accessibility.
- 3: Safe and fair co-existence of all activities. – major consideration with area and timeframe allocation.
- 4: Proposal's impact on broader community and wildlife. – minimise the impact on broader community.
- 5: Preserve and protect the natural environment.
- 6: Affordable to the community. – be comparable with like facilities in neighbouring councils.
- 7: Does the community benefit outweigh the operational cost? – prioritise the benefits to the community over the profitable activity.
- 8: Any substantial changes to, or repurposing of the site, requires a detailed proposal and wider community consultation.
- 9: Recognise that this is Cameraygal Land.
10. Future use should consider expanded, complementary and compatible uses of the green space in the absence of viable alternatives in local and neighbouring catchments.

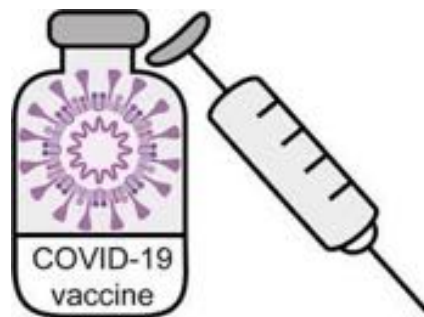
As an active member of Lane Cove Golf Club, I am very pleased with this outcome.

ROSEMARY HURFORD

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

I think everyone believed that "lockdowns" were a thing of the past but here we are in a lockdown situation again.

Once again we have been very lucky that we are able to play our favourite sport during lockdown while so many other activities have been curtailed. So, let's make the most of our good fortune and enjoy our time on the course.



One consequence of COVID has been the increase of golf club memberships throughout the country. We certainly have been no different with lots of new members signing on in the last few months. It is therefore most important we make new members feel at home when they first start playing at Lane Cove.

Often new members are newcomers to golf so they may be unaware of the rules and etiquette of the game. If you find yourself playing with a new member, make sure you help him play according to the rules and etiquette of the game. I have found all new members appreciate any advice that is given in the right spirit and manner

Provided COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, the Warren and Gibson interclub competitions will start later this month with home matches being played on Saturday 24/7, Saturday 14/8 and Saturday 21/8.

As I explained previously, with Warren and Gibson taking up all the tee time available from 11.00 to 12.30, playing spots on those days will be extremely limited, especially with the increase in membership numbers. I will put an additional line in at 7.50, but we will have only 28 tee times available when normally we have 68.



It's been some time now since I mentioned one of my favourite subjects, but unfortunately, time has come to mention it again – SLOW PLAY. It is starting to become an epidemic again, with groups often finding themselves more than one hole behind the group in front.

I have on occasions spoken to groups about their position in the field. They all acknowledge they are behind but then just carry on as previously and do absolutely nothing to catch up. This type of attitude is extremely selfish and makes the day for all members

playing behind the slow group extremely frustrating.

Follow one simple rule - *Your place in the field is just behind the group in front, NOT just in front of the group behind.*

WAYNE BELGRE



WOMEN'S GOLF



At Lane Cove, we are playing in uncertain times. Covid has suddenly jumped up again after many months of normal golfing conditions and only minor restrictions on social activities and meetings.

It has been a stressful time for the Board and our thanks go especially to the women members who represent us so capably. We are particularly grateful to Cindy Brown for her work on the proposal to Council. Thanks also go to Rosemary Hurford for

her commitment to the 'Community Panel' conducted by Council.

Despite all these changes and uncertainties, some things at Lane Cove stay the same. On reviewing what was written here in June 2020, it was not surprising to see that our mother and daughter champions, Joan Weine and Suzique Doughty, were featured as the winners more often than not. The warm rivalry for top spot on the result sheets has continued all year and with two medal rounds and the Club Championships played this month, you will see in the results below that the tussle between Joan and Suzique for supremacy at Lane Cove, has made for an exciting finish.

Stableford Results

Tuesday 8th Susan Ridd (27) won with 36 points on CB to Lisa Blackwell (45).
Susan Woodman (38) won 9-hole with 17 points on CB to Jan Sadler (37)

Thursday 10th In the rain, Lisa Blackwell won the 9-hole with 18 points.

Sunday 13th Jo Cunningham (23) won with 31 points and Bronwyn Arnold (43) won the 9-hole with 18 points.

Tuesday 15th Yvie Nikellys and Robyn Glover were the only brave ones to play 18. And sisters, Jan Sadler (36) and Rosemary Hurford (34) came in first and second over 9-holes with 18 and 17 points respectively.

Tuesday 22nd In damp conditions which attracted only four players, Lisa Blackwell won 9-holes with 21 points. Another excellent result, Lisa.

Championships and Medals

Two monthly Medal rounds were played in conjunction with the three rounds of Club Championships.

Division 1 (0-33) and Division 2 (34-54)

Thursday 17th **4th Medal and 1st Round of Championship**
Winner Nett: Helen Prentice (34) with 66. (Gross 100)
Winner Gross: Joan Weine (21) with 92 strokes. (Nett 71)
Putting: Jan Sadler with a spectacular 23 putts.

Winner of 4th Medal Mid-week: Helen Prentice Congratulations to Helen on winning her second Medal this year.

Sunday 20th **4th Medal and 1st Round of Championship**
Winner Nett: Joan Weine (21) with 66 on CB to Suzique Doughty (16)
Winner Gross: Suzique Doughty (16) with 82 strokes
Putting: Joan Weine with 28 putts

Sunday 4th **Medal winner and Winner 1st Round Champion:** Suzique Doughty.

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WOMEN'S GOLF continued

Thursday 24th 2nd Round of Championship

Nett winner: Jan Sadler (37) with 71 on CB to Joan Weine (21)

Gross winner: Joan Weine with 92 strokes

Sunday 27th 2nd Round

Nett Winner: Joan Weine (21) with 65

Runner up and 2nd Division winner: Rosanne Antico-Hall with 68

Gross winner: Joan Weine (21) with 86 strokes on CB to Suzique Doughty (16)



And adding to the family intrigue, Suzique's husband Michael was runner-up to Joan and Suzique with 100 off the stick.

It was great to see seven ladies playing the 9-hole stableford. Hannah Xuan won with 14 points. A warm welcome to our new member Mary Suter who is hitting the ball straight and is sure to reduce her 48 handicap very soon.

In another 9-hole stableford, again in soggy conditions on Tuesday 29th, it is very pleasing to see Tiffany (Ya Wei) Huang come in with 18 points on a countback to Robyn Glover.

Thursday 1st July 5th Medal and 3rd Round of Championship

Winner Nett: Joan Weine (21) with a score of 70

Winner Gross: Joan Weine (21) with 91 strokes

Division 2: Winner Nett: Kerin Moorehead (38) with a score of 75

Putting: Winner Joan Weine with 27 putts. Division 2: Jan Sadler with 33.

Sunday 3rd July 5th Medal and 3rd Round

Winner Nett: Robyn Glover (29) with a score of 72

Winner Gross: Suzique Doughty (17) with 93 strokes

Division 2 Nett Winner: Sharon Johnson (38) with 76, and Gross Winner with 114 strokes

Putting: Winner: Suzique Doughty 34, Division 2: Jacqui Brooks 37



Winner of the Monthly Medal: Robyn Glover

And now to great applause it is a pleasure to announce the **Club Champions for 2021!**

A Grade Champion:	Suzique Doughty	261
A Grade Nett Champion:	Joan Weine (21)	212
B Grade Champion:	Jan Sadler	336
B Grade Nett Champion:	Rosanne Antico-Hall (36)	233

A Grade Champs – Mother and Daughter, Joan Weine and Suzique Doughty

SUSAN RIDD

MEN'S GOLF



This month of June saw the G7 meeting where our prime minister (Scott Morrison) as a special invitee heard Prince Chuck remind us that when teams pull together much can be achieved.

Stating that when politics, business and the population work as one in the face of the recent pandemic for example, we see great success. He went on to say this paradigm can be carried forward in the fight against global warming.

The Lane Cove Council has for years been way ahead of Charles and his green cohorts in the way they have been diligently 'carbon capturing', allowing the greatest carbon capture tool (second only to the ocean) nature has provided, to grow on our golf course unabated for years.....trees! yes groves of gums, copses of casuarinas and lots of lantana.

While our course has not encroached on or impeded the precious 'linear forest' lining our fairways, unfortunately the trees have invaded our playing area, being not only the playing surface and boundaries, but also the air space where properly struck golf balls fly.

Recently a comment was recorded that 'real or low handicap golfers ' won't play Lane Cove because it's an inferior course! The reality is they don't want to be embarrassed by a score nowhere near the rating or have their low handicaps adversely affected when this mighty little course beats them roundly!

I refer you to many Pro-ams played at Lane Cove where scratch markers have left recording much worse numbers than they've carded on par 72's thanks to our small greens, tight fairways, punishing rough and ever-present aerial hazards (read tree branches), not to mention the ever present out-of-bounds.

So next time you send that rascally little pill on a perfect trajectory towards your chosen target only to have it knocked down by an errant tree limb, you can thank Lane Cove Council, and their golf course 'management' team, for saving our environment and safely capturing all that nasty carbon.



Having said all that, and checking out the following monthly medal results, where not one of the 60 odd member golfers who know the course well, managed to play to their handicaps. One wonders why all the public players have gone elsewhere!?

JUNE MEDAL RESULTS

A Grade

Win;	Peter Doherty	(5) 71/66	R/up;	Dave Leckie	(11) 78/67
Scratch;	Peter Doherty	71			

B Grade

Win	Dave Pritchard	(19) 85/66	R/up;	Steve Tan	(19) 86/67
Scratch;	Jeff Back	82			

C Grade

Win;	Graham Webster	(25) 92/67	R/up;	Jeff Hickson	(22) 91/69
Scratch	Jeff Hickson	91			

As you can see the course won!

A special congrats goes to Dave Pritchard being his first medal win. Well done, Dave.

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MEN'S GOLF continued

Of course, there's always the exception to the rule..... enter one Adam Manticas. Welcome to the Club Adam, who's enjoying his 'days in the sun', with scores of 41 points on a few occasions. He'll find himself a much sought after 2 Ball partner until the handicapper eventually catches up with him. Swooping from a 30ish handicap to 18 tells us he can play!

An old golf pro was playing a young whipper snapper who could hit it a mile and figured he could beat the old guy easily in a match.

The young fellow found himself with a tall tree obscuring his intended shot to the green.

The old boy sauntered past commenting, "I used to hit 3 iron over that tree onto the green from here when I was your age".

The young fellow says to himself, "If this guy could do it, so can I".

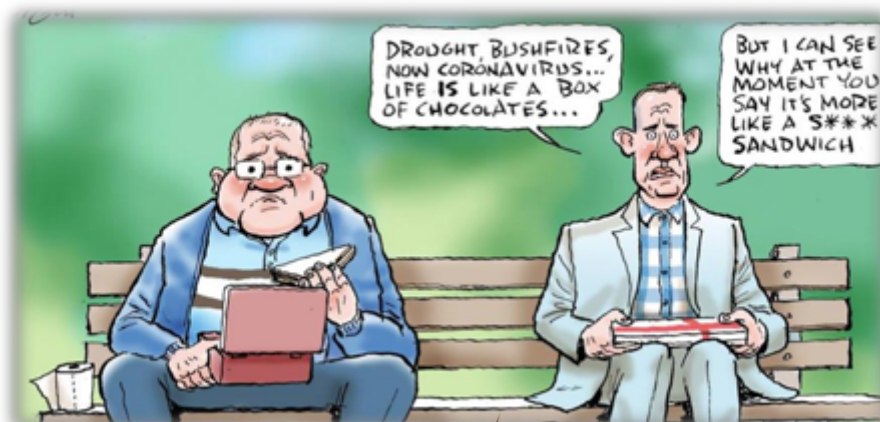
When his shot fails and the ball hits the tree, the old pro says, "Of course, the tree was only ten feet high when I was your age".

These days I stand on the Tee saying, "I can remember when that damn tree wasn't even there!"
May the sun shine and your ball always bounce favourably.

(Editor's note – older members will remember the well-loved long-term member, the late Bert Irwin, used to make the same height comment on the 8th tee as he surveyed the tree line separating the 8/9th fairways. Note too that Jeff has form in terms of that same tree line. Ask him about it. It was something to do with a balaclava!)

BACKY for and on behalf of EVAN JONES

TO FINISH - what about a little Covid-19 humour?





Tee 4 Two BBQ Café

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ALL DAY BREAKFAST

1	Bacon & Egg Roll	\$ 6.00
2	Ham, Cheese & Tomato Toastie	\$ 6.00
3	Pancakes w/o Maple Syrup	\$ 8.50
4	Egg, Bacon & Tomato on Toast	\$10.00
5	Big Breakky	\$13.50

BURGERS – with chips add \$3.00

10	Choice of Beef, Chicken, Veggie or New Yorker Burger	\$10.00
11	Cheeseburger	\$10.50
12	Schnitzel Burger	\$11.00

CLASSICS

13	Sausage & Onion Roll	\$ 5.50
14	BLT	\$ 7.00
15	Fish & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
16	Schnitzel & Chips (w/o Salad)	\$14.00
17	Pie & Chips	\$10.00
	Coffee	\$ 4.00
	Bowl of Chips	\$ 5.00

Opening Hours: Thursday & Friday (12.00pm to 3.00pm) and Saturday & Sunday (10.00am – 4.00pm)



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