



### FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

The mid-year grind. That is certainly an apt description of playing golf in Perth in July. If it isn't wet, it's cold. If it isn't too cold to play, it's generally too wet. But we persevere knowing that the beautiful weather from the last week is not too far away from being the rule rather than the exception.

If there is one event sure to attract the rain, it is Club Championships! Due to the 50th anniversary celebrations and pennant seasons being prominent in the May fixture the Men's Club Championships were pushed back to start in July and finish in August. The threat of rain over the first 2 rounds has been ever present and thankfully on the afternoon of the General Managers Trophy, when I was able to hit the course, the rain stayed away for the most part and I was able to enjoy a round on a course that – all things considered – played exceptionally well. Dane and his team have done a great job to prepare the course so well at a difficult time of year.

Good luck to all those playing in the Club Championships for the Men, Women and Junior's over the coming weeks – the winners will have played several rounds of strong, consistent golf and will be most deserving of their titles.

The Membership Model Project continues to progress with the Membership and Marketing Committee working diligently to further several concepts within the initial model presented at the last forum. The amount of time and energy put in by the committee over the last 12 months should be commended as they have comprehensively reviewed every submission received from the membership to get to this point. Members will shortly be requested to complete a survey as part of the next phase of the project. The survey will ask several key questions that will help to shape the final model. It is important that all members take the time to complete the survey as the responses will assist in the final development phase prior to the model being presented at a forum in September.

The gazebo working group have been hard at work finalising how the Club will spend the Sports Australia Funding. As a result of some recommendations there will be some works done over coming weeks to the limestone retaining wall in

the gazebo to square that up to allow for a final measurement to take place for the shutters. Once this has been done and exact costs have been established the group will proceed towards furnishing the area using the surplus funds and those funds that have been raised by the Fundraising committee through the Mixed Fundraising Day, Pot of Gold days and other events through the year. Thanks must go to the working group consisting of Andrew Clark, Jenny Marsh, Ian Watson and Brenda Epstein for their work in progressing this important project.

The recent Shank Night was a great night at the Club with nearly 120 people coming along for the night and enjoying F&B Manager Peter Booth's "Secret Shank Recipe". Thank you to the F&B Staff and House Committee for producing a great night for the members and also to Adam Van Der Bruggen for entertaining the crowd. If the last 2 events are anything to go by the next event, Biekie Bingo Night on the 23rd August will be a must attend event!

Finally I advise members that at the July Board Meeting it was proposed and unanimously agreed that Sue Quinones would step into the Presidents role until the 2020 AGM. Sue's move to President will leave a casual vacancy at the Vice Presidents position which will remain so until the next AGM. Sue will continue to chair the Membership and Marketing Committee until then. I am sure the members will welcome Sue into the new role enthusiastically.

"Champions are those who embrace the grind"- **Anonymous**

**Matt Espie**  
General Manager



### LOST: Sureshot Rangefinder

One of our Junior members has lost his Sureshot rangefinder about 3 weeks ago. It is black with a bronze rim and was in a black case. If found, please hand it in to Reception or the Pro Shop so that we can return it to young Ben Kivelhan.

## Foundation Members Interview - Rob Watkins

*In the period 2017 to 2019 Melville Glades Golf Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. The following is a transcript of an interview conducted on September 27, 2018 by MGGC member Paul Sarich with Rob Watkins, one of the club's foundation members who retained his membership over those fifty years.*

**My name is Paul Sarich and I'm a member of the Melville Glades Golf Club. Today I'd like to introduce you to a foundation member of MGGC. He's been a member for fifty years.**

**He was also made a life member in 1973 and inducted into the hall of fame in 2002. He is currently, and has been for a number of years, Chairman of the Veterans, Secretary of the Awards Committee and still winning medals at the State and National level for the over seventies. He has had Silver in the State Masters and a silver and bronze in the seventy and overs. Yes, it's not golf. It's in fact surfing (surf life saving).**

**We're speaking to Rob Watkins. I'd like you to tell me what's that all about.**

**Rob:** Yes, I've had quite a steep history in surf life-saving at Cottesloe Surf Club and whilst I was away with Manly Surf Club and Queenscliff Surf Club and also coaching with Bondi Surf Club. So collectively I've been very fortunate in the surfing world to have been able to achieve some of those awards and the success that I've had. But it is all a part of keeping moving, keeping going, trying to keep yourself active and trying to keep yourself young so you can enjoy life.

**Paul:** It's an impressive record. Now we'll get back to golf (laughter) because that's why we're here. I'm interested in what it was way back in the 60s that you decided to join the Melville Glades Golf Club. Do you recall those early times.

**Rob:** It was an interesting time in as much that I was getting to my mid-twenties at that stage and I thought, I've got to do something other than surf life-saving, although swimming is a year round event anyway. I was thinking about taking up golf. At that point of time not knowing many clubs were around and living in Bicton I thought about joining Royal Fremantle. Before I had the chance to take that opportunity I saw it advertised that there was going to be a meeting in the Applecross Community Hall down near the Raffles Hotel, to discuss and consider the creation of a new club, location to be determined and name to be determined, and one thing and another. So, I turned up at the meeting and the meeting in fact was quite packed out. That little hall was very, very full and there was a lot of interesting discussion that went on. So, that stirred the imagination and desire to be part of a new venture instead of joining Fremantle, which wasn't very far from Bicton of course. And I went through the process and it was a few months later that they then had a second meeting that they then said "We've had a first meeting, we've had a second meeting, we've now got to get serious about this. We've got to find out how many people would actually join should it go ahead."

I think a reasonable number of people indicated that would be the case, and I was one of them at the time. So they decided at that stage that we'd need to pay a fee to show our true commitment to the ongoing venture.

Time went by, and of course, it takes a little time, then the allocation and work started on the club. And it's hard to believe that (where) this club (is today) in those days there probably wasn't a house for two or three kilometres. It was certainly out in the bush and it's just an amazing thought that it got created. And then you have a look now and you just can't believe it happened. I guess that also reflects back a little bit back into our kangaroo population. I only assume, and I had no other reason not to assume, that they were a natural inhabitant in this environment at that point in time. It is just interesting then as the course developed and in about the first year of playing or so they then considered building a house across the road. Once the houses started to get there the club was obligated to put a fence up to keep the kangaroos and the dogs apart. So that's how that part came about which was just a fascinating thing. I think that having the kangaroos on the course is quite unique from a lot of clubs around the place and even around the world. It's a good feature of the club.

**Paul:** Had you played golf prior to joining here?

**Rob:** (Not) apart from going down to Point Walter to have a few holes with a few friends. It is quite a neat little course.

**Paul:** You would have been in your early twenties about that stage.

**Rob:** Yes, about mid-twenties.

**Paul:** Did you have a job at the time?

**Rob:** Yes, I did. In 1965 I was working with Burroughs. I had been involved in the insurance industry with a company called South British Insurance and I switched to a company called Burroughs, which was a computer company in those very early days of 1963. That came about due to a fellow who was a life member at Cottesloe and, working at Burroughs, he recruited me into that industry. That then dictated my later movements across and around Australia.

**Paul:** So you joined the club and participated in golfing activities until what year after its inception?

**Rob:** It was about three years. I was transferred to Melbourne in October 1971. I lived in Melbourne for three years, transferred back to Perth and I was here for a further three years before I was transferred to Sydney for six months, and 29 years and six months later I came back. (laughter)

**Paul:** That's impressive that you retained your membership for all that time, being one of the foundation members and still playing golf today.

**Rob:** Well Paul, it's one of those issues that I like the club, I like the people, I knew that I was always going to come back to WA, and therefore it made sense. Particularly the fact that I was a foundation member, it made sense to come back to where it had all started. At the time that I went east the club transferred me to a membership that I don't know the name of – it wasn't country, it wasn't social and it wasn't non-playing membership, but it allowed me to play six games a year. As both my wife and I are both West Australians it made sense that we'd come back reasonably frequently. Whilst I didn't play every year, I probably had a game or two most years. I suppose on the other side of the coin is that the club thought that it had a fair nomination fee from me anyway from getting fees from me all those years. So the club was very good and the administration staff was excellent in being friendly and being in touch. It made it easy.

## Foundation Members Interview (Continued)

**Paul:** Because of your six game a year involvement with the club for most of the years, did you catch up with many interesting characters while you were here and can you remember names of people?

**Rob:** No, probably not. I never had time in those intervening years. I think that there were some great characters in the early years. The people that I remember most from day one when we started to get involved were people such as Murray Day, Jack Bennett, Mal Gliddon and Fred Helfers, the Secretary Manager.

**Paul:** Who was the professional at the time? Was it Richard Brain?

**Rob:** Yes, obviously you ran into Richard quite a bit, and Tony Kelly and then there was one after Richard Brain, Roy Draddy, was his name.

**“One of the things that was built in the early days during the construction of the course was the comradery that happened amongst all the people. And that’s one of the things that I admire tremendously with the foundation committee that whilst they were very prominent business people, they were very, very everyday people. When they were out here forming working bees to go out there and do some clearing and cleaning up.”**

**Paul:** You were part of that process?

**Rob:** Yes. I think my part was reasonably limited in as much as my only real memory of that is working on what is now the fourth hole and the pathway to the tee area of the fifth. After the dozers and everything had been through there would be a group of us that had to go and get the bits of root and wood and clear it away so that they were then in a better prepared position to start sowing the fairway. Yes, that was pretty black and loose sand. Some days were very hot but that was always quenched at the end of the day with a quiet drink around the yard here and a good chat with all the people. That comradery just built up as they were all good people you were working with.

**Paul:** I’m just amazed that you could combine that with your surfing activities. You must have been a very busy person.

**Rob:** Well, I’m still with the same wife, so it couldn’t have been too bad perhaps (laughter). I’m fortunate that she also been fairly prominent in sport and being a good sportsperson she understood me getting out and being involved with sport and being with other people.

I think this club was very fortunate they had that foundation committee. The group that consisted of made themselves available for all sorts of things. And you knew exactly what was going on, even though it took a long time before that great first day arrived. It was a pleasant start, but it was a long time.

**Paul:** I also thought that the traditional ethos of a golf club was one of aristocratic proportions, your dress had to be just right, your decorum, your manners, all had to be part of it. As a young club I felt very comfortable playing here and you probably felt the same.

**Rob:** Yes, yes. That was my introduction to the club and it made me think this is a very good sport. It is a good place to be and I love getting out in the open and I love walking around. Yes, it was very good.

**Paul:** Apart from your successes in the surfing world, do you have any personal highlights? Any successes in the golfing area?

**Rob:** No, I think I’ve had the NAGA as many times as other people (laughter). I think I won a monthly mug or something at one stage or another. But it wasn’t easy. Let’s face it. There are some pretty good golfers that were involved in the club. The good thing about golf is the handicapping which theoretically makes it all equal. It depends on the day and the situation.

**Paul:** You saw the course changing over the years. In your opinion has it changed for the good? Is it going in the right direction in your opinion?

**Rob:** Oh, without question. The thing that I used to notice when I came back from Sydney mainly was that there’d be a bit more room under the trees and the cleared area was a little bit further into the trees which meant that you could at least find your ball. It’s fair enough you should be penalised if you hit the ball there, that’s no question. But at least you had a chance to find it. Whereas in the early days you didn’t want to venture too far as you didn’t know what was going to get you.

**Paul:** During that whole time did you ever consider not being part of Melville Glades community? Did you consider being a member of another club?

**Rob:** No, I didn’t because I enjoyed the fellowship that I had when I first started. I enjoyed the interaction with the management staff whilst I was away and any queries that I had were always answered correctly, firmly, and on time. So it always made you feel very much involved. The only thing that happened that I might have regretted was quite petty. At one stage the club needed money, as I know most golf clubs do at times, so they had a situation where you could buy a locker for life, which I did. Of course, in latter years that idea went away whilst I was away, although I was told about it, so the locker that I thought I had to come back to wasn’t really there at all.

**Paul:** I think I remember that period. Viv Charnock, who has passed away now, introduced a membership of that kind which sounded appealing but it was eventually pushed aside.

**Rob:** In the early days there was a bit of a competition to name the holes. The naming of the holes was in the character of either a person or the terrain or whatever the case may be. As I recall on the first as we now know it, was Howard’s Way, named after the (golf) architect. You always took off down there. And I thought that, in a way, it was a shame because not many clubs now have holes specifically named and I thought it would be a great characteristic for the club to retain.

**Paul:** What do you see as your future in this club? Do you intend playing golf continuously?

**Rob:** I do, I do. I’ve worked hard to keep myself reasonably fit and I’ve worked hard to keep fairly active. I just see it as another means other than swimming, which I will continue for as long as I am able to, to continue playing. Being involved with people that you enjoy playing with is quite important and the walking exercise and the swinging exercise, even though I may swing a few more times than other people, is a part of the exercise of keeping your mind and body your fit and at this point I don’t have any impediments to stop me from doing that so I intend to continue it.

## CLUB NEWS

### Gazebo Project Update

The working group has been hard at it looking at furniture, shutter options and more in recent weeks. To ensure the shutters fit well, some minor work on the limestone retaining wall will take place over the coming weeks. Following this, we will be able to get final measurements done on the desired shutters and get them ordered. Once final costs are determined for this aspect of the project the working group will make a final assessment on the furniture options that some members have already been able to give some feedback on.

For the next couple of weeks we will be investigating different outdoor furniture outlets to see what the best fit for our new and updated gazebo will be. We would love to hear feedback from you all so we can make the best decision for everyone. If you see one of the following friendly members, feel free to stop them and let them know your thoughts.

*Peter Booth, Jenny Marsh, Andy Clark,  
Ian Watson & Brenda Epstein*

The first trial of furniture was supplied by Hartley's Furniture with stores located in Osborne Park & Myaree.

Our working group continue to brainstorm new ideas to bring more money into the club. One of these is the **Pot of Gold** competition that will be running in August, so make sure you get involved. The next fundraising activity will be the Father's Day Raffle. If anyone has any items they would like to donate there are boxes located in the locker-rooms and reception. Every little bit helps so have a look around at home for anything that could be used as a prize. So far the working group have raised over \$6000 for the **Make our Gazebo Great** project, which is an incredible feat! Thank-you to everyone involved.

### BOARD UPDATE

Congratulations to Sue Quinones who will be our new Club President as of the Board Meeting on Monday 29th July. Sue has been doing an amazing job as Vice President and we can't wait to see her continue to transform our club in a more official capacity.

## UPCOMING IN THE BISTRO

Fri	2-August	Bistro Menu
Mon	5-August	Parmi Night
Fri	9-August	Bistro Menu
Mon	12-August	Curry Night
Fri	19-August	Carvery Buffet
Mon	23-August	<b>Bikie Bingo</b>
Fri	26-August	Steak Night
Mon	30-August	Bistro Menu
Fri	2-September	Fish & Squid

All bookings for the Bistro can be made online.

## READY GOLF

a sure way to speed up play

**Always remember the group in front determines your speed of play.**

If there is a "secret" to better pace of play it has to be just getting your ball, determining who's ready to hit, communicating who's going to hit, and swinging away!

### On the Tee

Allow shorter hitters to hit away when the group ahead is safely out of the range, When all players have tee'd off, get to your ball.

Don't help search before hitting if your ball is nowhere near the player needing help. Hit your ball first.

### On the Fairway

If you are the first one at your ball and you are ready to safely hit, acknowledge to others you are hitting, address your ball and swing away.

### Around the Greens

The player first to get to their ball whether chipping or bunker shot, should communicate to partners and play the shot.

### On the Greens

Watch other players lines when reading putts, don't wait until your turn to read your putt. If it is your putt, continue to hole out unless you will stand on another players line. After the last putt is holed, get to the next tee and if you are teeing off first, mark your card after you have hit off.

Full READY GOLF Rules:  
[www.readygolfclub.com](http://www.readygolfclub.com)

From the  
MGGC  
Match  
Committee



Forget your opponents; always play  
against par.

— Sam Snead —

## GENERAL NEWS

### Junior Update

Promising State Junior and MGGC Junior Captain Ethan Lim, recently competed in his first International Open Amateur Championship at the Laguna Golf Club (Classic Course) in Singapore, during 16th to 19th July.

The 2019 72nd Singapore Open attracted a total of 120 competitors from around the world- including Australia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Indonesia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Great Britain and Singapore. The majority of entrants were either Scratch or better players with a strong contingent being members of their respective national teams, with some playing College golf in the USA.

Despite the difficulty of the course set-up with 250 bunkers, many water features and a slope of, wait for it 162, the 6800m course from the black tees was a true test for all competitors, both senior amateurs and juniors.

There were two players from MGGC- Ethan Lim and Jordan Jung, the latter being a dual member at both MGGC and Mount Lawley.

Ethan performed commendably by being one of only eight Australians to make the cut after the second round and eventually finishing in a tie for 39th with scores of 76, 80, 75 and 75, for the par 72 layout. Unfortunately, Jordan missed the cut after the second round.

Ethan's father Steven chaperoned the two WA players.

"It was an invaluable experience playing in a Championship of such high regard outside of WA and Australia in challenging conditions. I can certainly recommend this event for those competitive golfers who meet the qualifying mark", Steven said.

Later this month Ethan joins Aaron Hall and Mai Julius, representing WA in the national All Schools Championships being held at the Mandurah CC commencing on August 25. Good luck to our MGGC trio and the WA team.

Ken Norquay  
*Vice Captain*



"I hate the greenskeeper at this course."

## IMPRESSIVE FEATS

### *at Melville Glades.*

On Thursday 18th July, Kathy Foster won 3 of the 4 Nearest The Pin's. Kathy was closest on the 9th, 14th and 17th holes. A great day on the Par 3's at Melville Glades.

Continuing the impressive work is one of our long term members, John Anderson, who had a smooth 38 points to win the Monday competition on the 22nd of July, just a couple of weeks after having 2 knee operations! **Congratulations John!**

Here's hoping your speedy recovery is infectious.

## UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

Thu	1-Aug	Ladies Club Championship Rd 2
Sat	3-Aug	Men's Club Championship Rd 3 Club Presidents Trophy
Sun	4-Aug	Invitation Day
Tue	6-Aug	Ladies Club Championship Rd 3
Thu	8-Aug	Ladies Club Championship Rd 4
Fri	9-Aug	Invitation Day
Sat	10-Aug	Men's Club Championship Final Round
Sun	11-Aug	Junior Club Championship Round 1 <b>August Monthly Medal</b>
Wed	14-Aug	Invitation Day
Thu	15-Aug	Oska Pulse
Sat	17-Aug	4 Ball Knockout
Sun	18-Aug	Junior Club Championship Round 2
Tue	20-Aug	American Foursomes
Thu	22-Aug	Beryl Nichols Trophy
Sat	24-Aug	4 Ball Knockout Quarter & Semi-Finals
Sun	25-Aug	Junior Club Championship final round
Tue	27-Aug	Jubilee Playoff
Thu	29-Aug	Silver Anniversary Cup
Fri	30-Aug	Invitation Day
Sat	31-Aug	4 Ball Knockout Final Round

Please keep an eye on the online timesheets, to know when there is availability to play, both socially and competitions.

## COURSE NEWS

The first fairway is struggling with heavy compaction due to damage from firetrucks tyres earlier in January which required it to be rolled out with a heavy duty roller. The area has been solid tined, top dressed and marked G.U.R to help this area recover. Can all carts please stick to the rough line of the 1st hole to assist in reducing the wear to this area.



Apprentices Jed and Ben spent a few hours this month adding sand and levelling the practice chipping bunker. The boys have done a great job and would be appreciated if members could please take the time to stay off the bunker faces and rake the bunker after use. This would help with the daily bunker maintenance and also create good habits that will transfer onto the course.

Assistant Superintendent Liam Wiles will be finishing up with Melville in the next two weeks. Liam has accepted an offer to work closer to home in a supervisor role at the city of Mandurah. I would like to thank Liam for all his hard work and efforts over the last 7 years and wish him all the best for the future.

Dane McBride  
*Course Superintendent*

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AFTER ROUND 2

### Men's

Tied 1st: Dennis Warburton & Josiah Lim

3rd: Frank Davies

### Ladies

1st: Jenny Murphy

2nd: Shirley Van Der Bruggen

9 Hole: Jean Smith

*For up to date leaderboards see website.*



## STAFF PROFILE: Tyson Camisa



Tyson Camisa is one of the Chefs here at Melville Glades and has been working here since November 2018. Before he started working here, Tyson attended culinary school in Fremantle at the Emporium Institute located at the old Fremantle Prison.

Tyson's love for cooking is something of a family thing, he is following in the footsteps of his dad who was also worked as a chef.

Tyson describes his cooking style as an Italian fusion since he has Italian heritage, "I try to broaden my horizon when it comes to Italian because there are just so many different things you can do and so many different styles".

When asked about what advice he would give to someone who wants to work in this profession he said he would tell them to say goodbye to their weekends and don't plan any holidays because this is your new life.

Tyson is really enjoying his time working here and said after he leaves here he might relocate to Tasmania to work with his family, "a family thing is next probably, might move to Tasmania. My mum is thinking about opening up a café and I want to go there and be her chef."

Tyson's favourite thing about working here is being allowed the freedom to create new dishes for people that he enjoys making like his desserts. "When I first started here it was just the butterscotch pudding and now I've turned it into a light and fluffy chai tea pudding. And now every time I do a carvery Jack Ebbs always asks me to make my puddings."

While he enjoys the close-knit nature of a golf club, he sometimes struggles with the negative feedback from people, "The criticism from some members about my food can be really tough but it's all good, it's a part of the job and I accept that. I take on what they say and I try my best to learn from it and if they don't like my food I just need to bite my lip and try harder."

When Tyson came down here for his first interview he was blown away by the beautiful landscape and knew he wouldn't want to work anywhere else. "Wow! That was my first impression. I thought this place is so nice, they have a spacious kitchen, the scenery is so beautiful and the wildlife is everywhere, I just really liked it."

**If your life was a movie what would the title be?**

Too fast too furious

**How would someone describe you?**

Fun, energetic and has a lot of anger issues.

**What quote would you say best describes you?**

"To the break of dawn y'all" –Project X

**3 things you can't live without?**

Tomatoes, my mum and life.

**Dream country to visit:**

Vanuatu

**What has surprised you most about working here?**

The people I work with, everyone is so unique in their own different way.

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

Hopefully rich like everyone else playing golf here, with a nice Ferrari and a castle would be good. We will see.



WELCOME  
**NEW MEMBERS**  
TO  
*Melville Glades*  
GOLF CLUB

PATRICK SMITH  
TOM COLELLA  
JOHN SUNGWHAN  
MARK CHO  
ACE PAE  
SUNG KI CHO  
RYAN LEE  
MITCHELL ZILE  
DANIEL LEE  
PETER CHILVERS  
ANNETTE THOMAS  
STEVE PARK  
JOSE LOPES  
JEFF WHITE

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## HOW TO PLAY:

Each number in this crossword represents a different letter of the alphabet. We've given you three letters to help you get started. Write these letters wherever their corresponding numbers appear in the grid and you should then be able to start working out the other missing letters.