

Melville Glades Golf Club – Taking its History into the Future

Melville Glades Golf Club has recently made their history archive available online for viewing by club members and the public.

The project commenced in 2017 as the club celebrated its 50th anniversary. In the preparations for that event, club members on the anniversary committee commenced the task of assembling the historical documents and the preparation of a publication. It was soon realised that much of that information was either not available or had to be recovered from various locations. The outcome of that process was the creation of the club's History and Heritage Committee, a small group of volunteers tasked to manage the club's history on an ongoing basis.

The first major step taken by the HHC was the purchase of the MOSAiC software package, written specifically for small to medium historical groups to register and manage their historical artefacts. The target was to capture the information in digital format and have it available for future celebrations. That required a lot of scanning, digital photography, and research. Step forward to 2023 and the HHC had captured a critical mass including datasets such as newsletters (200+ of them), scorecards, annual reports, photographs, member interviews, videos, golf events records, and much more. But there was still a problem - it was all contained within the MOSAiC database on a single PC where nobody else could view it.

MOSAIC had an option to publish its database, but the HHC eventually commenced discussions with Collections WA, a group associated with the WA Museum. Funded independently, their focus is supporting the many small local WA historical groups and organisations. Their service offered online publishing of historical records at no cost provided it met certain criteria. Importing the database into the Collections WA system was not straight forward and required several months work negotiating with their technical officer. It was a very satisfying day when all the data was online.

MGGC sincerely thanks Collection WA for working with the club to import the data and for providing their online service.

Have a look at our archive <https://collectionswa.net.au/organisations/melville-glades-golf-club> or use your mobile and this QR code.

