**Huon Valley Golf Club - Presidents Report for 2017/18**

I started my report last year by stating that 2017 had been a successful but also a challenging and difficult year - 2018 has been very similar.

Our Secretary, Adrian Butt, reluctantly agreed to continue in the position until we could find a replacement and also Committee member Robert (Tom) Paul found it necessary to resign due to personal reasons.

John Starr was appointed to the Committee and David de Burgh took on the Secretarial position in May 2018 – many thanks to both and also to Mike Dredge for his assistance to Adrian.

Also with advice from Alan Flakemore that due to health issues he needed to reduce his workload at the Club it has required a major rethink of many issues.

We have been very fortunate to have Kirsty Abbott operate the bar on Saturdays and Wednesdays are being manned by volunteers – thanks to all those that continue to assist.

The recent State Government elections presented a unique opportunity for our Club and we were successful in obtaining a grant of $50,000 for infrastructure works – this has enabled us to bring forward and undertake a number of projects that will be extremely beneficial to the Club.

The Committee has planned and overseen the development and implementation of a number of significant improvements and I list the major ones;

* Drainage improvements in front of the 17th green
* Installation of new sand containers and Tee markers around the course
* Purchase of a new Toro Greens mower
* Purchase of a new Boom Sprayer
* A full upgrade of the Club IT System
* Construction of shelving on the Clubhouse balcony
* Purchase and installation of a 17.4 KW Solar Power system for the Clubhouse

Two other initiatives that have been undertaken recently are;

* the initiation of a Junior Development program with our local schools led by Mike Dredge (some 60 students attended the Club recently).
* the establishment of a Friday 9 hole competition with the Clubhouse being open from 3.00pm till 6.00pm

In regards to the Land Subdivision no further funds have been expended this year however the Club has been successful in negotiating with a contractor (Channel Earthmoving) to undertake the construction of base roadworks at no cost to the Club. Works have been delayed due to problems with approvals for the subdivision where the fill will come from.

The Huon Valley Open, the Huon Masters and Twilight continue to be outstanding financial contributors to the Club and I extend my thanks to the organisers for their efforts.

Congratulations to all who played in our Championships and Club events during the year.

Our sponsors are of vital importance to the well being of our Club and I thank them for their generous contributions.

It is important, that on behalf of the members, I thank the people that make this Club work;

Firstly, to that mighty band of volunteers who tend our course - John, Jimmy, Dennis, Alan and Simon for the flags and other volunteers - our absolute sincere thanks.

To our Vice President Mark, Captain Stuart and Vice- Captain Dennis, Committee members Harvey, Bill, Brendon and John – thank you for your contributions.

To Adrian I am particularly grateful for your efforts as Secretary and your wise and calming advice in difficult times.

Thanks to Mike Dredge for assisting Adrian and for your financial contribution and especially for your tireless work in regards to the Junior development program.

Thanks to David de Burgh for volunteering to take over from Adrian.

Finally, to our Treasurer for the past two years Geoff Abbott – a man that can get a bit excited at times but a man that has an absolute passion for this Club and has worked tirelessly for the Club – thank you Geoff.

The Club has ended the year in a strong financial position but care must be taken to ensure that our future decisions are responsible, are referenced to the approved budget, the plant replacement program, the capital works program and the strategic plan but also be responsive to the needs of the Club and any opportunities that arise.

I look forward to working with our new Committee in the next 12 months in continuing to develop and grow the Hun Valley Golf Club.

Geoff Cockerill

President