



2025 COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 1

Date: Thur 10th April 2025

Venue: Dooleys Catholic Club, Lidcombe

Committee 2025 Attendance Record

Role	Committee		1 6/2	2 10/4	3	4	5
President	Michael Parker	MP	✓	✓			
Captain	Steven Chan	SC	✓	✓			
Secretary	Dave McCann	DMc	✓	✓			
Treasurer	George Emerson	GE	✓	✓			
Handicapper	Rudi Minbatiwala	RudiM	✓	✓			
Booking Officer	Graham Flanagan	GF	✓	✓			
General Committee	Simon Soo	SS	✓	✓			
General Committee	Warren Francis	WF	✓	✓			
General Committee	Jeff Bailey	JB	✓	📱			
General Committee	Ben Franklin	BF	✓	✓			



Attended



Phone Attendance



Apology received



Non Attendance
No apology received

Agenda :

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Previous Minutes (Meeting "1" 2025 – 6/2/25)
4. Treasurer's report
5. Action items
6. Correspondence
7. General Business
8. Next Meeting / Meeting Closure

1. [Welcome](#)

- Meeting opened by MP @ 6.02 pm.

2. [Apologies Received](#)

- Nil apologies. Full attendance.

3. Previous Minutes – 2025 Meeting “1” - 06/02/25

- No matters arising from the previous minutes.

Accepted – BF

Seconded – WF

4. Treasurer’s Report – GE

COMMONWEALTH BANK SYDNEY GOLF CLUB TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2025

		OPENING BALANCE (1st December 2024):	22,087.26	
		ACTUAL		
INCOME		YTD		
Bank Holiday (net)		0.00		
Capt's Cash (net)		164.00		
Donations		0.00		
Fundraising (net)				
Interest		0.00		
Membership Fees		1,085.00		
Non Attend Fees	\$10 per non attendance	0.00		
Syd v Newc		0.00		
T Shirt Sales		165.00		
		<u>1,414.00</u>	<u>1,414.00</u>	
			23,501.26	
EXPENDITURE				
AGM		1,259.30		
Coffs Harbour (net)		0.00		
Deposits Utilised		0.00		
Green Fees (net)		-115.00		
Interbank (net)		0.00		
Miscellaneous (Engraving, Bank Fees, Web Host)		233.51		
Murray Trip (Keed/Bendeich \$280 less Guild Vic \$140)		-660.00		
Rule Cards		0.00		
T Shirt/Caps Purchases/Expense		0.00		
Trophies		1,432.10		
Christmas Gifts		253.07		
Westpac Challenge (net)		0.00		
		<u>2,402.98</u>	<u>2,402.98</u>	P/L
			<u>21,098.28</u>	-988.98
Balances as at 5 April 2025				
Outstanding Banking	50.00	DIFFERENCE	0.00	
Cheque Account No 1	939.30	Deposits		
Gateway Term Deps	17,617.24			
Gateway At Call	4.24	Glenmore	100.00	
O/S Deposits and Stock on Hand	2,487.50	Liverpool	50.00	
	<u>21,098.28</u>	Long Reef	50.00	
Less O/S Payments	-	Mona Vale	100.00	
	<u>21,098.28</u>	Bankstown	200.00	
		Shirts SOH	1,287.50	
		Deposit Bonville	700.00	
			<u>2,487.50</u>	

Comments

- P & L does not include Mona Vale costs and negative Captains Cash result.
- D Khoury, R Mair and G Willaimson have rejoined. Up to approx. 55 paid members.
- Trophy cost accounts for most of loss.
- \$3,000 to be withdrawn from club's Term Deposit to top up bank account. With interest etc balance will be reduced to approx. \$15,000.
- Loss position should materially improve from bank holiday event.

Accepted – RM

Seconded – JB

5. Action items C'Fwd - DMc

4/5/23	Interstate trips/events	SC & GE	<p>Future of interstate events</p> <p>4/5/23 – SC to contact states to gauge interest.</p> <p>20/6/23 – General discussion held around future tours including indicative tour itineraries and costs obtained by GE (refer “Correspondence”). Consensus was that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is important that we communicate with other states to gauge interest with a view to keeping the “Elliot” style of competition alive if possible. We gauge interest of Sydney club members and look at subsidies for our club members. Gold Coast was the preferred initial tour destination. <p>It was resolved that GE will make an initial approach to other states to advise that we are looking to reinvigorate interstate participation and to gauge interest. Sc to provide GE with contact details. Carried forward to next meeting.</p> <p>22/8/23 Email received from Horst Eberius (Committee VIC) to GE as follows: <i>“Yes. the general response is “that if an event was organised some would be interested in attending”. I feel that the mood is the the “RS Elliotts it was, is no longer” and change is in the wind. As an aside I have given some thought to if Victoria were to hold an event where, when and how would we go? Nothing definitive but the mind still “wonders, could we”? (apologise, I forgot about the 15 July RSVP?). We await any outcome.</i> Previous advices of “no interest” had been received from John Norman (SA) and Keven Russell (WA)</p> <p>Matter to be kept under notice and cfwd to next meeting. States to be informed of any new developments.</p> <p>5/10/23 General discussion held. and it has been decided to cfwd to 1/2024 to allow Committee chance to think about options. RM - suggested that we do a low key trip in 2024. GE - suggested that we arrange any trip for our own needs but no problem to invite other states once destination, timing etc known. Suggested Murray River as a viable destination.</p>
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			<p>Consensus agreement to cfwd to 1/2024 to allow Committee chance to think about options.</p> <p>8/2/24</p> <p>– General discussion was held around future trips/tours.</p> <p>RM</p> <p>– Questioned whether calendar allowed for a trip away this year. Southern Highlands was suggested by RM as a possibility.</p> <p>Group</p> <p>– General agreement that March/April is the ideal time of year for trips and that on that basis we have missed the boat for 2024.</p> <p>Consideration to be given to a trip/location for March 2025 and whether it would be better to use the services of a tour company to arrange. Murray River suggested as a good venue with a 4 or 5 day trip being optimal. There may be some interest from other states.</p> <p>GE to make some further enquiries re travel company options.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting</p> <p>18/4/24</p> <p>GE has done some research re potential trips away as per attached quotations from Cobram Barooga, Airtree Resort and The Travelling Golfer summarized on the attached spreadsheet.</p> <p>All are for potential trips away in the late March/early April period of 2025 in the Murray River region.</p> <p>General consensus was that the quotation from The Travelling Golfer looked preferable including RACV Cobram Resort accommodation and 4 games of golf spread over 6 days as follows:</p> <p>Day 1 – Travel</p> <p>Day 2 – Golf @ Yarrawonga/Mulwala</p> <p>Day 3 – Golf @ Tocomwal</p> <p>Day 4 – Free day</p> <p>Day 5 – Golf @ Black Bull</p> <p>Day 6 – Golf @ Cobram Barooga</p> <p>Cost - \$715 pp.</p> <p>GE pointed out that there is an existing arranged tour to Barnbougale Dunes by Jeff Cashman's tour entity. He also advised that indicative numbers are critical and that it was appropriate to gauge membership interest and get a financial commitment asap.</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposed timing of a tour is appropriate and before it gets unacceptably cold in the Murray region.</p> <p>GE has drawn up a draft email to club membership and will amend before providing to the Secretary for distribution to members.</p> <p>GF raised aspect of partners travelling as part of tour and GE was confident this could be accommodated.</p> <p>The Committee thanked GE for his work on this matter to date.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting for discussion re response to expression of interest email.</p> <p>13/6/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Murray trip booked. - 16 NSW and 1 SA participants. - GE advised email received from VIC advising 6 very interested and 7 maybe interested. They will need to make their own arrangements and try to link with our existing booking. - We have 20 tee spots booked for the Murray. - Catering and other logistics need to be looked at.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GE has commenced looking into a 2026 King Island/Barnbougle trip and is awaiting further advises from travel company re charter V commercial flights etc. - SC mentioned also possibility of looking at New Zealand for 2026. <p>CFwd to next meeting</p> <p>22/8/24 GE advised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 11 from VIC for Murray River. - Comp to be run over last 2 days - Enquiries started re Barnbougle and King Island. Estimated cost \$4,000. - SC to look at New Zealand but probably similar cost. <p>CFwd to next meeting</p> <p>2/10/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SC has looked at New Zealand mainly around Queenstown. An example of a package is 7 days, 6 nights, 4 courses – from \$1,800 pp including accommodation. Flights extra...maybe \$600 return. - GF advised that need to consider that some of the better NZ courses limit group sizes meaning that with large groups it is possible that not everybody can play a course on the same day - GE to do more investigation on King Island venue. - Matter, including NZ versus King Island trip to be further considered after March 2025. <p>CFwd to next meeting</p> <p>6/2/25 Consensus was for this action item to be closed and a new action item re potential trip to King Island V New Zealand in 2026 be established (titled 2026 Tour).</p> <p>SC – New Zealand</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 days..day 1 arrive, days 2 & 3 play, day 4 rest, days 5 & 6 play, day 7 fly home. - Based on 6-8 people costs approx NZD2,400 twin share or NZD3,200 single. Includes accommodation and transfers but not including flights and meals. - Based out of Queenstown. - Flights ballpark \$600. <p>GE – King Island</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8 expressions of interest. - 3 days and 2 games approx. \$2,000 including accommodation and flights. <p>SC & GE to send details to MP who will seek expressions of interest from membership.</p> <p>10/4/25</p> <p>Action item completed and closed. Refer discussion in General Business.</p>
22/8/23	Electronic scoring	MP	<p>22/8/23 MP to explore options available for electronic scoring eg; MiScore</p> <p>5/10/23 CFwd to 1/2024</p>

			<p>8/2/24 RudiM gave a rundown of MiScore costing. \$20 pa pp to download app. If you are a member of a club with MiScore it is free. If not, it is a cost of \$19.57 pa pp. We can set up a comp for up to 50 players with live leaderboard, updated by individual players/markers. MiScore does not create tee times and does not do cross checking of scores. 14 day fee trial available and Rudi to test on an upcoming trip. GF advised MiScore is used by Vets but cost included in Vets fees. Vets have 100-120 players per event. Consensus is that there is potential to use MiScore. Cost for club to set up to be explored by MV. GolfPad could still be used for booking etc.</p> <p>18/4/24 No action on this item since last meeting. RudiM advised that MiScore was not used on his recent golf trip as expected. MV asked whether it is appropriate to poll membership re use of MiScore including potential subsidy of member costs. General consensus no need. Further general discussion held on use of MiScore.</p> <p>RudiiM questioned whether there was a seamless link between MiScore and GolfLink. GF confirmed his understanding that the events are set up in MiScore which picks up GolfLink handicap and at the end of the event info is fed back into GolfLink. He also understands that it does the clac including countbacks etc. GF to find out more detail on how it is used in the Veterans events.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting.</p> <p>13/6/24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GF still to investigate details of Veterans use of MiScore. - MP advises super easy to use and considers it worthwhile. - At some point we will need to consider whether club will subsidise cost. - MP suggested cost \$19 pp be added to club membership. - WF also pointed out efficiency of MiScore scoring at club games. <p>22/8/24 GF advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New MiScore app being trialed and will be available late 24 aimed more at social clubs with more beneficial costs. - Vets tied up with Westpac though Nth Sydney Leagues Club and it may be possible for us to piggy back of their arrangement. - Suggested we wait until new app is introduced then look at it further. <p>GE asked whether a merger with another club should be investigated in the future given gradual decline in CBA numbers. General agreement that it is something we can consider going forward. SC suggested that it could be a possible discussion point at AGM. CFwd to next meeting</p> <p>2/10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - General agreement that MiScore is the way to proceed but with new MiScore app being trialed, costs and the possibility/benefits of joining with other groups etc are not yet able to be gauged.
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			<p>6/2/25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refer GF update email 16/1/25 as follows: <p><i>In preparation for next Committee meeting, have done some research for any update for this Agenda Item</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Golflink being replaced by Golf Connect. Golf Australia's new Technology Partner is DotGolf.</u> • <u>More detail of Partnership</u> • <u>DotGolf is a NZ based company formed in 1999 and provides tech solutions for Clubs and Organisations</u> • DotGolf website www.dotgolf.co.nz <p><i>Having read the above, I couldn't find any start date or details of how dotgolf would work for Social Clubs.</i></p> <p><u>MISCORE</u></p> <p><i>So I checked MiScore and found a <u>link</u> to PRIVATE COMPETITIONS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Up to 50 players (may be able to be used for Bank Holiday - bigger group sizes is coming??)</i> <p><i>Just a few notes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Private Competition cannot be sent for handicap to Golf Australia within MiScore App</i> • <i>MiScore App User Subscription is required for players scoring away from their home club.</i> • <i>Private Competition played in-conjunction with a club competition have no relevancy to prize allocations in club competitions</i> • <i>Private Competition doesn't manage player handicaps</i> • <i>Anyone can create a Private Competition and there can be as little as two players as many as 50 players.</i> <p><i>MiScore website didn't outline how to set up or costs so have sent an online enquiry for more information.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GF is waiting on costs of MiScore for each of the various 3 options. <p>CFwd to next meeting.</p> <p>10/4/25</p> <p>GF still to follow up costings, options and full details of new MiScore system and will do so asap.</p> <p>SC advised that Jeff Cashman has advised that he is happy continuing with current Golfpad system.</p> <p>CFwd to next meeting.</p>
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9. Correspondence – DMc

Received from Oak Point GC (formerly Liverpool GC)

From: Social <Social@opgc.au>

Date: 26 March 2025 at 3:59:23 pm AEDT

Subject: Confirmation of Social Club Booking Cancellations at Liverpool Golf Club (Now Oak Point GC)

Hi All

I hope this message finds you well. I'm writing to confirm that we have sent a notice regarding the cancellation of all social club bookings at Liverpool Golf Club (now Oak Point Golf Club) after April 1.

As we have recently merged with Kogarah Golf Club, we are still in the process of determining how many new members will be interested in playing on Sundays. As a result, all social club bookings have been cancelled for the time being.

We have had a few clubs reach out recently to confirm their bookings, and I'm concerned that some of our emails may have been missed due to spam filters or other issues, especially as we are now using a new email address.

Please consider this email as confirmation that all bookings after April 1 have been cancelled. We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Regards

Jason Perkin

- Matter of deposit (\$50) raised and MP suggested that as we will not be able to use course for several years we should ask for it to be returned.

Action item

- GF to respond to email and ask for return of deposit

General Business – DMc

Agenda items requested by MP via email dated 7/4/25

Item 1

Increasing club members and active players to games.

I would like to present a three-pronged approach to see if we can get numbers up. More options to be invited from committee members.

1. *Promotion to CBA Sydney employees with the assistance of Clive Keen's daughter, Michelle, who is the General Manager for Group Communication @ CBA. I would like the message to include staff members who can also invite family and friends to become members.*

2. *Reaching out to past members of our club who have not renewed their membership and encouraging them to rejoin.*
3. *Current members are encouraged to invite family and friends to games. A separate email is to be issued.*

Discussion

- Matter of declining membership raised by Club Patron during recent Murray River trip.
- Formal thanks given to GE for his organisation of the successful Murray trip.
- MP suggested that for long term viability and strong attendance at club games we do need to look at younger members.
- GF pointed out that new member emails come to him and given his upcoming travels from late May it may be necessary to add another person. MP has volunteered.
- GF pointed out that there is a difference between a serious social golfer who plays regularly with handicap and to official rules V someone who just wants the occasional social/informal round. As such wording of invitations to join need to be carefully worded to emphasise the formal nature of our games.
- RM raised aspect that we are competing with other groups such as Future Golf....ie; why would they join CBA social club V Future Golf. Benefits of CBA club to be emphasised (eg; variety of courses in regular club games, additional trips, handicapping of games etc).
- JB suggested including first year's membership in Bank Holiday entrance fee for new members. Consensus was that it would be appropriate to at least offer free pro rata membership to end of club financial year (30 November).

Action item

- MP to draft appropriate emails. SC to find previous email templates used.
- Invitations to be extended to existing members in correspondence (results emails etc) to bring a friend/s to club games.

Item 2

Club international/interstate trip 2026.

Feedback from our members has confirmed a solid interest in playing golf in New Zealand, Queensland.

It is expected the trip will be in early March, post the NZ Open and when the weather is more likely to be favourable. We have two quotes ##:

1. *Remarkable Golf Tours*
2. *The Travelling Golfer (the company that helped George organise the Murray Golf Trip).*

I would like to get a consensus for the next steps to ensure we get firm numbers and can lock in the supplier, dates and prices.

Discussion

- Subsequent to MP's email a third quote has been obtained from PGQ (Peak Golf Queenstown).

- Majority of feedback from members was to go to New Zealand with numbers in the 12 – 15 range plus some potential attendees via jeff Cashman.
- Differences between quotes are in regard to courses and accommodation.
- First week of March 26 is preferred timing
- **Indicative** ground costs for 12 persons (ie; not including airfares) (at AUD 1 = NZD 1.07) and for 6 nights and 4 golf courses are as follows:

(AUD 1 = NZD 1.07)

Remarkable Tours

NZD 2,225 per golfer (AUD 2,080)

NZD 865 per non golfer (AUD 809)

The Travelling Golfer

NZD 2,691 per golfer (AUD 2,517)

NZD 1,706 per non golfer (AUD 1,595)

PGQ

NZD 2,675 per golfer (AUD 2,503)

NZD 1,385 per non golfer (AUD 1,296)

NZD 1,175 for single room supplement (AUD 1,098)

Accommodation

- **Remarkable** (Glebe Apartments) – up to 6 per apartment including possible sharing of double bed.
- **Travelling Golfer** (Peppers Apartments) – twin shared accommodation
- **PGQ** (Crown Plaza) – twin shared accommodation

Courses offered

- **Remarkable** – Jacks Point, Arrowtown, Queenstown, Millbrook (Coronet course)
- **Travelling Golfer** – Jacks Point, Arrowtown, Millbrook (Coronet course), Millbrook (Remarkables course)
- **PGQ** – Jacks Point, Queenstown, Millbrook (Coronet course), Millbrook (Remarkables course)

Action item

- MP to reach out to everybody who has expressed interest (ie; NOT broader membership) with updates with indicative costs and to obtain commitment to attend.
- MP to reach out to companies re timing required to lock in.

Agenda items raised at meeting by GF

Richmond GC

- Booked for 25 & 26.
- Course currently has problems arising from nearby sewerage works and weed in greens.
- Cabramatta available for 27.
- Asquith, Fox Hills and a return to Shell Cove suggested as possibles. GF to explore these options.

Bank Holiday

- GF will be away in lead up to event so tasks that he undertook in 24 to be passed around.

Agenda item raised at meeting by RM

MatchPlay Event

- RM reiterated benefits of being able to conduct Matchplay rounds outside of normal club games if a participant cannot make a normal club round AND opponents agree (as per Patron's suggestions detailed in minutes from Meeting 22/8/24).
- Concept supported by MP.
- SC suggested use of the regular club non-MatchPlay games (ie; those games scheduled between MatchPlay rounds) if necessary.

Action item

- After general discussion it was agreed that SC will rewrite MatchPlay rules on the website and via email as follows:
 - 1) If a MatchPlay competitor cannot make an upcoming MatchPlay round, we allow for a makeup MatchPlay round to be held at a non-MatchPlay game if necessary, prior to the originally scheduled MatchPlay round and only by mutual agreement between the MatchPlay opponents.
 - 2) Acknowledge that if a makeup game cannot be played due to a washout, then a walkover will apply in favour of the participant who was able to make the originally scheduled MatchPlay round..
- 2025 MatchPlay committee to be SC and MP.

Next Meeting / Meeting Closure

- ❖ **Next meeting** – Meeting 3/2025 – 12th June 2025
Venue – Dooleys Lidcombe.
- ❖ **Meeting closed @ 7.25 pm.**