

Golf Course Superintendents Association of Queensland



Dear Members,

I am pleased to present my President's Report to the 2020 AGM covering our achievements in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Unfortunately, this year COVID-19 restrictions dramatically curtailed association activities, and has had a considerable impact on many member's golf courses. Planned association events earlier in the year had to be cancelled or postponed. We hope that with restrictions easing in the New Year we will again be able to present events such as:

- Reno Rumble
- Walk and Talk – Nudgee Golf Club, Tevan Valley Golf Club
- GMA/GCSAQ combined education day

As many would know, the Australian PGA, to have been held at Royal Queensland Golf was cancelled. However, it has been rescheduled for December 2021, and along with it, the opportunity to be a part of the course quality program. The association sees this as a great opportunity to become experienced in major event management, and will be supporting Superintendent Adam Mills with this event.

So, while association activities this year have been minimal, we have implemented some key items including:

- Implementation of Zoom for committee meetings (rather than face to face) due to COVID-19 restrictions. Not only has this saved money and time for committee members in travel, but has also enabled the meetings to have more attendees.
- Increased traffic to the website
- Increase in social connection with members Facebook etc.
- Continuation of superintendent's bios published on website
- Numerous educational pieces related to the industry communicated to members.
- Supported the Far NQ Greenkeepers Xmas Party – Golf Day
- The GCSAQ Golf Industry Awards was hosted online on the 14th of July, due to COVID-19 restrictions. Congratulations to Lincoln Coombes for the Superintendent of the Year Award, Brendan Clarke for the Environment and Safety Excellence Award, and Ben Tilly for the Superintendent Recognition Award.

- Conducted detailed Member survey and acted on Member feedback
- Continuation of Job Vacancy page on website which is free for Members to use

We have also provided advice and recommendations on continuing industry inputs for reclaimed water usage for future sustainability.

I would like to thank my committee Shaun, Stu, Garry, John, Luke, Phil, Brendan and Matt for their efforts and valuable contribution over the year. It makes my role of President a lot more pleasant when working with such a committed team.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the dedication and contribution of our retiring Treasurer Stuart Campbell for his hard work and dedication over the last few years.

It has been an honour to be the President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Queensland.

Thank you

Paul McLean
President
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