



Rottnest Island Country Club Inc

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Presidents Report 2022:

Our 2022 Rottnest Golf season had quite some disruption to our entry and player routine from previous years.

Members needed to plan their visits well ahead to secure accommodation - nine months in advance for RIA Accommodation, or booking via Sapphire Rottnest, or the other options. Despite that saw similar attendance levels for the Classic and Cup weekends from prior years when it was more simple to enter events in the past.

Congratulations to all members and friends that attended the 2022 season events. It is important we keep our numbers up for our island events to highlight and maintain a significant presence on the Island through the winter months. Your resilience in the face of the changed accommodation booking conditions is commended.

Your club Committees and Patron for 2022 have all done a marvellous job planning, preparing and presenting the season events in the professional manner members have become accustomed to.

Please join me in giving a hearty thank you to all who contributed in the voluntary capacities for 2022.

During the 2022 season, we have seen some major changes since Karma Group left the island.

Place Development is redeveloping the Lodge. Its Wadjemup Lodge works programme is moving along and the planned opening in a few years will be a welcome addition the current accommodation options that are now under pressure.



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Place Development's hospitality arm called Social Grounds is running the Clubhouse and handles the Golf Bookings, and Barefoot Bowls. They have also given the ClubHouse a make-over with the intension of transforming the venue into a sports bar precinct. Their lease on the building and infrastructure is limited to 2 to 3 years with plans to extend into a long term deal with the RIA which would enable further investment and major works to the clubhouse into the future. In the meantime, please continue to support them with references to your friends to play golf on the island.

Course Management

The Rottnest Island Authority have maintained the contract with MCL Parks and Garden Services to maintain the course.

The club has a special sub-committee dealing with the RIA and feel there is more that could be done to improve the play-ability of the golf course by implementing more golf course green keeping knowledge as opposed to general lawn care. We have seen the quokka population inside the fence increase to the point the course is being damaged and the club has asked the RIA to implement a removal programme back to their normal habitat. There is no quick fix however as the various Government departments struggle to all agree at the same time.

All things taken into account the RIGC remains an import stakeholder on the Island and with the growth and support of membership participation will maintain this presence well into the future . Best wishes for the festive season and the club Management Committee looks forward to seeing you all in 2023

Phillip Bray

President 2022