

# Golf Queensland Limited

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

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# CHAIR'S REPORT

In this, our first full year under the One Golf model, the Golf Queensland Board is pleased with the outcomes for Golf in Queensland and are working closely with the Board and Staff of Golf Australia to ensure this continues in the future.

Working to the Golf Australia Strategic Plan has ensured the alignment of program delivery from National to State Level. This has been felt by the golfer across many of the programs in place from Juniors to Seniors. Further, in November, the Golf Queensland Board provided input on the Golf Australia strategic plan with all other member states.

Seven State of Play Forums were held across Queensland in the first half of the year, focusing on the new national strategy for women's and girls' golf - Vision 2025, the forum also provided a brief on the Queensland Golf Facilities Plan. Both programs continued to evolve over the year and will provide great opportunities for the game to grow in many aspects in the years to come.

Our junior My Golf program continued to grow reaching over 20,000 participants in the 2018/19 year. Through the leadership of the Queensland Development Staff, Queensland Golf Clubs and facilities attributed to an impressive 10,000 of these junior My Golfers coming from Queensland.

In addition to another successful staging of State Championship events, the inaugural Outback Queensland Masters (OQM) was staged through June and July. With our partners Tourism and Events Queensland and the Queensland Government Year of the outback tourism events program, the OQM provided significant exposure for Golf and our Outback Queensland Golf Clubs. All participants provided glowing feedback on the format which leaves it in a great position moving ahead.

The transition to the One Golf Model has not come without its challenges. Golf Australia reported a significant loss in the first year of trading, although part of this loss is understandable under a new system the Golf Queensland Board will monitor this area closely moving ahead.

The collection of affiliation fees by staff for the first time in Queensland did not go as planned. Unfortunately, the inaugural affiliation fee collection process was affected by the One Golf transition and ultimately extended past the planned collection dates, however all fees were collected in 2019 and distributed accordingly. The first year of collections did provide a lot of learnings which have been used to prepare a more robust plan in 2020.

I sincerely thank my fellow Board Directors for their support and guidance over the past 12 months. As volunteers they commit significant amounts of personal time to travel and meet in Brisbane and attend function across the State. I would also like to thank the many other volunteers involved in our operations who have provided a significant amount of time to Golf in Queensland over this past period.

Finally, I thank the input and time provided by all our Queensland Districts both on and off the golf course. I encourage Districts to continue to raise any matter either directly to myself, with other Golf Queensland Board members or relevant Golf Australia staff to ensure that golf's success in Queensland continues.

David Brett

Chair