

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS – FEE STRUCTURES AND PAYMENT OF FEES

1. FEE STRUCTURES

Times change and so must the Club if it is to continue into the future with a new generation of playing members.

Younger people today work in a very different work, economic and social environment to that of not so long ago.

This is reflected in seasonal work, weekend work, casual unplanned work, both partners in a family group working, and a wider array of entertainment and sporting options across the whole family. All these things make it difficult for many younger people, and indeed for many people of all ages in the workforce and potential Country Members, to see the value in our membership offers.

The Club committee has decided to introduce an alternative fee structure for “full membership” (in the constitution called Ordinary Member) to meet these needs, and offer a good value alternative to the traditional full membership structure, which will be retained in its current format at \$550 per annum as either a single payment, or split into two payments.

The alternative fee structure will be an annual fee of \$150, and \$10 per round of golf (\$5 for 9 holes). Members using this structure will pay normal competition fees, so their charges on a competition day will total \$20 - \$10 green fee plus \$10 competition fee.

Members opting for the new fee structure, which will have the same playing rights as existing full members, will be called **Green Fee Membership**.

Green Fee Members will be able to compete in, and win, Club Championships and Board events

Members paying the annual fee (either in one payment or split in two instalments) will be called **Annual Members**.

It became clear to the committee that this new fee option will be more attractive to Country, Intermediate and Social members than their current fee structures. The committee could see no point in continuing to offer and maintain these categories, and they will be discontinued.

All current Country, Intermediate and Social members are invited to take up the Green Fee membership option. As well as being less expensive, it does away with the levy (but does have a \$10 green fee component), and you are eligible to play in competitions and tournaments.

Local residents (to be defined) will have voting rights, those who are existing Country should not expect to have voting rights – this will be clarified to members in the near future.

These changes apply immediately to the 2018/2019 membership year.

IMPORTANT - Current full members considering a change from **Annual Membership** to the **Green Fee Membership** should note that the point at which the accumulated costs for Green Fee members will exceed \$550 pa is 40 games in any membership year. If you play more than 40 games pa you will be disadvantaged financially by changing your fee structure to the Green Fee option.

To summarise, the membership options now open to existing and new members are;

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – A single payment of \$550 by 31 August 2018, or payments of \$300 by 31 August 2018 and \$260 by 31 January 2019

GREEN FEE MEMBERSHIP – A single payment of \$150 by 31 August 2018 plus \$10 green fees at the time of playing for each round of golf (\$5 for 9 holes)

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP - \$50 (Dependants under 18), payable by 31 August 2018

2. PAYMENT OF FEES

It has been the practice to send out a form each year setting out membership options and calling for any changes in personal details to be noted.

The form is supposed to be returned along with payment details, however many are not.

This year we are asking members to pay by one of the following means

1. At the golf shop – cash, cheque or credit card.
2. By printing and forwarding the document on the next page with a cheque or credit card details.
3. By phoning the Golf shop on 03 – 5755 1773 between 0930 and 1200 to advise your credit card details. If there is no response please either leave a message or try again in 10 minutes.

Please do not email credit card details – the BCGC will not be responsible for the security of credit card information sent by this method

Due to the lateness of this advice, the period of grace for payment of fees will be 31 August.

MORE INFORMATION

If you wish for more information or some assistance in deciding whether to move to the new category, talk to any committee member, or email to the secretary (info@brightgolf.org.au) with a phone contact and a committee member will contact you.

The committee also encourages you to spread the word about this new membership category amongst friends and acquaintances – we feel that it has excellent potential to attract a wide variety of new members, and the more who know about it the better will be the result.



Bright Country Golf Club Membership Renewal

Annual subscriptions from 1st July 2018 to 30th June 2019 are as follows. Please select your membership category.
PAYMENT IS DUE & PAYABLE BY 31st August 2018.

- ✓ Full Membership - ANNUAL FEE MEMBER \$550.00
- ✓ Full Membership - GREEN FEE MEMBER \$150.00
- ✓ Junior Under 15 \$50.00

Annual members only may pay in two instalments, the first being \$300 due 31st August 2018, and the second being \$260 due 1st Jan 2019.

Green Fee members must pay a fee of \$10 for each round of 18 holes played, or \$5 for 9 holes played.

All membership fees include Personal Insurance & affiliation fees to Golf Victoria, NEDGA and NEDLGA at a cost of approximately \$60.00 per member.

Please complete and return this form with your remittance to:

Bright Country Golf Club Inc.
P.O. Box 242
BRIGHT Vic 3741
Attention: TREASURER

Full Name: Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms _____ Male Female

Preferred First Name _____ Date of Birth ___/___/___ (optional ex Juniors)

Home Address _____ Town _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Postal Address _____ Town _____

State _____ Postcode _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

Email _____

Home Club _____ Membership No. _____

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Cash / Cheque payable to Bright Country Golf Club Visa MasterCard Direct Deposit

Card No.

Expiry Date / Amount \$

Card Holder's Name _____ Signature _____

If payment is made by direct bank deposit, please ensure that a completed renewal form is sent to the club, and your name and membership number is included with your payment.

Bank Details: BSB: 063645, Account No: 1002 2952