

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

To: All Zone 'C' Clubs  
CC: Presidents  
Primary Contacts  
Club Captains

### **Improving our Governance and Enhancing the Rights of Member Clubs**

Dear Club Captain,

I am writing to the President of every golf club in NSW, the ACT and the President of each District Golf Association to explain some major changes that the Board of Golf NSW is proposing and to seek your support.

In 2010, with the amalgamation of men's and women's golf, the Golf NSW Constitution established a body called the Golf NSW Council. This is a body of 65 representatives from across NSW and the ACT. Only Council Members are entitled to vote on the election of the Directors of the Board of Golf NSW. The Council also has the power to approve or reject any proposed amendments to the Constitution before any amendments can be considered by the Clubs and Districts.

Based on Australian Sports Commission recommended sports governance principles, the Board of Golf NSW believes that the current arrangements for the election of Directors and amendment of the Constitution are no longer appropriate for Golf NSW.

Accordingly, Golf NSW is proposing a change that will see voting for Directors (and other matters) pass directly into the hands of the Member Clubs (375) and to our Member Districts (33) as a "one member, one vote" model. These changes will also bring Golf NSW in line with other major sporting bodies. With the proposed changes each Member Club and Member District will be entitled to vote on matters such as:

- Election of Directors
- Constitutional Change
- Major expenditure if it would be in excess of 25% of gross revenue received by Golf NSW in annual membership fees in the previous financial year
- Acquisition or disposal of real property (eg: Golf NSW's Building at Arncliffe).

The proposed change comprises three key elements:

- Dissolve the Council with voting passing directly to the Member Clubs and Districts
- Establishment of a new Golf NSW Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from metropolitan and regional areas to provide strategic advice and input to the Board of Golf NSW relating the growth of the game of golf in NSW and the ACT
- Establishment of The Golf Forum as a key information delivery platform for all Clubs and Districts.

To effect this change Golf NSW has called a Council meeting on Wednesday 27 July, 2016 to be immediately followed by an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Member Clubs and Districts. As I outlined above, the Council meeting will need to approve the proposed changes before the same Special Resolution can be considered and voted on by the all Members at the EGM.

The Board of Golf NSW firmly believes that this step is in the best interest for the future of Golf in NSW and encourages your Club and District to support this change by informing your Council Member of your views. The name(s) of your Council representative(s) are shown below.

I personally extend an invitation to each of you to attend the Council Meeting in the afternoon of 27 July 2016 and to also attend and vote at the EGM that immediately follows.

The formal notice of the EGM with the appropriate supporting documentation, including information about the proposed amendments to the Constitution and proxy voting options, will be sent to all Members in early July 2016.

In supporting this change you will be taking a more active role in the future of golf in our State.

Please feel free to contact either myself or Stuart Fraser at Golf NSW if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



John Robinson  
Chairman Golf NSW

cc: All Council Members

Attachment: Improving Our Governance - Summary of June 2 Council Meeting Presentation

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	Michael Reilly	Cumberland Country Golf Club
	Denis Spillane	Fox Hills Golf Club Ltd

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