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I would like to invite Award Sponsor **Darryn Conway** from (Schweppes) to come forward to present:

**(GMA SA) - EXCELLENCE IN GOLF CLUB MANAGEMENT AWARD**

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Candidates for the Excellence in Golf Club Management award are nominated by their Captain and/or President and then interviewed by our selection panel, this year being Jeff Zadow from Innovision Consulting. We thank Jeff for his efforts in judging this and the WHS award.

The winner of this award has been one of the key drivers behind the renewed success and re-imaging of his club in recent years.

His professionalism and business nous, combined with a willingness to work hard and smart, have played a significant part in enabling the Club to recover from some difficult times.

As General Manager, he has been integral in several large-scale projects, including a course re-development, clubhouse refurbishment and the establishment of the clubs restaurant.

In addition to investment in the course and infrastructure, the club has increased membership over 40% in the previous four years and introduced pathways to golf in the local community, including school programs, junior clinics and academies and a focus on female introductory clinics; thus ensuring the club enjoys a sustainable membership future.

The club has undergone significant improvements in recent times and this could only be achieved by the performance of the GM in co-ordinating these projects simultaneously.

I have pleasure in announcing the Excellence in Golf Club Management award for 2018 goes to:

**Adam Hays**      **from Thaxted Park Golf Club**