



To the Members of the Ballarat Golf Club

Let me introduce myself to those of you who don't know me, my name is Lesa Gray and I am nominating for a position on the board of the Ballarat Golf Club.

I am a qualified accountant having achieved my Bachelor of Business from the Ballarat College of Advanced Education, or Federation University as it is now known, and since that time I have worked in both public and private organisations in the Ballarat region.

During this time I have also been the Company Accountant for our family business established by my husband and myself over 30 years ago. In this role I have been involved in the growth of our company helping it evolve from being a small, Ballarat based, domestic heating and cooling business into a commercial building services company working primarily on telecommunications facilities and data centres across Australia.

I joined the Ballarat Golf Club over 12 years ago once family commitments lessened to allow me more spare time and I have been a dedicated member and avid golfer ever since. Prior to joining the club I was involved at committee level with Ballarat Midweek Ladies Tennis, serving as treasurer for 13 years.

Over the years I have represented our golf club on many occasions ranging from Pennant, Salvagers, Bowls and invitational events both at metropolitan and country clubs across Victoria and in doing so I am constantly reminded of how magnificent our course is and of the wonderful facilities we have, and also looking for ways we can improve.

From December 2013 I was the Women's Vice Captain for two years and then I took over the role of Women's Captain until December 2017. This was a challenging but extremely rewarding experience. In this role I was on both Match and Greens committees and involved in the Gender Equity subcommittee. During this time I also achieved my level one and level two rules accreditation with Golf Victoria.

In August last year I was co-opted to the board to fill a vacancy due to illness of a board member, a role I believe I have fulfilled with enthusiasm and competency and wish to continue, as I know I have much more to offer in the development of the golf club to help take it from being a great golf club to being the best golf club in country Victoria.

Many years of responsible corporate governance has seen the club evolve into a strong, financially independent organisation of which we can all be proud. By continuing to work with and for all members the board can build on the already solid foundations and achieve much more going forward.

The board must always be looking for improvements by constantly reviewing the club's Strategic Plan to maintain its relevance, exercising responsible fiscal management and listening to the members.

By working together we can ensure our club stays economically viable and relevant to all and I would be honoured if you were to vote for me to be your representative on the board.

Lesa Gray