

Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic 2021



For 21 years the Rotary Club of Moe has proudly conducted the Gippsland Rotary Golf Classic as its major community fundraiser, and this year's event was another outstanding success. Once again, the event was held at the challenging Yallourn Golf Club, host of the 2021 PGA Super 6 tournament back in February. The course still looked an absolute treat and the capacity field of 108 players competed for the 3-Person Ambrose title.

Despite some planning committee's changes to ensure that the event was COVID-19 compliant, the 36 teams delighted in fine weather and enjoyed the sumptuous lunch and dinner catering either side of the golf activity.

One of the first things we did this year was to thank the business community for their past support of our golf classic, with the explanation that there would be no evening auction due to the loss of trade during the pandemic. We did stress, however, that the Rotary Club of Moe hoped to reconnect with traders for next year's event.

Due to the generous support of sponsors, keen golfers, Rotarians, Inner Wheel members and the Yallourn Golf Club members, the annual charity fundraiser raised (subject to a couple of outstanding payments) \$21,460, which will be distributed within the community over the next few months. This is an outstanding result despite the comprised, auction-less program.) Recent beneficiaries have been Gippsland Rotary Centenary House, Latrobe Regional Hospital, the Rotary Club of Moe's Emergency Relief Fund, together with support for a number of smaller community projects.

Congratulations go to our major victors:

*Best 3-Person Ambrose team was Gippsland Land Services represented by Paul Bechaz, Darren Brown and Keith Geisler with the outstanding score of 57 1/3 nett.

*First Runner Up – Frank Hyett's YGC Team (Frank Hyett, Harry Thomas and Reuben Kincaid) who played tremendously well to finish close behind with 57 5/6.

*Second Runner Up on 59 ½ was Lauren's Lot (Lauren Whitehead, Heather Snowdon and Jordan Snowdon).

*Best Rotary Team was the Rotary Club of Moe (Alan Bishop, Peter Kingsbury and John Hutchinson) while Family Ties was the victorious Ladies' Team (Lyn McAlister, Lola Carter and Gwen Gratton).

The major raffle raised \$7870, which also was reason for celebration, as we lost a major sales venue due to COVID restrictions. However, the 2 sales-points at K Mart and outside Nextra Newsagency proved satisfactory.

The club greatly appreciates the generosity of Shen Guo (Betta Home Living) and Michael Koch (Yes Optus Mid Valley) for the provision of second and third prizes.

The club confidently looks forward to next year's event, and trusts that like all other sporting and social bodies, a COVID free lifestyle will be well and truly in place.

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