

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

RESIGNATION

On behalf of Jenny and myself I would like to thank the vast number of members who have wished us well following our accident on 26 October last year. Jen is now off crutches and my brace came off last week.

Fate works in wondrous ways. While contemplating the future in the aftermath of our accident I received an invitation from the Federal Government to take on the role of Administrator of Norfolk Island and I have accepted.

Accordingly in early March I will be sworn into that position by the Governor General and, in late March, Jen and I will be moving to Government House on Norfolk Island.

As Administrator I will be representing the Australian Government and working with the Norfolk Island Government to address the Island's serious economic and financial difficulties and to oversee a significant reform agenda. It is a big job but I am very much looking forward to it.

For the next two years Jen and I will miss the Portsea Golf Club but we hope that we will see many Portsea members visiting the Island and playing on its historic course. In particular there is the Hardy Classic in August and the Governors Cup in November each year. These are three or four day events and a great reason to visit Norfolk.

Portsea Golf Club is at an exciting point in its history and I am delighted that at a Special meeting of the Committee on Thursday night 9 February our Vice President Paul Cannon has agreed to take over as President. This will take effect immediately, and I am sure that the membership will fully support Paul. Furthermore Michael Proud has agreed to fill the position of Vice President, and the Committee position vacated by Michael will be filled by John Norris, who is currently a member of the Finance Committee.

By April of next year the new clubhouse will be completed and having worked on that project for 6 years, as one of the founding members of the Forward Planning then renamed Redevelopment Committee, I look forward to flying down for the opening next year, and joining you for this very exciting event.

Thanks again for your good wishes and support.

Neil Pope
President