



Save Kingswood Group incorporated

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The Kingswood Golf Club was – is a very Fine Golf Course.

Mr. Chairman

I implore you not to believe everything you are told by people with vested interests, or in seek of massive profits, or helping mates out.

Today previous members of the Kingswood golf club listened with disbelief, as their beloved club was denigrated by Mr. Benjamin Telley.

His view is not shared by most. In fact there are still some reviews on the web and in good Golf Books that speak in glowing terms of the Kingswood Golf course ...

According to Golf Select. (Ref [HERE](#)) *Unedited and sourced 29-11-21*

KINGSWOOD GOLF CLUB

Kingswood Golf Club is known as the Melbourne Sandbelt's best kept secret. A gently undulating championship golf course, Kingswood has undergone a number of hole changes over the last few years. The result is a course which will test all standard of golfers. Pure couch fairways and great to putt on greens provide an enjoyable playing experience.

Located in Melbourne's famous Sandbelt, Kingswood has consistently rated as one of Australia's top golf courses. This **championship course** is gently undulating **but an exceptional test of golf.**

Kingswood is not as well known as some of its more famous Sandbelt neighbours, but it loses little in comparison as a championship standard golf course.

Wonderful couch fairways, fast true greens, superb bunkering, and lakes coming into play on six holes provide not only a great golfing challenge, but also a delightful playing environment featuring an abundance of birdlife.

“The fact that the Club has hosted many State and National Amateur Championships over the years bears testament to its quality and regard in which it is held.”

Kingswood can rightly boast a wonderful history, a great golf course, a delightful clubhouse, and a host of past and current champions.

In addition, the Club has an enviable reputation in golfing circles as a very friendly and welcoming club.

Kingswood is certainly one of the best kept secret on the sandbelt and is a good challenge for all standard of golfers.

From a long-term member

In 2013 Kingswood had approximately 1000 members.

In 2018 when the merger went through it had approximately 800 members, which Peninsula has only retained approximately 250 members.

Kingswood held many weddings and functions there.

Kevin Poulter’s daughter was married at Kingswood and his parents celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary in the Clubhouse.

The board at the time surprisingly appointed a very ineffective person as head of membership.

When the decision was made to merge, the golfing world was stunned.

The closest 18 hole course is Sandringham and that is 1hr 21 minutes on public transport.

Mr. Telly stated Kingswood was run by a very poor administration. It couldn't have been that bad because the

- Manager,
- Club golf professional
- Head of membership
- Bar manager and
- most of the staff
- even the president
- And four of Kingswood board members were engaged by Peninsula.

Mr. Telly was right about something, Kingswood had NO DEBT.

Peninsula was \$4 million in debt.

So it was not a merger.

If this gets the go ahead with 3 storeys, every home in Dingley Village will be purchased by a developer, bulldozed and three storey apartments will be built, resulting in utter chaos in the Village for ever.

Won't be a village it will be an overcrowded under facilitated monster.

End quote.

Comment by Kevin Poulter

In 50 years Kevin Poulter does not recall seeing any marketing of the Club and Club Rooms. So much so, a resident said they didn't know the function rooms existed, so they got married in an out of Dingley venue!

So Mr. Chairman, do not believe some of the speakers.

There is much more evidence Mr. Telly's comments was inaccurate, including

- the actions (and inactions) of the Board prior and
- The Supreme Court Case findings.

One of the leaders of the demise, Mr. Sweeny, became a champion, after serving his "apprenticeship" at Kingswood.

But not satisfied with one of the best Golf Courses in Victoria in Division one pennant teams, he orchestrated the closure of Kingswood, so he could be associated with a (hopefully for him) international circuit course in distant Frankston.

It's of note that the grass regularly pillaged from Kingswood was installed in Frankston and other clubs.

The course is capable of returning, if properly managed. Certainly the turf would only take a few months to regenerate and the "holy grail" source of water in all seasons – the aquifer remains.

Yours faithfully

Kevin Poulter

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