

## CHAIRMANS REPORT For the Year ending 30 June 2015

Dear Members,

It is with pleasure we present the 44th Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd.

The Financial Accounts for the year reflect the continued success of the Club both as a business entity and as a place for Members to enjoy a game of golf in pristine surroundings and social events in a comfortable environment.

The end result was down on the previous year, one of the main contributors was the loss of revenue while the course recovered from the irrigation system implementation. Indications are that revenue expectations have improved with the increased use of the course, and the consequential flow on of revenue through to the Clubhouse.

The results for the Financial Year have been summarised in the Finance Director's report and it is recommended all members take the time to read the report and the reports of the other Committee Chairmen as part of the Financials package presented.

To the Board of Directors,

**Captain – Neil Fogo**, a tireless worker for the Club. The role of Captain is a time consuming role and Neil is always on hand to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of this role as well as assist in other areas as required.

**Finance Chairman – Wayne Kendrigan**, to say that the Club has been very fortunate to have had Wayne in the role of Finance Chairman would be an understatement. He is a tireless worker and always one of the first to put his hand up to assist with any project that is to be undertaken.

**Greens Chairman – Warren Colefax**, has again gone about the job without too much noise or fuss. His ability to work with Brian Cox and his team is a major contributor to the successful presentation of our course.

**House Chairman – Graham Nelson**, has worked closely with our Secretary Manager, Gary Thatcher and the staff to ensure the facilities are maintained to the high standard we have come to expect. He is always prepared to investigate new possibilities and closely monitor the internal performance of the Club. He has spent many hours in the performance of his duties.

**Directors – Marilyn Parkes, Graham Rosenbaum, Rick Souter & Sam Steen** continue to make valuable contributions as Board members. Their input, efforts and support as members of various committees are greatly appreciated.

The contribution of our volunteers in particular Bill Quantrill assisted by Ray Brims who run our Friday night raffles, not to mention those who turn up for "flood duty", working bees, work on our gardens and look after the ball washers, are an integral part of the success of our Club. Many thanks, you are true members of the Club and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

To our valued staff, the quality and commitment of our staff is without question, we are very fortunate to have such a high quality of the committed staff. Be it in the Club or on the Course we could not ask for a finer group of people

As Chairman and as a member of the Club I thank all of them on behalf of our Members for making the effort to make our Club a special place to be.

Manager Gary Thatcher has brought with him many years of experience in the Club industry and has proven a valuable contributor as leader of the Club's staff and as a participant at Board meetings. Our Admin staff being Aileen and Deb, continue to provide services in a courteous and professional manner sometimes in "trying" times, for your efforts many thanks.

Brian Cox and his Course Staff continue to provide a golf course that compares to golf courses of much higher ranking anywhere you go but we will never please everybody.

Joe Chilcott and the Golf Shop staff continue to develop and have taken on the additional role of closing the competitions without too much of a problem. The shop presentation, product quality and value for money are impressive and worthy of your consideration when you are looking for your golfing apparel and equipment.

Terry Sullivan and the Bar Staff, continue to provide prompt service and make the Club the place to be. Natasha Bolden as our promotions officer just keeps coming up with new ideas to keep us entertained. In addition Natasha as the publisher of the our news letter, Face Book, web site and other publications continues to provide Members with the most current and up to date information on what is happening around the Club.

Our sub Clubs, Women's Golf Murwillumbah, the Veterans Golf Club continue to operate and run very successfully. Their committees have once again ensured the running of events such as the Mount Warning Classic and the Veterans week of golf as events that promote the Club to the wider community. The Board is very appreciative of the support both clubs have provided by way of funding assistance for a number of projects throughout the year. These projects are for the benefit of all Members so many thanks for the continued support of the Club.

Our major "social" clubs form an integral part of our Club. The "MSMC", "Old Boys" and "The Mongrels" have once again supported the Club and their continued patronage is greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Graeme and Kristen Trew for their tireless efforts developing our Junior program and providing a facility where we can all improve our skills and enjoyment of the game of golf, albeit we as members could support them a lot better.

Victor, Charlene and staff of the Hot Wok & Grill, with the renewal of the contract for a further three years we can look forward to the continued success of the Club as a catering and dining venue. Many thanks for the effort and level of service provided.

As Chairman for the past six years and looking back over what we have come through in that time, in particular the GFC, giving consideration to the improvements made to the Course and Clubhouse, the development and implementation of new policies, I must give my personal thanks to all the Board members who have had the foresight, the intestinal fortitude to make the sometimes hard decisions and implement policies for the long term that will benefit the membership for many years to come. It has been an honour to have filled the role of Chairman.

In closing and to all Members, the success of the Club comes down to your patronage and use of the available facilities, it is your Club so please ensure your continued support to ensure our continued success.

Keith O'Grady  
Chairman