

CHAIRMANS REPORT For the Year ending 30 June 2016

Dear Members,

It is with pleasure we present the 45th Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd.

The Financial Accounts for the year reflect the continued success of the Club in a successful trading year that allowed us to substantially pay down debt while continuing to provide facilities and service to Members at a continually improving level.

The end result was an improvement on previous years and reflects on the effort put in by the Board, Club staff and the ever increasing patronage of members new and old.

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, who we thank for their ever committed efforts in setting the direction of the Club **Captain – Neil Fogo**, once again has proven to be an asset to the Club, a tireless worker who 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, continues to provide invaluable services to the Club. Always available to discuss new ideas or evaluate proposals.

Greens Chairman – Warren Colefax, continues to work with Brian Cox and his team to not only ensure course presentation is as best can be but has also provided some new innovations to the course this year.

House Chairman – Graham Nelson, has spent countless hours researching parking facility options and working to ensure facilities provided are at the highest possible level.

Directors – Marilyn Parkes, Graham Rosenbaum, Rick Souter and Ian Campbell have all made valuable contributions as Board members. Their input, efforts and support as members of various committees are greatly appreciated.

To our volunteers in particular Bill Quantrill who runs our Friday night raffles/entertainment and his assistants, those who turn up for "flood duty", working bees, work on our gardens, trimming trees and contribute in any way, you are an integral part of the success of our Club. You are true members of the Club and your efforts do not go unnoticed.

The commitment and quality of our staff is without question. Our internal and external staff cannot be faltered and as Chairman and a member of the Club I thank them for their efforts throughout the year.

Manager Gary Thatcher has proven a valuable contributor as leader of the Clubs staff and as a participant at Board meetings. Gary has this year sourced a number of cost savings for the Club that will continue for years to come.

Our Admin staff of Aileen and Deb, continue to provide services in a courteous and professional manner for your efforts many thanks.

Brian Cox and his Course Staff, have again shown commitment to providing us and our visitors with a course in a best possible presentation at all times. This serves us well as a course golfers want to play, many thanks for your efforts.

Joe Chilcott and the Golf Shop staff continue to provide service and product at the right price. Starting and closing the competitions fields, new systems implementations have kept them busy and a job well done to them.

Terry Sullivan and the Bar Staff, prompt service and friendly staff make the Club the place to be. Our staff in this area have again excelled.

Natasha Bolden has again provided a variety of activities throughout the year that Members have been able to enjoy, thanks Natasha.

Women's Golf Murwillumbah and the Veterans Golf Club have again had a very successful year. Both committees put in exceptional effort in running their respective sub clubs and events such as the Mount Warning Classic and the Veterans week of golf. These events are spoken of very highly and contribute to promote the Club to the wider community.

The Board is very appreciative of the support both clubs have provided throughout the year. Both clubs provide support for various projects and we thank them 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 commitment developing the Driving Range and our Junior Golf program. The facility is where we can all improve our skills and enjoyment of the game of golf.

Victor, Charlene and staff of the Hot Wok & Grill, continue to provide excellent dining to all who visit the Club as a catering and dining venue. Many thanks for the effort and level of service provided.

As Chairman for the past seven years I must give my personal thanks to all the Board members for their continued support and forward thinking, for being prepared to make the hard decisions and implement policies for the long term that will benefit the membership for many years to come.

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