

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

### **For the Year ending 30 June 2018**

Dear Members,

It is with pleasure we present the 47th Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd.

As Chairman for the past nine years it has been an honour and privilege to work with the members and staff of the Club, in particular all those who have been Board members in that time. My personal thanks to each and everyone of them as they have given considerable time and effort to progress the Club. We worked through the good times, the GFC, some water events and have due to the support of Members both Playing and Social been able to establish financial stability and facilities that we should all be proud of.

Once again the Club had a successful trading year assisted by strong management and limited time lost to weather conditions. The completion of the new deck, reconstruction of the 8<sup>th</sup> green were among the major projects undertaken during the year along with many smaller projects completed while ensuring and limiting our debt exposure.

The Financial Accounts for the year reflect that success allowing us to take advantage of opportunities as they arose without many delays. Improvement of Members facilities is a continual objective of the Board and with that in mind we continually give consideration to new projects with a number up for consideration or in planning stages for the next financial year, subject to finance.

Year end Financial reports have been summarised in the Finance Chairman's report and it is recommended all members take the time to read this report and the reports of the other Committee Chairmen together with reports from our sub Clubs that all form a part of the Financials package presented.

To the Board of Directors, many thanks for your support over the year and years. Many have held positions for a number of years carrying out their responsibilities in a tireless professional manner.

**Captain – Neil Fogo**, tireless commitment to the Club and the progression of the game of golf. This year he has taken time to attend Finance meetings to better understand our finances.

**Finance Chairman – Wayne Kendrigan**, once again it is difficult to describe the value he is to the Club. A valued and respected member of the Board.

**Greens Chairman – Warren Colefax**, with extensive knowledge of golf course requirements and the ability to work as a liaison between Brian Cox, his team and the Board he has ensured that the presentation of the course is at best it can be at all times.

**House Chairman – Graham Nelson**, again has quietly spent many hours monitoring our facility options implementing a number of improvements throughout the year. Graham has also spent many hours investigating future requirements and alternate options for the Club.

**Directors – Marilyn Parkes, Graham Rosenbaum, Ian Campbell & Andrew Moore** participate in various Board committees making valuable contributions both there and as Board members, their efforts are greatly appreciated.

To our valued staff under the guidance of Gary Thatcher many thanks for your efforts in what can be sometimes trying times. Also many thanks for the service and friendly family environment created for Members and guests.

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 provided members and our visitors with a course in a best as possible condition at all times. This year they played a major role in the reconstruction of the 8<sup>th</sup> green in time and under budget. Very much appreciated.

Adam Causley as manager and his team at the Golf shop continue to provide service and product at the right price. Many thanks them.

Terry Sullivan & the Bar Staff, always ready with prompt and friendly service make the Club the place to be. Our staff in this area have again excelled as has Natasha in her role organising functions, activities and promotion of the Club.

Women's Golf Murwillumbah and the Veterans Golf Club continue to provide excellent avenues to golf and successfully run events such as the Mount Warning Classic and the Veterans Week of Golf. Both events are highly spoken of and contribute to assist the promotion of our Club to the wider golfing community. The Board is very appreciative of the support both clubs have provided throughout the year with financial and volunteer assistance for various projects and we thank them for the continued support of the Club and its members.

The "MSMC", "Old Boys" and "The Mongrels" create a social environment for many and have once again supported the Club. Their continued patronage is greatly appreciated.

Victor, Charlene and staff of the Hot Wok & Grill, continue to provide a high quality dining experience to all who visit the Club and take advantage of the catering and dining venue. We have been fortunate enough to renew their contact for a further three years. Many thanks for the effort and level of service provided.

Last but not least the success and the enjoyment we as members accept as a given could not happen without the assistance of many volunteers. To our volunteers starting with our Board members, committee members, our Friday night raffle and entertainment crew, to those who give their time up for working bees, work on our gardens, trimming trees, marking tree roots, maintaining ball washers 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.

As Chairman my personal thanks to all the above for the efforts made to ensure our continued success and for your valued contributions.

After nine years a Chairman time has come for a change. It is with regret that I have not nominated for the position of Chairman this year but change is a good thing.

To the Board members my sincere thanks for their continued support and forward thinking, for being prepared to make the hard decisions, our mostly friendly banter and discussions in implementing policies that will benefit the membership for many years to come. I thank you for your time given in progressing the Club.

To the members thanks also for your support, we may not have always seen eye to eye but I think the outcomes have warranted the decisions made.

In closing, this is a Members Club and the success of the Club comes down to your patronage and use of the available facilities. Please ensure your continued support to ensure our continued success.

Keith O'Grady  
Chairman