

Women's Golf Murwillumbah

AGM 2020 President's Report

What a different year it has been for our members. The restrictions due to Covid 19 have been challenging but there have been some surprising positives that have eventuated.

Interest in playing the game of golf has soared around the world including at Murwillumbah Golf Club. Many members who would normally be taking time out to travel stayed home and boosted the numbers playing both socially and competitively. Although our main income stream from our Open Day, Mt Warning Classic and raffles was lost, our finances are very healthy due to increased green fee income. This enabled us to increase prizes, donate to charities and contribute to capital works.

The increased interest in the game of golf also has introduced new members, particularly through the successful teaching clinics run by Graeme Trew. These new players have been mentored by some of our members who have kindly given time to support their introduction to course management and etiquette.

This year, an important change to our women's Course Rating was achieved by our committee and along with the introduction of the World Handicap System, our golfing experience changed a little. The committee has also updated our By-Laws and will put the proposed changes to our members at our upcoming AGM for ratification.

Women's Golf Murwillumbah voted to end our affiliation with Golf Qld as it became evident that we were not benefitting from it. However, we negotiated to continue our ability to play in Gold Coast District Events. Many thanks to our representative, Barb Thompson, for this outcome. Barb has stepped down from this position and Marilyn Parkes has taken up this position.

Congratulations once again to our 2020 Club Champions. Lisa Ross is our overall Club Champion, Di Blunsdon won Div 2, Denise MacGregor Skinner Div 3, Dallas McCabe Vet Champion, Jan Gielis Snr Vet Champion, Marlene Dorrrough Nett Champion and Adrienne Amisano and Dallas McCabe Foursomes Champions.

A thankyou goes to committee members who have done their bit and are stepping aside for new members next year. Our Vice President, Jan Chant, has led a successful House Committee over the years and I thank her for her help this year. Ros Julien and Janice Goodall will also step down. Adrienne Amisano has had a long and important role in the successful running of Murwillumbah Golf Club and Women's Golf Murwillumbah and we thank her for her knowledgeable input and advice.

Lastly, thank you to Gary Thatcher, Brian Cox and their competent teams, Julie Connell's Match Committee, Jan Chant's House Committee and the wonderful women golfers for their support in a difficult year.

Patsy Brady

WGM President.