



## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the Newsletter,

Just an early reminder that the AGM will be held on November 21st at 11am. All Financial Reports and Board Member Reports will be on the Club's Website shortly. Nominations for Board positions will open Friday 8th October.

The popular Murwillumbah Golf Club calendar will return in 2022. There will be new aerial pictures of the golf course. We hope you enjoy your club calendar and put it to good use at home or in your business.

Members will be advised when a decision will be made regarding the Men's Golf Club Championships. The Mt Warning Classic have been cancelled and the Ladies Championships is on hold. During these uncertain times because of Covid restrictions the Board decided that all golf events during lockdowns, will be Medley Competitions each day. This will enable all members a fair opportunity to get a game in a competition. Wednesday 29th we were back to playing in groups of 4 and the clubhouse is open.

Memberships are as follows;

- 480 Full Male Golfing Members
- 128 Full Female Golfing Members
- 30 Juniors
- 18 Reciprocal Members
- 6 Life Members

The Board is looking at 5,6 or 7 day membership options. A survey will be done to gauge members interest in this area. Please take the time to fill in the survey, when you receive it.

During the mini August edition of our newsletter the editor listed some of our long term members. If they have made a mistake or left you out please let the office staff know.

Shane Miley has been appointed as the new Golf Shop Manager. Shane has over 20 years experience in Golf Operations and we wish him all the best in his new position. Club repairs and re-gripping has begun in the Pro Shop. Members will have noted that the tee areas have been scari-fied. The Greens renovations and Greens surrounds will begin in the first week of October. The Greens Staff have been doing a great job in maintaining the course.

The Aristocrat 7000 atom gaming management system has been installed to all our pokies. This system will save the bar staff valuable time behind the bar.

A committee has been formed to review and update if necessary the MGC By-Laws.

In finishing I would like to congratulate Sheridan Gorton who recorded a 7 under 66 in late August. Well done Sheridan.

Hopefully we stay back open in the Clubhouse and Kitchen and thank you for your patience.

Graham Rosenbaum - Chairman

**Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd has had a very profitable 2021 financial year and the Board have decided that it is in the interests of all members that we look back at what has been achieved over the past decade and also advise members what are the main issues in the pipeline for the current financial year and beyond. But first a decade in review.**

All of the figures below have been extracted from the published financial accounts over the past 10 years of trading.

Table 1 shows the profit achieved by the Club including the two sub clubs being the Veterans and Womens Golf sub clubs.

10 year summary	Year ending 30th June			
	Consolidated	Murwillumbah Golf Club	Veterans	Womens Golf
2012 to 2021	\$ 1,499,930	\$ 1,472,031	\$ 2,963	\$ 24,936

Table 2 shows the underlying cash flow available during the 10 year period as well as how much was spent on capital improvements (CAPEX)

10 year summary	Year ending 30th June			
	Murwillumbah Golf Club Profit Excluding Sub Clubs	Add back the annual depreciation charge	Underlying Cash Flow	CAPEX
2012 to 2021	\$ 1,472,031	\$ 4,135,348	\$ 5,607,379	\$ 5,548,360

Over the 10 year period we have spent \$5,548,360 on Land, Buildings, Plants, Kitchen, Equipment, Furniture, Fittings, Vehicles, Poker Machines and the Course Infrastructure. The Board have directed virtually all of the available cash flow and reinvested it back into amenities for the benefit of the Members

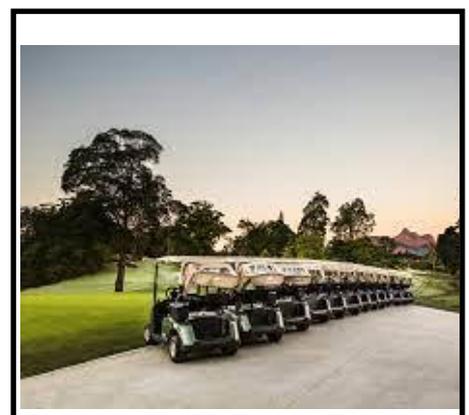
#### Major areas of Expenditure



Residence Purchased  
231 Byangum Rd  
(currently rented)



Courtesy Bus  
Work Utility



Buggies , upgraded the whole fleet and purchased an extra 5

## Clubhouse;



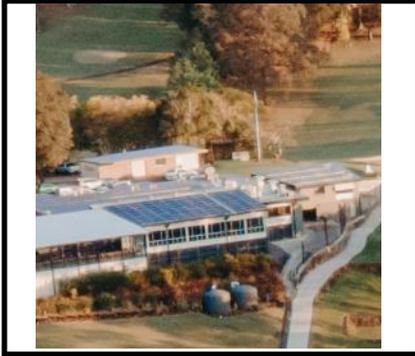
Rendering / Painting



New Kitchen



Toilet Renovations



80 Kilowatt Solar System  
& Water Tanks



Deck



Dining Room Floor



Deck Sound Proofing



Golf Shop Renovations



Covered Seating

## Buildings;

Over the period we have made many improvements including:

Practice range buildings, renovations to residence, function room and cart storage area, golf shop renovations, balcony railing, seating area adjacent to golf shop, club house roof, golf shop flooring, 80kilowatt solar system, entry road and car park resurfacing, 231 Byangum road building and renovation, outdoor deck and cart storage area, water tanks, sound proofing for outdoor deck, clubhouse rendering & repainting, toilet renovations, new kitchen.

## Plant, Equipment, Furniture & Fittings;

Computers, TV's, assorted furniture, air conditioners, computer software, course equipment and tools, projector and screen, score card printer and scanners, CCTV systems, ice machines, hire clubs, beer reticulation system, POS terminals, website upgrades, energy management system, golf carts, coffee machines, raffle machine.

## Poker Machines;

We have progressively replaced our poker machine installation throughout the 10 year period. We now also have ticket in / ticket out on all machines.

### **Course Infrastructure \$698 044 (over 10 years)**

Cart paths in various areas, drainage in various areas, bunker upgrades, netting on practise area and 18<sup>th</sup> hole, course architect and master plan for the course, assorted hole rebuild, irrigation system and computer controls, tree planting and gardens, re-turfing areas, 19<sup>th</sup> hole, Tees rebuild, pumping systems, first tee fence, 7<sup>th</sup> fairway restructure.



**The above lists are not exhaustive and are only an indication of where we have re-invested the cash flow for the benefit of members.**

### **So what is in the pipeline for this financial year and beyond?**

At the time of writing the Board has committed to converting the old kitchen into a new multipurpose function room; have ordered new furniture for the dining area; have removed the carpet in the dining room and installed new flooring. We are working on removing the old manager's house adjacent to the club and extending the car park. The car park extension will be done in stages with a two tier parking area as well as new buggy storage area. This car park project requires careful planning and approval from engineers and a development approval from council. We are hopeful that we will commence stage one of the project this financial year.

On the course the Board is planning to redo the remaining bunkers with a new drainage systems in each one; re-building and remodeling greens and other parts of the course in line with the Master Plan which has been presented to the Membership several years ago. Other matters in the pipeline for the club house include new carpet, new tiles around the bar area, updating poker machines and stools.

As a board we are committed to a process of continuous upgrade on the course, the club house and parking areas but we are very mindful of the costs involved and we prioritise each project on their respective merits and how it will benefit you the member the most. The fact that we live in an unprecedented time with the covid pandemic affecting everyone means that we must be cautious and don't over commit our financial resources.

# Rescheduled Club Events due to Covid19 Lockdowns

Below is a list of rescheduled events. These date are right at the time of printing and of course if lockdown is extended or we go into another lockdown these dates will change again:

- **August Birthday Cash Draw will be held on Friday 1st October, 7pm.**
- **September Birthday Cash Draw will be held on Friday 8th October, 7pm.**
- **Dad's Hamper Giveaway Night, Raffles & Live music, Saturday 16th October, 6pm.**

Melbourne Cup is Tuesday 2nd November. Lynn is doing her full normal menu as well as a special Seafood Platter for two with a free bottle of bubbles for only \$36. The special seafood platter deal must be pre-booked and all lunch reservations must also be booked. We are hoping by Melbourne Cup that current restrictions may be lifted so we can run the Courtesy bus. There will be beautiful hampers for Best dressed couple, male, female and best fascinator (hat) so come dressed to impress and celebrate the race that stops a nation with us in style!



## Should Golf be an Olympic Sport?

For me the current format doesn't cut it so it's a no. Besides, Golf at the Olympics doesn't mean much to the worlds best players.

If the Olympic golf event was held in the same week as the Masters, Open Championships, USA Open or US PGA hardly any players would turn up.

When golfers returned to the Olympics in 2016 many of the biggest names gave it a wide berth. Golf at the Olympics is preaching to the converted.

All golfers take an interest in most sports and will watch athletics, swimming, track cycling, boxing, beach volleyball and even water polo. But no golfers won't switch from one of the above sports to watch golf. They'd rather watch the marathon where athletes pound the pavement for a couple of hours.

Rory McIlroy hit the nail on the head in 2016 when he said; "I'll probably watch the Olympics but I'm not sure golf will be one of the sports I'll watch."

So, change the format. Four rounds of stroke play makes Olympic Golf just like any other PGA Tour event. Golf was reintroduced to the Olympics to grow the game and I don't think a 72 hole stroke event is the answer.

Perhaps mix it up like they did with the swimming teams when they introduced the mixed 4x100m medley. They did the same in athletics and it was super exciting.

- David Newbery from Inside Golf

# Green's Report

You may have probably noticed work on the Tee Blocks around the course. This is to dethatch the existing grass and allow moisture, fertilizer ect. to penetrate the soil instead of sitting on top of the surface of the grass. The dethatching will promote healthy growth.

Also the matting on the 6th Tee is like a hot house to protect grass stolons and keep them moist until they take root. All part of course maintenance necessary for our Golf Course at certain times of the year.

Neil Fogo  
Greens Chairman



# Quotable Quotes

1. There are no points for style when it comes to putting. It's getting the ball in the cup that counts.  
Brian Swarbrick.
2. Golf is based on honesty, where else would you admit to a seven on a par three?  
Jimmy Demaret
3. Mulligan: invented by an Irishman who wanted to hit one more 20 yard grounder.  
Jim Bishop.
4. No one who ever had lessons would have a swing like mine.  
Lee Trevino.

# Captain's Report

Covid restrictions or the threat of lockdowns has caused many of our major events to be postponed or cancelled. The main events being the Murwillumbah Open also the Ladies Open day which most likely will be cancelled. The Ladies and Mens Championships could be held at a later date but we do have a lot of members who live over the border and would like to play in the championships so we need the borders to open to make that possible. The Pro-Am is still a chance albeit hanging by a thread.

Our Saturday timesheet fills up quicker than Usain Bolt can run the 100 metres especially when we are restricted to 2 players per group which reduces the field size by about 70 and the quickest keyboard user gets a game. When you are given the responsibility to book your group you are probably in for a sleepless night.

When in lockdown we are lucky to be able to still play competition golf in groups of two and at least have a bit of fun while we are exercising. But if you are playing in a competition you still have to abide by the rules of golf. We have received three written letters from members concerned about golfers cheating. Everyone who pays their competition fee should have an equal chance to walk away with a prize and not be beaten by someone who purposely cheats on the amount of strokes he or she has taken to finish the hole. **It is the markers responsibility to check and record the players score on each hole and the final gross score before they sign the card. If a golfer is proven to be cheating they would most likely be suspended from playing competition games. The marker can also be suspended if found to be not correcting a score that he knows is less strokes than the actual strokes played.**

Graham Nelson—Captain

### RSL upcoming events for October are:

03/10/2021 Single Stab – (Sponsors Macca, KOG & Carrots)  
 10/10/2021 Single Stab – Visit by Banora (Sponsor M'Bah RSL)  
 17/10/2021 Stroke Monthly Mug - (Sponsors Rob & Steve – Haymans Electrical)  
 24/10/2021 Event T.B.C. - (Sponsor T.B.C.)  
 31/10/2021 4 Person Ambrose – (Sponsor Matt Palmer Painting)



All visitors are welcome to come and play, 6am tee off every Sunday.

## Hole in One



Congrats to Kathryn Newcombe for getting a Hole in One on the 2nd on the 11th September. She was very lucky the 11th September was the first day the clubhouse was back open after lockdown so she could celebrate on the deck with a few drinks ;)

Also Congratulations to Bruno Meier for getting a Hole In One on the 14th Hole on the 13th September!

## Jokes

A guy walks into a bar, orders **twelve beers** and starts drinking them as fast as he can.

The bartender asks, "Dang, why are you drinking so **fast**?"

The guy says, "You'd be drinking fast too if you had what I had."

The bartender asks, "What do you have?"

The guy says, "75 cents."

## Getting Into Golf

@golfgraphs

What I <u>thought</u> golf would be like	What golf is <u>actually</u> like
Stuck up rich people getting annoyed with me	Degenerate gamblers betting me on LITERALLY anything
A simple sport that I will steadily get better at	Hardest sport I've ever played. I can shoot 20 strokes different day to day
Have to act professional and be respectful	Ripping around in a cart and drinking beers with my friends
A relaxing way to spend the afternoon outdoors	Obsession meets frustration

My boyfriend was dying. I was by his bedside when he said in a weak voice, "There's something I must confess."

"Shhh" I said, "There's nothing to confess. Everything is alright."

"No I must die in peace" he said, "I had sex with your sister, your best friend, and a co-worker."

"I know" I whispered, "That's why I poisoned you... now close your eyes."

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