

**MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB LTD**

**50<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE 233 BYANGUM ROAD MURWILLUMBAH**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 at 11.00am**

**ATTENDANCE:** G Rosenbaum (Chair) and as per Attendance Book. (40 members)

Chairman, G Rosenbaum welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

The Chairman introduced Secretary Manager and minute taker, Gary Thatcher and Club Auditor, Geoff Dwyer and thanked Mr Dwyer for attending.

**APOLOGIES:** Adrienne Amisano, Marie Morrin, Stephen Huggins, Marilyn Parkes, Colin Hulme,  
Allan Barrow

**BUSINESS:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

**Moved:** Vince Formica                    **Seconded:** Michael Shields  
that the minutes of the 49th Annual General Meeting of Murwillumbah Golf Club held 22nd November 2020 as  
presented on the Club's website are confirmed. Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

To receive and consider the Reports of:

The Chairman  
Directors' Report  
Financial Report and Auditor's Report  
Secretary Manager  
Finance Committee  
Match Committee  
Greens Committee  
House Committee  
Women's Golf Murwillumbah Committee  
Veterans' Committee

**Moved:** Keith O'Grady                    **Seconded:** Ted Sellwood  
that the Chairman's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Chairman Graham Rosenbaum reported that it was an outstanding trading year due to strong management and very little time lost to adverse weather conditions. Many projects were completed during the year on the golf course and clubhouse with new projects up for consideration or in the planning stages for the next financial year, subject to finance.

Many thanks to our great and dedicated staff under the guidance of Secretary Manager Gary Thatcher for your efforts throughout the year. You all create a great atmosphere for Members and Visitors and many favorable comments have been received.

Congratulations to Women's Golf Murwillumbah and Veterans Golf Club who experienced increased competition numbers throughout the year. The Board is very appreciative of the support you have provided through financial and volunteer assistance for various projects.

Thanks to all volunteers for your contributions throughout the year. Board Members, Committee Members, Friday Night Raffle crew and those who look after the gardens, trim trees, volunteers for working bees you are all an integral part of the success of our Club. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

To the Members thank you for your support. The Board strives to keep all Members happy but sometimes you may not agree with decisions made.

**Moved:** Bob Green                    **Seconded:** Diana Carroll  
that the Secretary Manager's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

Secretary Manager, Gary Thatcher thanked all the Members for supporting the Club and thanked all the Staff and the Board for a job well done.

**Moved:** Peter Sheppard                    **Seconded:** Vince Formica  
that the Finance Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

One question was received regarding the Financial Accounts and has been answered by the Finance Committee Chairman.

Finance committee chairman Wayne Kendrigan reported that the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was a record year for the Club. There were many contributing factors including the COVID-19 pandemic which restricted our ability to do many things including travel and the playing of many sports. Golf was allowed and we had a record number of social players on our course paying green fees, hiring carts and spending in the Golf Shop and the clubhouse. Government funding of \$207,500 covered a portion of wages allowing most of the staff to continue working throughout. Our playing and social membership numbers also grew which saw a growth in income in the clubhouse as a result. Wayne explained that with the Club's accumulated funds at the bank plus a loan facility the Board has earmarked a number of major projects in the coming year including the removal of the old managers house and intends to build a new multi-storey carpark and buggy storage area. The project is still in the design and costing process and it will require a DA approval from council. Given that at this stage the cost is not known this project may have to be done in stages as finance permits because the Board will not over commit our resources and put the Club into a financially precarious position as there are many unknown and unpredictable events such as extended adverse weather conditions and COVID outbreaks that could limit our revenue raising opportunities. Wayne thanked all the members for their support during the year and particularly the Women's and Veterans' committees for their assistance. Wayne also thanked fellow Board members for their input and dedication to the Club.

**Moved:** Warren Colefax                    **Seconded:** Paul Fahy  
that the Captain's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

Club Captain Graham Nelson said that it was a horrid year for honour board events with the men's club championships postponed, Ladies championships and many other events cancelled. The Pro-am is scheduled to go ahead on 16<sup>th</sup> December.

Graham thanked the Match Committee, Ladies Captain Julie Connell and Vets Captain Gary Fidler for their efforts and giving up their time. He also thanked Steve Walton for organizing and running the Thursday 9 hole competition. Graham thanked Brian Cox and his golf shop and course staff for all their help during the year and for the continued improvement of the golf course and welcomed new Golf Shop Manager Shane Miley.

**Moved:** Barbara Blunden                    **Seconded:** Jo Campbell  
that the House Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

House Chairman Ian Campbell stated that he has an extensive report on the Club web site and offered to answer any member's questions. Ian advised that the renovations being done in the old kitchen were slow due to problems with tradesmen from Queensland not being able to travel back over the border and he offered to show any interested member where the renovations were up to.

**Moved:** Paul Fahy                    **Seconded:** Bob Green  
that the Greens Committee report as posted on the Club's web site is accepted by members                    Carried

Greens Chairman Neil Fogo reported that the course flooded just before Christmas 2020 and again in February 2021. Greens Superintendent Brian Cox and his team along with volunteers did a great job to get the course back playable following both floods. New work on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> holes was completed and both holes are now fairer for all golfers. Next projects are more cart paths, bunker renovations and maybe a green renovation. Overall the course is looking great.

**Moved:** Mary Walden                    **Seconded:** Marion Shields  
that the Women's Golf Murwillumbah report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

**Moved:** Bob Green                    **Seconded:** Carol Quantrill  
that the Veterans Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

Bob Green announced that he was no longer president of the Veterans Club and the new president is Allan Barrow. Bob advised that the latest Vets project was the new tree signage on the course. He thanked Guy Holloway for initiating the project ably assisted by fellow members.

**Moved:** Keith O'Grady                    **Seconded:** Peter Sheppard  
that the Directors' report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted. Carried

**Moved:** Wayne Kendrigan            **Seconded:** Bill Quantrill  
that the Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and the Auditor's Report thereon as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted. Carried

Auditor, Geoff Dwyer commented that Finance Chairman, Wayne's report was a very good explanation of the Club finances for the 2020/21 financial year. Geoff reported that the Club's books and records continue to be kept in good order. A record profit was due to the Club trading strongly in all areas and being well managed. The Club is in a very good position with minimum debt and having \$800,000 available in a loan facility if required. No one could have predicted the COVID-19 pandemic 2 years ago and there are still challenges ahead. Geoff thanked Gary and his team for their assistance with the audit and congratulated the Club on the result.

**NOTICES OF MOTION BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:  
Ordinary Resolution**

Chairman, Graham Rosenbaum advised that:

- The Directors resolved to recommend to the members that no payment of Directors fees be made

**Moved:** Wayne Kendrigan            **Seconded:** Ted Sellwood Carried

- In accordance with sections 10 (1) and 10 (6) of the Registered Clubs Act the members approve entitlements and other benefits as permitted by law to Directors, Volunteer Workers, Club Committee Members and Employees.

Such benefits to include

- (a) That each Volunteer be entitled to reasonable refreshments at the end of each day's work
- (b) That the Chairman be entitled to an allowance to cover out of pocket expenses in carrying out Club duties. Such expenses to be agreed to by the Board and are to be properly documented.
- (c) That the Directors, Employees and representatives of the Men's, Veterans' and Women's Committees be entitled to reasonable out of pocket expenses when carrying out their duties.
- (d) That Directors are supplied with a Club shirt to wear when representing the Club at meetings and events.
- (e) That Directors be entitled to reserved car parking spaces as designated by the Board.
- (f) That Directors and Employees be entitled to represent the Club at sponsored golf day events by invitation.
- (g) That all members of the "Staff Membership" category be entitled to purchase goods other than consumables such as drinks and food from the Golf Shop at a discount. The discount is not to exceed more than 50% of the difference between cost price and the normal sale price offered to members.

**Moved:** Diana Carroll                    **Seconded:** Vince Formica Carried

A recommendation from the Board "that Warren Colefax is granted Life Membership of Murwillumbah Golf Club". To be resolved needs to be carried by two-thirds majority at this meeting.

**Moved:** Keith O'Grady                    **Seconded:** Neil Fogo

That Warren Colefax is granted Life Membership of Murwillumbah Golf Club.

The Chairman asked Warren to leave the meeting while the motion was discussed.

The Chairman called on Keith O'Grady to speak for the motion. Keith read out his letter nominating Warren for life membership.

There were no speakers against the motion.

Put to the vote by Returning Officer Edd Ryan. Mr Ryan declared the motion carried 37 votes for and 3 abstained.

Warren rejoined the meeting and the Chairman congratulated Warren and issued him with the Life Member badge.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:**

Chairman G Rosenbaum advised that the Board has appointed Edd Ryan as Returning Officer.

The Chairman in accordance with the Constitution of Murwillumbah Golf Club, Rule 31.1 (a-h) declared all Directors positions vacant.

Mr Ryan stated that Directors to be elected are:

Chairman  
Captain  
Finance Chairman  
Director - Chairman of Greens Committee  
Director - Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing  
4 x Ordinary Directors

Mr Ryan declared the result of the election:

Chairman:	Graham Rosenbaum	Elected Unopposed
Captain:	Graham Nelson	Elected Unopposed
Finance Chairman:	Wayne Kendrigan	Elected Unopposed
Chairman of Greens Committee:	Neil Fogo	Elected Unopposed
Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing:	Ian Campbell	Elected Unopposed
Ordinary Directors	William Quantrill	224 votes Elected
	Shannon Murnane	203 votes Elected
	Marilyn Parkes	168 votes Elected
	Shane Davidson	168 votes Elected
	Ian Armour	140 votes
	Malcolm Donnelly	95 votes

Mr Ryan announced the Directors elected for 2021/2022:

Chairman	Graham Rosenbaum
Captain	Graham Nelson
Finance Chairman	Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman of Greens Committee	Neil Fogo
Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing	Ian Campbell
4 x Ordinary Directors	William Quantrill Shannon Murnane Marilyn Parkes Shane Davidson

Mr Ryan thanked the office staff for their help printing the ballot papers for the election.

**Moved:** Keith O'Grady                    **Seconded:** Peter Sheppard

That the ballot papers are destroyed. Carried

Elected Chairman, G Rosenbaum thanked the Returning Officer and congratulated all incoming Directors for 2021-2022.

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Club Patron.

Bob Green nominated Keith O'Grady. Keith O'Grady accepted the nomination.

**There were no further nominations.**

**Moved:** Bob Green

**Seconded:** Jan Gielis

That Keith O'Grady be appointed as Club Patron for the ensuing year

Carried

Keith O'Grady thanked the members.

Chairman G Rosenbaum thanked the members of the new Board for taking the time and making the commitment to guide the Club through what will be an exciting and interesting 12 months.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

### **Issues Raised at 2020 Meeting**

1. Carol Quantrill recommended that painting the exterior of the clubhouse is completed. – Completed.
2. Marion Shields asked for a railing to be installed on the steps at the 18<sup>th</sup> tee. – Completed.
3. Mike Rayner recommended that the Club makes enquiries with Tweed Shire Council about the use of effluent water when the sewerage works are updated. – Shannon Murnane advised that the Board did look into it and unfortunately it wasn't supported by Tweed Council.
4. Peter Sheppard asked for the buggy shed on the corner of Byangum Road to be tidied up. – Has been done and is ongoing.
5. Paul Walden requested making improvements to the men's locker room. – The Chairman advised that it was not high priority but is to be looked at.

### **Current Issues:**

The Chairman advised that the Board has approved or is considering the following capital projects:

1. Eastern Carpark and Cart Storage Shed.
2. Ongoing course improvements and machinery replacement program

### **Recommendations to the Board for 2021/2022:**

Paul Walden requested making improvements to the men's locker room a higher priority and said that the image for visitors to the Club is not good.

Paul Walden asked would the Board consider re-establishing water to the area near the buggy shed on the corner of Byangum Road.

Finance Chairman, Wayne Kendrigan reported that the Board recently put out a survey to all playing members to ascertain the membership's interest in changing the membership categories to allow for 5 and 6 day playing memberships in addition to the existing 7 day membership. Only 15% of the playing membership responded by the deadline, however a number of late survey results were received and these were included in the final analysis but the total responses received amounted to only 23.87% of surveys returned.

The results (as a percentage of the total surveys received) were as follows:

7 day membership	49%
Opposed to any change	14%
6 day membership	10%
5 day membership	22%
Undecided	5%

The board reviewed the results and considered that the majority of respondents were in favour of either 7 day memberships or were opposed to any change (63% in total). The board considered the fact that less than a quarter of the membership responded and therefore there was insufficient responses to ascertain how any change would affect the revenue raised from memberships and that the total revenue from memberships currently only covers 58% of the cost of maintaining the course. The board therefore decided that it was not in the best interest of the membership as a whole to introduce 5 and 6 day membership categories.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd closed at 11.50am.

The Chairman invited members to enjoy a refreshment at the bar.

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Chairman