

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022

WOMEN'S GOLF MURWILLUMBAH

2022, a year we all looked forward to and hoped all the disruptions of 2021 were behind us, Our Queensland ladies who had not been allowed to cross the border for 4 months were especially excited to be coming "home".

Our A.G.M. was held during the Covid lockdown and for something different Jennifer and I joined Patsy at her home for a coffee and watched the meeting on Zoom.

Our Welcome Back Day was a happy one with lots of talking and laughing as all the ladies caught up with each other and our Captain spoke of the year ahead.

The year started well but unfortunately not for long as the rain began for the year and did not let up. By the end of May we had seen 100 days of rain and another king tide at this time caused the course to flood for a 3rd time in 3 months. This had an effect to our golfing program but thanks to Patsy we managed to play most of our events.

Unfortunately for another year our Open Day had to be cancelled, although some ladies came for lunch just to be able to get out of the house and share a pleasant few hours of seeing each other.

The rain continued on and off for a time and put a halt to our golf several times. Finally Brian and his staff and some volunteers had the Flood 9 open for play but buggies were not permitted. Our Captain did try to get a 9 hole competition started during this time but it seems these days most of our ladies like to have a buggy and so it did not go ahead. We used the Flood 9 several times through the year due to the rain and mostly we were able to use buggies.

The weather did improve and we were able to play to our golf program again. Also some of the work on the course commenced and the Ladies Club were happy to donate \$6,000 to the new path through the rain forest between holes 8 and 9. I am sure you will agree a more comfortable ride and money well spent.

The Ladies Club also donated to the Mayors Flood Appeal.

Gary Thatcher our Secretary Manager, Wayne Kendrigan our Finance Director and Brian Cox came and addressed the ladies, updating them on the plans for the golf

course, the Ladies and Mens locker rooms and other matters they were asked about. Gary, Wayne & Brian have offered to address the ladies in the future when asked to attend.

The work on the locker rooms downstairs, the wet areas and the ceilings, did not start when planned due to the unavailability of tradespeople due to the flood events in the area and their work loads. Jan Chant is our liaison person responsible for selecting the finishes and providing advise on behalf of all the ladies during the renovations in this area. At the time of writing this report, the Board has accepted the builders quote for the work to be done and it is expected to be completed before Christmas. I am sure that any disruption while the work is being done will be well worth it.

As you are all aware the playing fee for our competitions increased recently to \$13 as this brings our fee in line with the Mens playing fees. The rationale is that we all use the same course and therefore we should all be paying the same fee and the same percentage of that fee should go to the maintenance of the golf course.

Although it was a difficult year with the weather our Foursomes, Club Championships and the Mt Warning Classic were able to go ahead and all were successful events.

With 2022 coming to the end, I would like to thank Gary Thatcher and his team for all their help again this year. Thank you to Brian and all his Ground staff for providing us again with the fabulous course we play on and thank you to Terry and his Bar staff for their continuing friendly and helpful service.

Thank you to the Ladies Committee for their work this year and thank you to all our wonderful members who have been supportive through another difficult year. I am standing down as President and I wish the incoming Committee every success in 2023.

Good health and good Golfing and my best wishes ladies for 2023. Merry Christmas to you and your families.

Marilyn Parkes
President WGM.