



NEWS FROM JULY 2023  
8 YEARS TILL OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY!

Murwillumbah  
Golf Club

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## Chairmans Report

Welcome to the Newsletter.

Thank you to all the members who have renewed their memberships for 2023-2024. Most members took advantage of paying before the end of June and received \$80 onto their loyalty points. Just a reminder if you haven't paid yet you will become unfinancial at the end of July.

The Coca Cola PGA Pro-Am was held on Thursday 27th July. We had many pro Golfers trying their luck. Lots of positive remarks were made by the Pro's about the conditions of the course. Congratulations to the Greens and Pro Shop staff for a great event.

Members and visitors are making significant purchases from the Pro Shop. We try to keep our prices as low as possible and the Golf Shop has a great array of all your golfing needs. Keep supporting the Golf Shop.

Neil and Christine Fogo have re-located to Iluka. Neil had been a Board Member for the past 12 years. He was the Greens Chairman for the last 4 years and his expertise will be sorely missed. We wish them all the best in their next chapter of their golfing lives.

Paul Fahy has been elected by the Board as the New Greens Chairman. Paul's expertise as an arborist will be of great benefit to our club. Congratulations Paul on your election to the Board.

Last week we lost one of our employees Eric Dixon. Eric was a valued member of our outdoor staff and did a great job maintaining our course in excellent conditions. Eric will be sorely missed by the staff and members of our club. Rest in peace Eric.

Last Saturday saw the completion of the Earl Williams Knockout Competition. The final was between Keith O'Grady, Wayne Kendrigan, Tim Wright and Ryan Balmain. In a hotly contested match it was Tim and Ryan who came out on top. Well done Tim & Ryan and a big thank you to all the members who played in all the stages.

Get out and enjoy your golf with this great weather we are experiencing and don't forget to use the bar and the kitchen facilities.

Graham Rosenbaum  
Chairman

**Pictured on the right hand side the Board of Directors, from top to bottom; Graham Rosenbaum, Wayne Kendrigan, Shane Davidson, Marilyn Parkes, Graham Nelson, Shannon Murnane, Ian Campbell, Peter Taylor and Paul Fahy.**



## Earle Williams

Congratulations to Ryan Balmain & Tim Wright (pictured right) for winning the 2023 Earle Williams 4BBB Match Play Final over Wayne Kendrigan & Keith O'Grady (pictured left).

In perfect golfing conditions, Ryan and Tim were 4 up with 5 holes to play, but a late fight back from Wayne & Keith stretched them to the 17th tee to be 2 down with 2 to play. Ryan & Tim managed to win the 17th hole with the final result being 3 & 1. Tim and Ryan win \$300 each onto their member account with Wayne & Keith receiving \$100 each for runners-up.



**Editors Note; The winners of the Foursome Championships will be acknowledged in the next Newsletter, once all photographs are obtained.**

## Air to Turf Machine

Did you notice the Machine on the Greens earlier this month?

This machine provides deep aeration to the green and this helps to break down complicated soil down to a depth of 22cm.

This process also ensures healthy root growth by allowing the turf roots to penetrate deeper into the ground.

So I have been told—Editor

**Many thanks to the members who repair divots on fairways and teeing areas.**





## Social Groups

We love it when social groups form and play the game we love! Pictured here the "Aww Gary" group who play every Thursday Afternoon in the Thirsty Thursday fun social Afternoon Comp! How great is it to see all their matching shirts! This "Gary" fellow must be a good player.....



## Remembering our Mate Eric

On a sad note, last week we lost one of the most positive and bubbly staff members, Eric Dixon. My favorite memory of Eric was in the strict Covid times, he had the absolute most crazy green smiley mask from Jim Careys, Mask movie. Every time he walked into the place with that mask you would just instantly smile and Eric sure had a way of making others laugh. Eric you will be missed by all the staff and all your mates here at the club. Gone far too young. Rest in peace Eric.



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# The 2023 Coca-Cola Pro-Am

Thank you to all who played, planned, participated and performed in the [Coca-Cola](#) Murwillumbah Pro-Am! With 70 PGA Professionals competing for a total purse of \$15,000, joint winners were Ryan Peake and Andrew Campbell with a fantastic score of -5 under par 66. Over 120 Amateurs played in the 7:00am and 12:00pm shotgun starts with a list of prize winners below. The course was in excellent shape and many thanks to our generous sponsors for their support. In particular, our major sponsors [Coca-Cola](#), and the crew from [balterbeerworks](#) keeping us refreshed on the first tee

## 2023 Coca-Cola Murwillumbah Pro-Am

1 <sup>st</sup>	Thomas Kenney (16)	44pts	1 x FJ Shirt, Titleist Hat + Dozen Pro VI
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke Watling (8)	42pts	1 x Callaway Bag + Dozen Chrome Soft
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reiner Roos (10)	41pts CB	1 x Oakley Pack (Sunglasses, Shirt + Hat)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Balmain (4)	41pts	1 x Odyssey DFX Putter + Under Armour Hat
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shannon Murnane (7)	39pts CB	1 x Club Cart Bag + Srixon Towel
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Adams (10)	39pts CB	1 x pair of Oakley Sunglasses
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kyle Walker (11)	38pts CB	1 x Travis Mathew Shirt + Hat
8 <sup>th</sup>	Glen Wyborn (6)	38pts	1 x 2hr Session @ Burleigh Bunker
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Breen (8)	37pts CB	1 x Surf Lifestyle Accessories Pack
10 <sup>th</sup>	Les Gorton (6)	37pts CB	1 x Travis Mathews Shirt + Callaway Glove
11 <sup>th</sup>	Trent Fowler (6)	37pts CB	1 x Doz Srixon Z-Star + Srixon Towel
12 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Barnes (9)	37pts CB	1 x Oakley Shirt
NTP 2:	Reiner Roos	62cm	1 x Dozen Callaway Chrome Soft + Hat
NTP 8:	Darren Van Egdom	267cm	1 x Dozen Srixon Z Star + Hat
NTP 10:	John Tilton	145cm	1 x Dozen Callaway Chrome Soft + Hat
NTP 14:	David Dick Snr	220cm	1 x Dozen Srixon Z Star + Hat



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## Murwillumbah Veteran's Monthly Medal Winners



Pictured, Arthur Collings & Eddie Todd Proudly holding their trophy!

## Vets Week of Golf

The Murwillumbah Vets are ready to host 160 visitors for the Annual Week of Golf starting on Monday 31st July. The event is very popular with interstate travellers and gives our course and region great exposure to a wide range of potential visitors through word of mouth advertising.

Veterans President Allan Barrow, would like to thank the ground staff and golf shop for their co-operation in preparing for the event. We are confident our golfing visitors will have very positive experiences. The local economy should also benefit through our efforts of holding this event.



## Birthday Winners



Well done to our July Birthday Winners, each taking home \$100 in cold hard cash. Our Wednesday End of the Month Birthday Draw is proving very popular and it great seeing the prize money spread out to so many each month!



# Member's of the Month

## **Dale Rablin**

Age: 64

Handicap: 10

I have been a member of Murwillumbah GC since 2016.

When my wife and I moved over the border to NSW I joined Murwillumbah after being a member of Southport for many years. It was a lot closer than travelling to Southport all the time.

I have always been in Tier 1 construction since my first project in 1978, the Redcliffe Hospital, and still continue to work in the industry.

There are many things I enjoy about being a member of Murwillumbah including the stunning scenery. I often stand on the tenth green looking at Mt Warning (Wollumbin) and the Scenic Rim and think how lucky we are. There is also the wonderful staff, on and off course, the Course itself, the brilliant greens we have all year round, the general members and the great friendships I have developed since joining.

My wife and I always wanted to retire to Northern NSW, after playing most of my senior football in the Tweed district. Now that we are here we get to enjoy the beautiful area, a great Golf Club and spend quality time with our precious Granddaughters.



## **Denise Banner**

What a joy it is to be able to play golf on such a magnificent course as Murwillumbah! Not only is the scenery exceptional, the beautiful trees, well maintained greens and the abundance of bird-life lift my spirits whenever I play.

For 55 of my 80 years I have lived in the Tweed Valley. All my life I wanted to play golf but never had time, and it wasn't until mid 2018 that I joined Murwillumbah Golf Club after having had lessons with Graeme Trew for about a year before that. Since the start of 2020 I've been Murwillumbah Delegate to the NSW Veteran Women Golfer's Association, and I've enjoyed taking part in the WGM skits at Mt Warning Classic and Christmas functions. I've met some lovely people and had plenty of fun.

As a beginner in my mid-70s I didn't have high expectations of myself, and that was lucky because I will never be a high achiever! To be honest, I'm not keen on the competitive side of golf although I do like Eclectics because they're a great way of keeping track of how one improves (or not!) on each hole throughout the year.

I enjoy my golf and hope to play for many years to come, in spite of often pondering the mystery of how one can avoid a huge expanse of beautiful green to pick out a bunker! Or why one shot can fly a really long distance while another which feels exactly the same goes just a few metres! Ah well. That's golf!





## Promotions Report

Our Christmas in July Event was a good night considering how many other events in town were on the same night. Thank you to those who supported the event and those who went to the trouble of dressing up. We sold 65 cocktails the most popular being the Christmas Citrus.



We have Dave & Elliana back playing out on the deck on Sunday 20th August 1-4pm. Come and listen to some great tunes and take in one of the best views in Murwillumbah.

Our next event coming up is our Dads Hamper Giveaway Night. This will be drawn the Saturday Night before Fathers Day. **Saturday 2nd September.** We have Michael Hickey playing 5.30-7.30pm and then we will be drawing our Mega Meat Tray Raffle at 7.30pm and our Dad Hampers after the Meat Raffle around 8pm. Tickets into the Dad Hampers are given free to our members. Every time you make a purchase at the bar you get a ticket into the draw which is put into the barrel by our bar staff. Our way of saying thank you to our valued members we give all these prizes away for FREE!

Natasha Bolden - Promotions & Events Coordinator



## August Golf Fixtures

Tuesday, 1 August 2023	<b>Vets Week of Golf</b>
Wednesday, 2 August 2023	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke
Thursday, 3 August 2023	<b>Vets Week of Golf</b>
Friday, 4 August 2023	<b>Vets Week of Golf</b>
Saturday, 5 August 2023	Men's Casuarina Meat Merchant Monthly Medal Blue Tees
Sunday, 6 August 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 7 August 2023	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke
Tuesday, 8 August 2023	<b>Ladies Single Stableford</b>
Wednesday, 9 August 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 10 August 2023	<b>Ladies Mt Warning Classic Round 1</b>
Friday, 11 August 2023	<b>Ladies Mt Warning Classic Round 2</b>
Saturday, 12 August 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees <b>Ladies Single Stroke + Putting</b>
Sunday, 13 August 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 14 August 2023	Vets American Foursomes
Tuesday, 15 August 2023	<b>Varella &amp; Swift Pharmacy NSW &amp; Monthly Medal Single Stroke &amp; Putting in 3 Divisions</b>
Wednesday, 16 August 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 17 August 2023	<b>Ladies Single Stableford</b>
Friday, 18 August 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 19 August 2023	<b>Men's Club Championships Round 1</b>
Sunday, 20 August 2023	<b>Men's Club Championships Round 2</b>
Monday, 21 August 2023	Vets Single Stableford
Tuesday, 22 August 2023	<b>Ladies Single Stableford</b>
Wednesday, 23 August 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 24 August 2023	<b>Ladies Single Stableford</b>
Friday, 25 August 2023	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 26 August 2023	<b>Men's Club Championships Round 3</b>
Sunday, 27 August 2023	<b>Men's Club Championships Round 4 Junior Club Championships</b>
Monday, 28 August 2023	Vets Split 6 (3 or 4 person)
Tuesday, 29 August 2023	<b>Ladies Club Championships Round 1 - Graded Draw</b>
Wednesday, 30 August 2023	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 31 August 2023	<b>Ladies Club Championships Round 2 - Graded Draw</b>