

MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB LTD

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE 233 BYANGUM ROAD MURWILLUMBAH

SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER 2022 at 11.00am

ATTENDANCE: Graham Rosenbaum (Chair) and as per Attendance Book. (42 members)

The Chairman 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, Richard Watkinson and thanked Mr Watkinson for attending.

APOLOGIES: Graham Nelson, Mick Shields, Marion Shields, Bill Quantrill, Carol Quantrill, Vince Formica, Peter Varela

BUSINESS:

Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 21st November 2021.

Moved: Ian Armour **Seconded:** Bob Green

That the minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of Murwillumbah Golf Club held 21st November 2021 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:** Paul Windle

That the Chairman's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Chairman Graham Rosenbaum said that it has been a pleasure to lead the Board of Directors throughout the year and thanked them for their dedication and diligence. Many improvements to the course and clubhouse have been made and new projects will continue to be considered and prioritized.

The challenging Covid times were now behind us but there were 3 major floods on the golf course during the financial year leading to the course being closed or the flood nine to be in operation.

Many thanks to our 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 favourable comments have been received.

Congratulations to Women's Golf Murwillumbah and Veterans Golf Club who saw the return of the Veterans Week of Golf and the Ladies Mt Warning Classic. The Board is very appreciative of the support you have provided through financial and volunteer assistance for various projects.

Finance Chairman, Wayne Kendrigan has again ensured all club finances are in a strong position.

Thanks also to all volunteers for your contributions throughout the year.

Moved: Allan Barrow **Seconded:** Bob Masiar

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: Barry Dobinson **Seconded:** Tony Snellgrove

that the Finance Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Finance Committee Chairman Wayne Kendrigan reported that the year ended 30th June 2022 was disrupted by several major flooding events that adversely impacted all areas of our operations and the COVID-19 pandemic also had an adverse impact on trading. However, the club still managed to produce a modest profit for the year ending 30th June 2022. The profit from the Clubs operations was \$53,313 and the Veterans and Women's sub clubs were also severely impacted, and their losses were \$9,305 and \$8,894 respectively which brings our consolidated profit to \$35,114.

The flooding events during the financial year resulted in the delay of many of our capital works planned on course and they are planned to be done this financial year. The big project that was mentioned in my last annual report was the car park works. The plans for these works have now been completed and have been lodged with Council for DA and CC approval. Once the plans have been approved by Council, we will call for tenders. The closing bank balances as at the year ended 30th June 2022 plus our loan facility, we have in place will go a long way to financing the car park and other projects.

We called on several builders for the upgrade of the wet areas in the men's and women's change rooms but many of the tradespeople necessary for the works were not available as they were committed to works arising from the flood events. However, we have been successful in securing tradespeople to undertake these works and we are expecting work to commence in the new year.

There have been many media reports that the La Nina weather event will continue to produce wet weather during the current financial year, and we have already experienced flooding events which has interrupted our operations, so we are conservative in our budgeting for the ensuing year but we are projecting a profitable year ahead.

In closing, I thank all the members for their support during the year, but I would like to particularly thank the Women's and Veteran's committee members for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year. They do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes and their financial contributions for projects benefit all our golfers. I must also thank the team of volunteers that participate in working bees throughout the year. Their volunteer work keeps the course up to a great standard and at the same time keeps our greens staff wages bill at an affordable level. I would also like to thank all the staff at the Club, they are all very committed and work very hard in trying to ensure that our members and visitors always get the best service and information. Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their input and dedication to the Club.

Moved: Rick Souter

Seconded: Steve Huggins

That the Captain's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.

Carried

Club Vice Captain Shannon Murnane reported that all major golf events for the year were held without too many interruptions. Congratulations to all honor board winners. Fixtures are ready for the coming year.

Thanks to Brian Cox and his greens staff for presenting the course to a great standard under such difficult conditions and to all the volunteers who helped with the clean-ups after the floods.

Moved: Paul Fahy

Seconded: Ted Sellwood

That the Greens report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.

Carried

Greens Chairman Neil Fogo reported that the greens staff and volunteers have been fantastic in cleaning up the course after the four floods. Work on the 16th and 17th holes had to be postponed but is to be done in the near future.

The new verti-quake machine has been getting full use loosening up the fairways after the floods and has helped considerably with drainage after heavy rain. A new electric (hybrid) greens mower is coming in the new year.

Looking forward to a better year with the weather. Thanks to Brian and the greens staff for the great job done under very difficult circumstances.

Moved: Allan Barrow

Seconded: Bob Green

That the House Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.

Carried

House Chairman Ian Campbell reported that the clubhouse was doing very well. The new Wednesday Trivia and Members Draw and end of month birthday draws are proving to be very popular. Friday nights continue to attract good crowds with Members Draw, raffles and Lynn's Kitchen menu bringing in good numbers. The new dining furniture has proven to be a great asset and the white chairs are very popular for wedding receptions. Thanks to Terry and the bar staff and Events Coordinator Tash for their efforts throughout the year. Feedback from members has been very good.

Moved: Marie Morrin

Seconded: Mary Walden

That the Women's Golf Murwillumbah report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.

Carried

Women's Golf Murwillumbah president, Marilyn Parkes reported that it has been a very successful year and all the important events were played. Marilyn thanked all the women golfers for their support as well as all the Club and Kitchen staff.

Moved: Col Hulme

Seconded: Bob Masiar

That the Veterans Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Veterans Club president, Allan Barrow reported that due to COVID and floods the past year has seen a decline in income although the Veterans club still has a healthy bank balance. There will be financial contributions to the Golf Club for approved projects. Allan encouraged the Vets members to be involved with organized working bees if they are physically capable.

Moved: Bob Masiar

Seconded: Peter Taylor

That the Directors' report for the year ended 30th June 2022 as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted. Carried

Moved: Allan Barrow

Seconded: Tony Snellgrove

That the Financial Report for the year ended 30th June 2022 and the Auditor's Report thereon as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted. Carried

Auditor Richard Watkinson advised that as an independent party to the Club his job is to challenge management in a constructive way, and he believes that the financial statements are true and correct. Richard commented that Murwillumbah Golf club has a very high level of governance and thanked Wayne Kendrigan, Gary Thatcher, Debbie Tipping and Aileen Rayner for their positive assistance.

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: Kathryn Newcombe

Seconded: Rick Souter

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: Neil Fogo

Seconded: Bob Green

Carried

Special Resolutions:

Every member has had the opportunity to read the Special Resolutions proposed and the explanatory notes so unless you the members want the resolutions read out in their entirety we propose to speak to the explanation of what each one is and then open up debate on each one.

Does anyone want the special resolutions read out in their entirety? No response.

Special Resolution number 1.

Explanatory note.

Wayne Kendrigan spoke for the resolution.

Anyone wish to speak against the resolution. No response.

In order for the resolution to be passed it requires 75% majority of those present voting in favour of the resolution.

The returning officer will count the vote for the resolution.

Call for a show of hands for the resolution

A show of hands against

Returning officer Edd Ryan declared the resolution carried.

Special Resolution number 2.

Explanatory note.

Wayne Kendrigan spoke for the resolution.

Anyone wish to speak against the resolution. No response.

In order for the resolution to be passed it requires 75% majority of those present voting in favour of the resolution

The returning officer will count the vote for the resolution.

Call for a show of hands for the resolution

A show of hands against

Returning officer Edd Ryan declared the resolution carried.

Special Resolution number 3.

Explanatory note.

Wayne Kendrigan spoke for the resolution.

Anyone wish to speak against the resolution. No response.

In order for the resolution to be passed it requires 75% majority of those present voting in favour of the resolution.

Call for a show of hands for the resolution

A show of hands against

Returning officer Edd Ryan declared the resolution carried.

Amalgamation

For the purpose of Clause 4 (4) of the Registered Clubs Regulation 2015 (NSW) we give notice that there have been no expressions of interest in an amalgamation along with any unsolicited merger offers received by the Club from other registered clubs in the previous 12 months. For the sake of clarity no such offers have been received as at today.

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	183 votes Elected
	Paul Windle	89 votes
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	Shannon Murnane	196 votes Elected
	Shane Davidson	175 votes Elected
	Peter Taylor	152 votes Elected
	Marilyn Parkes	138 votes Elected
	Paul Fahy	135 votes
	Paul Windle	99 votes
	Kathryn Newcombe	98 votes
	Ian Armour	96 votes

Mr Ryan announced the Directors elected for 2022/2023:

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	Shannon Murnane
	Shane Davidson
	Peter Taylor
	Marilyn Parkes

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

Moved: Col Hulme **Seconded:** Barry Dobinson

That the ballot papers are destroyed. Carried

Elected Chairman, G Rosenbaum thanked the Returning Officer and congratulated all incoming Directors for 2022-2023.

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

Wayne Kendrigan nominated Keith O'Grady. Keith O'Grady accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

Moved: Wayne Kendrigan

Seconded: Bob Masiar

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 2021 Meeting

1. 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. – Chairman to update in Current Issues.
2. Paul Walden asked would the Board consider re-establishing water to the area near the buggy shed on the corner of Byangum Road.

Current Issues:

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

1. Men's and women's wet areas in locker rooms. Quotes were requested from local builders, and all but one declined to quote due to existing work commitments. The Building Committee to meet with the builder to discuss quote and contract. Work expected to commence in January 2023.
2. Development Application is before Council for Eastern Carpark and house demolition. Quotes and contracts to be sought when approved.

Recommendations to the Board for 2022/2023:

No recommendations were received.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd closed at 11.53am.

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

Chairman