

## ANTHONY (TONY) SNELLGROVE

**Member Number: 3972, playing member since 2004. Member of the Veterans Committee: 2021, 2022, 2023.**



**Previous clubs:** joined Asquith GC in 1975 aged 14, Long Reef GC, Riverside Oaks GC, all in Sydney.

**Business experience:** commenced work in the corporate sector 1982 as an insurance underwriter and joined the worlds largest insurance broker in 1987 as a property specialist. I worked in our London head office in 1989 as a Lloyd's of London Broker. Appointed as a Lloyds Underwriter in 1992 writing global Kidnap and Ransom and Personal Accident for High Value/High Risk Persons to turn around a loss making portfolio, achieved in my first year. In 1994 I returned to broking and risk management , as Account Manager for a number of our Top100 companies including Commbank, Westpac, Stocklands, TNT, Coca Cola, and the NSW Government. My last major role was risk management consulting for Sydney 2000 Olympics both for it's Construction and Operations.

We purchased Midginbil Hill Country Resort in 2003 after almost 20 years of corporate life and sold up in Sydney to move to the Tweed with my wife, who is still an Industrial Lawyer, and our 1 and 3 year old boys, to enjoy a rural lifestyle. Midginbil Hill was a working cattle farm of 400 acres running 120 head of cattle and a school camp offering horse riding with 23 horses and stables, and a bed and breakfast. There was a lot to learn and quickly.

Over time we converted the resort into a live in wedding venue offering 122 beds plus campground and we often served over 1000 meals per week in our two dining rooms. We held over 500 weddings over our tenure and got rave reviews especially for our quality of food. We had a website and despite no advertising, we usually had almost two years worth of forward bookings based on our reviews only. We sold the business in early 2020 with around \$1.5 million in forward bookings. I am now fully retired and have lots of time to dedicate to our golf club.

Our golf club, like many others, with its large size and governance complexities, needs far more experienced **successful business people** with appropriate expertise, on our board than in previous times. We need to better plan for the future and ensure member's funds are **adequately protected and appropriately invested** not only in our clubhouse area but perhaps more so in the development of our great course to the current Master Plan.

I am standing for election to the Board **to represent all members, but especially the Veteran members** who comprise almost one third of our members, many of whom are pensioners, to ensure they get fair representation on all relevant matters.