

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2023

As my thoughts reflect on the year past, I cannot help but smile. 2023 has certainly been a year filled to the brim. It has been a time when we have been able to shake off the effects of those Covid days of 2020 and 2021, not to mention the record flood events of 2022. These unprecedented times are now history. With 2023 nearing its end we can be thankful for a year of uninterrupted golf on the most beautiful course with a network of friends we call Women's Golf Murwillumbah.

2023 has produced many highlights. Ones which cross my mind include:

- * The refurbishment of our locker room amenities.
- * Our first Open Day "Pink for Breast Cancer" since 2019.
- * The privilege of celebrating with Alma Pendergast her 90th birthday.
- * Those magical two days of weather during the Mt Warning Classic.
- * Our new club shirts.
- * And some top individual golf performances including: Tash Bolden's "Hole in 1" when using her driver on the 2nd during her first ever 9-hole competition; Linda Connor and Vicki O'Grady's 46 stableford points both scored in the same week; Kath Newcombe's 80 off the stick (61 net) in the first round of the championships, giving those low markers a bit of a wakeup call early.

Behind every highlight there is acknowledgement so I will begin.

On behalf of WGM I wish to acknowledge and thank Gary Thatcher and the Board for their continued support during 2023.

The first months of the year involved the refurbishment of our locker room amenities. Thank you to the Board for the "thumbs up" and to Brian Cox, Jan Chant and Jo Campbell for their supervision and input during the build. It is a space we; the members need, use, and appreciate.

The facilities Murwillumbah Golf Club offers are first class. The fields for our 2023 Open Day and Mt Warning Classic are testament of the high standard our golf course emulates. The capital works programme currently in place is certainly showing much commitment and tremendous results.

I also wish to thank:

1. The office staff for their patience and support. To Deb and Aileen for putting up with my frequent knocks on the door for help. To Tash for your expertise in emailing all communications including the President's Post to WGM members.
2. Brian Cox and the grounds staff for the course on which we play. It is second to none.
3. Shane, Duncan, and the Pro Shop staff for overseeing our weekly competitions and tournaments.
- 4 Terry and the bar staff for their service which often involves way beyond the norm.
5. Lastly, thank you to Lynn and the kitchen staff for your offerings and service to WGM.

Our competitions and social functions would not exist without planning and implementation. I wish to thank the 2023 WGM Committee for this. Your commitment and support as a team is impressive. Firstly, thank you to Helen Ansems who graciously took on the responsibilities of Secretary with Jennifer Adsett's ill health. Helen's input has been invaluable. Captain, Patsy Brady, and team congratulations on successfully running a full competition programme in such a professional manner. Our "Pink for Breast Cancer" Charity Day and Mt Warning Classic were hugely successful in every way. Vice President, Jan Chant and team congratulations on providing WGM with memorable celebrations including the "O" Birthdays luncheon, Mt Warning Classic

Dinner and End of Season/Xmas Dinner plus the numerous raffles throughout the year. To the Treasurer, Anne Ring and Jo Campbell for taking care of the financial wellbeing of our club. To Karyn Mottershead, thank you for the list is too long. To the non-committee "workers." Your help and support are often not seen but always appreciated.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Jennifer Adsett for her work and commitment as WGM Secretary. Jennifer had been our secretary since 2019 until this mid-year. On behalf of WGM I wish Jennifer better health and hopefully will see her around the traps soon.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Jan Gielis and Diana Kennaugh who are standing down from committee this year. With her wealth of knowledge and experience Jan has been a tremendous support to Patsy as part of the match committee. As Assistant Secretary Diana will be sorely missed. In recent times Diana has completed much of the ground work sourcing sponsorship for WGM. A huge job which was very much appreciated. Acknowledgement must also go to Denise Banner who has been our NSW Vets Convener until just recently. Denise has gone to greener fairways at Chinderah and we wish her all the best.

To our sponsors throughout 2023, thank you. Our annual tournaments, championships, and monthly medals not to mention our monthly lucky card draw for a Belle M voucher are very much appreciated. Our yearly golfing programme would be difficult to finance without their support.

Regretfully 2023 has not been without sorrow. I wish to acknowledge Chris Davis, our esteemed member who passed away during the year. I also wish to acknowledge those who have lost loved ones or experienced ill health either personally or within family circles. I have always believed WGM is more than playing golf and the support I witness members giving is testament to this.

Finally, I wish to thank you, the members of WGM for your support, openness, and comradery. As incoming President for 2023 I wondered what would be in store? My hopes included, transparency, open communication, friendship, and quality golf for all members. As the year comes to an end, I do believe WGM is in great stead. I am truly proud to be your President and will strive to continue working towards the betterment of WGM in the future.

May you all have a joyous, festive season and we look forward to a ripper of a year in 2024.

Marie Morrin
WGM President