



Chairman's Report



After more than 11 years service our Secretary Manager, Gary Thatcher has decided to retire. The Board established a selection committee and advertised for a replacement Manager. We received over 40 applications for the position and after an extensive interview process, we have appointed Shaun Breheny to the position of General Manager. Shaun has had a long management career in a variety of organizations and is a highly qualified individual that was in charge of Byron Bay Golf club for the past 4 years. Shaun will start in his new role at the Club on 31st March and will work closely with Gary during a handover transitional period. When Gary officially retires, he will still be seen regularly at the Club and on the course working hard on his golfing skills. **While the Board is looking forward to working closely with Shaun, we are also sad to see Gary leave the Club and on behalf of all of our Members we thank him for his years of service.**

By now Members will have noticed that work has commenced on the car parking area near the club house. At our March Board meeting we received an updated detailed report from Planit Consulting of various options for additional car parking and cart storage. After lengthy discussions we have asked Planit Consulting to look into costing a variation of one of these options. As previously reported, we will be displaying the preferred option and then holding an open meeting to receive member's comments before any final decision is made.

Our cart path upgrading program is continuing and the area being prepared for upgrade is the path from the 15th green to the 16th tee area. Unfortunately, cyclone Alfred has not only disrupted the playing of golf it has also put back our scheduled path construction.

On behalf of the Board and members of the Club I would like to put out a huge thank you to the staff and volunteers that worked on getting the course back in shape after the cyclone. They have done a magnificent job and the course is again in tip top condition. I would also like to thank the staff that re-opened the Club house and Kitchen on the Sunday, for members and the local community. It was a great example of how our Club is there to support the community. We not only had the club open for business, we also opened the shower and change areas so that anyone that lost power during the cyclone could have a hot shower and freshen up, free of charge.

Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman



Only the freshest food is served from our kitchen....

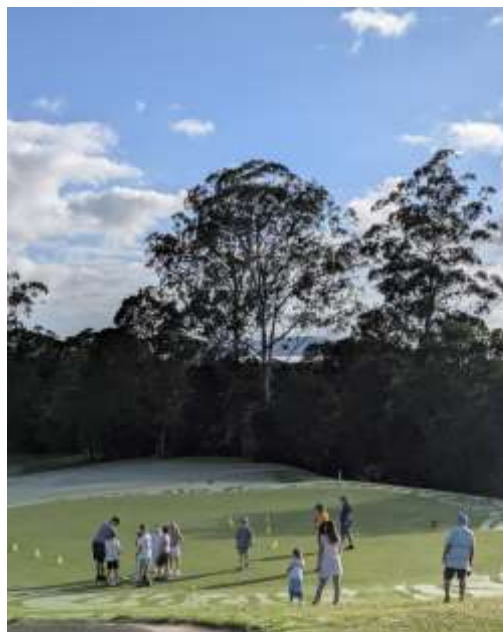
Junior Golf Clinics

Duncan has started his Junior Golf programs for the year. Our Little Rippers, 5-10 year olds are on Sunday mornings, nice and early at 8-9am. Photo of the little ones practicing putts on the 18th. Putts and patience is a lot to learn for the little ones....

Our Big Rippers, 10-15 year olds are on Wednesday afternoons starting at 3.45pm.

Duncan's 2025 term 1 clinics are also available, for information please contact Duncan at the Golf Shop.

-Steve Walton (Carrots)



Hole in One

Congratulations to Warren Goodall on getting a Hole-In-One on Sunday 16th March on the 8th Hole with his lucky "Pink Ball."



New Members - Ladies

Welcome to the new Lady Golfers, Sue Hoffman, Merrin Johnston, Vangi Aeschlimann, Kerrie Schimanski, Deidre Stein.

"Towards the end of last year our group of lady golfers were looking for a new challenge for our golfing in 2025. Critical to our search were the following;

- *A challenging course offering first class golf facilities.
- *A friendly group of ladies that we would fit in with.
- *Good after golf Hospitality, including good coffee and a light refreshment.

It didn't take long for us all to agree upon Murwillumbah Golf Club. We had previous exposure to the Murwillumbah ladies through various interclub events. We knew we were like-minded. We had played the course and agreed it was the best maintained and designed course within the radius we were looking.

It did not take us long to realise there was nothing compared to Murwillumbah. An easy decision in the end. Thanks for making us all feel so welcome at your special golf club!"



Promotions Report



How good does our Giant Easter Chocolate Raffle look??

This Raffle will go on sale at 6pm Saturday 12th April, and be drawn at 7.30pm. You have to be present at the time of the draw and get to choose exactly which hamper you would like. The same night we also have a.....

- ◆ **FREE FUN KIDS DISCO 6 - 7.30pm.**
- ◆ **The Easter bunny handing out FREE EASTER EGGS at 7.30pm**
- ◆ **The giant chocolate hamper raffle drawn at 7.30pm with 40 prizes!**
- ◆ **And to end off the Kids Night we have a 15min Fire Twirling Show at 8pm.**



What are our Draws up to and how much money can I win?

Our Friday Night Members Badge Draw is up to **\$8300** drawn between 8-8.30pm and our Wednesday Night Members Badge Draw is up to **\$9400** Drawn between 7-7.30pm.

Monthly Birthday Winners. Remember you can win \$100 in Cash on BOTH the 1st and Last Wednesday of each month and with the Wednesday Night Badge Draw being so high and Rainer's Wonderful Trivia there is plenty of reason to come out to your club!

Natasha Bolden -
Promotions &
Events Coordinator



Shane's Slice

Men's NRDGA Pennant season is fast approaching! A sign-up sheet is now available in the Pro Shop, entries close Thursday 17th April. Please register your interest asap so we can arrange team shirts. There are a few extra rules in play this year, which the shop staff can explain when signing up. Great to see the Division 1 team off scratch (no handicaps) back in play so hopefully we can submit a strong team again as in years past.

PRO TIP: How to Stop Slicing Your Driver

To stop slicing your driver off the tee, here are some easy tips to help you straighten out your shot:

Grip Adjustment: Often, a weak grip (where your hands are turned too far to the left on the club for a right-handed golfer) can lead to slicing. Try turning your hands slightly to the right (a stronger grip) to help close the clubface at impact and prevent it from being open at impact.

Ball Position: Make sure your ball is positioned correctly in your stance. For a driver, it should be just inside your left heel (for right-handed golfers). If the ball is too far forward or too far back in your stance, it can cause you to swing incorrectly, contributing to a slice.

Alignment: Aim straight! Sometimes slicers tend to aim further left to allow for their slice which ends up in hitting a bigger slice!

Focus on a Slight Inside-Out Swing Path: Many slicers have an outside-in swing path, which makes the ball spin to the right (for right-handed golfers). To correct this, work on swinging slightly from the inside-out, as if you're trying to "punch" the ball to the right of the target. For those who have had a lesson with me, they know the "3-ball drill."

Release the Club: On the downswing, make sure you're allowing your hands to "release" the club. If you hold on too tightly, it can leave the clubface open and promote a slice. Try to let the hands and wrists rotate naturally as you swing through the ball.

By focusing on these tips, you can begin to reduce or eliminate that annoying slice with your driver!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Titleist Fitting Day

Titleist Back Marker Challenge

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

Course Renovations (TBC)

Srixon / Cleveland Fitting Day

Wednesday 2nd April

Friday 4th April

Sunday 6th April

Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th April

Tuesday 29th April

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

Golf Shop Manager



Special thanks to these volunteers who helped clean up the course!



Why are we such a great club? Pictured above is 14 excellent reasons. They gave up their time and energy to assist in getting the course just right for all Members and Visitors.

The ways Golfers travel the Course.....

Merits of owning battery Single Golf Carts. I think the reasons for the increase in the single golf carts are that they are generally a little faster than the double golf cart in getting to the ball. They being smaller and lighter, allow for easier navigation on the golf course. They are lower in cost compared to a double buggy, more energy efficient using less battery power. They are also easier to push and maneuver if the battery fails.

Being alone in a single cart also gives you time to think about your next shot.

Robin Suttie -
Pictured to the left.



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Golf Shop Employee - David Farmer

Hi, I'm David and I've been floating around Murwillumbah Golf Club on and off for about eight years. These days you'll usually find me in the golf shop on a Saturday or Sunday. I've been part of the staff for a couple of years now and always enjoy the chats, banter, and being part of the club vibe. A long time ago, I was an aspiring pro golfer... until I realised, I didn't quite have the talent (or the discipline!) to make it. These days, I'm just happy to have the occasional game, lose my money to Shane, and be part of the fabulous Murbah Golf Club community.

When I'm not in the shop or out on the course, I work as a counsellor and spend most of my week helping people navigate life's ups and downs ;) Golf has always been a good outlet for me, a mix of challenge, calm, and occasional frustration! If you see me around, feel free to say hello.

Thanks!



Well Done Arthur Collins!

Unbelievable but done.....

82 hits for 18 holes
at 87 years of age!

Say no more!



Correct rake position



If you see a rake in an incorrect position please take a second to place in correct position you may not have put there but think of the golfers behind and hopefully they will do the same.

If you are in a bunker please take the extra couple of seconds to also fix up other peoples bad raking jobs if any.

-Captain, Shannon Murnane

4 Fun Facts

Fact 1: Your brain is more active sleeping than it is watching TV....

Fact 2: The average person spends two weeks of their lives waiting for traffic lights to change....

Fact 3: You can always see your nose, but your brain chooses to block it out most of the time....

Fact 4: A snail can sleep for up to 3 years. Anyone ready for a nap?



4 Golf Jokes

1. "You're late teeing off, William." "Yeah, well being Sunday I had to toss a coin to see weather I should golf or go to church." "But why so late?" "Well, I had to toss it ten times didn't I?"
2. Had a great day at golf today.... Found more balls than I lost!
3. One of the advantages of ten-pin bowling over golf is that you very seldom lose a bowling ball....

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April Golf Fixtures

Tuesday, 1 April 2025	Ladies 2 Person Aggregate Stableford (single in conjunction) Red Tees
Wednesday, 2 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford Red Tees
Thursday, 3 April 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 4 April 2025	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue & White Tees
Saturday, 5 April 2025	Meat Merchant Casuarina Monthly Medal Stroke Blue Tees Ladies Monthly Medal + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 6 April 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 7 April 2025	Vets American Foursomes White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 8 April 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 9 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 10 April 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 11 April 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 12 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 13 April 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 14 April 2025	Vets 2 Ball Aggregate Stableford White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 15 April 2025	NSW & Murwillumbah Monthly Medal Single Stroke + Putting Red Tees
Wednesday, 16 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 17 April 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 18 April 2025	Good Friday Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 19 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford V Par White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 20 April 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 21 April 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 22 April 2025	Ladies Single Stroke + Putting Red Tees
Wednesday, 23 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 24 April 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 25 April 2025	Anzac Day Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 26 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 27 April 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 28 April 2025	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 29 April 2025	Ladies Foursomes (Team event) Red Tees
Wednesday, 30 April 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees