

By now many of our members will have met our new General Manager Shaun Breheny. Shaun has made it a point to try and meet as many members as possible and is highly visible on our busy nights meeting and greeting people and when we are busy, he jumps in behind the bar to help keep things moving along. Behind the scenes he has hit the deck running and is involved in every facit of the clubs' operations and the Board appreciate the expertise he brings to our club.

There are a few personnel changes at the Club. The Board and Club Management have created a new position of assistant bar manager and Andrew Lightfoot has commenced in this role. I am sure that you will all make him feel welcome. After 4 years of service at Murwillumbah, Shane Milley has recently handed in his resignation so that he can take on the role of Director of Golf at Carbrook Golf Club near Beenleigh in Queensland and we wish him well in this new role.

The new caterers known as Olivewood Bistro at the club have been very busy providing meals in the evenings and the feedback from diners is that they are thoroughly enjoying the dining experience. Many people will know Le Ping and Simone Wong from the days when they ran the White Olive restaurant here in Murwillumbah.

The caterers have been getting familiar with the kitchen layout during the September period and this has been done with using a limited menu with a number of daily specials. In October they will be introducing a much more extensive menu as well as specialty nights of dining such as an all you can eat Asian buffet on Tuesday nights, and the price for members will be \$27 for adults and \$14 for kids. They will also be commencing lunch time dining and afternoon café service in October.

Playing members are reminded that there will be an information meeting about the options the Board are considering for the future

development of the parking facilities and golf cart storage and the use of the driving range. This meeting is to be held on 20th October and it is vital that you register your intent to attend as the meeting will either be held on the club premises or at the Council auditorium depending upon how many members register their intent to attend.

Regards Wayne Kendrigan Chairman





General Managers Report

Dear Members,

I'd like to take a moment to update you on some important developments around the Club.

Resignation of Golf Professional – Shane Miley

After over four years of dedicated service, our Golf Professional, **Shane Miley**, has announced his resignation. On behalf of the Board, Staff, and Members, I extend our sincere thanks to Shane for his professionalism, commitment, and contribution to the Murwillumbah Golf Club community. We wish him every success and know that members will miss his Smiley face (pun intended).

Golf Connect – New Handicapping System

Members will notice we are in the process of transitioning to **Golf Australia Connect**, a new handicapping system. All members should have received an email directly from Golf Australia Connect explaining the changes. Whilst members will largely not be impacted, there is a window in which Club handicaps will not be updated. This applies to all golfers in Australia, who will also not have their handicap update during this time. The minimum offline period between the disconnection of Golf Link is from 10pm Sunday, 28 September until Golf Australia Connect starts on 2nd October. In addition, further time may be required for Licensed Software providers to fully integrate into the new platform. We appreciate your patience as the changeover is completed.

Carpark Works - Development Approval Pending

We are continuing to await the outcome of the revised Development Application (DA) with Tweed Shire Council but expect that this is not too far away. Once approved, we are confident this project will deliver significant improvements to member and visitor access.

Upcoming Members' Meeting – Capital Projects

A reminder that a **Members' Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, 20th October**, to discuss the proposed **capital expenditure projects**, including the **carpark, The driving range** and **cart shed** developments. This is an important opportunity for members to hear details, ask questions, and provide feedback on these key initiatives. Please make sure you provide an RSVP to Club administration if you plan on attending this meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of Murwillumbah Golf Club. I look forward to seeing you around the Club soon.

Warm regards, Shaun Breheny General Manager

Editors Note - Our New General Manager is for our Members! Since arriving at the club he has been involved in giving away over \$45,000 to our Members in various draws and giveaways. Don't think he will last...... - Bill Quantrill



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Promotions Report

Wedding Season is upon us. Know anyone recently engaged? We would love for you to send them our way. We are super affordable compared to "wedding only venues" in the Tweed. Our Ceremony space hire is only \$250! Plus we may be bias but we have undoubtably the best views in Murwillumbah! (Photo of the first tee and function room for our last wedding.)







It's also the time to start thinking about your work Christmas parties with many Saturdays starting to fill up.

Have a business with smaller employee numbers? We can book half room spaces, partitioned with large privacy screens and pot plants.

We also have our Seminar Room that holds up to 20 people, which can be booked every day/night (except for Friday Nights and of course subject to availability.) See photo to the left of our seminar room beautifully set up for a very special 80th Birthday.

With Olivewood Bistro becoming SO POPULAR, Members please be advised that you NEED TO BOOK A TABLE EVERYTIME YOU WISH TO DINE..... Many of our regular members are just turning up expecting a table, on already booked out nights......

Up Coming Events

- Friday 31st October Kids Halloween Movie Event 6.30pm- Watch a classic movie, Monters Inc on super comfy bean bags, Cost \$5 includes, popcorn, drink and lolly bag. Tickets will go online soon and very limited numbers available.
- Tuesday 4th November Melbourne Cup Lunch Event Special 2 Course Set Menu, Bar Snacks Menu, TAB, Keno, Raffles, Prizes for best dressed, decorated tables and a photo wall backdrop. It's always a beautiful relaxed day here. Again dinning and bus bookings ARE ESSENTIAL.

Natasha Bolden -Promotions & Events Coordinator



House Chairman Report

The Club House operations have been performing very well. Wednesday Trivia is growing every month and Friday raffles are extremely popular.

We are entering a new era at the club with the appointment of LE PING AND SIMONE as our new caterers. They have been very generous by starting a month early to fill the void when Lynn decided to leave earlier than expected. We thank Lynn for her contribution over the last four years and wish her well in her new enterprise.

Le Ping and Simone operating as Olivewood Bistro, were not due to start until October as they had other precommitments. They stepped up and provided the club with dinner Wednesday to Sunday nights with a smaller menu. This menu will change in October when the full service can be provided to our members.



Even with limited operating times and menu, Le Ping and Simone have impressed everyone with the quality of the food and friendly and excellent service. So if you are looking for a good meal come and give them a try, you won't be disappointed. I would strongly advise that if you intend to dine at the club you book a table as the word is spreading fast and they are becoming very popular.

We are pleased to welcome our new assistant bar manager Andrew Lightfoot to the club. He has slotted straight into the team and will be a valuable addition to the bar staff roster.

Regards
Ian Campbell
House Chairman



Footy Tipping Party

The Golf Club Footy Tipping Competition concluded with a BBQ and drinks night on Saturday, 20th September. The top tipster this year was Neil Gibbons with Alex Hetherington just 1 point behind. The knockout competitions were won by Gary Clarke and Darren Cormick. Thanks to Terry and Mary for running the competition and Andrew Brown for cooking the gourmet BBQ.

-Steve Walton (Carrots)
Director



Captains Report

This years main competitions have been run and won even though the weather did play a small part. Congratulations to all the winners from the Men's, Ladies, Veterans and Junior Championships.

For the men we tried a different format for the Championships being held over 3 weekends this year and would welcome any feedback or suggestions to the event moving forward. A big thanks to the Green staff for preparing the course to be in fantastic condition for all our championships despite adverse weather conditions earlier in the year. Men's Club Champion winners:

Club Champion: Nick Sneesby, Div 1 Nett Winner: Damon Crompton

Div 2 Gross Winner: Glen Cramb, Div 2 Nett Winner: Jack Ainsworth

Div 3 Gross Winner: Aaron Williams, Div 3 Nett Winner: Nick Mobbs

Div 4 Gross Winner: Lachlan Adams, Div 4 Nett Winner: Phil Taylor

Junior Vets Gross Winner: TBC – Michael Knight & Murray Fitzpatrick (Playoff required!)

Senior Vets Winner: John Walker

Junior Champion: Norm Fraser





Here are the Women's Golf Club Champions for 2025 Congratulations to Jodie Rockliff, Kim Hobbs, Jeanette Chapman, Dallas McCabe and Janet East. (Right to left)



I would like to take the opportunity to try clear up a rule, being the maximum shot rule, for the men there is no maximum number of shots which is only in effect for stroke, Matchplay and Ambrose events. For the ladies the rule is a maximum of 15 shots. This is the case for Murwillumbah golf club but do check other clubs local rules when playing as this may not be the case.

Shannon Murnane Captain



OCTOBER 2025

For those who may not yet be aware, I am honoured to share that I have accepted the position of Director of Golf at Carbrook Golf Club. My final day at Murwillumbah Golf Club will be **Saturday, 18th October**, and I would be delighted if you could join me for a farewell drink after my last round as an employee during Saturday's presentations (from around 4:30pm). It has been a privilege to serve this wonderful club, and I am deeply grateful for the experiences, friendships, and lessons I have gained as a PGA Member here. From border closures to floods, endless rain and, of course, the famous \$5 Keno 🛽 — each challenge and moment has shaped me professionally and personally. Murwillumbah Golf Club should be immensely proud of its welcoming yet highly competitive membership base, and it will always remain one of my favourite courses to play. Some of my fondest memories in golf were made here — from my first bogey-free round to shooting a personal best of seven-under-par (play it as it lies!). I sincerely wish the staff, board of directors, and all members continued success and prosperity in the years ahead. Thank you for allowing me to be part of your golfing community — and remember keep on swinging!

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Transition to GOLF CONNECT

From **10pm AEST, Sunday 28 September 2025**, the 25-year-old GOLF Link system will be permanently shut down. On Thursday 2 October, the new Golf Australia Official App and golfer portal at GOLF.com.au will launch – becoming your new home for handicaps, scoring history, and more.

Your new Golf ID

- Your current GOLF Link number is now your Golf ID for life.
- Please note this number from your existing platforms (e.g. Simple Golf, GA Handicap App, golf.org.au handicap lookup) and from recent Golf Australia emails.

From 2 October, you'll use this Golf ID to register and log in across the new Golf Australia system.

How to register from 2 October

- 1. Visit **GOLF.com.au** and go to the Sign up / Login page.
- 2. Enter your Golf ID a verification email will be sent to your registered email.
- 3. Create a new password and confirm your profile details.

Download the new Golf Australia Official App from your app store.

Transition period: what to expect

During the transition, handicap services will be offline while more than 250 million scores are migrated by Golf Australia. They have provided the following timeline:

- 28 Sept GOLF Link shuts down permanently.
- **29 Sept—1 Oct** Handicap services offline; handicaps recalculated to align with the World Handicap System.
- **1 Oct** Major cutover day. Expect interruptions and temporary redirects. We recommend avoiding handicap services and websites on this day.
- 2 Oct New App and GOLF.com.au go live. Recalculated handicaps available to view.

2–10 Oct – Clubs (including ours) will transition in phases. Some may take until around 10 October. This is normal.

Competition golf at our club

We hope to be back online by **Thursday**, **2**nd **October** and plan to resume competition golf from **Friday**, **3**rd **October** for the Titleist Back Marker Challenge, subject to change of course! We will confirm this once the transition is complete.

What you can do now

- Make sure your account details at golf.org.au are correct.
- If you don't already have an account, create one before 28 September.

Update your email address if needed at www.golf.org.au/registration.

After 2 October you will need to contact us to make changes directly in the new platform.

Additional support

If you need extra assistance, Golf Australia's Support Team is available 7 days a week (6.30am – 8.30pm AEST): Email: help@golf.com.au Web: www.help.golf.com.au

This is the largest digital upgrade in the history of golf in Australia, supporting more than 450,000 golfers and 1,900 clubs. Thank you for your patience as we work with Golf Australia to make the move.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 3rd October Titleist Back Marker Challenge

Wed 8th October Callaway Fit Day

Mon 20th October Srixon Fit Day

Sun 19th October Juniors Term 4 clinic starts

Good Golfing,

Shane Miley

PGA Professional, signing off

Golf Quote

The Golfer has more enemies than any other athlete. He has 14 clubs in the bag, all of them different. 18 holes to play, all of them different, every week. All around him is sand, trees, grass, water, wind and 143 other players. In addition the game is 50% mental, so his biggest enemy is himself.

-Dan Jenkins

October Golf Fixtures

Wednesday, 1 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 2 October 2025	Gold Medal Play Off Monthly Medal Single Stroke + Putting Red Tees
Friday, 3 October 2025	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue & White Tees
Saturday, 4 October 2025	Meat Merchant Casuarina Monthly Medal Stroke Blue Tees Ladies Monthly Medal + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 5 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 6 October 2025	Labour Day Public Holiday Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday, 7 October 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 8 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 9 October 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 10 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 11 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 12 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 13 October 2025	Vets Monthly Medal Single Stroke White & Red Tees
Tuesday, 14 October 2025	Ladies 4BBB Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 15 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 16 October 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 17 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 18 October 2025	Men's Single Stroke V Par White Tees Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees
Sunday, 19 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 20 October 2025	Vets 3 Clubs & Putter Single Stableford White and Red Tees
Tuesday, 21 October 2025	Ladies Single Stroke Red Tees
Wednesday, 22 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 23 October 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 24 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 25 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 26 October 2025	Parent + Child Championships
Monday, 27 October 2025	Vets Shirts V Skirts 4 Person Ambrose
Tuesday, 28 October 2025	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 29 October 2025	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with Pairs Special 6's in conjunction
Thursday, 30 October 2025	Ladies Thank You Sponsor Day
Friday, 31 October 2025	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees