



## Chairman's Corner

### Season's Greetings

Hard to believe but Christmas is here again, it seems to come around quicker each year. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Management and Staff of Murwillumbah Golf Club we hope that you and your loved ones have a wonderful, safe and festive Christmas season.

At the Club we will in the main continue to provide our regular services but there are a few changes to our normal events and operating hours. The Club and the course will be closed on Christmas day and the usual Friday night badge draw and raffles will not be held on 26<sup>th</sup> December but will resume on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, the trivia and badge draws will not be taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December but will resume on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. On 27<sup>th</sup> December we will have two \$1,000 draws as well as raffles.

### Car parking and cart storage

On 20<sup>th</sup> October a members meeting was held to discuss the various options for the car parking and shed storage areas and the overwhelming consensus of opinion was to move forward with development of the driving range and the eastern carparking areas. At the Annual General Meeting of the Club on 30<sup>th</sup> November, the Board updated members on the car park and cart storage projects. In summary the Board have established a sub-committee who are working closely with the external consultants on the various options for these projects and when the sub-committee have evaluated all options it will present the Board with its recommendation including an estimated costs for these projects. The Board will then make a decision and will call for tenders.

### Catering

Many members will have now experienced the culinary delights of the new caterers at the Club. Le Ping and Simone Wong are well experienced caterers having run their own restaurants throughout the Tweed region. Le Ping is a fully qualified chef that has worked in some of the top restaurant venues internationally and we are very fortunate to have them at the club. Since their arrival at the Club we have noticed a dramatic increase in club patronage and function bookings. It is now essential that if you are planning to dine at the club that you make a booking in advance.

### On the Course

Playing members will have noticed that after long delays due to adverse weather conditions early in the year we have now been able to lay new cart paths and done remedial work on the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway to ensure better drainage conditions. In 2026 we will be continuing work on the course with an emphasis on upgrading bunkers, more cart paths and better drainage throughout the course. These works are all designed to minimize down time during wet periods and maximise cart access

In closing I again wish all members a joyous and safe festive season and I look forward to seeing you at the Club in 2026.

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# General Managers Report



Dear Members,

As we move toward the end of another year, I wanted to take a moment to wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and well-earned break over the holiday period. Whether you're spending time with family, travelling, or simply enjoying a few extra rounds of golf, I hope the coming weeks provide a chance to recharge and reflect.

It's been a very pleasing way to finish the year with **strong and positive trading results** across the business. This is a credit to the support of our members, the hard work of our staff, and the continued patronage of visitors who choose to spend their time at our club. A solid financial position allows us to keep investing back into the course, the clubhouse, and the overall member experience, which remains our key focus.

I would like to sincerely **thank our members and volunteers** for their ongoing contribution throughout the year. From helping with events and competitions, to supporting the club through attendance, participation, and constructive feedback, your involvement is what makes this club such a special place. Our volunteers, in particular, give generously of their time and effort, and the club simply could not function at the level it does without them.

On the golfing front, it's hard not to mention just **how good the course has been**. The condition of the fairways, greens, and surrounds has been outstanding, and a huge thank you must go to our course maintenance team for the pride they take in presenting the course week in, week out. The consistent feedback from members and visitors alike has been extremely positive, and it's something we can all be proud of.

As we look ahead to the new year, there is plenty to be excited about, and we remain committed to continuing the positive momentum across all areas of the club.

On behalf of the Board, management, and staff, thank you again for your support throughout the year. Enjoy the festive season, stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you around the club over summer and into the new year.

Warm regards,  
**Shaun Breheny**  
General Manager  
Murwillumbah Golf Club



## Promotions Report

WOW what a busy few months we have had! Can you believe we had a total of 26 functions in November and 19 functions in December! I would like to thank Olivewood Bistro for producing such beautiful food and helping us to secure so many functions. Planning a special big "o" birthday or know someone getting married next year. Send them our way. We would love to host your/their special event! See below some of the beautiful function set ups from the last few weeks here at the club.



Our Kids Christmas Community Event was a huge success. We had 84 kids attend, we know from the number of ice creams Santa handed out. Thanks to all the parents for coming out to support our event. The kids seemed to have a blast with the free Face Painting, Christmas Crafts, Petting Farm and Live Music! I would also like to thank Bill Quantrill for MC'ing the event to his usual amazing standard.



### Key dates to remember:

MEGA 40 Ham Raffle Night Friday 19th Dec, tickets on sale from 5.30pm.

2 x \$1000 CASH Wheel Spin Promotion Night - Saturday 27th Dec from 5pm.

In closing I would like to wish all of our Members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. See you before or into next year here at the best little club around!

Natasha Bolden  
Promotions & Events  
Coordinator  
Murwillumbah Golf Club



## Match Report

Members and guests,

All the 2025 championship events for men's, ladies', veterans', and juniors have successfully concluded. Congratulations to all this year's winners, and best wishes for continued success in 2026.

I would like to express my appreciation to Brian Cox and his ground staff for their swift efforts in making the course playable as quickly as possible through tough times earlier in the year. As a club, we have welcomed many new members this year. In response, we made the difficult decision to temporarily freeze memberships to review and protect playing opportunities for current members. This matter remains a priority for the board moving forward.

We have had a couple of events conclude this month. Congratulations to Michael Noakes on taking out the medal of medals with a nett 65. The Titleist back marker final came down to a playoff, with Glen Cramb edging out Brett Sterling for the win, and Ian Strange playing well to win ahead of Sam Ayers in the shootout final last Sunday.

I would like to take this chance to thank all the members and visitors who have played golf here over the past 12 months. Thank you to all the staff on and off the course that helped to make your time at the club a memorable one.

Wishing everyone a safe Christmas and New Year.

Shannon Murnane - Captain



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## Meet Staff Member Andy

I was born in Papua New Guinea and moved to Australia when I was about five. In 1979 my family purchased the "Royal Hotel" in Rosedale, Queensland. As it was a rural family owned pub, I was pouring beers at the age of ten. A pot of beer at that time was about 58 cents.

Music is a passion of mine. I play guitar, collect and spin records.

I'm from a golfing family but unfortunately didn't get the golfing bug until later in life.

The Northern Rivers is my favourite place in Australia and I have lived here for 25 years.

I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcomed at the club.

Cheers Andy



# The Riding for the Disabled Event

The Riding for the Disabled Charity Golf Day was conducted on 30<sup>th</sup> November, with a storm passing over the course, not enough to dampen the players enthusiasm.

Winners of the day were the Flying Squad Team from the Murwillumbah Aero Club consisting of Mark Adcock, Captain Gary Clarke and Nick & Marty Jackson. Runners-up were Chippa, Declan, Scott & Geoff. Major raffle winners: \$1000 IGA Voucher – P Jeffries; Joy Flight for 2 – John Lee; Ballina Golf Package – Sandy Jeffries.

Without sponsors and volunteers the Golf Day would not be the success it is. Our major sponsors were, IGA - \$1000 Voucher, Dowling Metal - \$1000, Williams Group, Australia Major Golf sponsor, Murwillumbah Aero Club, R.S.L. Social Golf Club, Stone & Wood, Craig Smith Cabinets, Tony McKiernan, Murwillumbah Golf Club, John McIntosh Trophies, Brenda Colby Jones, Olivewood Restaurant, Coolangatta & Ballina Golf Clubs and Jordie, Bree, Sarah and Meg for selling raffle tickets.

Approximately \$5,500 was raised this year, thanks for everyone for your support & we can't wait to see you again next year.

- Stephen Walton (Carrots)



Photos: Golf Winners, Gary Clarke & Marty Jackson.



Runners-up, Chippa, Declan, Scott & Geoff

# Hole In One - Peter Fleming



Massive congratulation to Peter Fleming for getting ANOTHER Hole in One on Wednesday 17th December on the 15th Hole.

# The Shootout



On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December the shootout was conducted. With a late cancellation, 18 players hit off the 2<sup>nd</sup>. With multiple chip-offs, as well as some high quality shot making the field was cut to 2 players.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> green the steady Sam Ayres 2 putted for a par. Mr Consistent, Ian Strange then hit a great shot out of the bunker to 15 feet and with nerves of steel rolled in the putt. A chip off then ensued with Ian getting the win.

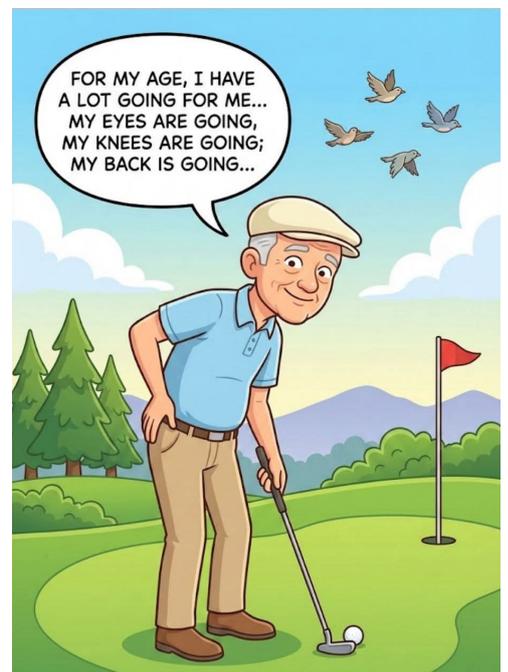
Thanks to Duncan, Di & Suzie for putting the day together & all players for making the day a success.

- Stephen Walton  
(Carrots)



Last four: Sam Ayres (runner-up), Rob Parsons (Third), Ian Strange (Winner), Michael Knight (Fourth).

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# See some of the happy birthday CASH winners this year! What a year!



Our Birthday cash  
giveaway draws are the 1st  
and last Wednesday of each  
month!  
Drawn after the Wednesday  
Members Badge Draw!  
During our Free Wednesday  
Night Trivia.

# January 2026 Golf Fixtures

Thursday, 1 January 2026	Happy New Year Single Stableford Medley White and Red Tees
Friday, 2 January 2026	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue & White Tees
Saturday, 3 January 2026	Meat Merchant Casuarina Monthly Medal Stroke Blue Tees Ladies Monthly Medal + Putting Red Tees
Sunday, 4 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley
Monday, 5 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday, 6 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley
Wednesday, 7 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley
Thursday, 8 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley
Friday, 9 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 10 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 11 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 12 January 2026	Vets Comp
Tuesday, 13 January 2026	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 14 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with 2B Multiplier in conjunction
Thursday, 15 January 2026	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 16 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 17 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees with Pairs Special 6's in conjunction Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 18 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 19 January 2026	Vets Comp
Tuesday, 20 January 2026	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 21 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 22 January 2026	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 23 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 24 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Sunday, 25 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 26 January 2026	Australia Day Public Holiday Single Stableford Medley
Tuesday, 27 January 2026	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Wednesday, 28 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees
Thursday, 29 January 2026	Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees
Friday, 30 January 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 31 January 2026	Men's Single Stableford White Tees Ladies Single Stableford Red Tees