

Chairman's Corner



Hope everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year break and are now refreshed and ready to face the challenges of 2026. The club continues to trade well and the new caterers are proving very popular with members. Our social membership numbers are continuing to grow strongly and we have quite a number of people on our waiting list for golfing membership.

We are still waiting for approval from Council for the eastern car park works but we are hopeful that now that the holiday season is at an end that the approval will be coming our way soon. The engineering, landscaping and other plans for this area are close to finalization and will be ready to be lodged for the Construction Certificate (CC) process as soon as the development application (DA) has been approved.

The DA for the new cart sheds on the existing driving range has been lodged and we are well underway refining the plans to meet the growing needs of our membership. When the DA plans are approved by Council, we will still need to lodge detailed engineering and structural plans for a CC.

We will be calling for tenders for each of these areas when the plans are finalized and approved by council.

In The Club House

As mentioned above the new caterers at the Club are proving to be very popular and the only complaint, we are hearing is about the seating on the white chairs. The good news is that we have now ordered new chairs and some new tables from the same supplier of the wooden chairs and we are expecting them in the next few months.

We have plans afoot to increase the lounge area of the club for the convenience of members and their guests but this can only be done after we have completed the cart storage areas on the existing driving range as we need to relocate some stored equipment from the back office and cool room areas down stairs to the area under the deck where carts are currently stored.

On the Course

Cart paths and bunker upgrades will continue to be the major improvements to the course throughout 2026 but we are still working behind the scenes on flood mitigation plans to minimize disruption and increase playing times while also maximizing cart usage on the course.

-Wayne Kendrigan
Chairman



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General Managers Report

As we step into 2026, it's pleasing to report a very positive start to trading across the Club. January has been busy on all fronts, and it's great to see the Club buzzing with activity after the Christmas period. Golf has been exceptionally strong, with high levels of play throughout the holiday season and into the New Year. The course is presenting in excellent condition and continues to receive terrific feedback from members and visitors alike. Credit goes to our greens staff for their ongoing hard work during what can be a challenging time of year, balancing growth, wear, and weather conditions.

Membership demand also remains strong, with our waiting list continuing to grow. This is a clear reflection of the health of the Club, the quality of the course, and the overall experience being offered.

January also marked the retirement of long-time staff member Deb Tipping. Deb has given over 14 years of dedicated service to the Club and has been a familiar and friendly face to so many members over that time. On behalf of the Board, management, staff, and members, I thank Deb sincerely for her contribution and wish her all the very best in retirement. Fortunately, we can expect to see Deb at the Club as she continues her golfing adventures.

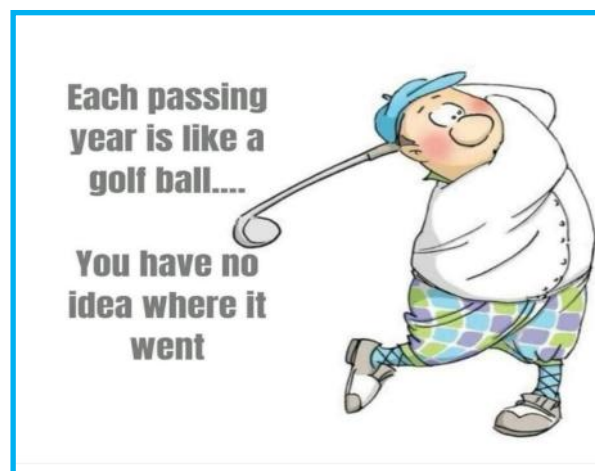


After a busy and successful end to the year, our staff are poised to enjoy a well-deserved Christmas party. This is a great opportunity to thank them for their efforts throughout 2025 and to recognise the role they play every day in delivering a positive experience for our members and guests. We thank members for their understanding as the Club will be closed earlier than usual on Monday 9th February.

Thank you to all members for your continued support, and I look forward to another strong and enjoyable year ahead at the Club.

General Manager
Shaun Breheny

Bills Joke of the month—and thanks to our Club sponsors below.




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Congratulations to Mike Rayner

Congratulations to Mike Rayner who was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the General Division on Australia Day. Mike is pictured below with Justine Elliot (Federal Member for Richmond).

Mike's award was for service to the community through a range of roles, most notably including:

- Founder, Donor and Former Chair of the Tweed Kenya Mentoring program
- Former Director and former Vice President of the Tweed Regional Gallery and Margaret Olley Art Centre
- His work for the NSW Local Government Water Industry Directorate, including Inaugural Chair, Executive Member, Directorate Establishment, 10-year Medallion and Life member.
- Former Board member of Rally Australia
- His contribution to Tweed Shire Council



We congratulate Mike on receiving this award, and hope he can now find time to enjoy some relaxing

Captains Report

Hope everyone had a nice break if you were fortunate enough to get one. Welcome back to golf for 2026, hopefully everyone has a great year.

A couple of course etiquette things is if you are walking the course please don't push your buggy over the greens at any time and don't forget to try and leave the bunkers in the condition you would like to play out of them if you happen to hit into them. Leave rakes in the bottoms of the bunker in the direction of the hole not in the faces and rake your footprints.

If you are a full paying member of the golf club and wish to play socially, please come and see the Proshop first before teeing off to check availability and make sure it is NOT in competition times. Just as a reminder to keep all motorised carts, bikes, trikes and skateboards 10m away from greens, bunkers and use cart paths where available. These rules apply to all members and visitors.

If you have any issues with members or visitors, please call the Proshop and report it. Don't take matters in your own hands. If you see ranger cart out there please use your manners as they are just doing what they have been asked. Nobody needs abuse and this also goes for any club staff member on the course or in the clubhouses.

The Norther Rivers District Golf Association are having the mixed foursomes championships at Mullumbimby Golf Club on Sunday the 15th February 2026 with a shotgun start at 9.00am. \$30 per player, payable on the day, for 27 holes of golf, lunch, and our regular generous prize rundown. Nominations close 8th Feb 2026, please contact the Mullumbimby Golf shop on 02 6684 2273 to register.

Shannon Murnane

Promotions Report

Valentine's Day is just around the corner
— Saturday 14th February!

Celebrate with a deliciously curated menu by **Olivewood Bistro**, designed especially for the occasion. The room will be beautifully styled with candlelight, creating a warm and romantic atmosphere.

Enjoy gentle acoustic music from **5:30pm**, the perfect accompaniment to a relaxed and memorable dining experience. *See the menu displayed to the side.*

Diners can also go into the draw to win a massive \$500 Valentine's Day hamper. Dinners will receive a ticket into the draw upon payment of their dinner. *One ticket issued for EACH COUPLE DINING on the night. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL!

Wednesday and Friday nights continue to be well attended. Our Wednesday Night Badge Draw is currently up to \$3800 and our Friday Night Badge Draw is currently a massive \$5000. Both amounts are correct at time of printing. WEDNESDAY Night is our TRIVIA NIGHT. The first and last Wednesday of the month are also our Birthday Cash Draw Giveaway Nights. Both dining and courtesy bus bookings are essential.

The year is already going FAST and soon we will have our Easter Egg Raffle set up near the bar. Tickets for these will be on sale on the day on Saturday 28th March at our Kids Easter Event. More details in next months newsletter.

Just like with Children you're probably not supposed to have favourites..... but if we have to admit **one of our "Favourite" Saturday Golfers** is moving away and unfortunately will no longer be apart of Murwillumbah Golf Club. Sad news for us bar staff. We made him a farewell cake which was well received by his social group "The Mongrels" and bought him a celebratory cocktail. All the best little Al!



VALENTINE'S DAY

Olivewood Bistro

CANDLELIT DINNER - \$60 per head

ENTREE - YOUR CHOICE OF ;

- Pumpkin and goats cheese arancini, served with salsa, aioli and apple balsamic
- Peking duck on pickled vegetable salad, served with hoisin
- Crispy pork belly bites on spiced cucumber salad
- ½ Dozen freshly shucked oysters with mushroom relish (add \$10)

MAIN - YOUR CHOICE OF ;

- Grilled barramundi with lemon butter, with baby carrots and baked kipfler potatoes
- Chicken wrapped prosciutto stuffed with halloumi, served with potato gratin and buttered asparagus
- Potato gnocchi, with creamy tomato napoli, garnished with baby vegetables
- Slow cooked buffalo ribs on creamy mash and asian slaw with vinaigrette

DESSERT - YOUR CHOICE OF ;

- Tiramisu
- Vanilla panna cotta with berry coulis
- Chocolate tart with icecream

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Natasha Bolden
Promotions & Events Coordinator
Murwillumbah Golf Club

3 Putt Club Raises \$2500!!!!

3 PUTT CLUB RAISES \$2500 FOR BARNARDOS AUSTRALIA

Once again the small group of Saturday golfers known as the "3 Putt Club" have raised money for a children's charity. This year's beneficiary, receiving \$2500, is Barnardos Australia.

Bella Armstrong, Fundraising Project Manager for Barnardos Australia said, "Barnardos Australia believes every child deserves to feel safe and have a secure upbringing. But right now, too many children in Australia are facing unimaginable hardship. Barnardos puts children and young people at the centre of everything they do, walking alongside them as they heal and rebuild their lives. The generous contribution of \$2,500 will help provide children and families with access to essential services and safe spaces they need to heal, find stability, and look ahead with hope. Together, we're building safer homes, stronger communities, and brighter futures for children across Australia."

In the last 4 years the 3 Putt Club has raised and donated approximately \$11000 to various children's charities.

A special thank you must go the Murwillumbah Golf Club who donated \$500 towards a raffle and club member Keith Gordon and his wife Colleen of PROPUMP who also donated \$500.

Photos show most of the 3 Putt Club members at their annual golf day at The Glades Golf Course and Keith Gordon of PROPUMP.



Gary Rowland, a full playing Member was the winner of the \$500 pro shop voucher. Photo shows me congratulating Gary on his lucky win.

Steve Walton and Peter Heath have said that plans are in place to make the amount raised next year to be a record amount with \$5000 the target. "With the wonderful generosity of our club members we feel we will reach our goal."

- Peter Heath



Junior Golf Report

The club is currently enjoying an influx of junior members. A steady number are now playing in our weekly fields and have been successful in a number of good results. If you are lucky to have the company of any of these juniors please make them welcome as they are the future of the club.

Duncan has been doing a great job with his Little Rippers, (under 12's) clinic which run on Sunday mornings and has his Big Rippers for the older juniors running mid week. For more information about these clinics which are due to start mid February 2026, please contact Duncan in the golf shop. (Telephone)

The Jeb Hunter Memorial Junior Classic is to be held at our club on 15th March 2026 for more information please contact Duncan or Steve Walton.

Pictured three of the up and coming juniors who are playing in our weekly fields, Lachlan Adams, Lachlan Newman, Hayden Bray.

-Steven Walton (Carrots)



The Big Wacker

Sunday the 14th December 2025 marked the Inaugural Big Wacker competition. With a strong northerly blowing 16 long drivers took to the 1st tee. Purchasing 3 balls for \$10, the early leader was Brett Sterling with a drive of 251 meters, which was matched by Sam Ayres, this distance, was then beaten by Shane Johnson who nailed his drive to 277 meters.

Thanks for all the Big Wackers for attending & making the day enjoyable.

Pictured the winner Shane Johnson, Well done!

-Steven Walton (Carrots)



Meet Member Betty Bryce

I felt very honoured when Bill asked me to write a piece for the magazine. Ninety and still playing golf! I am lucky at ninety to have great memories of golfing days at Murwillumbah.

I foundly remember the 1960's Laurie and Glad Jenkins living next door and managing the bar (even making sandwiches!) Mike Jenkins later ran the Pro Shop in the buggy shed and would always greet us with a smile and a good day Bet and good day Al.

Allan and I loved this club and travelled around Australia to find a place to retire and Murwillumbah was IT. So many changes and improvements since then. I love our ladies locker room—some old and some new photo memories. I've had a few wins here and there. I won the Vet's Championships in 1991 and 1992. I was part of a team of four to win the Sir Bruce Small Shield and in a few winning Pennant Teams. I have had two Holes in One. The first in Mereweather, Newcastle and the second at Murwillumbah on the 2nd Hole. I became a member of the Queensland, Hole-in-One Club and once a year travelled over the boarder with another Hole-in-One player Col Hulme.

Such happy memories of my time at this great golf club. Enjoying my 22yrs organising the skits for our concerts at Xmas Parties and the Mt Warning Classic.

Many changes now and we have to adjust to new technology and move on. Very few carts were used in my early days of golf, everyone walked. We were excited to get a device on our buggy handle to hold our umbrella. I still like to talk to a person and not a computer. If ever I walk into the Golf Shop and a robot is behind the counter and not our friendly Pro, I'M GONE!!!!

Picture Betty Bryce with Mike Jenkins at the 80 Year Anniversary Celebrations.



Meet our youngest trivia player

On Wednesday, January 7th, Nine year old Ella Christie and mother Louise participated in the Trivia Night for the first time and won a five dollar prize. Ella is a student at Mount Saint Patricks Collage and judging by her excitement of both playing and winning a prize, Mum and Daughter will be back!



Feb Golf Fixtures

Sunday, 1 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 2 February 2026	Vets Monthly - Single Stoke
Tuesday, 3 February 2026	Ladies Welcome Back Day Single Stableford
Wednesday, 4 February 2026	Men's Single Stableford - White Tees
Thursday, 5 February 2026	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 6 February 2026	Titleist Back Marker Challenge Single Stroke Blue Tees
Saturday, 7 February 2026	Meat Merchant Casuarina Men's Monthly Medal Ladies Monthly Medal and Putting
Sunday, 8 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 9 February 2026	Vets Best 2 of 4 Stableford
Tuesday, 10 February 2026	Varela & Swift Pharmacy Ladies Monthly Medal - Stroke & Putting
Wednesday, 11 February 2026	Men's Single Stableford - White Tees
Thursday, 12 February 2026	Ladies 4BBB (Single in conjunction)
Friday, 13 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 14 February 2026	Mens Single Stableford - White Tees Ladies Single Stableford - Red Tees
Sunday, 15 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 16 February 2026	Vets 4BBB Championships
Tuesday, 17 February 2026	Mens Single Stableford - White Tees Ladies Single Stableford - Red Tees
Wednesday, 18 February 2026	Men's Single Stableford - White Tees
Thursday, 19 February 2026	Ladies Single Stableford
Friday, 20 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 21 February 2026	Men's 2BBB (Individual Card) Handicapped - White Tees Ladies 2BBB (Individual Card)
Sunday, 22 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Monday, 23 February 2026	Vets Monthly Medal - Single Stoke
Tuesday, 24 February 2026	Ladies American Foursomes (Team event)
Wednesday, 25 February 2026	Men's Single Stableford - White Tees
Thursday, 26 February 2026	Ladies Single Stroke + Putting in 3 Divisions
Friday, 27 February 2026	Single Stableford Medley White & Red Tees
Saturday, 28 February 2026	Mens Single Stableford - White Tees Ladies Single Stableford - Red Tees