General Manager's Report

General Manager's Report – September 2026

September has been another busy month at Murwillumbah Golf Club, highlighted by our Club Championships, a successful Presentation Night and plenty happening around the Club as we head towards the final few months of the year.

Club Championships

Firstly, congratulations to everyone who competed in this year's Ladies, Veterans and Men's Club Championships. Club Championships are always an important part of our golfing calendar, and it was great to see so many members out on the course competing across the various grades and events. Unfortunately, the first round of the men's Club Champs was cancelled due to wet weather, which was very sad for the few golfers who had carded great scores before the rain started.

A special congratulations to all of our 2026 Club Champions and Grade Winners. Well done also to everyone who had a go and supported these events.

Thank you to our Golf Shop team, Match Committees, Course Staff and Volunteers who contributed to the successful running of the Championships. Events such as these require a significant amount of work behind the scenes, and that contribution is greatly appreciated.

Presentation Night

Our annual Presentation Night was another great success and provided a fitting opportunity to recognise the achievements of our members throughout the year.

It was fantastic to see so many members attend and enjoy the evening together. Congratulations again to all award and trophy winners, and thank you to everyone involved in organising the night and making it such an enjoyable occasion.

FY26 Results

We are currently wrapping up the Club's FY26 financial results, and while the annual report is still being completed, I am pleased to report that it has been a good year for the Club.

The result reflects another year of strong activity across the Club and provides us with a solid foundation as we continue to invest in our course, facilities and overall member experience.

Once the accounts are finalised, members will receive further information as part of our annual reporting and AGM process.

Farewell to Corey Tipping

This month we also say farewell to Corey Tipping, who leaves Murwillumbah Golf Club after six years of service.

Corey has been a valued member of the team during his time at the Club, and I would like to sincerely thank him for his contribution and commitment over the past six years.

Corey is moving on to a new opportunity at Carbrook Golf Club, and on behalf of the Board, Staff and Members, we wish him every success in the next chapter of his career.

Thanks for everything, Corey, and all the very best at Carbrook.

Director Nominations & AGM

As we approach the end of the year, members are reminded that the Director Nomination Period and our Annual General Meeting are coming up.

Serving on the Board is an important way for members to contribute to the future direction of Murwillumbah Golf Club. Members who have an interest in becoming more involved in the Club and believe they can make a positive contribution are encouraged to consider nominating.

Further information regarding the nomination process, relevant dates and the AGM will be communicated to members shortly. Please keep an eye on Club communications and notices around the clubhouse.

Line Dancing at the Club

We're also looking forward to an upcoming Line Dancing event at the Club, to be held at the Club on Saturday 24th October.

It should be a great social night and something a little different for members, guests and the wider community to enjoy. Whether you're an experienced line dancer or have never tried it before, everyone is encouraged to come along, have some fun and enjoy the evening.

Keep an eye out for further details around the Club and through our social media channels.

Looking Ahead

There is plenty happening around the Club as we head into the final part of 2026, both on and off the golf course.

Thank you, as always, to our members, volunteers and staff for your continued support and contribution to the Club. The strength of Murwillumbah Golf Club continues to come from the people who participate, volunteer, work and spend their time here.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Shaun Breheny
General Manager
Murwillumbah Golf Club

House Chairperson's Report

The Club continues to trade well as both the club house and golf operations continue to grow. We have had quite a few successful functions of late and we continue to get positive feedback from function organisers about the club's facilities, staff service and the quality of the food being offered at the club.

Trivia continues to go well. If you haven't tried it given it ago. It's great fun . Friday nights are continuing to be well attended with Bill keeping the crowd smiling with his unique sense of humour.

Our new Admin, Promotions & Event Coordinator Chelsea has hit the ground running and is constantly thinking of ways to keep you entertained. If you are organising a function have a chat to Chelsea about the options available. Both our Members draws on Wednesday and Friday nights are starting to get to great heights so it's well worth coming along for the chance to win.

The courtesy bus continues to be well patronised and is providing our members with the opportunity to have a drink and arrive home safely. I would remind members and guests that the club provides the bus as a courtesy, it is not a taxi service or a regular bus service. While we endeavour to get you to and from the club at your requested times this might not always be possible. The driver must consider the most practicable route and pick up times to maximise the service, so as many people as possible can benefit from the bus.

We have had a several complaints about swearing and general bad behaviour in the poker machine smoking area. Swearing and bad behaviour are not tolerated in our club. Please respect the other members of the club and refrain from such behaviour.

I hope you will continue to enjoy the club and its facilities, after all, it's your club, and we have a club that we can all be proud of.

Ian Campbell
House Chairperson.

DRIVE IT LONGER

with **Brian Mogg**, *GOLF Magazine Teacher*

Make Your Backswing Turn a Power Coil

Resistance is distance. Get it by planting your right thigh.

THIS STORY IS FOR YOU IF...
1. YOUR TEE SHOTS LACK SNAP.
2. YOU TYPICALLY TURN YOUR HIPS AS MUCH AS YOUR SHOULDERS.

THE PROBLEM

You know that you have to turn behind the ball to create power, but since your drives usually come up short, you're making the wrong kind of turn. You're probably rotating your shoulders and hips too much or not enough, but I can almost guarantee that you're not planting your right thigh so that your turn creates resistance—the secret to power.

THE SOLUTION

Ideally you want a 90-degree shoulder turn and 45-degree hip turn at the top of your swing, but those measurements aren't critical. In fact there are a lot of powerful hitters who can't achieve this position. So instead of worrying about degrees, simply turn your shoulders and hips as much as you can while pushing down with a flexed right knee. This will create the resistance and coil you need for driving power.

HOW TO MAKE A POWER COIL

1. From address, slowly turn your shoulders, belly button and torso as far to the right as you can.
2. As you make this slow-motion turn, keep your right knee flexed and your right foot firmly planted on the ground. Feel as though you're pushing your right thigh down into the turf. You'll know you're doing it right if you feel tension between your upper body and your legs.
3. Once you reach the top of your backswing, check that your back is facing the target. If you physically can't rotate that far, at least make sure you've built tension between your upper and lower body.
4. To fully unlock the power you've stored in your backswing, start your downswing from the ground up. Try to keep the coil in your upper body while your legs and then hips rotate to the left. The longer you can retain the coil you've stored, the more power you'll impart to the ball. ■

Respect for Our Staff

Members are reminded that all Club employees are entitled to be treated with courtesy, dignity and respect at all times.

Appropriate behaviour towards Club staff is not simply an expectation of the Club; it is also a requirement under the Club's Constitution. Abusive, aggressive, threatening, intimidating or disrespectful behaviour towards any staff member will not be tolerated. Where appropriate, incidents may be referred to Management and the Board and dealt with in accordance with the Club's Constitution and disciplinary procedures.

We understand that from time to time members may have concerns about Club operations, decisions, service or other matters. Members are entitled to raise those concerns, but they must do so through the appropriate channels rather than directing frustration towards staff.
Any complaint or grievance should be submitted in writing to Club Management so that it can be properly considered, documented and responded to.

We ask all members to remember that our staff are here to help make Murwillumbah Golf Club an enjoyable and welcoming place for everyone. Please treat them with the same respect you would expect to receive yourself.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a positive Club environment.

Jokes of the Month

To every golfing goddesses:
Sometimes, being with your friends and golfing is all the therapy you need

EARL WILLIAMS WINNERS

The 2026 Earl Williams final has been played, with two of the Club's up & coming juniors taking the title. Lachlan Newman & Charlie Lesleighter defeated
Allan Hollis & Gareth Youell 2 and 1 in a closely fought match. Congratulations to every team that took part in the event, and making it a success.
A big thank you to Duncan & the golf shop staff & the greens staff for once again for giving us such a great course to play on.
Thanks also to the Williams Group Australia and the William's family for supporting this very popular competition.

FOOTY TIPPING CHAMPIONS

The Golf Club's Footy Tipping Competition concluded with a very close finish. Sherrie Evans & Steve Walton were joint winners this year with Craig Evans & Lexi Fletcher finishing 1 point behind.
Thanks to Terry for running the competition, Chelsea & Tash for organizing the tipping party and Brownie for supplying his master chef skills in cooking the BBQ.
Thanks to everyone who participated this year and see your all again next year.

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Murwillumbah Veteran's Week of Golf 2026

The end of July saw the Murwillumbah Veterans run the Annual NSWVGA Week of Golf. Following what seemed like months of wet weather, we were blessed with a week of beautiful winter weather, perfect for golf. Special thanks go Brian and the green staff who managed to have the course in great condition for our visitors.

This year we had 128 players from 50 Clubs, including 56 ladies and 72 men, join us from as far afield as St Helens in Tasmania and Heidelburg in South Australia.

The event, run over four days, included a team game (Best 3 of 4) on Monday, with a two-putt rule, and Shamble on Friday. Players were delighted with the variety of games we offered. This year's NSWVGA Shield was a 36-hole Stableford event held on Tuesday and Thursday.

Monday Best 3 of 4 winner were Sari and John McDonald with Danny Llyod and Peter Foran (133pts)
Men's Tuesday winners were Div 1 Chris Calwell, Div 2 Peter Lamborn, Div 3 Russel Edwards
Ladies Tuesday winners were Div 1 Julie Berick, Div 2 Kaylene Baillie, Div 3 Shirley Mawhinney
Men's Thursday winners were Div 1 Craig Hams, Div 2 David Small, Div 3 Nick Browne
Ladies Thursday winners were Div 1 Kelly Crouch, Div 2 Janet East, Div 3 Yvonne Daymond
Friday Shamble winners were Lynne and Paul Woodward with Deborah Nunn and Greg Coltman (61pts)

The NSWVGA Shields were won by **Carmel Fifield** from The Coast GC (74pts) and **Mike Mabey** from Shelly Beach GC (74pts). The Ladies second place went to Sandra Gonzalez (72pts) from St Georges Basin GC and for the Men, Ian Young from Coolangatta Tweed GC (73pts).

On hand to congratulate the winners and present the Awards was NSWVGA Councillor Jim Shadlow

Mike Mabey (left) & Carmel Fifield (right) with Jim Shadlow

Special thanks go to the Club, pro shop, office staff and greens staff as well as the volunteers and sponsors without whom we could not run such a successful event. This year's sponsors were Elders Real-estate for the Hole-in-One Challenge, Riverview Homestead Airbnb for the daily straightest drive and the Club for the golf balls.

Cheers until next year,
Ian Yarroll Tournament Director

Promotion Report

September was another action-packed month at the club! We loved hosting everything from birthday milestones and private functions to the Club Championships and our Father's Day giveaway.

October is shaping up to be just as exciting, so dust off your boots for our first ever Line Dancing Night, followed by some spooktacular fun at our Halloween special glow in the dark putt putt.

While you are here, don't forget to try our October Cocktail of the Month, available all month long. Finally, our weekly events continue to draw a crowd! Join us for Wednesday Trivia and our Friday Raffle Night. Plus, our jackpots are reaching record heights. At the time of printing, the Wednesday Badge Draw is at $7,300 and the Friday Badge Draw is sitting at an incredible $8,300. See you at the club!

October Birthday Celebrations

If you're celebrating your birthday in October, join us on the first or last Wednesday of the month to let us spoil you with some complimentary birthday rewards, including: A free drink, Raffle Tickets, An entrée voucher plus, you'll automatically go into the draw to win $100 Birthday Cash!

Please note that dining reservations and courtesy bus bookings are essential.

Chelsea Booth
Admin, Promotions & Event Coordinator

Google Review

(25th August, 2026)

Absolutely amazing service today! We were one of two large group bookings at lunch today, and everything went seamlessly. The staff went above and beyond for anything we needed.

The food was sensational, came out super quick and no one was forgotten. Two of us had dietary requirements, and they went through the menu with us, letting us know what we could eat. They also checked in with us about the food preparation to make sure everything was suitable for our specific dietary needs.

Thanks Sara Reynolds for an amazing review!

Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup Day is just around the corner!
Join us on Tuesday, 3rd November for the race that stops the nation.
- Races Live & Loud - Catch all the action on the big screens!
- Special Set Menu Olivewood Bistro Murwillumbah
- Sweeps & Lucky Door Prizes
- Prizes for Best Dressed
- Cocktail Specials

Bookings are essential!
Call us on 02 6672 1799 to lock in your table before we sell out!

FREE FIRE SAFETY & LITHIUM-ION BATTERY PRESENTATION

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DATE & TIME:
19th October, 5:00 PM (Evening Session)

ALL GOLF CLUB MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE IS CRUCIAL

FIRE + RESCUE

WHAT WE'LL COVER

- Preventing fires around the home
- Emergency preparedness & escape planning
- What to do when a fire starts
- **SMOKE ALARMS**
- **LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY** (at Club & Home)

SPECIAL TOPICS ON-SITE AT CLUB:

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Women's Golf Murwillumbah 2026 Championships

This year's Championships were contested from 1st - 10th September over four rounds. Congratulations to the 2026 Gross Champion, Jodie Rockliff defending her 2025 title in great style. Congratulations also to Jo Campbell the Overall Net Champion.

Photograph below from left to right: Veteran Gross-Dallas McCabe,
Senior Veteran Gross-Jan Gielis, B Grade Gross-Barb Blunden,
Club Net Champion-Jo Campbell, C Grade Gross-Leonie Dunne,
Club Gross Champion-Jodie Rockliff

Thank you to the green staff, golf shop and Women's Match Committee for the beautiful course conditions and championship logistics.

Seriously….

The most expensive things in the world is Trust. It can take years to earn and a matter of seconds to lose.

Friday Night Participants

Each Friday night we will ask 2-3 members to give a little information about themselves and what their experience at the club is like. Here's what Melissa, Hugh, Rosie, Peter, Kylie, Stevie & Prue Had to say …..

Name: Melissa Thurgood, Hugh Hamilton & Rosie Betteridge
Some details about you/both: We are all keen golfers and all enjoy a laugh
What do you enjoy most about Friday nights: The anticipation of being winners!!
Did you have dinner tonight, what is your feedback?: Yes we did. We all find the food fresh and tasty and we love the specials.

Name: Peter & Kylie Hart
Some details about you/both: We are both busy people and love to bring our granddaughter out to the Kids Club
What do you enjoy most about Friday nights: The chance to catch up with people and have a meal. The raffles with Bill's humour is good too.
Did you have dinner tonight, what is your feedback?: Yes, the parmy's were great! Very big and quick to the table.

Name: Stevie Holman & Prue Radomski
Some details about you/both: Locals from Mountain View
What do you enjoy most about Friday nights: Good vibes in the club—Friendly crowd winning the odd raffle
Did you have dinner tonight, what is your feedback?: No dinner tonight—Good bar crew!

Editors Note—Thank you all for your input.