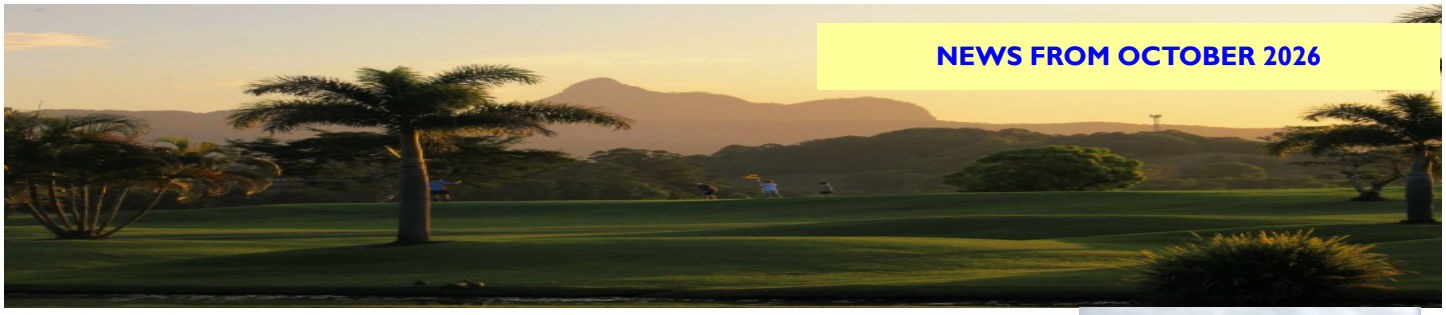


General Manager's Report



Dear Members,

As we head into the final months of 2026, it is pleasing to see the Club continuing to perform well, both on and off the golf course.

Club Championships

Congratulations to all members who participated in our recent Club Championships, and particularly to our 2026 Club Champions and Grade Winners. It was fantastic to see some great golf played across all grades, along with the usual friendly competition and camaraderie that makes these events so enjoyable.

A big thank you to Duncan and the Golf Shop team, Brian and the course staff, the Match Committee and all our volunteers for their efforts in making the Championships a success.

Upcoming AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 29 November, 2026 at 11:00am, and I encourage all eligible members to attend.

By the time this newsletter is sent to print, the Director nomination period will be closed. In the event of a vote being required, communication will be sent to the email address of all members. For this reason, please make sure you contact details are accurate. Being a Director is an important responsibility, and having members willing to contribute their time and experience is essential to the continued success of our Club.

Around the Club

Golfers will have noticed the greens renovation, which was completed during October. The significant renovation means the greens will be able to return to pristine condition once they get a bit of heavy sunshine. Member feedback has been that they love the ambrose competition format as something a bit different. Additionally, the inclusion of the 2-putt maximum rule has also helped the scores (and the pace of play). With spring growth about to kick-in, it is certainly a busy time for the greenkeeping staff and I want to thank them for all the hard work. I also remind members to continue doing their part by repairing pitch marks, filling divots and looking after our course.

It has also been pleasing to see members enjoying the clubhouse and our new furniture. I encourage everyone to continue supporting Olivewood Bistro, whether it be for a meal after golf or a night out with family and friends. Details of upcoming events are included in this newsletter.

With Christmas fast approaching, we are looking forward to a busy period around the Club. If you are planning an end-of-year function or Christmas gathering, please get in early as the December events diary is filling up fast.

Finally

As always, thank you to our members for your continued support. I would also like to acknowledge our staff, volunteers and committees for the work they do behind the scenes to keep the Club running smoothly. There is plenty to look forward to as we finish off 2026, and I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

Shaun Breheny

General Manager , Murwillumbah Golf Club

Greens Report for October



Its has been a busy few weeks with this major green's renovations taking place which involves slicing, scarifying, coring and sanding. The wet weather has made the works a little difficult but will also help with the recovery.

The renovated tee box on the 9th hole certainly added to the challenge of the Championships and Back Marker Days, it gives the hole a new perspective.

The recent completion of the path behind the 12th green has been met with many positive comments and has been an excellent addition to the hole.

Golfers may have noticed the drainage and tee works that have been undertaken on the 6th tee box which has been an issue for many years to sustain grass coverage in this area. With more sunny weather we look forward to the improvement.

Upcoming Works

Early December will see works being undertaken on the bunkers on holes 5, 7 & 8. The bunkers of 5 & 7 have reached their end of life and require rebuilding to improve drainage and playability. There will be minor reshaping and a reduction of the lip height on the right-hand side bunker on hole 7. After consultation it has been decided to remove the pot bunker in front of the 8th green. The bunker has proven to be a challenge for the average golfers to extract themselves from due to the minimal flat area in the bunker and the steep slop in front of the green. The area will be contoured to alleviate balls running all the way down the hill and make it a fairer golf hole for all levels of golfers. This will also aid in the speed of play as I personally have helped in excavating the depth of the bunker over the years!!

Editor's Note – Great news!

Minor excavation work will be undertaken on the 5th fairway to help drain water which ponds after rain. The hole will not be out of play after the works with GUR in place for the affected areas.

A Couple of Reminders

To ensure we keep the course in the best condition for all we encourage golfers to replace and fill in divot holes even the odd one that is not theirs.

Please use cart paths and keep carts a minimum 10m from greens.

Rake bunkers and leave in fair condition for the groups following.

These few points will help maintain our great course for all to enjoy.

As we move into our summer period remember Slip, Slop & Slap and enjoy the golf.

Happy Golfing

Paul Fahy

Greens Committee Chairman





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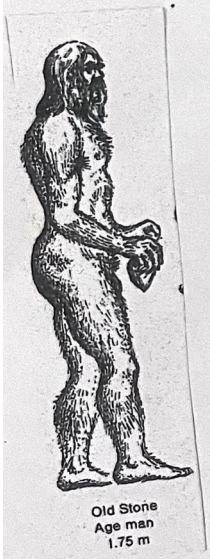
All in a waterproof case

Engineers have never devised a machine to equal nature's supreme achievement: the human body. Atheletes can sprint at 40 km/h, throw a ball at nearly 160 km/h, jump over 2 m. But even our everyday activities are powered by a system which, in its complexity and efficiency, would make the most sophisticated robot seem inadequate.

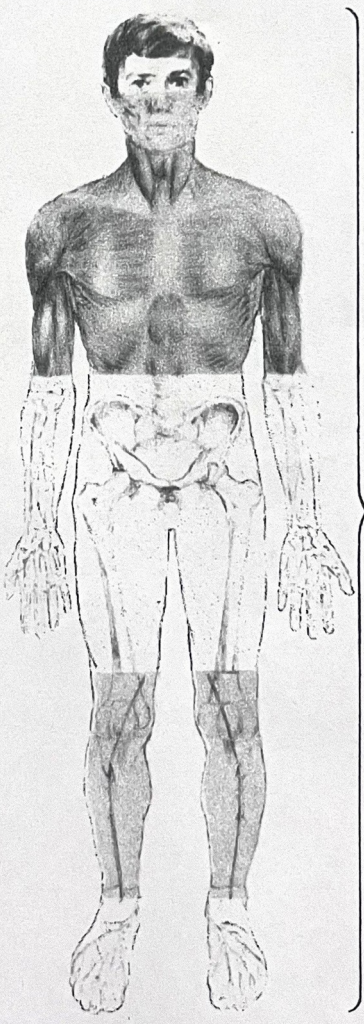
Take the circulatory system. Every minute of our lives the heart pumps 6 litres of blood—17 litres during brisk exercise—round 96,000 km. of arteries, veins and capillaries. An adult body contains between 3 and 6 litres of blood: the average for a man is 4·5 litres, containing 2 million million red cells (to carry oxygen) and 3000 million white cells (to fight disease). Some white cells have a life cycle of only 12 hours: red cells have a life of about 120 days.

The capillaries—tiny tubes servicing the bloodstream—have a total surface area that would cover 6000 m^2. Not all are opened at once; otherwise all the blood in the body would drain into them within seconds, like floodwater into a swamp.

One part of the body that needs blood all the time is the lungs. Their capillaries filter and purify the bloodstream by breathing—and during an average lifetime we breathe 500 million times.



Old Stone Age man 1.75 m



Up to 5 million hairs

1.85 m^2 skin

650 muscles

About 206 bones

Over 100 joints

97,000 kilometres arteries, veins and capillaries

13,000 million nerve cells



Modern man 1.73 m

Blood and water

Blood, it is said, is thicker than water. But in fact 60 per cent of the body *is* water, 45 litres of it, or 60 per cent of the average person's weight. Blood, on the other hand, is about a mere 10 per cent.

Reminder

All Battery powered golf equipment – Must not be charged at the club. Please remove all batteries from equipment before storing.
This does not includ golf buggies

LITHIUM-ION BATTERY SAFETY



BATTERY SAFTEY TIPS

1. Only charge e-bikes, e-scooters, power tools in the garage or shed, away from living areas and exit doors.

2. Never use or charge batteries or equipment showing signs of damage such as swelling, leaking, discolouration, or odours

3. Only use chargers that comply with relevant standards and have been supplied with, or deemed compatible with, your battery or device

4. Never leave devices on charge for extended periods (e.g. overnight) or unattended

5. Switch off once fully charged

6. Don't charge phones on your pillow or in bed, only charge devices on hard surfaces

7. Buy products from reputable brands and suppliers and avoid using second hand batteries

The result of a faulty lithium-ion battery on an E-bike, causing a fire, which had badly damaged the home.

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FIRE SAFETY AT HOME

IF YOUR SMOKE ALARM SOUNDS OR YOU SEE FIRE:

1. Use your home fire escape plan to get out

2. Get down low and go, go, go

3. Close doors behind you if you can

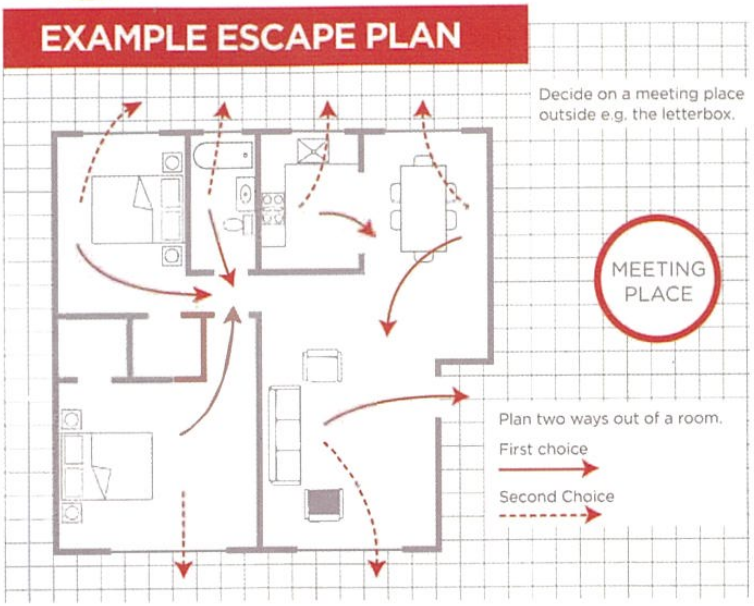
4. Go to your meeting place

5. Call 000 and ask for FIRE

6. Stay out - DO NOT re-enter your home

7. Wait for firefighters to

EXAMPLE ESCAPE PLAN



FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

1. Know your address

2. Try to have two ways to escape from each room

3. Keep the exits clear

4. Keep door and window keys in the lock so they can be opened easily

5. Know your meeting place - at the front of your house where firefighters can see you

6. Practice your escape plan often, with everyone in your home

*Make your own home fire escape plan

OTHER SIMPLE TIPS

1. Keep looking when cooking

2. Keep all flammable items a metre from the heater / fireplace

3. Don't use outdoor cooking equipment inside

4. Clean the lint filter in your dryer before you use it

5. Keep candles away from curtains and never leave unattended

6. Don't overload powerboards or powerpoints

7. Ensure your flue and chimney is regularly cleaned

8, Don't smoke or use wheat bags in bed

9. If your clothes catch fire stop, drop cover and roll.





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Promotion Report



🎄 **Can You Believe Christmas Is Only 8 Weeks Away?!**

Where has the year gone? Christmas will be here before we know it, and things are certainly starting to get busy around the club!

October has been another great month, packed with functions and events, including our very first Line Dancing Night! A huge thank you to everyone who came along, kicked up their heels and made it such a fun night. We loved seeing so many of you get involved!

With November and December bookings filling up fast, now is the time to get organised if you're planning a work Christmas party or end-of-year get-together. Get in touch with us soon to secure your date before they're all snapped up!

Little Golfers, Big Smiles!

Our Little Rippers Kids Golf Clinic is back! Running every Sunday at 8am at the driving range from 18 October through to 13 December, it's a fantastic way for kids aged 12 and under to give golf a go, learn some new skills and have a whole lot of fun along the way.

The Weekly Fun Continues!

Our regular weekly events are still bringing the crowds, with Wednesday Trivia and Friday Raffle Night always worth coming along for. And there's even more reason to pop in, with our jackpots climbing to some impressive heights!

At the time of printing, the Weekly Badge Draw is sitting at an incredible $7,900! 👀 Will it be your lucky night? There's only one way to find out!

November Birthday Celebrations

Celebrating a birthday in November? Come and join us on the first or last Wednesday of the month to enjoy your complimentary birthday rewards, including: A free drink, Raffle tickets, An entrée voucher

And that's not all! You'll also go into the draw to win $100 Birthday Cash! Now that's a pretty good reason to celebrate with us.

We look forward to seeing you around the club soon. As always, dining reservations and courtesy bus bookings are essential, so be sure to book ahead!

Chelsea Booth

Admin, Promotions & Event Coordinator







WE'RE HIRING!

Greenskeeper / Groundsperson

Murwillumbah Golf Club is looking for a Greenskeeper / Groundsperson to join our team!

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Interested? Get in touch for more information or to **apply.**

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Please share with anyone who might be interested!

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Bookings to the Pro Shop

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Golf Shop Manager's Report



It has been busy few months with the completion of our Major events and the start of our green renovations, a big effort from Brian and the team to get the renovations done.

Unfortunately, the weather has not been the best but hopefully after some much needed rain we will get a good run of dry weather and golf through the summer months. We have recently seen the arrival of plenty of new stock here in the shop. A whole new range of FootJoy shoes, Men's and Ladies apparel from FootJoy, Puma and Antigua, the new Srixon RKT Drivers and Fairway woods that Ryan Fox used to win the Open Championship, are available to demo, plus a wide range of new wedges from Cleveland.

If you are in the market to buy new clubs come see Duncan or Lucas in the shop to help find the best gear to suit your game or book for our upcoming Srixon and Cleveland fitting day on Thursday the 5th of November.

The Shootout Qualifier is under way, entry is $5 and you can try as many times as you want, the top 19 players will make the final on Sunday, the 6th of December.

Golf Tip:

How to play a bunker shot in 5 easy steps:

1. A nice wide stance while bending our knees a slight bit more than normal
2. Get your weight 70% on the left side with your chest over the ball
3. Open the club face which utilises the bounce (the bottom of the wedge)
4. A nice smooth swing allowing the club to hit the sand and pop the ball out
5. Hold your finish and watch it go close to the hole 😉

Upcoming Events:

- Titleist Back Marker Challenge (Friday 1st of November)
- Monthly Medal (Saturday 7th November)
- Srixon + Cleveland fit day (Thursday 5th of November, bookings through the Pro-Shop)
- The Big Wack! Long Drive competition, $10 for 3 balls (Saturday 14th of November)
- RDA Riding for the Disabled Charity Golf Day (Sunday 29th of November), Book your team of 4 now for a fun day of golf for a great cause. **Bookings open now through the Pro-Shop**

Good Golfing,

Duncan Crilley

Golf Shop Manager



PITCHING MY WAY



BY FORMER INTERNATIONAL PLAYER

CAROLE BLAIR







PITCHING is the part of most golfers' game that they neglect on the practice fairway or green. Yet it is important to develope a fundimentally sound technique so you can execute this shot with confidence under the added pressure of a game, whatever your level.

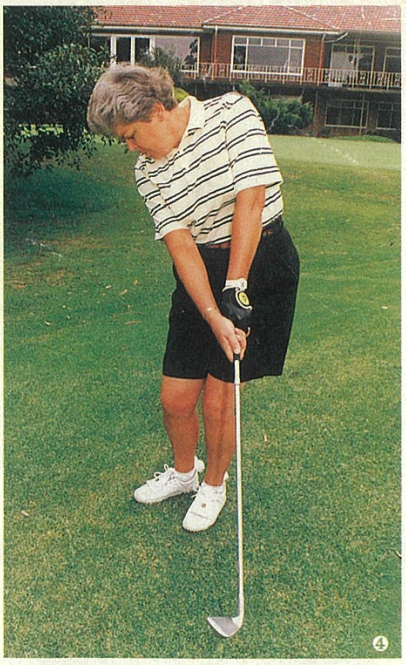
Pitching is definitely a "feel" shot. This comes with practice. But for those who are prepared to put in the time, a very rewarding shot can be built into their arsenal. Whichever club you choose, from a 5-iron to a sandwedge, try to keep your swing identical.

Address the ball with a slightly open stance. This helps to keep the bottom of the blade, or clubface, moving directly towards the target,and tends to prevent the wrists from rolling over to soon.

Make sure your stance is narrow (feet close together). Just how narrow depends on your distance from the target—the longer the pitch, the wider your stanc. This is because a wider stance helps generate a little more force. Position the ball in the centre of the stance with your hands slightly forward. This will encourage you to hit down on the ball rather than up on it, which can cause you to top or blade the ball. Keep your wrists firm throughout. *(Photo 1).*

Form a mental picture of an underarm softballer and transfer that image to swinging the club back and through to your target. *(Photos 2 and 3).*

You can vary the trajectory of a pitch by opening the clubface slightly for a more lofted shot, or closing it slightly for more of a pitch and run shot. Always keep your left side firm and finish with the club following through towards the target. *(Photo 4).*





Murwillumbah Vet's News

Congratulations to all our Vet's members who managed to complete all 3 rounds of the Club Championships. In particular to David Crutcher who not only won the Junior Veterans Club Championship but also made the seeded group for the overall Club Championship. Also, congrats to Warren Colefax for his win in the Senior Veterans Club Championship.

Shout out also to Alan Hollis and Gareth Youell who made it to the final of the Earl Williams Matchplay. While they did not come home with the win, they came back from 3 down with 4 to play to take it to the 18th hole! I am reliably informed the fellas gave their younger opponents a combined 94 years; just shows that as a group the Vets still have game!

Finally, well done to Owen Cornwall who successfully defended his Vet's Match Play this year, beating me on the first play-off hole. Owen's bunker play and putting was at a PGA standard and he richly deserved his victory!

The Vet's AGM will be held, after a shotgun start, on November 2nd. This has been brought forward a week to accommodate the absence of almost the entire executive for the original November 9th date. If you are a Vet and are interested in joining our very hard working and cohesive team, nomination forms are available on the Vet's notice board.

The majority of our major events for 2026 have been run and won, with only the Vet's Medal of Medals yet to be decided. This has been scheduled for 23rd November. Given the current green renovations, we scheduled some novel events during mid-October, with a 2-putt Stableford as well as 3 clubs and a putter competition. The majority of the membership seemed to have enjoyed the change of pace. Interestingly, average scoring improved significantly for the max 2 putt competition compared to the previous few months, which probably indicates a need for us all to work on our putting!

In response to some questions regarding the correct way to measure Nearest the Pin distances, the following was provided as a guide:







"The black tab on the end of the tape should be flipped up so it is at right angles to the ground and resting against the ball. From this position stretch the tape to the hole and measure to the edge of the cup."

Barry Cowell

Murwillumbah Vet's Captain

Junior News



Stephen Walton
Director

The Club's Junior Rippers Program is underway for the final school term and will be running up until Sunday, 13th December. The program will then recommence in early February. Any kids from ages 5-12 are most welcome at the driving range on Sunday mornings at 8am.

Upcoming Junior Lachlan Newman had a very commendable win in a 2 day Teven Junior Competition so making the seeded group on the final day. Lachlan birdying the final 2 holes to beat a very high class field. A very big welcome to 10 year old Archie Lambert playing his first competition round with dad, Mitch and finishing with a very commendable 26 points. Well done fellows! Keep up the good golf.

Upcoming Events

Some upcoming Golf Events running up to Christmas are

1: The second round of our Big Wacker Long Drive Competition. This event will be conducted on Sunday, 15th of November at 4pm on the first tee. The event will cost $10 which will give players 3 balls. Balls must remain within the fairway grid to register a distance. Fee may be payable at the golf shop or on the day. This event is open to all full & social members of our club.

2:The Riding For Disabled Charity Golf Day is set down for Sunday, 29th of November. The event is a 4 Person Ambrose with a 1pm shot gun start. Booking can be made at the golf shop. A major raffle is being conducted in conjunction with some of the prizes being a $1000 IGA Voucher, and a Joy Flight for 2 people. There is a prize for Best Dressed Team! So come along for a enjoyable day.

3:The Shootout is underway with the top 19 starting to take shape. The final will be played on Sunday. 6th December at 12 midday. It's quite a sight seeing a convoy of 19 golfers and onlookers strolling down the 1st Fairway. This event is open to all club members. So see the golf shop for details and come and play in a much sort after event.

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Joke of the Month

She says this is my story!!!!!

Several days ago as I left the Murwillumbah Golf Club, I desperately gave myself a personal pat down.
I was looking for my car keys. They were not in my pocket. A quick search in the club revealed nothing.

Suddenly I realized, I must have left them in the car.

Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My wife had scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition.
My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen.

As I burst through the doors of the club, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty.

I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, “Honey,” I stammered. I always cal her “honey” in times like these. “I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen.”

There was a period of silence.

I thought the call had been disconnected, but the I heard her voice.

“Idiot”, she barked, “I dropped you off at the club.!’

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, “Well, come and get me.”

She retorted, “I will, as soon as I convince this policeman I have not stolen your car.”!!!



Happy 90th Birthday Bevan Godwin

Celebrated his birthday in style on the Tweed River with family & friends.

