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Annual Reports

PORT MACQUARIE GOLF CLUB LIMITED

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ANNUAL REPORTS 2022/2023



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Hi Members

Let me start by welcoming all the new members who joined us over the last year, including the many SwingFit women who have taken up our beautiful game. We hope you've enjoyed our wonderful club so far, and we look forward to seeing you continue to have a long and enjoyable time with us.

It's been an interesting year with all the rain, the greens being sprayed with a new chemical, the necessary removal of some trees, and, of course, all the great tournaments and championship rounds.

To all the winners this year—whether it was a daily competition day, the Uptin, Foursomes Championships, Patron's Knockout, or any other event—I would like to congratulate you and thank you for taking part in these events. Without your participation, we couldn't make them what they are. Not to mention our fantastic sponsors—we all appreciate your support and hope you continue to be a part of our club.

The **Better Homes Pro Am** was once again a huge success. Special thanks to James Single and John Heagney from the Better Homes team. Next year will mark the 25th anniversary of this tournament, so if you're interested in being a sponsor for this great milestone, please let Ian, our CEO, or John Heagney know.

The **Morgan's Seaside Classic** was another event we can be proud of. This has become a fantastic weekend away for many golfers across the country who want to compete for this trophy. Without Ian and his staff, John Tracy our tournament director, and James and his Pro Shop team, it wouldn't be as popular as it is on many golfers' calendars. Then we have all the other great sponsors, that help make our competitions what they are. You are all a great asset to our club and we thank you and are grateful that we can keep relying on your support.

We can't but not include our major sponsor **HEM Property**. Thank you to Naomi and your staff for all the support. **HEM Property** do so much for the club, and we hope that you continue be an integral part of our club for years to come.

Junior Golf

The Board is so proud of our Junior Committee, which has done a truly great job over the past few years, and especially this year. Some incredible achievements include:

- **Corban Hyde** (10 years old) won the nett event for the Men's Club Championships, beating the entire field of men—a fantastic achievement for a 10-year-old! He also won his 10-year-old age division at the North Coast Junior Masters with a 66-net score.
- **Mali Rutter** won her 11-year-old girls' scratch score at the same event.
- **Nick Van Zeeland** (15 years old) won the B-grade Men's Club Championship in a playoff.
- **Harper Rowlett** and **Mali Rutter** competed in the Jack Newton International (10 years and over) at Hunter Golf Club, finishing 5th and 6th respectively. Harper also placed 2nd and Mali 3rd in the Junior Seaside Classic.
- **Billy Gleeson** won the Junior event at our Seaside Classic—a fantastic result!
- **Will Martin** not only competed in five tournaments this year (Nambucca Junior Open, NSW Junior State Championships, Junior 6's Newcastle, Greg Chalmers Junior Masters, and North Coast Junior Masters), but also helps James and his team teach younger junior golfers. Will has been a great asset to the Junior Committee and we thank him for his help.

Look out world—our juniors are coming!

Course

Steve Manton, our Chairman of the Course, has been working closely with our greens team to keep the course in fantastic condition all year. A big thank you to **Steve Brennan**, our greens superintendent, who has just completed 20 years at the club—a great achievement. On behalf of the Board, and I'm sure all members, we want to thank Steve for his tireless work over the past 20 years, and we hope we can continue to call on him for many more.

It's been a tough year for Steve as he tested a new chemical called **Pylex**, which kills the Green Couch grass (**Cynodon dactylon**) without harming the bentgrass. This experimental green retardant has been used worldwide, and for the first time, greenkeepers can target the couch without harming the bent. However, because it's experimental, no one knew how much to apply to each green, as climates and greens differ.

Initially, the dead couch grass dried up, and then we saw patches where the grass had completely died, leaving bare spots.

This wasn't ideal, but Steve had to persist, as the couch was beginning to overrun the greens. Short of completely redoing each green, this was the best way to stop the invasion. Unfortunately, the bentgrass wasn't growing as we entered the winter months, allowing winter grass to take over where the couch had been. That said, Steve has managed to keep the greens in good putting condition despite these challenges.

The couch hasn't completely died off, as Pylex doesn't reach the roots, so we'll continue spraying it to control the couch's growth and help our bentgrass recover fully. This will take time, but thank you, Steve, for your dedication.

On the subject of greens replacement, Steve has identified three greens that we will be replacing soon. We will notify the members once we have more information on the costs and feasibility of this project, so stay tuned.

Pennant Golf

As you all know, we have several Pennant teams that represent our club against all the Lower North Coast (LNC) clubs. We had a relatively good season this year, with our **4th Division** winning the LNC trophy and going on to win the inaugural LNC vs MNC (Mid North Coast) trophy. Congratulations to all the 4th Division players involved.

Our **Masters (Over 50s)** Pennant team also won the LNC trophy this year, marking their 4th win in the last 5 years. Keep it up, team!

The **Super Senior Pennant** team, which competes against clubs from Port Macquarie to Wollongong, reached the quarter-finals but were unlucky to lose. Well done to them for their commitment, especially given the long distances they travel for their games.

The **Women's Pennant** team played in the Central North Coast (CNC) south section and won the CNC trophy.

They then competed in the grand final against the CNC north section champions but narrowly lost on the day. It was still a great achievement—congratulations to all the women who played.

Thank you to all the Pennant players, and we hope for even greater success next year.

Club

Ian and his staff have done a fantastic job refreshing the look of the restaurant, making it more inviting and giving the club a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Despite some ups and downs this year with our head chef and sous chef leaving, we've managed to navigate the challenges and are working toward greater consistency in the future.

As I'm sure you've seen from the latest financials, I'd like to congratulate Ian and his staff for all the wonderful events and shows they've held at the club, which helped us achieve nearly \$400k in profit this year.

Keep an eye on your emails and the club app for details of exciting events and shows coming up. Your support is crucial!

Club Captain

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our Captain, **Neil Smith**, at the end of this month. Neil has faced health issues throughout the year but still managed to fulfil his role as Captain. It has taken its toll, and Neil has decided to step down to focus on his health.

We'll miss his contributions at Board meetings and on the course. On behalf of the Board all the members, I'd like to thank Neil for his 8 years of dedication to the club, including 6 years as Captain. It's a tough and often thankless role, but he's handled it with integrity and respect.

We wish him all the best for the future.

Conclusion

Thank you to all the members who take the time to talk with me and greet me when we cross paths. I've thoroughly enjoyed this year with you all.

Every club has its challenges, and we truly appreciate your feedback. Please continue to share your ideas, comments, and concerns with us.

We can't make improvements if members only discuss issues among themselves on the course instead of bringing them to us.

Ian, his staff, and all the Board members are committed to making this club a fantastic place to meet, play, and enjoy our beloved sport.

If you are traveling this Christmas, please keep safe and make sure you return to us well rested and intact.

We are excited for an even greater year moving forward.

Keep Golfing,

Gavin Roberts
President



One might ask what has really changed since this time last year. Besides the seasons bringing us indifferent and inclement weather that seems to not only disrupt our golf but certainly impacts the golf course. Our golf course has had to change, more than once, to enable a better work flow for the course staff to move around the course. Some Golf Committee structures have changed to have them streamlined and more consistent with each other and allowing for more specific roles and positions.

I know that our golf swings are able to change without any notice or intention, except of course for a few notable exceptions, and congratulations to our Men's Golf Club Champion David Bagust who's swing never seems to change, even though his years might. Congratulations also to our Men's Division 4 Pennants who won the flag with a couple of others not quite getting over the line although the Masters Pennants did manage this against tough competition.

Some say that we live in a world of change and to me it would seem that the older you get, the more you tend to notice any change no matter how minor. Which brings me to this, in that dealing with some health issues over the past 18 months in particular, I have made the decision to retire from the position of Club Captain at the forthcoming election. Although not wishing to finish my term a year early, it is a decision I must make. I thank the members of the Board and the sub committees who have assisted supported me so much over the past year or so in my absences.

After 8 years as a Board member and 6 of those as Club Captain, it has been a privilege for me to have been able to contribute and serve our Club in this capacity. Moving forward I would like to wish the new and forthcoming members of the and the new Club Captain every success going forward and that their contributions will be constructive and fruitful.

To ALL members I wish you good health and happy golfing.

Sincerely,
Neil Smith
Club Captain
CLUB CAPTAIN 2018 - 2024



Dear Members

It is with great pleasure that I present to you, the Members, my fourth Annual Report as your Chief Executive Officer, for the year ended 30 June, 2024.

Again, the financial year has presented us with interest rates, cost of living pressures and the road works.

I am pleased to be able to report a trading profit for the year of \$386,966, which represents an increase of \$87,419 on last year. You will find the Audited Financial Statements on the website and a comprehensive Finance Managers Report within the Annual Report.

Our Restaurant

I am pleased to report that we have revamped the furniture and layout at The Fairway Restaurant, enhancing the comfort and enjoyment of your dining experience. If you haven't checked out our new look yet, I encourage you to book a table soon!

Our Website

Our newly redesigned website, which has been live for some time now, continues to receive positive feedback. We have recently added an online golf booking system for our visitors and are working on introducing an online reservation system for our restaurant. I thank my Administration Supervisor, Amber, for her efforts in executing the seamless online experience for our members and visitors.

Potential Development & Course

As reported previously, unfortunately the Stevens Group informed us that they would not be continuing to participate in the joint venture proposal with our club. The main reasoning behind their decision was that following extensive investigations, the conclusions were that a Manufactured Housing Estate would not provide the Club with the outcome it, or the Stevens Group, would consider satisfactory to reach the desired goals.

Despite rumours continuing around the Club, the Board and Management would like to again emphasise that we have not made any decisions regarding any future development to date. However, we will continue to engage in discussions with associated consultants to gather additional ideas for our future progress.

Also, communications with Council will continue to discuss consideration of future potential development opportunities, and with regards to the Pasveer System (old system sewage treatment.)

At September's Board meeting a presentation was made by Harrison Golf (golf course designers) regarding the golf course redevelopment, including new greens and new Tees. These discussions will move towards future refinement of the course.

Ocean Drive Duplication Project

Emerald Drive is scheduled to re-open in early October; with this intersection functioning as a T-intersection. Matthew Flinders Drive (MFD) is scheduled to close after Emerald Drive re-opens, in order to build the other side of the intersection. Consequently, traffic towards Ocean Drive from MFD will detour back via Pacific Drive to access Ocean Drive. The access track at the northern end of the golf course will be inaccessible for motor vehicles during the entire closure of Matthew Flinders Drive. The engineers have advised that the reasoning for this requirement is due to the southbound lanes beginning construction and the associated elevation changes to the area.

The pedestrian archway at Lighthouse Plaza will open at the time Emerald Drive re-opens. Pedestrians in that southern project corridor will have regained access under the road for safe crossing while Matthew Flinders Drive is closed.

Once Emerald Drive re-opens, all traffic (northbound and southbound) will shift onto the new lanes.

The entire southbound (with the exception of the Crestwood/Dahlsford intersection) will then proceed to be constructed.

Annual General Meeting 2024

The Clubs AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 November 2024 commencing at 6.00pm.

Membership Survey

I would like to thank all members who participated in our recent members survey.

Your feedback is invaluable, once all surveys have been compiled the results will be discussed at future team meetings.

Based on early results, your request for more live music, we have scheduled some live music in October and have planned more in the near future. We appreciate your input and look forward to bringing you more of what you enjoy.

Upcoming Events...

My great team and I are actively working to increase various functions, themed dinner nights, entertainment options, along with new products and promotions.

Please see below for our upcoming events.

Melbourne Cup Day



With Melbourne Cup 2023 being a fantastic day with over 130 happy customers, this year 2024 will be bigger and better! Speak with our reception staff to book your tickets for \$95 per person which will include a 3-course meal and a 3-hour beer, wine & soft drink package.

Sports Luncheon



Join us for a fantastic luncheon featuring two legendary sportsmen: Jimmy "Pumper" Cassidy and Greg "The Fat Cat" Ritchie, sports trivia, novelty games, auctions, raffles, giveaways plus a 3.5hr beer, wine & soft drink package. Tickets can be booked through reception for \$170 each.

New Years Eve - "A Great Duo Jiakomo Thief featuring Rhys Callinan"



Celebrate the New Year with a 3-course dinner, 5-hour drink package & live music by Jiakomo Thief featuring Rhys Callinan. NYE 2023 was a huge hit, so make sure you don't miss out.

Stay tuned for more details to come!

SPONSORSHIP

Our valued Corporate Partners provide vital Sponsorship for our Club. I want to express our sincere appreciation to all of our current sponsors, as well as a special welcome to our new Sponsors. May I ask all members to take time and remember to support those who support us.

VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you to all our volunteers for your outstanding work and support throughout the year. It is always greatly appreciated by all.

STAFF

Thank you to all my Staff, Assistant Manager - Justin Cave, Finance Manager - Rod Smith, Administration Supervisor - Amber, Duty Managers - Bev and Rick and Head Chef - Nick Hybner. It is a pleasure working with such a great team - thank you for your support.

To Steve Brennan and all the course staff, for your continued efforts well done for your efforts during the time I have been at the club. The course is always at its finest thanks to your team's dedication - it is a credit to you all.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President Gavin and the Board of Directors. I am extremely appreciative of the confidence and support shown in me and I certainly look forward to working with the Board over the coming years.

MEMBERS

Members, I appreciate your continued patronage and support that you show to your club over the financial year.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe Festive Season and a wonderful 2025, and I look forward to seeing you around our great club.

All the best, and of course, good golfing!

Warmest Regards

Ian A Munro

Chief Executive Officer



I would like to take this opportunity in presenting my first report as Finance Manager for the Club to thank all the Members and Staff for such a warm welcome to the Club. It is very much appreciated. I also pay tribute to Sue Macpherson for her dedicated work for the club as the previous Finance Manager and for her assistance in a smooth transition of the reporting of the Club's finances.

The Club returned a total profit of \$386,966 for the year ended 30 June 2024. This represents a 29.18% increase on the previous year's result of \$299,547. This is an excellent result for a Club of our size and places us in a good financial position. This profit result far exceeds any yearly result during the last ten years.

Below is a summary of the year on year performance for our main operating areas in accordance with the Club's Management Accounts and a commentary on notable items.

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$	\$	
GOLFING ACTIVITIES			
Revenue:			
Golf membership fees	1,093,937	944,978	15.76%
Competition fees	810,105	727,859	11.30%
Course fees - social play	413,543	355,037	16.48%
Cart hire and storage	292,626	257,147	13.80%
Other golf related revenue	<u>170,302</u>	<u>152,508</u>	11.67%
Total golf related revenue	2,780,513	2,437,529	14.07%

Increased Golf activity through a combination of favourable weather conditions for a large part of the year, increased member and visitor golf activities, an increase in Membership Fees all led to an increase in the bottom line on Course related income of 14.07%

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$	\$	

GAMING ACTIVITIES

Gaming Machine Clearances	2,990,633	3,149,886	(5.06%)
Gaming Machine Payouts	<u>2,172,234</u>	<u>2,300,174</u>	(5.56%)
Net Clearances	818,399	849,712	(3.68%)

Keno & TAB Commissions	61,243	48,561	26.12%
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Income from gaming was a major contributor to our overall result. At an industry wide level gaming receipts are falling and we are no exception. In this current period of high cost of living, the discretionary dollars for gaming entertainment are falling and our results reflect the current economic conditions. We still have a very acceptable level of income from gaming which complements the improvements made in other areas of our Club. It does however highlight the importance of a mix of revenue and entertainment options complimented by a successful gaming installation.

As the net gaming machine revenue threshold of \$1,000,000 was not exceeded in either year there was no liability for Gaming Tax.

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$	\$	
BAR TRADING			
Total revenue	1,449,779	1,356,589	6.87%

Bar Sales increased 6.87% which was pleasing in the current economic conditions. Increased supplier costs and award wage rises meant that our bar price increases during the year did not fully cover our increased costs. The Club has absorbed these costs during the year.

	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	\$	\$	
CATERING			
Total revenue	1,012,252	962,202	5.20%

Revenue from catering saw rose 5.20% in the year. The results for catering reflect improved sales whilst containing costs which is pleasing considering how much food prices have increased in the current cost of living spike and award wage increases.

It should be noted that catering is a major driver of foot traffic through the clubhouse and drives sales in other areas of the club.

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet is probably one of our most important reports and yet is often overlooked in favour of our performance and profitability.

Our Balance Sheet shows we continued to increase our cash assets by \$472,140 this year thanks to improved overall trading. Our Current Asset position increased by \$476,388 (primarily cash)

In our Non-Current assets we invested an additional \$422,079 in plant and equipment items. Notable additions include;

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	\$
Restaurant Furniture & Upgrade	85,087
Kitchen Equipment Upgrade	84,046
Bus & Signage	71,877
Toro Tee Mower	65,909
Course Development Costs (WIP)	47,690
Course Tipping Trailer	13,500
Various Course Equipment	11,346
Members E-bet Kiosk	9,950
Course Practice Nets Deposit (WIP)	8,925
Ice Machine	6,840
Website Upgrade	6,500
Glass Washer	3,990
Sundry Clubhouse Equipment	6,419

During the period we also wrote off the capital costs associated with proposals for the Pasveer site being \$26,755 as Council have indicated they will not be relinquishing the site.

With regards to our liabilities we reduced our total liabilities by \$42,152 even though our income in advance (which is part of liabilities) grew \$35,951. Lease Liabilities which is our only effective borrowing decreased by \$58,027 to \$87,361.

It is important to maintain adequate cash reserves to ensure that the Club not only meets its current commitments but is able to develop its facilities and grow. Further cash reserves during periods of wet weather is crucial as our income can drop to less than 1/5th of our normal fair weather income when the course is open.

Overall our Balance Sheet places us well for the future.

I commend to your reading our 2024 Financial Report.

Rodney Smith
Finance Manager



Our PMWG Sub-Committee was appointed by the Board of PMGC at the end of our Close of Season in 2023.

The new Sub-Committee consists of Di Collocott Women’s Chairperson; Sheena Gunn Women’s Captain; Evelyn Geh General Committee; Di Phillips General Committee/Treasurer. We also gained approval for Margaret Bateman to perform the duties of Secretary.

Deb Wallace Saturday representative and Anne Coutts our VWGA delegate.

Lyn Somers MiClub Co-ordinator.

This year we had 262 women players.

Please see below a table of women playing members from 1/7/24 to 15/10/24.

Category	No. Of Women Members
Full Playing	202
Social Playing	32
Junior Beginner	5
Junior Experienced	2
Intermediate	0
Limited	19
Country	1
Life	1
50 Yr	1

This is an increase in women players even though there has been an increase in member’s fees and the addition of a joining fee for woman.

Our season opened on the 31st of January and closes on the 8th of November 2024.

Saturday Business Women’s competition opened on the 3th of February and closes on the 9th of November 2024. Currently there are 23 women players nominated as Business Women on Saturday.

Our women’s main competition day is on Wednesday with a 2-tee start followed by a golf presentation. Friday is women’s and men’s competition with a 1 tee start.

The addition of an 18 hole women’s vet competition while maintaining the 9-hole competition has started giving equal access to all players.

Women’s Competition Statistics from 1 July ’23 to 30 June ’24.

Average Fields: Weekdays average 80, Saturday Business Women 21 & Tuesday 9 holes is 50.

It is interesting to note that over 1 month of play over all competitions we have 217 different members playing.

Women's Competition Statistics from 1 July '23 to 30 June '24.

Competition averages were as follows:

Major Club Events	Day / Date	No in Field
Open Day	Fri 12 April	143
Foursomes Championship – Rd 1	Wed, 29 May	84
Foursomes Championship – Rd 2	Wed 5 June	79
Seaside Classic Ladies Day 1	Sun, 28 July	90
Seaside Classic Ladies Day 2	Mon 29 July	88
Club Championships Rd 1	Sat 24/8 Wed 28/8	73
Club Championships Rd 2	Sat 31/8 Wed 4/9	85
Club Championships Rd 3	Sun 8 Sept	50

Pennants. Port Macquarie Golf Club was represented by three teams in the 2024 WGCNC Southern Area Pennant season. 14 teams played in Southern district with 7 teams in each group. These teams were made up of 5 players. The 2024 final between the Northern and Southern Divisions was held at Kempsey Golf Club with South West Rocks defeating Port Macquarie Sapphires 3/2 in a closely fought match.

HEM continued to be a very supportive sponsor of our Pennant teams with each player provided a Pennant shirt. We thank Naomi Hunter and HEM for the continued sponsorship of our Women's Pennant teams. Naomi has indicated she will continue to sponsor our Women's Pennant Teams while she is at HEM Real Estate. In 2025 there will be 3 teams consisting of 5 core players. A Reserves List will be compiled to access if needed.

Financial Report 2023/2024

As at 1 September 2023 our cash at bank was \$4,850. Taking prepayments and liabilities into account our available cash figure was \$2,550.

Existing funds plus funding from the Golf Club in the amount of \$5,388 enabled a full calendar of golf events, similar to those held in the prior year, to be implemented.

In addition, charity days and fundraisers including Breast Cancer Day, Open Day and the Timbertown Bowl enabled us to donate a total of \$3,936 to two organisations - North Coast Breast Cancer Institute and the Make a Difference Foundation.

Income for 2023/24 was \$22,270 and expenses were \$21,963

As at 31 August 2024 cash at bank was \$5,157. Considering liabilities and prepayments consisting primarily of locker key deposits and donations received for the 2024 Presentation Night, the available cash balance was \$3,362.

Our main sponsor for the year has been HEM (Naomi Hunter)

Our other sponsors:

Candoo Finance - Gavin Roberts

Beachside Dental - Robert Hii

Zonta Port Macquarie Inc - Margaret Bateman

Hastings Specialty Furniture - Stefan Walker and Josh James
George and Matilda Eyecare - Selwyn and Jeanie Peake
Nancy Whitely for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Day
Shipway Constructions - Anthony Shipway
Beachside Medispa - Shelley Laing
Row Randall - nearest the pins for the Saturday Business Women
Dixie Chicks - M.Bateman, F.Scutts, D.Collocott, C.Munroe
Casseras Bakery - Amy Hinds
PM Physio and Pilates - Kathy Lawrence
M.Grant, R.Miller, S.Miller, N.Bailey, M.McClelland, K.Jordant,M.Collins - IPF Awareness Day
KFC - Fran Scutts (Breast Cancer Day)
Lighthouse Meats and Poultry - Kurt
Mid North Coast Tree Services - Sara Roberts
Munster Street Butchers - David
Soy@Lighthouse Candles - Tony Hayward
And Women Golfers sponsoring prizes for presentation night

V.W.G.A. – REPORT 2024.

Financial members of Port Macquarie VWGA, stands, at 104. Whilst our numbers are down on 2023 we gained 4 new members outright also 1 transfer member from Bayview club.

Six (6) of our VWGA Members celebrated their 80th birthdays this year namely, Diane Andrews, Pamela Jones, Helen Smith, Maree Clews, Robyn Ryan and Val Dawson. Congratulations from the VWGA who presented each lady with a commemorative 80 year hat clip.

For those considering joining VWGA a one off joining fee of \$10 is required, which enables you to play in any NSWVWGA Tournament/Event and to participate in the Mable McKenzie Brooch and Country Championships. The only stipulation to membership is that you must have reached the age of 50. Annual membership of \$7 is due by 31st December 2024.

Swing fit program. We currently run a swing fit mentor program to assist James Single our golf Pro and Swing fit founder/coach.

The mentoring program run by Evelyn Geh assists swing fitters in obtaining their handicap and helps new players with the rules and general etiquette of golf.

We held our annual Pink Jacket Day on Monday the 14th of October. This is a 9 hole Canadian foursomes' event with each swing fitter partnered with one of our women members. This has been a very successful program, many of the swing fit women have now joined the club as golf playing members.

I would like to thank the Women's Sub-Committee for their hard work as well as the volunteers.

We look forward to fun and golfing in 2025,

Di Collocott
Women's Chairperson



Another year where excellent fields enjoyed the friendly competition of Men's Vets golf.

Interclub competition, the Bill Medley Shield is on again, with Coordinator Bob Stewart (ably assisted by Col Egan) doing a great job organising our representation. We didn't quite make the victory podium in 2023 however with a few events to go in 2024 we still have a chance of rising to the top this year.

Many thanks again to John Tracey for the organisation and smooth running of our Annual Tournament. Many visiting competitors expressed their gratitude on the conduct of the tournament from the beginning to the final presentation. A big thank you to our sponsors Naomi Hunter at HEM Property and Home Instead

A huge thank you to committee member Peter Page for his work in assisting the Port Macquarie Golf Club with a successful Hastings Education Fund golf day. Yet again many thousands of dollars raised to assist local worthy students transition successfully from Secondary to Tertiary education.

When the course greens were undergoing their necessary renovation, we had two well supported and successful trips, in October and March, to the Island Golf Club Nambucca Heads, where members were able to enjoy the delights and quirks of the course and the excellent lunch provided by our hosts. Thank you, Gary Smith, Ross Turner and Peter Page for your assistance.

Congratulations to our 2023 Club Champion Terry Davis.

On behalf of the myself and all members, a big thank you to our committee, Captain Paul Atkin, Secretary Gary Smith, Treasurer Dennis Geisker, Bill Medley Shield Coordinator Bob Stewart, Annual Tournament Director, and Publicity John Tracey, HEF Golf Day Organiser Peter Page. From early 2024 the structure of our committee changed, as it did with other sub club committees, we now have a four-person committee, supported as before by club members who voluntarily assist with our annual tournament and Bill Medley Shield representation. Along with these responsibilities every person involved has made a valued contribution for the benefit of all members.

Thank you to our Club Championship sponsor Naomi Hunter - HEM Real Estate for your continued support.

Steve and the greens staff provide us with a great course every Tuesday, your work is always appreciated.

Thank you to James and the pro shop staff for their assistance and support for all of our events.

As a sub club of the Port Macquarie Golf Club, we are always appreciative of the support we receive from the Board, CEO, and staff.

Neil Beecroft

Chairperson

Port Macquarie Men's Veterans Golf Club



This year saw the restructuring of all committees at Port Macquarie Golf Club including the PMWV.

The new format consisted of a Chairperson, Captain and two committee members and a Director from the Board. Little change has occurred with the PMWV with this format and we were lucky to have back up members to fill in when others were on leave. It has been a very seamless change with all committee members continuing to give of their time freely and with total commitment.

Sincere thanks go to our Board representative, Fran Scutts, for her support, advice and sponsorship throughout the year.

Our year started well on our open day in February with a great participation and a change from the traditional morning tea of scones to cake following the game.

The Gala Days in May were also successful and played under sunny skies. Winners were Yani Muffett, Julie Robbins and Liz Drinkwater with Dot Ball being the Super Vet. Thankfully with the weather being kinder this year, the days were played as usual over two consecutive days.

Celebration and Mid-Year lunch in June, which also incorporates our annual Charity fundraiser, was a perfect day with 58 ladies playing 3 clubs and a putter game on the new purple course. A great afternoon of fine food, wine, fun and prizes were had by all. Generous sponsorship, donations and a 100-club raffle allowed us to donate \$500 to our chosen charity Hastings Hospice in the Home.

Joan Blackburne, past president and life member, Memorial Day was held in October and generously supported by her husband John.

The trial 18-hole Women Vets competition was confirmed as permanent in April. During the trial the participation numbers were between 5-6. However, in the 6 months following the permanent fixture the numbers have dropped to an average of 3.

The nine-hole medley commenced in July with only one male taking up the opportunity to plat the nine-hole comp.

Our PMWV nine-hole comp continues to grow with an extra line needed on the booking sheet to accommodate 64 ladies. Our highest participation rate was 63 ladies playing. However, many days were cancelled or attracted smaller numbers due to adverse weather conditions. Currently there are 138 financial members.

We have recommenced a Tip of the Month which is displayed in the women's locker room and Vets areas. These tips include changes to local rules, such as compulsory call up on Par 3's, tips to improve pace of play, correct process for taking a free drop and help with repairing greens and fairways. Any concerns that are identified are also applied to the list with the help of the Women's Captain.

Our social activity is a monthly luncheon held in our Fairway Restaurant for our members and is held on the last Tuesday of the month. It is an opportunity for members to meet and socialise in a friendly relaxed atmosphere and introduce new members to the group.

Swingfit ladies, and indeed any new member starting with the PMWV, is booked in with a committee member who is able to introduce to other members and to familiarise them with our course and rules. This initiative has been very successful and encourages the member to transition to the next level of 18 holes when they feel confident. It is a comfortable and relaxed platform to begin or continue their golfing journey.

Periodic newsletter updates were put on the PMGC website and App to keep members informed and to create open communication of our members. A hard copy is in the information folder downstairs along with a copy of all minutes for everyone to read. There is a mailout for three members who do not have electronic access.

An honour board has been erected in the downstairs corridor of past Women Veteran Presidents and Captains. This omission was very quickly rectified with the help of Faye Gibbs and Bill McDonald researching doing the background work to bring it up to date.

This year we unfortunately saw many of our members sick and having time off from golf following injuries or surgeries. Our condolences and thoughts have gone out to members who have lost their partners or loved ones. In particular we lost a long-time member of both the Women's and Women Vets member Josie Mockford. A moving tribute was held in the Seabreeze room to honour her memory.

Cards, flowers or visits are attended by our Welfare officer, along with special "O" birthday cards being sent to our members during the year. Past members are invited to our Christmas luncheon to keep them in the PMWV family.

As Chairperson of the PMWV I have many people to thank for their support, advice and encouragement. Along with the current committee members who have given freely of their time, support and dedication, I send sincere thanks to the management and staff of PMGC, catering staff, Pro Shop and the ground staff. I would also like to send heartfelt thanks to all the generous sponsors who have supported PMWV over the past year.

Thank you

Vicki Newton

Chairperson of PMWV