

**MURWILLUMBAH GOLF CLUB LTD**

**52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE 233 BYANGUM ROAD MURWILLUMBAH**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 at 11.00am**

**ATTENDANCE:** Graham Rosenbaum (Chair) and as per Attendance Book. (30 members)

The Chairman welcomed all in attendance and declared the meeting open at 11.00am.

The Chairman introduced Secretary Manager and minute taker, Gary Thatcher and Club Auditor, Richard Watkinson and thanked Mr Watkinson for attending.

**APOLOGIES:** Graham Nelson, Keith O'Grady, Vicki O'Grady, Deborah Souter, Rick Souter

**BUSINESS:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**Moved:** Barry Dobinson

**Seconded:** David Devine

That the minutes of the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of Murwillumbah Golf Club held 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022 as presented on the Club's website are confirmed. Carried

**Business Arising:** Nil

To receive and consider the Reports of:

The Chairman  
Directors' Report  
Financial Report and Auditor's Report  
Secretary Manager  
Finance Committee  
Match Committee  
Greens Committee  
House Committee  
Women's Golf Murwillumbah Committee  
Veterans' Committee

**Moved:** Francis Monement

**Seconded:** Barbara Blunden

That the Chairman's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Chairman Graham Rosenbaum said that it has been an honour to work with members and staff and a great pleasure to lead the Board of Directors throughout the year and thanked them for their dedication and time given to make our Club very successful. It was an outstanding trading year due to excellent management and hardly any time lost to adverse weather conditions. Many projects were completed during the year on the course and in the clubhouse with new projects up for consideration or in the planning stages.

Many thanks to our dedicated staff under the guidance of Secretary Manager Gary Thatcher for your efforts throughout the year. You all create a great atmosphere for members and visitors and many favourable comments have been received.

Congratulations to Women's Golf Murwillumbah and Murwillumbah Veterans Golf Club for organizing their big competitions well throughout the year. Thanks to all volunteers for your contributions throughout the year.

**Moved:** David Devine                    **Seconded:** Bob Masiar

That the Secretary Manager's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Secretary Manager, Gary Thatcher thanked all the Members for supporting the Club and thanked all the Staff and the Board for a job well done.

**Moved:** Barry Dobinson                    **Seconded:** Stephen Walton

that the Finance Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

Finance Committee Chairman Wayne Kendrigan reported that we have had another successful financial year for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Unlike previous recent years there was minimal disruption to our trading at the Club and on the course due to flooding events and the COVID-19 pandemic. The profit for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 from the Club's operations was \$407,776 and the Veterans sub-club produced a profit of \$5,206 and the Women's sub club had a loss of \$3,339 which brings our consolidated profit to \$409,643

During the financial year we continued our program of updating our facilities (including the wet areas in both the male and female locker rooms), course and machinery and by the time that members receive this report they will have seen more improvements in the club facilities. We have in train further course improvements to cart paths and bunkers as well as tee areas and greens during the 2023/24 financial year. The big project that has been mentioned in previous annual reports was the car park works. The plans for these works at the time of writing are awaiting approval from Tweed Shire Council. Once the plans have been approved by Council, we will call for tenders. The closing bank balances as at the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 plus our loan facility we have in place will go a long way to financing the car park and other projects.

There have been many media reports that we should expect a hot dry summer and we have plans for upgrading our bore water systems to ensure that we have sufficient water in our dams to see out this dry season. In spite of these predictions, we remain conservative in our budgeting for the ensuing year as we all know how inaccurate these predictions can be.

In closing, I thank all of the members for their support during the year but I would like to particularly thank the Women's and Veteran's committee members for their assistance and co-operation throughout the year. They do an enormous amount of work behind the scenes and their financial contributions for projects benefit all our golfers. I must also thank the team of volunteers that participate in working bees throughout the year. Their volunteer work keeps the course up to a great standard and at the same time keeps our greens staff wages bill at an affordable level. I would also like to thank all of the staff at the Club, they are all very committed and work very hard in trying to ensure that our members and visitors get the

best service and information at all times. Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow Board members for their input and dedication to the Club.

**Moved:** Barry Soley                    **Seconded:** Frank Monement

That the Captain's report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

Club Vice Captain Shannon thanked all members for their support of the Club. Congratulations to all trophy winners.

Thanks to Brian Cox and his greens staff for presenting the course to a great standard with many favourable comments from members and visitors.

**Moved:** Barbara Blunden            **Seconded:** Florence Chadwick

That the House Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.    Carried

House Chairman Ian Campbell reported that the clubhouse was doing very well. Locker room renovations have been completed and thanks to Brian Cox for working through the project with the builder. The carpet throughout the clubhouse has been replaced. Thanks to Terry and the bar staff and Events Coordinator Tash for their efforts throughout the year. Feedback from members has been very good.

**Moved:** Patricia Brady                **Seconded:** Helen Ansems

That the Women's Golf Murwillumbah report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members.                    Carried

Women's Golf Murwillumbah Captain, Patsy Brady on behalf of President Marie Morrin reported that the current female membership is 115 with an average of 48 playing in week day competitions and 11 in the Saturday comps. 10 new members were welcomed during the year. It has been good to have several shotgun starts. Unfortunately, the Open Day was washed out but it was able to be played three weeks later. The Mt Warning Classic was a success with a field of 139. Congratulations to Club Champion Lisa Ross and to Kathryn Newcombe who had a net score of 61 during the Club Championships. Thank you to President Marie Morrin who has been a godsend for the women's club.

**Moved:** Bob Masiar                    **Seconded:** Stephen Walton

That the Veterans Committee report as posted on the Club's web site be accepted by members. Carried

**Moved:** Marilyn Parkes                **Seconded:** Wayne Kendrigan

That the Directors' report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted.                    Carried

**Moved:** Wayne Kendrigan            **Seconded:** Frank Monement

That the Financial Report for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and the Auditor's Report thereon as posted on the Club's web site be received and adopted.                    Carried

Auditor Richard Watkinson thanked the Board for inviting him to attend. Richard stated that the Auditor's Report was an opportunity to assure the members that all is okay with the running of the Club. New standards make sure that a strong IT system is in place and the right checks and balances are done. All is very positive with good internal controls. Richard thanked Wayne Kendrigan, Gary Thatcher, Debbie Tipping and Aileen Rayner for their positive assistance.

**NOTICES OF MOTION BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:**

## Ordinary Resolution

Chairman, Graham Rosenbaum advised that:

- The Directors resolved to recommend to the members that no payment of Directors fees be made

**Moved:** Barry Dobinson      **Seconded:** Wayne Kendrigan      Carried

## Ordinary Resolution

- In accordance with sections 10 (1) and 10 (6) of the Registered Clubs Act the members approve entitlements and other benefits as permitted by law to Directors, Volunteer Workers, Club Committee Members and Employees.

Such benefits to include

- (a) That each Volunteer be entitled to reasonable refreshments at the end of each day's work
- (b) That the Chairman be entitled to an allowance to cover out of pocket expenses in carrying out Club duties. Such expenses to be agreed to by the Board and are to be properly documented.
- (c) That the Directors, Employees and representatives of the Men's, Veterans' and Women's Committees be entitled to reasonable out of pocket expenses when carrying out their duties.
- (d) That Directors are supplied with a Club shirt to wear when representing the Club at meetings and events.
- (e) That Directors be entitled to reserved car parking spaces as designated by the Board.
- (f) That Directors and Employees be entitled to represent the Club at sponsored golf day events by invitation.
- (g) That all members of the "Staff Membership" category be entitled to purchase goods other than consumables such as drinks and food from the Golf Shop at a discount. The discount is not to exceed more than 50% of the difference between cost price and the normal sale price offered to members.

**Moved:** Ian Armour      **Seconded:** Barry Soley      Carried

## Amalgamation

For the purpose of Clause 4 (4) of the Registered Clubs Regulation 2015 (NSW) we give notice that there have been no expressions of interest in an amalgamation along with any unsolicited merger offers received by the Club from other registered clubs in the previous 12 months. For the sake of clarity no such offers have been received as at today.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:**

Chairman G Rosenbaum advised that the Board has appointed Edd Ryan as Returning Officer.

The Chairman in accordance with the Constitution of Murwillumbah Golf Club, Rule 31.1 (a-h) declared all Directors positions vacant.

Mr Ryan stated that Directors to be elected are:

Chairman

Captain

Finance Chairman

Director - Chairman of Greens Committee  
Director - Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing  
4 x Ordinary Directors

Mr Ryan declared the result of the election:

Chairman:	Wayne Kendrigan	Elected Unopposed
Captain:	Graham Nelson	Elected Unopposed
Finance Chairman:	Peter Taylor	Elected Unopposed
Chairman of Greens Committee:	Paul Fahy	Elected Unopposed
Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing:	Ian Campbell	Elected Unopposed
Ordinary Directors	Shane Davidson	178 votes Elected
	John Tilton	125 votes
	Anthony Snellgrove	90 votes
	Shannon Murnane	195 votes Elected
	Stephen Walton	129 votes Elected
	Graham Rosenbaum	148 votes Elected

Mr Ryan announced the Directors elected for 2023/2024:

Chairman	Wayne Kendrigan
Captain	Graham Nelson
Finance Chairman	Peter Taylor
Chairman of Greens Committee	Paul Fahy
Chairman of House, Membership & Marketing	Ian Campbell
4 x Ordinary Directors	Shannon Murnane
	Shane Davidson
	Graham Rosenbaum
	Stephen Walton

Mr Ryan thanked the office staff for their help printing the ballot papers for the election.

**Moved:** Barry Soley                      **Seconded:** Bob Masiar

That the ballot papers are destroyed. Carried

Elected Chairman, Wayne Kendrigan thanked the Returning Officer and congratulated all incoming Directors for 2023-2024.

Outgoing Chairman Graham Rosenbaum thanked the members and said that for the past five years the Board has strived to make the Club as successful as possible. Graham stated that the Club is in a good financial position and then handed over to new Chairman Wayne.

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Club Patron.

Wayne Kendrigan nominated Keith O'Grady. Keith O'Grady accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations.

**Moved:** Wayne Kendrigan                      **Seconded:** Terry McDonald

That Keith O'Grady be appointed as Club Patron for the ensuing year

Carried

Keith O'Grady thanked the members.

Chairman Wayne thanked the members of the new Board for taking the time and making the commitment to guide the Club through what will be an exciting and interesting 12 months.

### **Issues Raised at 2022 Meeting**

1. No issues were raised at the meeting.

### **Current Issues:**

The Chairman advised that the Board has approved or is considering the following capital projects:

1. Ongoing new concrete paths and bunker restorations.
2. Development Application is still at Council for Eastern Carpark and house demolition. Quotes and contracts to be sought when approved.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Gary Hughes said that he has raised concerns with Brian Cox about tree roots on the golf course. Wayne Kendrigan explained that the problem is hard to fix without trees dying. Greens Chairman Paul Fahy to consult with Brian Cox.

Helen Ansems stated that she would like to see more mixed events on Sundays. Wayne Kendrigan advised that he wants to continue consultations with the Women's Golf Committee.

Roly Ansems stated that he had been through amalgamations in Victoria and as a result many of the smaller clubs closed down. Chairman Wayne advised that amalgamation was not on the radar.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the 52nd Annual General Meeting of the Murwillumbah Golf Club Ltd closed at 11.50am.

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Chairman