

MARYBOROUGH GOLF CLUB



On the Green!!

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What a great day it was at the Maryborough Golf Club on Australia Day when the club played a 2 person Ambrose event.

It was a very warm day bit it did not deter the 66 golfers who took to the fairways.

It was also the first day played with new cups and flags that were very generously donated by **Daryl Groves Company. Business & Equipment Finance**



Grovesy is pictured at right displaying one of the new flags.

Australia Day Results can be seen on page 13 of the newsletter.



From the Board - By President David Kerry

Happy New Year to all our wonderful members.



I hope you are all enjoying some great times here at the club over the holiday period.

During the break, our brilliant staff have worked tirelessly to ensure all members and visitors feel welcome. I would sincerely like to thank them for the outstanding job they continue to do — congratulations and well done to all.

Our course and greens are in top condition, particularly considering the recent hot weather. A big thank you to both staff and volunteers for their efforts in maintaining our facilities to such a high standard.

Although your Board has been in recess for a couple of months, progress at the club has certainly not stopped. The new machines are proving very popular with patrons, and Bon continues to explore further opportunities in this area. We also have new and quality second-hand equipment on the way to update our machinery shed. This has been made possible through our ongoing efforts to improve revenue and manage savings responsibly.



We are approaching an exciting period for the club, with Bowls Finals ahead and Golf Pennant just around the corner. Best of luck to all participants — I am confident we will represent the club proudly.

Looking ahead, our Hospital Fundraiser will be held in late March. Assistance with borrowing carts would be greatly appreciated, as this is a significant event for both us and our co-organisers. Please support the day if you can.

You may have noticed a number of young players around the course during the holidays. The Golf Committee has capitalised on this interest by launching a Junior Program, which is already proving very successful. Several juniors have joined as members — well done to Passa and the team behind this initiative. Hopefully, we can also encourage some of the mums to get involved in golf as well.

Congratulations to our Bowls Champions for the season, Liz Bucknall and Tony Chambers — a fantastic achievement. Let's hope the good form continues.

Finally, a special congratulations to Manager Bon and his daughter on the safe arrival of a new grandson on 7 February. If Bon thought work was busy, I suspect home life has just become a little busier! I am sure he will cherish every moment.

In the meantime, I trust everyone continues to enjoy our wonderful club and all it has to offer.

Yours sincerely,
David Kerry
President



The Monthly Medalist for December was

Adam Proctor

He shot 78 off the stick for a 65 nett to take out the medal by 1 shot from Marc Lowday on 66 nett.,

Dave Parsons & Riley were a shot away on 67 nett.

Well done Proc!



The Brooch winner for the Ladies comp was **Coralie Rich** shooting 71 nett.

Wendy Carmody was Runner Up on 72 nett from Kathy parsons also on 72 Nett.

Congratulations Coralie!



CRAMER'S MITRE 10



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HOME APPLIANCES



Saturday 27th December, 2025.

Men – Stroke – Monthly Medal
– 77 Players – PCC = 0.
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A Grade & Medal Winner –
Adam Proctor (13) – 65 nett.
A Grade Runner Up –
Marc Lowday (12) – 66 nett.

B Grade Winner –
David Parsons (19) – 67 nett.
B Grade Runner Up –
Ray Wissell (15) – 68 nett c/b.

C Grade Winner –
Ben Maher (26) – 64 nett.
C Grade Runner Up –
Matthew Friend (29) – 68 nett
c/b.

Nearest The Pins
8th – Anthony Rowe
(Maffescioni Travel Services),
9th – Mark Marson,
11th – Riley Ford,
13th – Tony Reeves.

Place Getters....
67 nett – Riley Ford.
68 nett – Max McLean,
Daryl Groves &
Anthony Passalick.
69 nett – Adam Bell &
Mark Wyllie.
70 nett – David Maffescioni &
Tony Reeves c/b.



MIXED CHAMPS

The Final Round of the Mixed American Chamionships were played on
Saturday 13th December.
Sponsored by Central Vic Carburettors. Thank you for your support.

Competition Winners ... Tony Reeves (10) & Donna Bauer (17) – 66.88 nett.
Competition Runners Up ... Yvette McClean (10) & Rod McClean (16) – 68.25 nett.
Place Getters ...
70.38 nett – Annette Strain & Greg James. 71.13 nett – Sharon & Peter Treble.
Nett Champions - Tony Reeves (10) & Donna Bauer (17) – 135.75 nett.
Scratch Champions - Yvette McClean (10) & Rod McClean (16) – 158 gross.



Scratch Champs
Yvette & Rod McClean



Nett Champs
Donna Bauer & Tony Reeves

SIMMO HAD A ROUND TO FORGET.

Paul Simmons had one of those days on
Saturday, 27 December.

Simmo spent the majority of the round playing
from amongst the trees, much to the delight of
his playing partners Mark Wyllie, Dean Nalder
and Mark Marson, who provided a steady
stream of banter throughout the day.

The photo at right shows Simmo playing his
second shot after hooking his drive from the
14th tee into territory no other golfer has ever ventured.



Mark Wyllie couldn't resist capturing the moment, snapping Simmo playing over
the top of the 13th green from deep in the scrub—and promptly forwarding it to
the Editor.

To Simmo's credit, he managed to get the ball in the hole, for a double bogey.
Which wasn't too bad from where his drive lay.

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Women – Stroke Monthly
Brooch – 13 players.

Monthly Brooch & Winner –
Coralie Rich (38) – 71 nett.
Runner Up – Wendy Carmody
(21) – 72 nett C/B.

Place Getters ...

72 nett ... Kathy Parsons &
73 nett ... Raeleen Brooker.

Nearest The Pins

8th – Kathy Parsons
(Maffescioni Travel Services),
9th – Nobody , 11th – Nobody,
& 13th Bev Brown

Least Putts with 27 -
Donna Bauer.

Seat Covers for our Golf Carts

How good do the new seat covers look on our fleet of golf carts.

Thank you to our team of hard working raffle organisers, led by **Trish Rowe**, who are purchasing many items that will benefit the club.

The Seat Covers look amazing and make it a more comfortable ride for our members and visitors.

If any of our members have any suggestions for improvements around the club, please let the committee know, and raffle funds could be put towards any improvements.



Wednesday Night Poker



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Whether you're a seasoned player or a newbie, our community embraces all with open arms.

Experience camaraderie like never before, and who knows, you might just find your next poker buddy with us!



Bin Vandals

What a great initiative it is to have the new sand bins placed around the course.

However, how disappointing is it to see that someone has smashed a golf club into the bin that is at the 13th tee bed.

Surely it wasn't one of our members that did this??
Someone has also knocked off the shovel out of the bin at the 11th.

What goes through some peoples minds!



CLUB BARHAM

The Maryborough Golf Club is very appreciative of the support given to our club by CLUB BARHAM.

Back in July, 34 of our club members visited Club Barham on a 3 day golf trip.

As a result of that trip, Club Barham, is very generously sponsoring our Social Sunday events that are held from September to January.

The Social Sunday events are as follows:

- Sunday 28th September - 3 person Medley Ambrose - 10AM Shotgun Start
- Sunday 19th October - 4 person Gentsomes. Any Combo - 11AM Shotgun start.
- Sunday 16th November - 4 person Ambrose- Any combo- 11AM Shotgun Start.
- Sunday 14th December - 3 person Ambrose- 6x6x6 - Any Combo- 11AM shotty.
- Monday 26th January - Australia Day.- 2 person Ambrose- Any Combo- 11AM Shotty

Club Barham has donated 5 prizes to sponsor each event.

3 rounds of golf with carts for 4 people. \$320 each package. Valued at \$960.
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Bowls Report by Bowls Secretary Des Yin Foo

As the final round of the pennant season approaches this week, it would appear that the Division 1, Division 2 and Midweek Division 1 teams will make it into the top 4 in each of their respective competitions.

The pennant finals series is played immediately following the completion of the season's fixtures and we hope that all teams are now at their peak to take on the challenge ahead.
Best of luck to all teams in the upcoming last match and then hopefully the finals series.



The 2025 Club Championships for Men and Ladies has now been decided. The Ladies final was played out on the morning of Friday 12th December 2025 between Liz Bucknall and Maryanne Smith. It was a hard fought match but Liz emerged victorious.

The Men's final was played on the morning of Sunday 14th December 2025 between Tony Chambers and Graeme Orr. In another closely contested finals match, Tony was eventually triumphant. Well done to all players on making the final. Congratulations to Liz and Tony as 2025 Club Champions.

The Sunday finals match were preceded by a 50 Up curtain raiser between Geoff Mottram and Des Yin Foo. In a nail biting climax, Motty managed to edge out Des in the last end to claim victory by the narrowest of margins. Well done Motty!
The matches were followed by a club social lunch.

A mix of golf and bowls club members and social players saw out year 2025 and welcomed in year 2026 with a golf flavoured bowls tournament on New Year's Eve. The bowls evening was complemented with a barbecue and plenty of refreshing drinks.
We thank you all for your interest and support of our event.

This year's MDHS Charity Golf and Bowls Day will once again be run in March. The event will include a bowls tournament for those bowlers and non-golfers who also want a piece of the action. It's always a fun day and for a great cause.
Keep a look out for a flyer with the details and a registration form coming soon.

Also keep watch for details of the next Jack Attack tournament to be run on the Friday evenings in March.
This tournament is about having fun and entertainment with a team of mates and a chance for novice bowlers to have a go at the sport. As usual, there will be food and refreshments available.

Lastly, I wish everyone a happy Chinese New Year of the Horse coming up on 17th February.

Happy bowling everyone.



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Bowls Champions



Left: Tony Chambers is Congratulated by Bowls President, Geoff Mottram for winning the 2025 Men's Bowls Championship. Watched on by the Runner Up Graeme Orr.

Above: Gary Chaplin cooks the BBQ at the Social Function.

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Bowls Results

Weekend Pennant

DIV 1

Round 9

Golf Blue 53 lost to Carisbrook 61
A Chalmers def D Giddings 31 to 10
G Carmody def I Proctor 25 to 11
K Primes def F Shannon 21 to 14

Round 10

Golf Blue 77 def Avoca 35
A Chalmers def D Giddings 31 to 10
G Carmody def I Proctor 25 to 11
K Primes def F Shannon 21 to 14

Round 11

Golf Blue 66 def Dunolly Blue 48
A Chalmers def M Galafaro 19 to 14
G Carmody def P Waters 22 to 16
K Primes def C Williams 25 to 18

Round 12

Golf Blue 59 lost to Talbot 64
G Carmody drew P McLaughlin 23 all
K Primes def P Fletcher 20 to 13

Round 13

Golf Blue 73 def Maldon 48
A Chalmers def P Sedgwick 36 to 15
K Primes def W Honeyman 24 to 17

Round 14

Golf Blue 60 def Newstead 56
G Carmody def A Theckston 25 to 15

DIV 2

Round 10

Golf Gold 50 def Avoca 23
G Chaplin def G Loosemoore 22 to 13
T Young def A Loosemoore 28 to 10

Round 11

Golf Gold 33 lost to Dunolly Gold 41
Lost both rinks.

Round 12

Golf Gold 41 def Talbot 24
F Smith def A Loosemoore 28 to 10

Round 13

Golf Gold 31 lost to Highland White 41
Lost both rinks.

Round 14

Golf Gold 42 def Bridgewater 25
G Chaplin def C Brooshooff 20 to 14
T Young def G Mabon 22 to 11



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Bowls Results

Midweek Pennant

Round 9
MGC 70 def Talbot 45
 G Orr def R Prentice 25 to 14
 F Smith def B Crossley 25 to 9

Round 10
MGC 61 def MHS Gold 51
 G Orr def A Masterman-Smith 23 to 18
 K Gay def L Clarke 23 to 15

Round 11
MGC 65 def Avoca 39
 G Orr def A Loosemoory 25 to 8
 K Gay def I Proctor 24 to 18
 F Smith def L Field 17 to 13

Round 12
 Abandoned due to extre heat.

Round 13
MGC 38 lost to MHS Tartan 91
 lost all rinks



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Silly Shirt Day

The Monthly Medalist for January was

Dean Nalder

He shot 71 off the stick for a 68 nett to take out the medal on c/back from 4 other golfers.

Jody Thomson,
Bill Fowler,
Graham Thomson and
Ryan Fitzpatrick.

Well done Dean!



The Brooch winner for the Ladies comp was
Lynda Pratt

Shooting 65 nett.

Yvette Mclean was
Runner Up with 75 off the
stick for a 66 nett

Congratulations Lynda!



Silly Shirt Day was played on Saturday 20th December and it certainly brought out plenty of silly shirts.

Rod Milne sported a shirt with his own head emblazoned on it about ten times — many would say once is more than enough! Still, it looked the goods. When asked where he got it from, the quick response from the ever-witty **Paul Raven** was, “Ray’s Tent City.”

Jamie Pollinelli didn’t stop at just the silly shirt — he went the full ensemble, adding a silly hat and silly shorts to complete the look.

As for **Graeme Malone**, he not only wore a silly hat, but also took things one step further by bringing a very silly St Kilda Football Club golf bag out on the course.



Nothing worries Mick except bunkers



Golfers find themselves having some unusual lies out on the course.

The picture at right shows what awaited Mick McCarthy on the 17th hole on Tuesday 16th December.

It didn't worry the old veteran as he calmly pulled out his hybrid and hit a long ball to the green, but it finished in the greenside bunker.

His skill in the bunker wasn't quite as good as hitting the ball off the bark and he finished up picking the ball up and a no score was added to the card.

He has been known to have 3 or more shots out of the bunker.



Club Events

FREE BINGO

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS

DOORS OPEN @ 9:30AM - GAME STARTS @ 10AM

BINGO

5	20	1	10	19	19
15	44	40	18	63	53
37	60	13	30	0	10
5	27	48	53	7	13

Free Bingo is proving to be very popular on Monday & Tuesday at the MGC.

Come along and try your luck.

Every Thursday Night we have the Members Night with numerous prizes to be won.

Including the Jackpot Draw.

Members Night

EVERY THURSDAY

STARTING AT 5:30PM

RAFFLE DRAWN PRIZES TO BE WON

Hampers, Meat Trays, Meal Vouchers, Cash Cow

Maryborough Golf Club Golf Results.
Saturday 3rd January, 2026.

Men – Stroke – Monthly Medal – 78 Players – PCC = 0.
Sponsored by – Drummond Golf, Ballarat

A Grade & Medal Winner – Dean Nalder (3) – 68 nett c/b.
A Grade Runner Up – Jody Thomson (4) – 68 nett.

B Grade Winner – Bill Fowler (17) – 68 nett c/b.
B Grade Runner Up – Thomson (20) – 68 nett c/b.

C Grade Winner – Koby Doll (36) (v) – 65 nett.
C Grade Runner Up – John Potter (23) – 69.

Nearest The Pins....
8th – Phil Adams (Maffescioni Travel Services),
9th – Dean Nalder,
11th – Gareth Oldfield,
13th – Torrance Drendel.

Place Getters....
68 nett – Ryan Fitzpatrick.
69 nett – Rick Boehm, Stuart Argall & Riley Ford.
70 nett – Keith Fankhauser, Anthony Passalick, James Coloe & Daryl Groves c/b.



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Golf Report by Captain Anthony Passalick.

The Monthly Medalist for February was

Marc Lowday

He shot 78 off the stick for a 67 nett to take out the medal by one shot from Anthony Rowe, Rick Boehm, Dean Ford and Alan McIvor, all on 68 Nett.

Well done Donk!



The Ladies Brooch event was not held in time to meet the deadline for the February Newsletter.

The results will be in the next newsletter.

Mens 29 Ambrose Championships Grass 2026
Ambrose (Gross - 2 Player)

Rank	Name	Thru	Total
1	Peter Kane [3] Jason Driscoll [2]	38	125
2	Barry Doyle [4] Jim Hynes [3]	38	128
3	Tyson Burns [2] Luke Strake [12]	38	129
4	Taylor Cameron [3]	38	129
5	Daniel Lee [2] Simon Hoppe [2]	38	130
6	Anthony Passalick [5] Craig Burn [5]	38	130
7	Adam Purill [5] Matt McLeod [6]	38	131
8	Peter Taylor [1] Logan Taylor [9]	38	131
9	Ian Arner Jnr [2] Jason Keat [Scr]	38	131
10	Benjamin Hooper [12] Jay-Ar Martin [+1]	38	131
11	Jack McDonald [4] Wyley McDonald [Scr]	38	132
12	Steven Jones [2] Kevin Brennan [9]	38	132

Since the beginning of December, we have seen some fantastic fields on both Saturdays and Tuesdays, with plenty of great golf being played across all competitions.

Mixed Championships Final

Congratulations to Yvette and Rod McLean, who claimed the Scratch title with an outstanding 158 Gross.
The Nett winners were Tony Reeves and Donna Bauer with 135.75.



Sponsored 3 Person 6x6x6 Ambrose – Sunday 14th December

A strong field of 60 players contested the day.
Nett Winners: Jude Stephens, Matthew Spalding & Ethan Summers – 52 Nett
Scratch Winners: Dean Schmidt, Simon Coutanche & David Robins – 60 Gross



Junior Golf Update - It has been fantastic to see strong junior participation over the holiday period.

First Junior 9 Hole Comp (Pre-Christmas):

Winner: Jayden Humphrey (42) on countback from Mason Trickey (42)

Monday 5th January: Winner: Max Skinner (45), Runner-Up: Elijah Tull (49)

Wednesday 14th January: 14 juniors attended, including a 30-minute coaching clinic
9 Hole Winner: Max Skinner (47) 4 Hole Winner: Lucas (23)

Wednesday 21st January: 11 juniors took part,

Winner: Josh Nalder (37) Runner-Up: Billy Skinner (45)

It's extremely encouraging to see so many young golfers developing their skills and enjoying the game.

Australia Day 2 Person Ambrose

Our final sponsored day was held on Monday 26th January, attracting 66 players.
Nett Winners: Jody Thomson & Shanae Hunt – 59.25 Scratch Winners: Dean & Josh Nalder – 63

A big thank you to Club Barham and Maryborough Golf Club for sponsoring our additional events, which have proven extremely successful.

Victorian 2 Person Ambrose Championship – Tocumwal

Ten local Maryborough golfers travelled to Tocumwal to compete against a field of 380 players.

On a side bet, Anthony Passalick and Craig Burn posted an impressive 14-under (130 Gross) and 127.5 Nett, narrowly missing the Championship by just five shots — but proudly bringing home the side bet money! Results at left.

Junior Pennant

Recently, over 80 junior golfers from the Ballarat district attended Maryborough for Round 1 of Pennant. It is fantastic to see so many future golfers coming through the ranks.

I would also like to sincerely thank Daryl Groves and Business & Equipment Finance for their magnificent sponsorship of the new cups, pins and flags — they have been very well received.

Happy golfing,

Anthony Passalick
Men's Captain



Australia Day Ambrose Event Results

The fifth & final Social event that was sponsored by Club Barham was played on Australia Day

There was a great field of 66 players in very warm conditions.



Pictured above left is the winning team and at right the Runner Up Team Shanae Hunt & Jody Thomson. And , Keith Fankhauser & Brett Chaplin and they each received a Drummond Golf Voucher..

Place Getters.... Adam Balzan & Declan Wagstaff, and Trent Monk & Cameron Radnell – 61.75 nett.



The Best Scratch team winners were

Father & Son team of Dean & Josh Nalder pictured above left and it was great to see one of our youngsters in Billy Skinner take out the NTP on the 9th. Well done to Billy!

Nearest The Pins

9th – Shanae Hunt & Billy Skinner,
11th – Daryl Groves,
& 13th – Jodie Frost & Craig Burn.

Each golfer who participated in the event was entered into a daily draw to win a round of golf for four people, plus carts, at Club Barham. Valued at \$320.

The Winner was Glen Bardsley. who is pictured at right..

Well done Bards!



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Club Champ recognised by the Addy.

The following article was written by Jonathon Peck from the Maryborough Advertiser and we thank the Addy for allowing the MGC to use it in our club newsletter.

Everyone enjoys a pastime activity to relieve themselves from the stresses of everyday life. For some, it could be knitting, doing puzzles, reading, or running. For Mark Wyllie, it's golf.

Ever since first picking up an iron 45 years ago at the age of seven, golf has come naturally to Wyllie, culminating when he became a 10-time Maryborough Golf Club champion late last year.

It was a familiar face that introduced Wyllie to the world of golf, with his mother a seasoned player at the Talbot Golf Club.

"It was sort of a case of mum wanted to play golf and someone had to look after me, so I just tagged along and there were probably half a dozen kids about my age out there, so we all just went out and had a bash," he said.

"Nowadays there aren't too many kids playing, so unless you have got a few mates, it's sort of hard to stick with it if you are only just a young kid by yourself."

Advancements in technology have drastically changed the way golf is played since Wyllie first started, with equipment like clubs and balls routinely adapted to maximise performance, forcing courses to get longer and harder.

While the sport continues to evolve, Wyllie said the allure of perfection, no matter how brief, remains the same.

"I suppose it's the old adage that you can always get better. You never know if next week you might have a once-in-a-lifetime round," he said.

"It's pretty easy on the body too, I find it easier to back up playing golf than it used to be playing football or cricket.

"When I started, it was the wooden-headed clubs for drivers and now it's gone all titanium and whatever else they use.

"I've probably gone through around 10 sets of golf clubs, so you have to keep updating as the equipment updates.

"The courses continue to keep improving all the time and the upkeep seems to be better, so it's progressed that way."

Along his 45-year journey, Wyllie has collected club championships at Talbot, Creswick and even Tasmania while also playing a couple of Australian Open qualifying rounds.

However, Wyllie has routinely saved his best golf for the Maryborough Golf Club championship.

After recently finishing as A grade runner-up to Craig Boucher in the Andrew Maggs Memorial 27-hole scratch event during the club's 109th annual tournament, Wyllie entered the final round of the championship as joint runner-up alongside Garry Sluce.



PTO



10 club champs for Wal.

The duo trailed Jody Thomson by two when play started on Saturday, November 22, setting the stage for a three-way fight pitting former club champions against each other.

After falling behind early, Wyllie found his groove to tie with Thomson at the round's conclusion. In the deciding playoff, Wyllie held his nerve brilliantly to birdie the 17th and par the 18th to clinch his 10th club championship.

"It just sort of unfolded in front of me, I wasn't expecting anything. Garry started the best and I thought he would finish off," Wyllie said.

"To be honest, I had no idea what the score was. Normally, I keep track of what's going on, but for some reason this time I didn't.

"It wasn't until a couple of holes to go that I started thinking that I must be pretty close and then on the last hole, Jody indicated that we were tied.

"In the playoff, I probably played my best two holes for a long time."

With work commitments routinely taking up his weekends, Wyllie doesn't hit the course as much as he would like. However, that hasn't stopped him from setting some lofty goals.

"It's good to get out and relax from work. I'm probably out here five out of seven days a week because I walk the dog, that's as close as I get to practising," he said.

"I know the record (for club championships) is 17, so I've got a little way to go. My aim is to get to 17."



The General Manager's Report by Bon Tai

Greetings Members & Staff.

Welcome to our 1st edition of the 2026 club newsletter.

Happy New Year to you all, hope you all had an enjoyable festive celebration with your family and friends.

The summer season has been no different to any other, with sweltering temperatures over the past couple of months. We have implemented a maintenance management plan for our A/C units, enabling us to maintain comfortable temperatures in the clubhouse.

Solid trading during the months of December and January. Revenue up 15.2% (\$105k) on the same period as previous year. Revenue growth stemmed from solid financial performances from key revenue centers, Gaming up 16.7%, Bistro 14.2% & Bar 13%. The increase in patronage visitation is testament to the consistency of our product and service quality.

The recent VGCC "Community Data (Jul 2025 - Dec 2025) reported a growth of 12.8% for Maryborough Golf Club on same period, previous year. The introduction of TITO in the gaming room has demonstrated a worthy investment to our business, obtaining a sustainable share of the market. Our direct competitor, Maryborough Highland Society of reported a 8% growth for the same period.

Certificate IV in Leadership & Management for 4 of our management staff members is nearing the end with their final online session and assessments to be completed in a month's time.

Please join me in welcoming 3 new employees to my team, **Emma Hearn, Kody Taggart and Dakota Hughes** who commenced employment late last year. They have been an exceptional inclusion to our team.

The **Vauxhaul Owners Club Australia** is coming to Maryborough, 11th – 18th March 2026 with approximately 100+ in attendance. The Maryborough Golf Club is privileged to host 4 dinner functions and breakfast for its members.

We are also honoured to be the host club for the 43rd Waverley Trophy – Cohuna Shield scheduled for Sunday 29th March 2026. We are expecting over 130 visitors in attendance from respective Golf & Bowls Club within the state. This is a great opportunity to showcase our 2 sporting facilities.

The **"MDHS – Annual Charity Golf & Bowls Day"** traditionally held late March has been postponed to Thursday 23rd of April 2026. More information regarding this event will be circulated to members in the coming weeks.

In signing off, I would like to extend my many thanks to all members & staff for your continuous support and look forward to a successful and prosperous year for the club.

Kind regards,

Bonaventure Tai
General Manager.



The place to be



Triple Treat

Many golfers can go a lifetime without ever recording that elusive hole-in-one.

That certainly doesn't apply to **Jim Shackleton**, who has managed an incredible three holes-in-one in the past 14 months.

Jim's latest ace came on the 13th hole. After the shot, the group searched everywhere around the green, unable to find the ball. Eventually, someone looked in the hole...

There it was.

Jim has now earned himself a new nickname — "Tin Arse."

Well done, Jim!



Double Up

On the 8th tee last week, **Brian Dawson** declared, "I don't think you'll ever see a tee shot like mine here on Tuesday," after his ball hit the fence and bounced back past the tee bed.

Well... Ray Wissell nearly matched it.

Ray's tee shot also found the fence, but instead of rebounding, it dropped straight down behind it. Forced to chip out from behind the fence, Ray still managed to scramble his way to a bogey 4 — a very solid effort under the circumstances.

Well done Ray!



Up the Tree

It's a bit of a mystery to most.

When you are playing the 16th hole, have a look up in the trees on the left at the bend and you will see a couple of golf clubs hanging up in the branches.

If you look real hard in this Photograph, you will see the golf clubs hanging around amongst the branches in the trees. But, you will have to look real hard!



Silly Hat Day



It was Silly Hat Day at the Maryborough Golf Club on Saturday, 17 January, with a number of golfers taking the opportunity to show off some very creative (and entertaining) headwear.

Pictured top left is **Maurice Boyd**, while above are **Dave McDonald** and **Peter Smits**, proudly modelling their efforts.

At right is **James Wilkinson**, who looks like he'd be perfectly at home on a pirate ship.

A great bit of fun enjoyed by all involved. ☐

The Sheik from Scrubby Creek

The recent heatwave has taken its toll on a few of our regular golfers — **Tony Reeves** included.

Tony is a Queenslander too, so it must have been hot.

On Saturday 31st January, Reeves found the sun a bit hard to bear and came up with a creative solution, placing a towel over his head to keep the sun off his body.

The result made him look remarkably like a sheik, and his playing partners were quick to bestow a new nickname on him:

"The Sheik from Scrubby Creek."



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Golf Lessons

The MGC are conducting golf lessons with Taine Pearse.

If you scan the QR code to make a booking.

This is a great opportunity for any up and coming golfer to receive some professional pointers on how to improve their game.

There are a lot of youngsters playing on our course at the moment and it would be great to see them take up this opportunity to learn how play the game correctly.



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X-Golf provides the ultimate indoor golfing and entertainment for players of all levels.

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We might get a group together sometime and head down and give this a try.

Volunteers at work



The club has been lucky to have some hard working volunteers amongst some of our members.

This includes our Vice Captain, Anthony Rowe and his wife Trish, who can be seen pictured at left fixing up our practice nets.

This is just one of many roles Anthony & Trish perform for the club.

Thanks Guys!

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Maryborough
Caravan Park

Superintendent's Report by Mark Firman



Despite the recent hot weather and some bird damage to a number of greens, the course is continuing to hold up well.

Bird control measures have now been implemented and are already producing the desired results.

Green surrounds have recently been cored and fertilised. Tee renovations are planned for February and will involve coring, fertilising and topdressing to further improve playing surfaces.

The new greens mower and utility vehicle are due to arrive within the next couple of weeks.

The club has also secured a second-hand fairway mower from Ballarat Golf Club at an excellent price.

These additions will significantly improve efficiency and contribute to an even higher standard of course presentation.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all our volunteers who assist on a weekly basis. The work carried out around the course is outstanding and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Regards
Mark

Maryborough Golf Club Golf Results.
Saturday 7th February, 2026.
Men – Stroke – Monthly Medal –
75 Players – PCC = 0.
Sponsored by –
Drummond Golf, Ballarat.
A Grade & Medal Winner –
Marc Lowday (11) – 67 nett.
A Grade Runner Up –
Anthony Rowe (9) – 68 nett c/b.

B Grade Winner
Rick Boehm (16) – 68 nett.
B Grade Runner Up
Bill Fowler (16) – 69 nett.

C Grade Winner
Anthony Scilini (30) – 69 nett.
C Grade Runner Up
Ivan Jackson (22) – 70 nett.

Nearest The Pins
7th – Ken Wilkinson
(Passalick Family),
8th – Daryl Groves
(Maffescioni Travel Services),
9th – Anthony Rowe,
11th – Bill Fowler,
13th – Trent Monk.

Place Getters
68 nett – Dean Ford &
Alan Mclvor.
70 nett – Keith Fankhauser &
Stuart Argall.
71 nett – Riley Ford,
Trevor Baldock, Brian Dawson
& Graham Pratt.

Please Note..... Change of Date
MDHS Charity Day
Now to be held on Thursday 23rd April, 2026
Join us for a fun day at our annual charity event
Raise funds to strengthen the health of our communities

