

Mackay Veteran Golfers Association Inc

Captains Report for 2024/2025 Year

Well what a year we have had, starting with incessant rain for several months forcing us to cancel many of our regular Monday Competitions, followed by a flurry of activity to play our part in celebrating the Centenary of Golf at Mackay. This included a week of fun golfing activity and a hugely successful Centenary Dinner celebration held in our Clubhouse function room. Many previous Mackay Golf Club members travelled from afar to be part of this special event and MC David Perkins made sure it was well worth the trip back down memory lane. A huge thanks must go to our Veterans Secretary Sue Rollinson and her team for the months of effort put into organizing this momentous occasion.

We followed this up with a successful Closed Championships before moving on to our annual Wintersun carnival in August. The Wintersun Committee led by coordinator Wayne Butler changed the format for this year's competition which not only made it easier to run, but resulted in greater playing numbers and a separate Dinner and Presentation night with increased numbers also. Well done to all involved.

Our membership for the 2024/2025 year has increased and we now have 188 men and 85 ladies as registered financial members an increase on last year of 20 (7 men and 13 ladies)

While we have capacity fields and we are enjoying the playing conditions and beautiful weather Mackay is known for at the moment, we are now again looking for some rain to freshen up the course and replenish our irrigation water supply running into the hot weather.

I would like to congratulate our greens staff and many volunteers including Dads Army for their management of the course over such a difficult year. I would also like to thank the Board and Club Manager for their decision to re vamp our total Irrigation system. While this came at a huge cost to the club it was well overdue and is already making a huge difference to the course.

On behalf of all our Veteran members I must thank our House staff led by Kath who go out of their way to make our time at the club enjoyable, and the office staff led by Clare who are always ready to help us any way they can. I must also thank our many sponsors both business sponsors and our member sponsors for their generous support. To Jeff and Angie Reid and staff at the Pro Shop thank you for your help and support to myself and in particular our Veteran Members, I know we sometimes frustrate the hell out of you but you always handle it with a smile which is very much appreciated.

While this has been a difficult year for me health wise, I have enjoyed being Captain for the last four years however it is time for me to step aside and let someone with new ideas take the reins. Upon reflection I know there are things I could have done better but I hope I have met your expectations for the most part. To the Veterans Committee and the many Veteran members who have helped me over the last four years thank you for your help and support, I could not have done it without you.

To the membership please support the incoming Captain whoever that may be and continue to enjoy the greatest game on turf. I hope to be back playing with you soon.

John Crerar

Outgoing Captain

