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Thank you for the opportunity to lead the committee which I believe so capably carries out the variety of roles, coordinating our competitions, Interclub links, Wintersun our feature event for Veterans locally and the links with the Management Committee of Mackay GC. This small team work together to ensure our growing Veterans membership, has the best conditions for our members.

Our Wintersun Tournament this year had a small decline in numbers allowing the event here over the two days, to be played as a shotgun start on both days. Thanks to a small group who played early and then were able to assist in the management of the Hole in One feature, which hopefully will be won soon to add even more significance for promotion. Thank you to Wayne Butler who has been the Tournament Director for the past 4 years and retiring from the role this year. Congratulation Wayne and thank you.

Our Veterans Golf year has not been as interrupted as it was in 2025 with rain, but we could certainly appreciate some now. The Interclub Challenge Trophy for 2026 was hotly contested and the Mackay Vets participants played very well and returned the Trophy to Mackay for 2026. Well done to all those ladies and gents who participated.

Our weekly competitions have again received great support from our members with sponsorship of the weekly events. In addition to this, we have had great support throughout the year from Major sponsors including Sugar View Estates, Blacks Real Estate, Rimex and NQ Cleaning and Paints. We welcome a new sponsor for the Summer Break and thank you to Elevate for stepping up. Sincere thanks to all sponsors for their valued support this year.

Our club hosted the North Qld Seniors Championships this year and it was pleasing to have a large number of regional players visit our course and compete against our players on our home ground.

I would also like to recognise and welcome Kelly Ah Wang our new Club Manager, who has attended meetings and has been communicating with our committee to see how the club can support our players and committee. Thank you, Kelly.

Recently our Veterans Committee hosted a fundraising event to raise funds to support Pink Ribbon and Prostate Cancer Research organisations. This was a huge success and thanks to our sponsor Blacks Real Estate, the several members who sold raffle tickets, our House staff for the refreshments and We R Golf for their assistance in our Veterans Members being able to donate $8000 to these organisations.

In closing, I look forward to receiving the other annual reports from members of our Committee and once again wish to sincerely thanks our Veterans Committee 2025-26 for their great contributions on behalf of our Veterans Club.

Steve Paulger
President