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ANNUAL REPORT

2026

Notice of 2026 Annual General Meeting

The Yamba Golf & Country Club Ltd (ABN 55 000 829 489)

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of The Yamba Golf & Country Club Ltd will be held at Yamba Golf & Country Club on Tuesday 27 October 2026, starting at 5.45pm.

Members are encouraged to attend and take part.

Business of the meeting

1. **Welcome and apologies.**
2. **Minutes.** To confirm the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting.
3. **Annual reports.** To receive and consider the Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for the year ended 30 June 2026.
4. **Election of Directors.** To declare the result of the election for four vacancies on the Board.
5. **Election of President.** To elect the President from the Board of Directors, by secret ballot if required (Article 36(g)).
6. **Golf Captain.** To elect the Golf Captain for the following year from the members (Articles 34B and 54(i)).
7. **Questions from members.** Members will have a reasonable opportunity to ask questions about, and comment on, the management of the Club.

Election of Directors

There are four vacancies on the Board. Three seats carry a standard 3-year term. One seat, arising from a mid-term vacancy, carries a 2-year term expiring at the 2028 AGM.

Date	Step
Friday 2 October, 9.30am	Nominations open
Sunday 11 October, 5.00pm	Nominations close
Monday 12 October	Nominations displayed in the Clubhouse
Saturday 17 October	Voting opens (if a ballot is needed)
Friday 23 October	Voting closes
Tuesday 27 October	Result declared at the AGM

Nomination forms and Director Eligibility Declarations are available from the Club Secretary. Nominees, proposers and seconders must all be financial Playing or Life Members.

If there are more than four nominations, a ballot will be held in the Clubhouse, closing at close of business on Friday 23 October (Article 36(d)). Place an X beside up to four candidates. Each candidate you mark receives one vote of equal value. The three highest polling candidates take the 3-year terms. The fourth highest polling candidate takes the 2-year term.

If there are exactly four nominations, no ballot is needed and all four are elected. The candidates will agree between themselves who takes the 2-year term. If they cannot agree, it will be decided by a draw.

If there are fewer than four nominations, further candidates may be proposed and seconded at the AGM under Article 36(e).

Tied votes. If a tie affects who is elected or who takes the 2-year term, the Returning Officer will recount the tied votes in the presence of the scrutineers. If the tie remains, it will be decided by a draw at the count.

Who can attend and vote

- Financial Playing members and Life members are entitled to attend and vote at the AGM (Article 14). Please bring your membership card for sign-in.
- Proxy voting is not permitted (Article 58(b)).
- Employees of the Club may not vote at any meeting or in the Board election (Article 7(a)).

Annual reports

Copies of the Financial Report, Directors' Report and Auditor's Report for 2025/26 will be made available to all members at least 21 days before the AGM (Article 65). The 2025/26 Annual Report will be available to members on the Club's website at www.yambagolf.com.au.

Members with questions about the business of the meeting are encouraged to put them in writing to the General Manager at least seven days before the AGM, so a full answer can be given on the night.

Notes to Members:

Voting for Directors is held at the club at the times and dates listed below. Life, full golfing and social members are eligible to vote in Board elections.

Sat 17th October	12pm – 5pm
Sun 18th October	12pm – 4pm
Mon 19th October	11am – 5pm
Tue 20th October	11am – 5pm
Wed 21st October	11am – 5pm
Thu 22nd October	11am – 5pm

Fri 23rd October

11am – 5pm

By order of the Board

Geoff Artis

General Manager / Secretary Yamba Golf & Country Club

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to present my third Annual Report as President of Yamba Golf & Country Club and the Club's 56th Annual Report.

The past year has been one of change, considerable activity and challenge, but also considerable progress. The Board and management have continued to improve the way the Club operates, maintain and improve the golf course and facilities, strengthen financial and administrative systems and, importantly, plan for the Club's future.

Management and Leadership

A major development during the year was the appointment of Geoff Artis as General Manager in January 2026. Geoff has worked closely with the Board, department managers and staff to strengthen operational systems, financial oversight, reporting, project delivery and planning.

The Board's six-month performance review confirmed positive progress in leadership, communication, member engagement and the management of major projects. I thank Geoff and the management team for the professionalism, energy and commitment they have brought to the Club.

On a personal level, it has been a pleasure to work closely with Geoff. We have developed a close and trusting working relationship, with open discussions and a willingness to challenge each other's thinking helping shape important decisions for the Club. I look forward to continuing that relationship as we progress the opportunities ahead.

There were also changes within the Board during the year. Following the resignation of Kane Hancock, Andrew Smart became Vice President and Greg Don was appointed Junior Vice President. I thank all directors for the time and commitment they continue to give to Yamba Golf & Country Club.

Our Members

Our members remain at the centre of everything we do. During the year the Board and management continued to focus on membership administration, member services, communications and the systems supporting member benefits.

Membership recruitment and retention remain important priorities. The Club continued to welcome new golfing, country, junior, intermediate and social members, with 24 new membership applications received during June alone.

Our digital member app has also progressed during the year, with planned functionality including member identification, discounts, loyalty information, golf and courtesy-bus bookings, and access to promotions and rewards. I sincerely thank Andrew Smart for the considerable time and effort he has personally invested in developing the distinctive YGCC app at no cost to the Club. His initiative and expertise are greatly appreciated.

The Board and management will continue to improve the member journey, welcome new members and encourage existing members to remain actively involved in Club life.

Golf Course and Greens

The golf course remains one of the Club's greatest assets. I acknowledge the outstanding work of Mark Ryan, the greenkeeping team and the many members who have volunteered their time to improve the course.

Difficult weather conditions during the year reinforced the importance of building a more resilient course, particularly through improved drainage and recovery after heavy rainfall. Drainage will remain a long-term course priority.

The redevelopment of the 4th green has been one of the major course projects of the year, including improvements to contours, bunkers, drainage, irrigation and surrounding areas, with new turf established and the surface progressively brought back into play.

Other improvements have included work to tees, bunkers and surrounds, resurfacing the 16th tee, significant tree planting and the development of a dedicated turf nursery. The Club has also invested in an excavator and bobcat to strengthen the Greenkeeping team's ability to undertake drainage, earthworks and other course improvements.

I particularly thank the members and volunteers who have assisted with turf laying, tree planting, cart-path works and other course projects. I acknowledge the Ladies Committee for its financial contribution to the tree-planting program and improved signage around the course. This practical support is a great example of the contribution our golfing groups make to the ongoing improvement of the Club.

I thank Greg Don, Kevin Lowe, Tony Moran, Andrew Kelly and Doug Luckie for their valuable contributions to course improvement projects, tree planting initiatives and concrete path works. Their contribution demonstrates the strong sense of ownership within our membership.

Golf Operations, Participation and Events

We welcomed Kane Hancock as Golf Operations and Membership Coordinator on 22 June. Kane will build on the work of Head Professional Jamie Corkill and Leigh Robertson, with a focus on golf operations, corporate and community golf days, membership growth and the experience provided to members and visitors.

The Club continued to support competitions, pennants, Opens, championships, Veterans' activities and other events. The Ray White Yamba Pro Am provided a major showcase for the Club and brought professionals, amateurs, members, visitors, sponsors and volunteers together.

The new fleet of 24 EZGO carts was delivered on 31 March 2026, and the new cart shed was completed, providing additional cart storage for members on the waiting list. I would like to thank Rob Jillett for the considerable time and effort he put into organising and delivering the new cart shed. Rob played an important role in coordinating the project and working through the construction requirements. His commitment to seeing the project through is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to our exceptional Pro Shop team for their ongoing work supporting members, visitors and the day-to-day golf operation. Their contribution to the Club's golf program and member experience is greatly appreciated.

The support of sponsors remains important to the success of our golf program, and I thank our sponsors, committees, volunteers and everyone involved in delivering the Club's golf activities.

A Special Achievement — Jamie Corkill

One of the outstanding individual achievements for Yamba Golf & Country Club during the year was the recognition of our Head Professional, Jamie Corkill, as the 2025 PGA National Club Professional of the Year.

This is one of Australian golf's highest professional honours, recognising leadership across golf operations and member services, game development, community involvement, promotion of golf and ongoing professional education.

Jamie has demonstrated his commitment to these areas throughout his time at Yamba. His dedication to our members, visiting golfers and juniors, together with his enthusiasm for growing and developing golf at Yamba, has been exceptional.

This national recognition is a significant personal achievement for Jamie and a wonderful achievement for Yamba Golf & Country Club. It places our Club and the work of our Golf Operations team firmly on the national golf stage. On behalf of the Board and our members, I congratulate Jamie and thank him for the passion, professionalism and commitment he brings to our Club.

Clubhouse, Facilities and Capital Works

A substantial amount of work has been undertaken to address ageing infrastructure and plan the next stage of the Club's development.

The Board approved the Stage 1 clubhouse redevelopment program, with the initial project cost established at approximately \$1.5 million. The program includes improvements to the main bar, green room and member facilities, together with essential roofing and bathroom upgrades.

A key priority has been the roof over the main bar, green room and locker-room areas. Design and planning have focused on replacing the existing roof sheets so that water leaks and damage are properly addressed before further internal improvements proceed.

The Pro Shop roof repair was completed at a cost of \$36,000. Emergency repairs to the kitchen roof were also identified and progressed where required.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our clubhouse staff for their patience, understanding and professionalism throughout the renovation works. Continuing to operate the Club and provide service to members and visitors while working around significant changes to the clubhouse has not always been easy. I greatly appreciate the flexibility, teamwork and positive attitude the team has shown as they have adapted to the changes and worked hard to keep the Club operating.

I also thank Greg Don for the considerable time and effort he has put into organising and overseeing the roof repairs to the Club. His commitment to coordinating the works and helping ensure these important repairs were progressed is greatly appreciated.

The Board has continued planning for future stages and concept development, while carefully considering funding, cash flow, member experience and the need to maintain normal Club operations while work is undertaken.

Financial Performance and Sustainability

Financial management has remained a major priority. The Club recorded a loss of \$39,171 for the year, compared with a profit of \$385,246 in 2025. The 2025 result included a one-off insurance recovery of \$542,317, which is important context when comparing the two years. The Board has maintained a disciplined approach to expenditure while progressing approved capital works.

The Board also committed to a \$2 million NAB funding facility to provide appropriate funding flexibility for the building upgrade and maintenance program.

The final audited financial statements for 2025/26 provide the definitive full-year financial result and should be read alongside this report.

Challenges and Lessons from 2025/26

The year has not been without its challenges. Wet weather affected golf participation, course availability, cart revenue and hospitality trading, while also highlighting the need for a longer-term drainage strategy.

Food and Beverage performance remains an area requiring continued attention, particularly around costs, waste, labour efficiency and overall restaurant performance.

At the same time, the Club has undertaken significant redevelopment and maintenance works while continuing normal operations. Managing those works, maintaining cash reserves and minimising disruption to members and visitors has required careful planning by management and the Board.

These challenges have helped clarify where further work is required and have reinforced the Board's focus on sound management, responsible investment and continuous improvement.

Looking Ahead

The year ahead will be an important one for Yamba Golf & Country Club. Our focus will be on completing the projects already underway, strengthening our financial and operational foundations, continuing to improve the member and visitor experience and positioning the Club for sustainable long-term growth.

Our new Strategic Plan is nearing completion and will provide a clear framework for the years ahead. The plan is built around six key pillars — Membership and Communication; Golf Course; Golf Operations; Clubhouse, Hospitality and Community; Finance and Organisation; and Governance. I thank Andrew Smart for his work in helping turn the original concept into a structured and practical document for the Club. I look forward to sharing the completed plan with members and, importantly, working together to deliver it.

On the course, drainage and the continued improvement of tees, bunkers, greens, turf supply and general course infrastructure will remain important areas of focus, alongside the turf nursery and tree-planting program.

The Board will continue to examine longer-term opportunities for the Club and its facilities. Strategic planning will assist the Board in assessing future clubhouse development, diversification opportunities and other initiatives while ensuring proposals are properly considered before commitments are made.

The coming year will also include important governance work, including updating the Club's Constitution for consideration and approval by members.

Message to Members

As I come to the end of my third year as President of Yamba Golf & Country Club, I am proud of what we have achieved together during 2025/26.

It has been a year of significant activity and change. We have continued to invest in our course and facilities, strengthened our management and systems, progressed important projects and developed a clearer understanding of the areas where we need to improve.

Since 30 June 2026, the Club has continued to make progress, with the clubhouse renovation nearing completion, major roof repairs completed, the Ray White Yamba Pro Am successfully delivered, and further course, drainage, tree-planting and turf-nursery work continuing.

I sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to the Club during the year. The progress we have made has been the result of the combined efforts of our Board, management, staff, committees, volunteers, sponsors, community partners and, most importantly, our members.

I would also like to acknowledge our Pro Shop, hospitality, administration and support staff, together with everyone who works behind the scenes to provide the services our members and visitors expect each day.

To our members, thank you for your continued support, feedback, questions and participation. Most importantly, our members are at the heart of everything we do. Every round played, competition entered, meal shared, volunteer contribution and conversation about the Club's future helps shape the organisation we are building together. While we will not always agree on every issue, I believe we share a common desire to see Yamba Golf & Country Club remain a successful, welcoming and sustainable Club for generations to come.

I also thank my family for their continued support and understanding. The role of President requires a considerable commitment of time, and that support makes the commitment possible.

There is still much to do, but I am excited about the opportunities ahead and proud to have had the opportunity to serve as your President. Thank you for your continued support and for the confidence you have placed in the Board and management.

I look forward to seeing you around the Clubhouse, on the course and at the many activities that make Yamba Golf & Country Club such an important part of our community.

Wayne Rice

President

Yamba Golf & Country Club Ltd

General Manager's Annual Report 2025/26

It is a privilege to present my first General Manager's Report for Yamba Golf & Country Club.

I thank the Board for its confidence and the opportunity to lead the Club. I have enjoyed getting to know our members, guests, staff and the wider Yamba community.

My focus this year has been to make the Club a place where members and guests enjoy spending time, and where staff are proud to work. That means improving the member experience, strengthening communication, building a positive culture and managing the Club responsibly. This has included investing in the Club's facilities, golf course and equipment while continuing to improve the way the Club operates.

We made progress during 2025/26. Membership and revenue grew, significant investment was made in the clubhouse, course and equipment, and underlying trading improved. However, there is more work ahead particularly in food profitability, cost control, cash management and completing the projects now underway.

Key Results at a Glance

Area	Measure	2025/26	2024/25	Movement
Membership	Total members	3,063	2,787	+276 (+9.9%)
Membership	Golfing members	704	580	+124 (+21.4%)
Finance	Revenue	\$7,258,714	\$6,426,921	+12.9%
Finance	EBITDA excluding other income	\$718,282	\$477,081	+50.6%
Finance	Net profit / (loss)	(\$39,171)	\$385,246	—
Finance	Cash at 30 June	\$1,409,308	\$2,179,616	-35.3%
Finance	Capital expenditure	\$1,409,863	\$954,769	+47.7%
Golf	Golf and membership revenue	\$1,831,862	\$1,574,574	+16.3%
Hospitality	Bar sales	\$2,035,046	\$1,775,170	+14.6%
Hospitality	Food (catering) sales	\$1,099,499	\$1,089,531	+0.9%
Gaming	Poker machine revenue	\$1,637,296	\$1,534,430	+6.7%
People	Employee costs as a percentage of revenue	39.0%	42.7%	-3.7 points
Governance	Board meetings held	12	12	—

Financial Performance

Revenue increased by \$831,793, or 12.9%, to \$7.26 million. Growth came from bar sales, golf operations, gaming, hire charges and supplier rebates and incentives.

The Club recorded a net loss of \$39,171, compared with a \$385,246 profit in 2024/25. The previous year's result included significant one-off income, principally a \$542,317 insurance recovery and a \$49,750 profit on the sale of assets.

Underlying trading improved. Excluding other income, EBITDA increased from \$477,081 to \$718,282, an improvement of \$241,201. Underlying EBITDA was 9.9% of revenue, compared with 7.4% the previous year.

Employee costs increased by only 3.2%, well below revenue growth. However, food profitability, occupancy costs and other operating expenses require further attention in 2026/27.

Financial Performance	2025/26	2024/25	Change
Revenue	\$7,258,714	\$6,426,921	+12.9%
Other income	\$5,127	\$592,067	—
Total expenses	\$7,349,005	\$6,670,120	+10.2%
EBITDA	\$723,409	\$1,069,148	-32.3%
EBITDA excluding other income	\$718,282	\$477,081	+50.6%
Finance income	\$45,993	\$36,378	+26.4%
Depreciation and amortisation	\$796,251	\$708,630	+12.4%
Net profit / (loss)	(\$39,171)	\$385,246	—
Cash at 30 June	\$1,409,308	\$2,179,616	-35.3%
Borrowings	\$564,556	\$120,562	—
Net assets	\$6,341,822	\$6,380,993	-0.6%

Capital Investment and Cash

The Club invested \$1.41 million in capital works and equipment during the year. This was the main reason cash reduced by \$770,308 to \$1.41 million at 30 June.

The investment included:

- \$650,780 on the Stage 1 clubhouse redevelopment
- \$341,346 on 24 new lithium golf carts
- \$247,766 on course machinery and equipment

- \$113,535 on course improvements
- \$56,436 on other plant, equipment and minor items

Stage 1 has been funded from the Club's cash reserves. Equipment finance of \$572,650 was used for the new cart fleet and course machinery, not for the clubhouse redevelopment.

At 30 June, the Club had positive working capital of \$445,669. The Board has also arranged a \$2 million NAB facility for redevelopment works. It will only be drawn if required.

The priority for 2026/27 is to complete approved works while maintaining disciplined control of cash flow, borrowing and capital expenditure.

Year in Review

The main milestones during the year were:

- Commencement of the Stage 1 clubhouse redevelopment.
- Replacement of the golf cart fleet with 24 new lithium carts.
- Investment in new course machinery, including mowers, a turf sprayer and Kubota equipment.
- Further course improvements and maintenance works.
- Improved accounting processes, Board reporting and cost visibility.
- Introduction of a new till system.
- Membership growth of 276 members.
- Board changes during the year, with Greg LaForest and Rob Clarkson stepping down in October 2025; Jane Anderson and Fay Gimenez joining in November 2025; and Kane Hancock stepping down in May 2026.

Membership

Membership increased by 276 members, or 9.9%, to 3,063 at 30 June 2026.

Class	30 June 2026	30 June 2025	Movement
Ordinary golfing	704	580	+124
Social	2,290	2,158	+132

Class	30 June 2026	30 June 2025	Movement
Junior	62	42	+20
Life	7	7	—
Total	3,063	2,787	+276

Golfing membership grew by 21.4%, while junior membership increased from 42 to 62. This growth is encouraging and reinforces the importance of continuing to invest in the course, golf operations and member experience.

Member Experience and Communications

Spending on member amenities and entertainment increased to \$98,619, including member food and beverage discounts, loyalty points and renewal vouchers. The Club also continued to invest in member events, communications, facilities and golf services throughout the year.

Communication with members also improved. More than 129,000 emails were sent during the year, with an average open rate of 62.6%. Regular email, digital and social-media updates have helped members stay informed about Club works, events and how member funds are being invested.

Golf Operations

Golf-related revenue increased by 16.3% to \$1.83 million.

Golf Income	2025/26	2024/25	Movement
Sporting income	\$1,138,396	\$991,703	+14.8%
Hire charges	\$313,023	\$225,485	+38.8%
Member subscriptions	\$380,443	\$357,386	+6.5%
Total	\$1,831,862	\$1,574,574	+16.3%

Hire income increased strongly, assisted by the new cart fleet and increased cart usage.

Wet weather affected golf trading, particularly in May, when revenue fell from April. Despite this, May golf revenue remained above the same month in 2025. The experience reinforced the need for a longer-term drainage and wet-weather strategy, with future investment assessed against course condition, benefits and affordability.

Course and Grounds

Investment in the course totalled \$361,301, comprising:

- \$247,766 in machinery and equipment
- \$113,535 in course improvements

This investment will support course presentation, maintenance efficiency and the playing experience for members and visitors. The new machinery and course improvements are intended to support more consistent course presentation and reduce the impact of ongoing maintenance requirements.

The Club will continue to prioritise course condition and develop a practical, staged approach to drainage and wet-weather resilience.

Clubhouse, Hospitality and Events

Hospitality	2025/26	2024/25	Movement
Bar sales	\$2,035,046	\$1,775,170	+14.6%
Food sales	\$1,099,499	\$1,089,531	+0.9%
Events and functions	\$43,176	\$46,908	-8.0%

Bar sales increased by \$259,876 and were the largest contributor to revenue growth across the Club.

Food sales were broadly flat, while food and labour costs remain too high. During 2026/27, management will review menu design, pricing, purchasing, rostering, stock control and waste. The objective is to improve food quality, value and consistency for members while ensuring the Kitchen operates sustainably.

Major events including the Monday Masters, Vets Open Day, Easter activities and ANZAC Day supported member engagement and trading. ANZAC Day was particularly successful, with strong patronage and extended trading.

The Stage 1 redevelopment will improve clubhouse facilities for members and guests once completed.

Gaming Operations

Poker machine revenue increased by \$102,866, or 6.7%, to \$1,637,296. Gaming machine tax increased to \$226,451, reflecting the higher level of gaming revenue.

Gaming continued to provide a relatively consistent income stream during periods when wet weather affected golf and hospitality trading.

During 2026/27, management will review gaming-floor layout, machine performance, compliance, responsible gambling obligations, room presentation and future machine replacement requirements.

People and Culture

The Club's people remain central to the member experience.

During the year, we continued to build a culture in which staff understand expectations, receive support in their roles and take pride in their work. Staff, contractors and suppliers all contribute to the experience members and guests receive every day.

Creating a positive, accountable and well-supported workplace will remain a priority in the coming year.

Governance, Risk and Compliance

- The Board met 12 times during the year.
- Allen Audit & Advisory was appointed as the Club's external auditor.
- There were no defaults or breaches on Club loans.
- No fines were issued by NSW Police or Liquor & Gaming NSW during the financial year.
- The ClubGRANTS annual gaming tax assessment was completed successfully.
- Related-party transactions were disclosed in the financial statements and were on normal commercial terms.
- Directors reported no contingencies or significant events after 30 June.

Technology and Systems

A new till system was introduced during the year, alongside improvements to accounting processes and reporting.

The focus now is to better connect the Club's POS, golf, membership, payroll and financial systems. Improved integration will provide management and the Board with more reliable and timely information to manage costs, staffing, trading and investment decisions.

Community Support

Through ClubGRANTS, sponsorships, donations and fundraising, the Club continued to support organisations across the Clarence Valley.

Recipients included Yamba Surf Life Saving Club, Lower Clarence Magpies, Yamba Cricket, Lower Clarence Netball, Yamba Orcas, Yamba RSL Sub Branch, St James Primary School, McAuley Catholic College and Grevillea Waters Cancer.

The Club is proud to support local sport, education, health and community organisations.

Priorities for 2026/27

Our priorities for the coming year are:

1. Complete Stage 1 of the clubhouse redevelopment and deliver the improved facilities for members and guests while controlling cost, quality, cash flow and disruption.
2. Continue planning for Stage 2 and future development opportunities.
3. Improve food and beverage profitability through better pricing, purchasing, rostering, stock control and waste management.
4. Continue investment in course condition and develop a longer-term drainage and wet-weather plan to improve course availability and playing conditions.
5. Review and remodel the gaming floor, including machine performance, layout, compliance and renewal planning.
6. Maintain cost discipline, particularly in occupancy and other operating expenses.
7. Protect the Club's financial position through careful cash management, controlled capital spending and improved departmental profitability.
8. Improve integration of POS, golf, membership, payroll and financial systems.
9. Build on membership growth across golfing, junior and social categories.
10. Continue work on Crown land tenure and future development opportunities.

Every major project will continue to be assessed against the Club's financial capacity and Board-approved strategy.

Acknowledgements

Thank you to President Wayne Rice, Vice President Andrew Smart and the Board for their support throughout the year.

I welcome Jane Anderson and Fay Gimenez to the Board and thank Kane Hancock, Greg LaForest and Rob Clarkson for their contributions.

Thank you to our staff, contractors, suppliers, greens team, Head Professional Jamie and the Pro Shop team. I also thank our Ladies, Vets and Match Committees, volunteers, sponsors and local businesses for their continued support.

Most importantly, thank you to our members, guests and their families. Your support enables the Club to continue investing in better facilities, services and experiences.

I am proud of the progress made during my first year as General Manager. There is still much to do, but the Club is moving forward with a clear focus on completing current projects, improving operational performance and managing finances responsibly. The progress made during 2025/26 provides a strong foundation for the year ahead, and our focus will remain on delivering improvements that members can see and experience while maintaining the long-term financial strength of the Club.

Geoff Artis

General Manager

Dear Fellow Members and Committee Members

It is my pleasure to present the President's Report for the 2025/2026 golfing season. This report carries a deeply personal significance, as it marks the conclusion of my six-year tenure as Ladies President. Reflecting on this time, I am filled with immense pride for all that has been accomplished as a community, both on and off the course. During this time, committees have navigated changing times, welcomed an influx of wonderful new members, and worked continuously to ensure that women's golf remains inclusive, vibrant, and competitive.

From a golfing perspective, 2026 has been another stellar chapter. This year has been incredibly challenging because of inclement weather, and our Ladies Captain, Sharon Phillips, has worked efficiently in her first year in the role to ensure our calendar was impacted as little as possible. I would also like to extend a warm congratulations to all of our trophy winners and honour board event champions throughout the year.

Our flagship event - the Mitre 10 Yamba Ladies 3-Day Tournament - is widely regarded as one of the premier women's tournaments in regional NSW. Over my six years in office, watching this event grow to include prizes, raffles and giveaways totalling almost \$12 000, has been a personal highlight. The glowing feedback we receive each year regarding our Yamba hospitality, our fabulous course, and the incredible prize pool is a testament to what our committee can achieve when we pull together. I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Matt White from Mitre 10 Yamba, whose support of women's golf makes an immense difference to our club.

Yamba Ladies Golf is incredibly fortunate to be supported by a wonderful network of local businesses. These contributions elevate our club culture and make competition days so rewarding. Yamba Ladies Golf conducts regular fundraising efforts through weekly raffles and generous donations. Almost \$3000 has been raised for charities and organisations including: Tee Off for Cancer; Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation; Maclean Hospital and Walter & Eliza Hall Charity. We are also incredibly proud to have pledged \$20 000 to the club for course signage and have already paid \$5 000 for tree planting and course beautification.

I also extend a heartfelt thanks to Jamie Corkill, his Pro Shop staff and to all who manage, work and volunteer in various roles at Yamba Golf & Country Club. A beautiful and functional course requires a massive effort, and I want to extend a special thank you to our Greens Staff. We are also fortunate to have a large number of women who volunteer regularly to help beautify our course and assist with our various club events and functions. Alongside our dedicated female volunteers, there is a committed team of men who work tirelessly behind the scenes on tree planting, course beautification, vital drainage works, paths etc. It is this shared dedication from everyone involved that keeps our course looking and playing beautifully.

An efficient golfing calendar requires immense work behind the scenes, and I have been blessed with the committees I have worked alongside. To our current Ladies Committee as well as all past Captains, Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and general committee members over the last six years, thank you for your tireless work, sound management and unwavering support.

Most importantly, thank you to all the lady members of Yamba Golf. Your friendship, encouragement, and shared love for the game have sustained me in my role as Ladies President. I must acknowledge that this year has been particularly difficult and there have been periods this year when family commitments required me to step away to support my elderly parents, and I am grateful to the committee and members for your support.

As I step down, I take great comfort in knowing that the Yamba Ladies Golf Committee is in an exceptionally strong position. I wish the incoming President and the new committee the very best for the upcoming season and all that lies ahead. Our game is evolving, and it is a perfect time to reflect on what makes our club so special. While I am retiring from the chair, my heart remains with this club. I look forward to supporting the club's future directions and, most importantly, sharing many more laughs and rounds of golf on the course.

Leigh Robertson

Outgoing President

Yamba Ladies Golf Committee

Yamba Golf & Country Club

End of Financial Year Report

Golf Operations Report

As we reflect on the past financial year at Yamba Golf & Country Club, it has been a period marked by both significant natural challenges and inspiring community achievements. Despite persistent weather disruptions, our club remains resilient, driven by strong participation across all areas of golf, totalling **46,893** rounds of golf played over the year

Weather Challenges & Course Management

This year, our main obstacle was an exceptionally wet winter. Prolonged rainfall and persistent wet conditions frequently impacted course playability and forced periodic course closures.

A big thank you to our hard-working volunteers for all their work on the drains and paths around the course—your efforts have made a massive difference to course accessibility and recovery during wet periods.

To address ongoing weather challenges, active discussions are currently underway with both Golf NSW and the Clarence Valley Council regarding long-term drainage solutions for the course. Improving our infrastructure is a key priority to ensure faster recovery times following heavy rain events.

On-Course Success & Major Achievements

Congratulations to all of our major trophy winners this season on their outstanding golf and well-deserved success.

A special mention and congratulations also go to our successful Men's and Ladies' Pennants teams—thank you for representing Yamba Golf & Country Club with pride, passion, and competitive spirit throughout the season.

Junior Golf & Player Development

Our junior golf development continues to grow. High levels of junior participation throughout the year have fostered fantastic engagement and growth.

A special congratulations goes to River Trotman, who capped off a magnificent season by winning the prestigious Barry Bartley Shield. River's achievement highlights the talent emerging from our junior ranks and reflects the bright future of golf at Yamba.

Community Engagement & Membership Growth

Innovation in our social and playing programs has delivered exceptional results this year:

- **G & T Golf Days:** A tremendous thank you to Emma for introducing and running the popular "G & T" days. These events have brought wonderful energy to the club and successfully introduced new players and members to our community.
- **Lady Members & Pro Shop:** Our heartfelt thanks go to our lady members, whose ongoing support and welcoming spirit made these events such a success. Thank you also to Jamie and the Pro Shop team for their assistance in delivering these events, playing an essential role in driving membership growth.

Also, a big congratulations also to Jamie and Leigh form being nominated for awards at the Qld PGA awards night.

Sponsor Acknowledgements

We extend our deepest gratitude to our sponsors, whose support makes our club's ongoing operations and developments possible.

We sincerely appreciate the continued support of our major sponsors, **Ray White Yamba** and **Mitre 10 Yamba**.

Our sincere thanks also go to our continuing sponsors, **Yamba Pumps & Irrigation** and **Preferred Energy**, as well as our new sponsors joining the club this year: **The Gym Yamba**, **McDonald's**, **Elite Brands**, **Yamba Physio Centre**, **Surfside Carts**, and **Yamba Mower Centre**.

Looking to the year ahead, we have exciting course improvement plans on the horizon, including redoing the 15th green along with upgrades to a number of tee boxes. Through targeted drainage improvements, facility upgrades, sound financial planning, and continued community-focused initiatives, we look forward to an even stronger year ahead.

Thank you to all members, volunteers, and staff for your dedication to our club.

Look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Golf Operations Manager

Kane Hancock

Annual Green Report 2026

It has been another busy year for the green staff at Yamba Golf Club. The weather this year has been quite fickle, offering excellent opportunities for both golfing and maintenance at times, followed by prolonged wet periods. The wetter conditions have negatively impacted our more shaded and cooler greens and tees, but these areas are now recovering and will soon return to top condition.

Our Volunteers continue to be invaluable, working tirelessly in the gardens, cart paths, and drainage systems. Their dedication greatly benefits the golf course, continuously improving its condition.

The 2025 Yamba Open weekend was a great success. Despite 8mm of rain during the competition, the event proceeded with minimal disruption. It featured a thrilling finish with twin brothers tied after 36 holes, requiring a playoff to determine the champion.

Following the Yamba Open, we commenced greens renovations. The process involved:

- Verti-cutting the greens at 4mm in two different directions.
 - Removing thatch with the greens mower fitted with renovation heads.
 - Coring the greens using hollow tynes (11cm long x 12mm diameter).
 - Breaking up the cores and applying a mix of river sand, gypsum, and organics as topdressing.
- Two additional sand applications completed this process.

The Christmas and New Year period saw excellent golfing weather, with players teeing off from 5:30 am to 5:30 pm, likely breaking records for the number of golfers. Understandably, the tees took a beating during this time. The Green staff worked tirelessly to maintain the course in excellent condition for all players.

I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the Green Staff for their outstanding efforts throughout what has been a busy and sometimes hazardous working environment.

On December 16th, our volunteer tree-planting day took place and exceeded expectations with more volunteers than anticipated. Over 100 trees were planted, supported by timely rainfall before and after the event.

Work on reconstructing the 4th green started on December 23rd. Invasive couch grass around the green perimeter was sprayed with herbicide and removed. The underlying sand was also removed and stockpiled for later use around the green surrounds. Clean local sand was brought in to fill the area, enriched with organics and gypsum mixed into the soil profile. Much of the green's construction and final levelling was completed by our hard-working volunteers, who did an excellent job establishing the surface.

The renovated 4th green was turfed with 400 square meters of 328 turf on March 17th. The hot weather (30 degrees) necessitated generous watering, followed by topdressing with organics and river sand. Helpful rainfall soon after gave the turf an excellent start. With the green now expanded to 700 square meters, irrigation has been fully renewed with an additional line installed behind the green to serve the grassy swales and tree plantings.

The 4th green officially opened for ladies' competition on August 12th. It was also used for the Pro-Am and has been permanently open since. Though the project took longer than anticipated, the result is very good, and I am pleased with the outcome.

Looking ahead, we are contemplating rebuilding the 15th green. This will be a completely different task to the 4th green as the build will be completely new. Costings will need to be budgeted, and a golf course Architect consulted for the design work.

The men's 16th tee has been enlarged, largely through the efforts of our volunteer community. This work aligns well with the warmer weather, and the tee is responding positively.

Kevin and Doug have been instrumental in improving course drainage, which has significantly accelerated the removal of excess water, improving playing conditions.

Finally, it is gratifying that the most recent Pro-Am held at Yamba Golf Club has seen our club reach the finals for the Best Regional Pro-Am Tournament of the Year. Whatever the award outcome, Yamba Golf and Country Club remains an outstanding place. Congratulations to everyone who has contributed to achieving the excellent position and condition of our club.

Mark Ryan

Superintendent -YGCC