



Member Information Pack



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INTRODUCTION

Located on a main gateway to the famous northern beaches of the Sunshine Coast in the historic hinterland town of *Cooroy* we aim to provide a memorable *Noosa hinterland* golfing and social experience.

Given our location in a popular tourist and holiday area we take a friendly, relaxed approach to providing a distinctive, challenging and enjoyable experience for golfers of all levels.

Whether you are a long time golf tragic or just starting out in golf, we can accommodate you.

Come join us, play some golf, and experience the true hospitality and ambience of the *Noosa hinterland*.

I look forward to catching up soon in the clubhouse or on the course.

Wayne Patston
Club Manager

HISTORY OF COOROY GOLF CLUB

Founded in 1934 *Cooroy Golf Club* has a long tradition of providing locals, visitors, and tourists with the opportunity to play golf at an affordable cost in a friendly environment. That tradition continues today.

The history and traditions of the club make interesting reading and is available on our website.

MANAGEMENT and GOVERNANCE of *THE CLUB*

The club is managed by Club Manager, *Wayne Patston*, and a management committee comprising the following. The governance structure adopted by the club is provided at the end of this pack.

President: *Greg Michael*

Vice President: *Peter Piggott*

Secretary: *Andrew Dick*

Finance Director: *Geoff Edwards*

Men's Captain: *Cyril Trist*

Women's Captain: *Terri Cairns*

Green's Director: *Dave Lyons*

House Director: *Leith Barr*

Sub committees or working groups provide support for management of the club. Participating in these working groups as a volunteer provides an opportunity for members to help oversee activities in which they may have a special interest or expertise and to influence how things run. It can be very rewarding. You can find more information about these sub committees on the website under *Governance* in the *About Us* section.

Copies of our *Constitution* and *By-Laws* are available on the website under the *About Us* section or by request to Club Manager, *Wayne Patston*.

Our Veteran Golfers (*male 55 years of age and over*) operate under their own *Constitution* and independent management committee. If you are interested in playing with the Vets, speak to Captain, *Grant Smallacombe* or Secretary/Treasurer, *Rod Booth* for more information.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

There are many benefits depending on your level of membership. Here are some examples.

- Full access to golf course, clubhouse and amenities.
- Participate in Club competitions and trophy events
- Member Account – *typically we credit competition prizes to a members' club account.*
- Member prices – discounts may apply.
- Entitled to vote at General Meetings.
- Eligible to hold office or be elected to committee.
- Access to cart storage shed (*there is currently a waiting list*).

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- Access to hire carts with GPS.
- Play golf at nominated reciprocal clubs at a reduced cost.
- Introduce visitors or guests to Club.
- Create great friendships with people who enjoy the game of golf.

If you are new to golf or just want to improve your game we offer mentoring and coaching services. And if you are a social player looking to ease your way into competition golf we can accommodate you.

COMMUNICATION

The Club website is an important part of our communication strategy as it is an efficient and effective way of providing a wealth of useful information, interesting articles, our competition program, golf results, photos and course updates.

If you haven't already done so visit the website at <http://cooroygolf.com.au/> and also our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com>

Through our regular newsletter, *NEWS UPDATE*, other email communications, and *Posts* to the website we keep members up to date with news and what's happening around the club.

You can subscribe to our newsletters through the website. New members with an email address are automatically subscribed to *NEWS UPDATE*.

We also *post* information on various *Noticeboards* located in the club house.

COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS

We offer an eclectic program of competitions and events providing opportunities for golfers of all levels of ability to enjoy a variety of both competitive and social golf.

An *online Event Calendar*, available on the website, is the principal source of reference for competition and event information. We do not issue a printed program book.

You must have a GA handicap to play in competitions. If you don't have a GA handicap we can organise one for you.

Outside competition times the course is available for social play. A **member green fee of \$3.00** applies for social golf.

It comes as no surprise that golf is following the pattern of other sports where short forms of the game have emerged because participants do not have the time for the traditional long form. We offer the flexibility of playing both **18-hole format** and short form **9-hole format**

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competitions.

Our main weekly competitions are:

Tuesday morning: Women's Tuesday Club, *a popular 9- Hole Competition*

Wednesday morning: Veteran Golfers 18-Hole (*Men only - age 55 years and over*)

Thursday morning: Women 18-Hole, includes a *9-Hole Competition* in Summer

Saturday: Men and Women 18-Hole

A 9-Hole format competition, open to men and women, is played every **Friday**. No booking or nomination is necessary, just turn up any time.

Organising and running a competition involves quite a lot of effort behind the scenes, so if you nominate to play but are unable to make your tee time or are not able to play, please ensure you notify the club as quickly as practical so that we can reorganise the field. Players are encouraged to register at least 30 minutes before your tee time.

Typically competitions run under the direction of a *Starter* who acts like a *Concierge of Golf* providing the gateway to an enjoyable day of golf for members and visitors. The *Starter's* primary role is to register players and manage an orderly start to competition for each playing group. The *Starter* has authority to move players between groups and adjust tee times.

Nomination Sheets for competitions are usually available in the clubhouse a week or more in advance of the competition. They can be found to the left directly inside the front entrance to the club house.

If you are looking for some hardcore competition we field ***Pennant*** teams for both men and women.

As a member club of the *Sunshine Coast Zone* which is part of the broader *Sunshine Coast and South Burnett District Golf Association* there are opportunities to participate in zone and district events.

DRESS CODE AND BEHAVIOUR

Given our location in a popular tourist and holiday area we take a reasonably relaxed approach to dress but enforce minimum standards:

- Appearance must be neat, tidy and clean.
- You must wear enclosed footwear on the course. Thongs, sandals or open footwear are not acceptable.
- We do not tolerate obscene behaviour, or offensive language or clothing.

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ETIQUETTE

Golf is played for the most part without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the *Rules of Golf*.

We expect all players to conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

All golfers enjoy a round of golf that flows and does not involve constant waiting. The simple rule is that *all players* exercise common sense, take responsibility for the speed of play of their group and maintain a general awareness of what is going on around them.

CARE OF COURSE

Our course is maintained by our Greens Staff led by *Todd McNamee*, Greens Superintendant. If you run across members of the team on the course, say *hello* but please respect their busy schedule and don't make unfair demands on their time.

Suggestions for course upkeep are welcome, but please direct them to our Greens Director, *Dave Lyons* rather than to green keepers to avoid distracting them from their work.

Players have a very important part to play in caring for our course:

- Replace divots.
- Repair pitch marks.
- Rake bunkers.
- Respect traffic management directions and exclusion zones.
- Avoid driving through wet areas in motorised carts.
- Dispose of litter responsibly.
- Respect and take care of the environment *and last but by no means least,*
- **Leave the course as you would like to find it.**

You can check the status of the course and motorised carts on-line by viewing the *course status bar* at the top of our website.

OTHER INFORMATION

Complaints: Complaints should be made in writing to the Club Secretary.

Club House Hours: 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, seven days a week.

Member Accounts: We may credit competition prizes to your *Member Account* with the club. You can use these credits to purchase goods and services from the club but not pay subscription

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fees. **Members are encouraged to spend accumulated credits as soon as practical.** Credits don't earn interest sitting in a member account and by spending you make a positive contribution to the financial success of *The Club*.

At any time you can request the bar to provide a list of transactions for your member club account or just the balance.

Sponsorship: We have two sponsorship programs. The first involves external sponsors and is very important to our financial success. We encourage members to support businesses that support us.

The second, just as important, is our *Member Prize Donor Program* under which members sponsor competitions individually or get together with other members to sponsor a competition or competitions. Members select the type of competition they want to sponsor. The donation can be cash or 'in kind', for example golf balls or golf equipment. The *Member Prize Donor Program* is managed by the respective Men's Captain and Women's Captain.

Golf Lessons: If you want to improve your game or are looking for guidance on the basics have a word to our PGA Professional, *Cyril Trist* about golf lessons and mentoring.

Practice Facilities: We have a practice putting green adjacent to the clubhouse.

Basic practice facilities (nets, practice bunker and chipping green) have been constructed adjacent to the water culvert between the 17th and 18th fairways and are available for use but are still in the very early stages of development. A practice fairway is located on the out of bounds side of the 14th fairway as you head down the slope towards the large pond but is limited in length so use of short irons is recommended.

GOLF ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT

You can purchase *Cooroy Golf Club* golf shirts and other accessories and equipment from the bar at a reasonable cost. Member account credits can be used to make these purchases.

As we don't have a fully stocked pro retail shop we offer a limited range of men's and ladies clothing, fitting systems and accessories. If we don't have a particular item in stock, speak to *Wayne* as he may be able to source the product for you at a reasonable cost.

Wayne can also re-grip and repair your clubs.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers are quite simply the backbone of many clubs, particularly *not for profit* clubs like ours.

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One of the great traditions of *Cooroy Golf Club* is the tradition of getting the job done by voluntary effort. If you are interested in volunteering speak to Club Manager, *Wayne*.

Research shows people who volunteer are happier, healthier and sleep better than people who don't volunteer suggesting doctors should recommend it! Just a few hours volunteering makes a difference in happiness and mood.

INSURANCE

Cooroy Golf Club Inc. is an incorporated association and holds Public Liability Insurance cover for \$20m.

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The diagram below illustrates the governance structure adopted by Cooroy Golf Club Inc.

