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NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 47th Annual General Meeting of the Yamba Golf & Country Club Ltd will be held at the clubhouse, River St Yamba, at 9am on Sunday, 29th of October 2017.

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. To confirm the minutes of the 46th Annual General Meeting held on 15th May 2016.
3. To receive the President's, General Manager's, Match, Greens, financial statements of the Directors and Auditors report for the year ended 30th June 2017.
4. Correspondence received.
5. To receive the results of the election of The Board of Directors.
6. Determine three groups by drawing lots to establish Triennial Rule.
7. To elect the President for the ensuing year.
8. To elect the captain for the ensuing year.
9. To elect Patrons for the ensuing year.
10. To consider the Ordinary Resolutions to be moved by The Board of Management.
11. To Consider the Special Resolutions to be moved by the Board & Management (if any).
12. To consider Special Resolution on Life Membership to be recommended by the Board of Management (if any).
13. To confirm the continuation of the current auditor Crowe Horwath for the 2017/18 financial year.
14. To determine the membership subscriptions for the 2018/19 year.
15. To receive recommendations from members for consideration by the incoming Board of Directors.

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A big congratulations to Darrie Nightingale who not only is our Ladies Club Champion plus a hole in one recipient but also won the 65 to 74 Division at the World Masters Games in New Zealand earlier this year representing Papua New Guinea.

A big thanks to our Superintendent Mark and his team for preparing the course to its pristine condition all year round, thanks also to John and Tash Wright in the Pro Shop for helping with everything golf.

Thanks also to David Miles and Graham Niland for helping make all things golf easier and all their effort behind the desk to make your game more enjoyable.

Thanks to Luke and the Board for guiding the club through this tough time while clubs around us continue to fold, yet we keep going from strength to strength. Thanks also to President Lyn Rowland & Captain Jenny MacQueen for running the ladies committee so smoothly, without volunteers like yourselves things just wouldn't happen.

Also a huge thanks to our administration staff who are awesome at what they do with Jo and her meticulous work ethic making us all look good and fixing my mistakes, and Jamie and Khara for helping with all things behind the scenes. Thanks also to Pete Sharp who does more work around the club than anyone I know.

To Cate and Scott behind the bar and Greg Syle and his team in the kitchen thanks for looking after the golfers so well. Nothing seems to be a problem when your help is needed.

Thanks to Greg Starr and his team for looking after the Veterans and also to Harold Roberts and his committee for the Seniors, without people giving up their time like you do so much of seniors and Veterans golf wouldn't be as successful as it is today.

Last but far from least a huge thanks to the golfing members of the Yamba Golf and Country Club. Any time that I approach you guys and say I need 20 players to go some where or to play pennants I can always count on our members to represent our fine club to play the game like it is meant to be played.

Thanks once again to everyone and for allowing me represent you as the Golf Co-ordinator - a job that I am proud to do.

Enjoy your golf.

CHRIS DURRINGTON
OPERATIONS MANAGER & GOLF CO-ORDINATOR

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MATCH REPORT

Well another year has come and gone and for the first time in the history of Yamba Golf Club we were unable to elect a Captain so this job has fallen on David Miles, Graham Niland and myself.

Once again it has proved to be a successful year for the Club with the annual Crowe Horwath Men's Pro –Am taking out the very prestigious prize of Qld Regional Tournament of the Year. This award is voted by PGA professionals takes in from Yamba to Port Douglas which is no mean feat. The award has resulted in a record number of Pros entering this year's Pro-Am with a few big names entered just to see how good our course really is.

This award is testament to Mark and his Green Staff and employees of the Yamba Golf and Country Club and proves just how professional our Club is.

This wouldn't be possible without the continued Sponsorship from Crowe Horwath who have been a staunch supporter of our club for many years and also to Noel Galvin and BWAC sponsoring the BWAC Ladies Pro-Am which always receives rave reviews from both international and national Pros praising our hospitality and beautiful Golf Course. Noel is always ready to support the club anytime we need him.

On the local golf side another hugely successful year with a record 5 pennant sides being entered into the NRDGA Pennant series and with 4 of them making the final and 2 bringing home pennants - you can't ask for much more than this.

This year also saw us re-contesting the Tooheys shield for the first time in 12 years and at the time of writing this, Yamba was in front after 3 of the 4 rounds over Maclean then Grafton and Iluka. The three rounds played so far are Grafton, Yamba & Maclean with the final at Iluka November the 26th.

A huge number of Hole In Ones are being recorded on various holes this year which either means the course is playing easier, we are getting better or we have more players - either way congratulations to those players.

Congratulations also to all those who have won major events in a our through the golfing year.

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ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act the members hereby approve that the members of the club's Board of Management shall be entitled to receive the following benefits and advantages:

- a) Reasonable food and beverage for each member of the Board of Management at meetings of the Board and meetings of Committees of the Board
- b) The reasonable cost and expense of, and incidental to, representing the club at functions held within the club and elsewhere, and undertaking such other duties as may be approved from time to time by the Board; and
- c) The reasonable cost and expense of, and incidental to, the professional development training and education of members of the Board, including (but not limited to):
 - i) Attending meetings of organisations and associations of which the club is a member, or of which members of the Board are members;
 - ii) Attending such conferences, seminars, lectures, trade displays, study tours, fact finding tours and other similar functions as the Board may from time to time determine to be appropriate.

2. The members hereby approve the Board of Directors to pay such premiums as may be necessary to insure Directors and Officers against liability arising from duties performed from time to time.

3. The members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (1) and in paragraph (2) above are not available to members generally, but only for those members who are Directors of the club.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP

1. That the members hereby consider the following nomination for the position of Life Member of the Yamba Golf & Country Club Ltd: If any.

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. To be passed, each Ordinary Resolution must receive votes in its favour from a majority of eligible members who vote in person at the meeting.
2. To be passed, the Special Resolution on Life Membership requires votes from not less than two thirds of eligible members who vote in person at the meeting
3. The Board of the Club recommends the Special Resolution on Life Membership to the members.
4. Proxy voting is prohibited by the Registered Clubs Act.
5. Under the Registered Clubs Act members who are employees of the club are not entitled to vote.
6. Admittance to the Annual General Meeting is STRICTLY by current membership card only.
7. Only Life Members and Full Playing Members are eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
8. Members attending the Annual General Meeting who wish to ask questions relevant to the Financial Statements are asked to do so in writing, addressed to the General Manager, and received no later than Monday the 23rd of October 2017.

NOTES TO MEMBERS:

Voting for Directors is held at the Club at the times and dates listed on the next page. Life, full golfing and social members (with the exception of staff members) are eligible to vote in Board elections.

Dated: 28/09/2017

By Direction of the Board

**LUKE STEPHENSON
GENERAL MANAGER**

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GREENS REPORT

The last twelve months have been a very busy time for the greens staff at Yamba Golf Club, working in difficult weather, from freezing cold to extremely hot and very wet conditions.

Keeping the course in the best condition possible is our primary aim and even though we have experienced Cyclone Debbie that crossed the coast north of Evans Head and an East Coast Low, we have again and again repaired the course to a fine standard. Here, I shall now thank the volunteers who helped clean up the course after these major storms. Also, the smaller group of volunteers who can be seen from week to week tidying the gardens and course in general, their efforts are invaluable and are greatly appreciated.

The irrigation system has been working at capacity to keep the course green during this very dry spring. Breakages continue to occur from time to time, with maintenance on the old irrigation system being very labour intensive. New watering restrictions have been implemented by council which has seen our water access reduced to 8pm to 4am daylight savings time with daytime watering on Fridays and Tuesdays until 10am. Having said this, we are very fortunate to have this water source even though it has a higher salt content than we have had in the past.

In July, we received a new Jacobsen greens mower as well as a new scarifying unit that can be mounted on our tractor. This now gives us the ability to carry out our own green renovations without paying a contractor to do the job; also the scarifying unit can be used on the tees and fairways.

During the year we have been spraying the Kikuyu in the fairways and even though this may seem disruptive to the playing surface I would ask for your patience in this matter as we need to address this problem. Likewise, with the water couch in the greens and surrounds, I am planning to start spraying this after the Yamba Open using Round Up Herbicide to kill the grass then dig out and replace with clean turf.

In March, this year the news that Yamba Golf Club had won the Queensland PGA Tournament of the Year was a great boost to our club and I would like to thank all the greens staff for their contributions to the course maintenance and presentation that helped Yamba Golf Club achieve this goal.

It is also worth noting that the greens staff are now growing local tree and shrub species from seed and many have already been planted on course.

**MARK RYAN
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT**

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Thankyou to John Smail, the 2016 President of the Yamba Veteran Golfers. Your support and assistance throughout 2016 during the change over of financial administration was invaluable. In 2016 the Vets contributed \$7,500 towards the cart path & beautification of the fourth tee, which has been a well received contribution. I look forward to working with Greg Starr and his committee in the future to continue to improve our golfing facilities and provide a spectacular course for our resident and visiting veteran golfers.

Thanks to President Tony Moran and the Board of Directors for their dedication and support throughout the last few years. The introduction of in house catering, replacement strategies, triennial rule and a change of financial year are significant changes for any business. Development of a clear documented strategic plan and master building works also added to the work load. Your understanding of your roles and dedication to your positions and your club is acknowledged positively from the staff and membership. Well done.

To our staff I sincerely thank each one of you. Our core staff year after year goes through an expansion from approx. 35 to 60 staff each year in the lead up to the Christmas holiday period and then back down to 35 for the quieter end of year. This provides its own challenges for management, however the staff manages this every year with extreme professionalism. The consistent introduction of new staff and the requirement of training add extra pressure on the team to deliver the high standards of customer service standards expected. Thank you.

To my management team of Chris, Khara, Jo, Cate, Scott, Brad, Greg & Mark I sincerely appreciate everything you do above and beyond your duties for this club and me personally. The responsibilities keep increasing on you all & time and time again you continue to exceed my expectations with outstanding results. I look forward to working with this team for many years to come as you are a significant asset for our club and continually improve the experience for members and guests.

Finally I would like to thank the members for their continued support throughout 2016-17. We all look forward to continuing our hard work in order to provide a Clubhouse and course that we can all be proud of, and moving our Club positively into the future.

LUKE STEPHENSON
GENERAL MANAGER

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Sat 21st October	11am - 12noon 3pm - 5pm
Sun 22nd October	12noon - 2pm
Mon 23rd October	4pm - 6pm
Tue 24th October	4pm - 6pm
Wed 25th October	1pm - 3pm
Thu 26th October	1pm - 3pm
Fri 27th October	1pm - 3pm 4pm - 6pm

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

This is the fifth annual report that I have written, and by far the hardest because of the loss the club has reported for the past 18 months. The Board and Management knew when we made the decision to move our financial year, that it would be hard to make ends meet during this time frame. With two low income periods and one high income period in those 18 months and 25 days of wet weather with no golf, it was always going to be a challenge.

Your Board and Management are very positive about the future of our club. This year to date is going very well in all departments. Bookings for events and weddings are above expectations and the deck is coming into it's own for the summer. I have to give Jo Court a big thanks for her hard work and enthusiasm in managing her department. Jo leaves no stone unturned in her organization of events on every level - thank you Jo. You cannot have these events without great food. Greg Syle and his staff have worked well above what is expected of them on many occasions from weddings to the everyday running of the restaurant. Greg and his family work very hard to make this club a great place to come and dine, thank you so much.

Golf - what we are all here for. A game played across acres of land and managed by Mark Ryan. What a job to have, you do not know what the day will bring when you have all those fairways, greens, and surrounds to look after whilst trying to please every golfer that plays the course. The grass alone can cause problems - some easy fixed, some not so easy to fix, but the course has been in great shape for a long period of time which is testament to Mark keeping on top of the constant challenges that he faces. Thanks to Mark and his staff for their hard work and dedication.

These three main parts of your Club I believe will be our strength and the financial future of the club.

I would also like to thank John and Tash in the Pro Shop, Cate and her staff, the administration staff, and Durro, Rowdy and David Miles - golf simply would not happen if not for these three people putting in each and every day for our club.

To my Board and Luke, who I work with every day - thank you very much.

Yes, we have a loss, but I believe that these hard working people will provide great results in the near future and I ask the membership to support them into our future.

TONY MORAN
PRESIDENT

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

It is again a pleasure to present the Annual Report for Yamba Golf and Country Club for the year ended 30th June 2017. The Club's overall financial result finished with a deficit of \$480,752. The final number presented to the members of YGCC has presented challenges not only for the Board and Management but also for the auditors. The extended period also provided the Board and Management the opportunity to clean up the balance sheet, which we took advantage of. The outcome will provide the best possible platform to move into this new era of financial year and also Triennial rule for YGCC.

Congratulations to everyone at YGCC past and present for putting our Club in the position to contest & win the Qld Regional Tournament for the Year Crowe Horwath Men's Pro Am. As we all know our hard work and dedication to the game of golf was acknowledged with this win. One of the Clubs strategic goals was to seek formal industry recognition. This award certainly ticks this box and showcases we are among the best for our golfing package. I would also like to highlight the Club & members contribution to the game of golf by hosting men's, ladies & trainee pro ams. I don't believe there would be too many (if any) regional or metropolitan clubs that could make that statement. This is obviously throughout a year filled with many other successful tournaments, events, fundraisers and social play.

Mark and his team have received a new greens mower and thatcher. The plan is to move away from contracted green renovation and let Mark manage the renovations at a more suitable time through out our annual golfing schedule.

Our President, Chris & Mark have acknowledged our committees and volunteers in their reports. I would like to do the same. There have been a few new recruits to the volunteer ranks this year. Without naming any individuals the contributions have been significant and range from individuals contributing daily, weekly or during 'shout outs'. The Cyclone Debbie clean up was an achievement in it self were 30 members teamed up to clear a substantial amount of fallen debris. The green staff could get back on the machinery and the course was back in play and open for business. Volunteers are always welcome to assist in any way.

Thank you must go to Lyn Rowland, Jenny Macqueen and the ladies committee. On behalf of the Club I thank you all. It has been a pleasure working with you and I wish you all the best for your annual ladies tournament next week.