



### July 2024 Report from the Committee

- Your Management Committee for 2024 – 2025:

<b>President</b>	Jill Drury
<b>Vice President</b>	Geoffrey Chessor
<b>Secretary</b>	Julie Bullivant
<b>Treasurer</b>	Pam Wiemers
<b>Association Croquet Captain</b>	Sue Moss
<b>Golf Croquet Captain</b>	Stewart Sinclair

- Other elected positions:

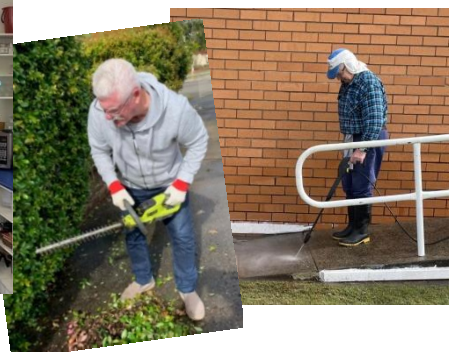
<b>AC Vice-Captain</b>	Eric Gadd
<b>GC Vice-Captain</b>	Tony Croft
<b>Public Officer</b>	Bridget Earle
<b>MNCCC delegates</b>	Bridget Earle (Secretary/Treasurer), Robyn Clarke
<b>Membership Officer</b>	Julie Bullivant

- Members who volunteered for other duties:

<b>Stores</b>	Dawn and Denis Lane
<b>Club Coaches</b>	Pam Wiemers (GC), Bridget Earle (GC,AC), John Hincks (AC)
<b>Club Referees</b>	<b>GC referee</b> Trevor Thornton (Examining Referee), Bridget Earle (Tutor Referee)
	<b>AC referee</b> Bridget Earle <b>Umpire</b> Sue Moss
	<b>Ricochet referee</b> Sue Moss, Bridget Earle
<b>Newsletters</b>	Bridget Earle
<b>Croquet Booking Administrator</b>	Tony Croft
<b>PMCC Facebook Administrators</b>	Tony Croft, Bridget Earle
<b>Website Administrator</b>	Tony Earle
<b>Working Group Coordinators</b>	<b>Grants</b> Jill Drury <b>SoFun</b> Donna Sinclair
	<b>Grounds</b> Eric Drury <b>Welfare</b> Judy Wallis
<b>Trophy Engraving and Sign Writing Organisers</b>	Club Captains

- Working Bee

A small number of people did a fantastic job at the Working Bee. The clubhouse and grounds are looking so good. Thanks to all involved.



- **Association Croquet Carnival – Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August**

Jill Drury and Robert Kemp will play in the carnival. Courts 1 and 2 will be used for the 5 days of the carnival.

Thank you for donations for raffle prizes. Raffle tickets will be available for members to buy from Sunday 21 July - \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Donations of slices and biscuits, sweet or savoury, would be appreciated – just take to the club. Thank you.

- **Reports from the Working Groups**

**SoFun Working Group**

**Coordinator Donna Sinclair**

30 members have signed up for lunch in the River Room at The Westport Club at 12noon next Thursday 25 July. Don't forget your \$5.

**Grounds and Gardening Working Group**

**Coordinator Eric Drury**

Thanks to a committed and keen team of volunteers, together with our Greenkeeper, Shorty, and Groundsman, Nathan, the lawns and surrounds are being maintained regularly.

The well attended Working Bee on Saturday, 6 July, added immensely to this work by, particularly, cleaning and tidying of the clubhouse, storage areas and pathways.

Added to these efforts, players will have noticed the freshly painted kickboards and some of the seating around the lawns, thanks particularly to Eric Gadd.

Focus is currently on preparing for the forthcoming Association Croquet Carnival during the week of 29 July to 2 August.

Eric Drury (On behalf of the G & G Working Group)

- **PMCC information Pamphlet**



Pam Wiemers has prepared an information pamphlet to hand out to visitors or people watching over the fence. It gives information about the club and a brief description about the 3 games that we play.

These pamphlets will be kept in holders in the clubhouse and the small shelter sheds on courts 2 and 3.

- **Club uniform** to be worn by members at all sessions – sporting clothes in any colour combination of royal blue, white and cream.

- **Competition Results**

**Golf Croquet Division 1 Championship**

In this level play competition, with handicaps ranging from 0 to 4, a round robin was played.

Tony Earle (4) won his 3 games 7 – 3, 7 – 1 and 7 – 5. Trevor Thornton (0), with 2 wins 7 – 5 and 7 – 3, was second. Well played, Tony.

Thank you Donna Sinclair and Maree Dawes for scoring and time-keeping.





### Association Croquet Open Championship

6 players, with handicaps ranging from 1 to 14, took part in a round robin. True to form, Sue Moss won her 5 games and is once again the Open Champion. Robert Kemp was the runner up with 4 wins.

Congratulations, Sue.



### MNCCC Association Croquet Inter Club Competition against Forster at Port Macquarie

In this handicap AC competition, with 4 Singles and 2 Doubles games the home team had an advantage on the heavier greens. Port Macquarie won 5 games to 1. It was a good day – some of our long serving members have enjoyed the friendly rivalry between the two clubs for over 20 years.

- **Competitions in July and August**

Monday 29 July to Friday 2 August - Port Macquarie AC carnival

Sunday 11 August - the completion of the MNCCC GC match v Gloucester at Taree

- **MNCCC District Championships**

These level play competitions take part in the second half of the year. The divisional winners, in all codes of play, usually play in these championships. In association croquet and ricochet there are individual players in each division and the competition may need to be played over 2 days. Golf croquet has teams, playing singles and doubles, in each division and the competition is completed in one day. The captains will announce the players and teams shortly.

**Association Croquet at Gloucester on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 September**

**Golf Croquet at Forster on Sunday 13 October**

**Ricochet at Port Macquarie on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October.**

- **Port Macquarie Croquet Club Facebook Page**

This page is going well and we have 26 followers already. Tony and I have made many posts, both on the club site and the Croquet NSW site. If you would like material posted on the PMCC website send it to: Tony Croft on SMS - 0401 558 585 or email to [tonycroft42@gmail.com](mailto:tonycroft42@gmail.com)

- **Come and Try**

Do you know someone who is interested in learning to play croquet? If so, contact Bridget Earle, on 0412 923 232, to arrange a free lesson. Please give Bridget the name, mobile number and email address.



- **New members**

We are a caring community. Please try to make all new members feel welcome and help to make them feel comfortable in the club.

- **Club Booking System - Top-up facility**

Don't forget to use the Top-Up facility after you have transferred or deposited money for green fees into the club's bank account. Thank you all for keeping abreast of the changes.

- **Communicating with the Committee**

The minutes of meetings are kept in a folder in the third drawer of the filing cabinet. They may be read in the clubhouse.

Concerns or suggestions can be emailed or mailed to the:

President (president@portmacquariercroquet.com.au) and

Secretary (secretary@portmacquariercroquet.com.au).

These will then be taken to the next committee meeting.

- **The Westport Club**

We are grateful to The Westport Club for the support they have continued to give us over many years. We encourage all members to become social members of The Westport Club, at minimal cost.

- **Vale Sue Shenton**

From the moment Sue joined PMCC she became an active Member of our club. Not only did she hold the position of Vice Captain and Captain of Association Croquet she also competed in our own club competitions, MNCCC and The Kelsall Shield.

All the members appreciated her hard work at various functions, and I especially appreciated the enormous help she gave me during our Annual July Carnivals.

Even though illness stopped her from playing, Robin was able to bring Sue to the club to join us on occasions for morning tea to maintain contact with the members.

Sadly, Sue passed away on 18 June 2024 and we all lost a good friend and valued member of our club.

We will all miss her.

Sue Moss



- **Vale Jenny Macqueen**

Bridget Earle