

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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December 2025 Newsletter



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Highs and Achievements in 2025

Firstly, where has the year gone and how did our club achieve so much in what seemed so short a time?

I must commence with the growth in our club membership. We currently have 90 members and 33 of those joined this year. This is an amazing achievement. Whether the new members were introduced through our community group 'Come & Try' days held this year, through word of mouth or through other means we welcome you and are so pleased that you have joined our club.

In fact, there have been quite a few 'new' happenings, not just new members.

- New garden bed along Buller St which is growing generously now that summer is here. A big thank you to Graeme and Anne Whyte and volunteers for establishing the garden and for people who donated money towards it. I have been told in due course the SoFun group are looking at having a garden party to celebrate.
- Newly renovated courts. Most of us are yet to play on them. Thank you to the hard work of the ground's subcommittee, our groundskeeper and the many volunteers who have made this possible. Because of the lawn renovations and the ongoing care of them, we can look forward to improved playing conditions.
- New grounds keeper, Nathan Day. We thank Nathan for his dedication to regular maintenance and his assistance with the renovation of the lawns.
- New stove and refrigerator – New curtains – Painting of the veranda floor, benches and kick boards around the grounds and all the other maintenance jobs carried out. Thank you for donations and work towards these.
- New Novice GC Doubles Round Robin for members who had not played in club championships or MNCCC events. There will be another Novice GC Doubles Round next year. We encourage new members to participate.
- New General Meeting in November giving members the opportunity to make comments and to express suggestions and concerns which the committee can respond to. There will be another General Meeting in May next year.
- New NSW State representative. Congratulations to Tony Croft from our club in being selected in the state team.

Thank you to the members who go out of their way to make PMCC an inclusive, respectful, harmonious and giving club. There are so many of you to try and name.

Thank you too, to the committee, the subcommittees and other members who have taken on specific responsibilities.

President Jill



Snippets from the minutes of the December committee meeting and reports. The full reports are attached to the Minutes of the meeting and are on the large notice board inside the clubhouse. All members are invited to read them.

- Approval for:-
 - New cleaning contract to Donna Sinclair and Tracey Croft
 - New members may purchase a club mallet for \$50. If they upgrade to a new mallet in the future, the club would redeem the original mallet for \$50.00
 - Repairs to security lights
 - Ricochet session each Sunday 10:00am to 1:00pm
 - Invitation to coordinators of subcommittees to attend committee meeting as a non-voting member
- Discussion
 - Selected members to meet with PMHC and local member
 - Club signage put on hold until after meetings with council
 - Jill, Geoffrey and Kay indicated that they will not be seeking nomination as president, vice-president and secretary at the 2026 AGM
 - Ongoing discussions being held with the Coffs Coast Region to include a Port Macquarie team in the GC Pennants
- Grounds Report
 - Lawns 1 and 3 now available for play, Lawn 2 will be back in play early in 2026.
 - The final \$ cost of the rejuvenation project is not available as yet but Eric advised that 250 HOURS from volunteers was freely given.
 - Unfortunately the weeds are yet to be controlled, but attention is being given to chemical spraying (appropriate to the sensitivities of Queensland Blue Cooch). Over time, it is anticipated that the cooch will increase and the weeds decrease but it will require time
 - The work shed will be cleaned out of outdated tools and the chemical cupboard will be repositioned.
 - A White Board will be set up so that the seasonal and yearly plan for maintaining chemical spraying, fertilizing of lawns, etc.; and to keep a record of servicing, sharpening of mowers, and other information which helps with planning for and maintaining the lawns.



The morning tea to celebrate Christmas and the presentation of trophies was held on Sunday 7 December with over 30 members in attendance. The catering crew did their usual excellent work in cooking, preparing decorating and whatever else was needed. The Wagga quilt made and donated by Gloria was drawn and the lucky winner was Mick Green. A visit from Santa coincided with the drawing of the lucky door prizes. The 100 Lucky Number draw has been held over until the New Year, get your number quickly 1st prize \$50, 2nd \$30 and 3rd \$20



2025 Club Competition Winners

Club Golf Croquet (presented by Stewart Sinclair)

<i>Division 1 Singles</i>	<i>Tony Earle</i>
<i>Division 2 Singles</i>	<i>Bridget Earle</i>
<i>Division 3 Singles</i>	<i>not contested</i>
<i>Over 80s Singles</i>	<i>Bridget Earle</i>
<i>Open Singles</i>	<i>Steve Scrimgeour</i>
<i>Handicap Singles</i>	<i>Jill Drury</i>
<i>Handicap Doubles</i>	<i>Tracey and Tony Croft</i>
<i>Novice Doubles</i>	<i>Robyn and Ian Richardson</i>



Stewart, Steve, Tony, Bridget, Jill, Tracey, Tony (absent Robyn and Ian)

Club Association Croquet

Division 1 Singles

Division 3 Singles

Division 4 Singles

Open Champion

Handicap Singles

Handicap Doubles

Sue Moss

Steve Scrimgeour

Jill Drury

Sue Moss

Robin Shenton

Jill Drury and Tony Croft



Bridget, Sue, Steve, Jill, Tony (Absent Robin)

MNCCC District Championships

Golf Croquet

Division 2

Division 3

Bridget Earle, Jill Drury and Eric Drury

Robyn Clarke, Kay Craig and Tracey Croft

Association Croquet

Division 3

Division 4

Steve Scrimgeour

Jill Drury

Ricochet

Division 2

Tony Croft

Golf Croquet

Jan Sage Plate

Merv Clarke Leaf

Port Macquarie

Port Macquarie



Bridget, Tony, Kay, Tracey, Jill, Steve (Absent Eric, & Robyn)

MNCCC Report for December 2025 Committee Meeting

8 of our members attended the MNCCC Christmas party, delegates meeting and presentation of trophies at Gloucester on Sunday 30 November.

At the delegates meeting a calendar of events for 2026 was worked out.

For association croquet and ricochet it was decided to have a one day competition for each. These will both be played at Forster where they have 4 courts. Graded blocks, with a maximum of 4 players in each, will play round robins. 14 point games will be played, with AC playing advanced handicap, and a time limit of 1 hour 30 minutes.

Advantage Handicap will again be used for the Inter-club competitions in golf croquet. There will be 5 rounds, stop on the bell, with a 1 hour 30 minute time limit. There will be a maximum playing handicap of 12. Captains will be asked to adjust the handicap cards of players whose handicap is greater than 12. Percentage results will be entered on the result grid. In games where players have not reached a score of 7, the percentage will be worked out before the players leave the court. If the percentages are equal a further hoop will be played to determine a winner.

The District Championship dates will be determined at the MNCCC General meeting in July.

The date of the Christmas party (13 December 2026) is at Port Macquarie, allowing time for the courts to be playable after lawn renovations.

Bridget Earle and Robyn Clarke (delegates)

1 December 2025

Beginner Mahjong

In Term 1 2026 an Introduction to Mahjong course will be run by the Port Macquarie Hastings U3A. It will be a 5 week course, starting at 9:15am on Tuesday 10 February.

It is a fascinating and interesting game and a few of your croquet friends already play mahjong. Some of them will be helping with the introductory sessions.

If you have any queries contact Bridget Earle on 0412 923 232.

XMAS LUCKY NUMBERS



\$2 per number 3prizes!

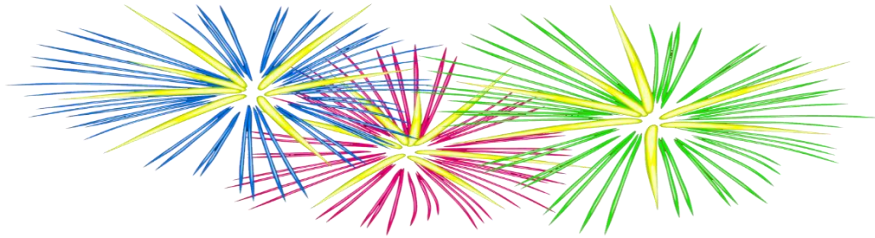
1st \$50 2nd \$30 3rd \$20

You can purchase multiple numbers at \$2 each

Funds raised go to the croquet club.



NEW YEAR



Picnic on the Lawn

To all Members, families and friends see in the

New Year with twilight croquet, relax and chat

Bring your own picnic rug, food and drinks

Chairs available on the verandah

Croquet from 4pm, picnic from 6pm

Green fees apply for members (\$8) and non members (\$10) book online

[No charge for non players/children](#)

STAY FOR THE 9PM FIREWORKS

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2025

Wednesday 31 New Year's Eve picnic dinner and watch the fireworks

JANUARY 2026 - AC handicap Singles

February 2026 – AC handicap Doubles

March 2026 – AC Division 3 and 4 singles

April 2026 – AC Division 1 and 2 Singles; AC Kensal Shield

May 2026 – General meeting; AC Division 1 and Open Singles



HAPPPPPPPPPPY birthday December babies,



And, get well wishes to members not feeling the best and to those who have a headache after Christmas and New Year celebrations, I hope it was worth it.

FROM ALL OF US

Happy hooping

Pam