

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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February 2026 Newsletter

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From the Committee -

- **Bequests:** As suggested at the last General Meeting we would like to ask members to consider making a bequest to the club in their will. Most institutes and clubs these days present this as an opportunity for members to show their appreciation for the enjoyment they have experienced.
- **Dress Code:** A reminder to all members that the club uniform must be worn for all designated play times. The uniform is any combination of Royal Blue and White or Cream for clothing and suitable hat and comfortable shoes. On special occasions, Monthly Mingle etc. and for weekends golf croquet uniform does not need to be worn.
- **Practice:** When practicing no uniform is necessary, but you must either register in the booking system or write your name in the practice book for insurance purposes.
- **Language:** Please be aware that appropriate language must be used at all times. Verbal abuse, disparaging language or denigrating others is not acceptable under any circumstances.
- **Notice of General Meeting:** There will be a general meeting on Monday 9 March 2026 at 9:00am in the clubhouse. All members are invited to attend. Please see this as an opportunity to voice any comments, suggestions or concerns you may have. These will be seriously considered by the committee.

Snippets from the February committee meeting. A full report is available on the notice board.

- Angie Hazelton, Community Coordinator for the Westport Club attended the meeting and outlined her role and has invited Jill, Tony and Graeme to meet with her to help organise assistance from the club.
- Thanks to Tracey and Donna for the improvement to the cleaning of the clubhouse.

- Approval for Allstar Mowing to mow all 3 lawns during February and March to encourage growth of the Couche and the extra growth since the renovation.
- Approval for the grants sub-committee to apply for a Pycon Community Grant for 2026 to help cover the costs of repainting the exterior of the clubhouse and replacing of guttering as required.
- Willing and Able will commence playing again twice each month commencing on Tuesday 17 March and again on 25 March. Play is restricted to court 3.
- Robyn Richardson and Danuta Chessor will attend a Grants Writing Course organised by the Council.
- Application for membership was approved for 5 new members – welcome to Peter Long, Terry Regan, Carol Cate, Greg Carter and Bill Waller.
- Investigate cost of repairs or replacement of security lights
- Bridget and Stewart will organise a 15 minute rules explanation session prior to all GC sessions over a 2 or more week period.
- New time slots for GC sessions from 5-7pm have been added to the booking system to allow for late afternoon play during daylight saving time.
- The booking system for GC sessions has been slightly changed with courts 1 and 2 now having a limit of 8 players per court. If court 1 has 8 players booked in then book in under court 2. This doesn't mean that you will necessarily play on the booked court as all players will be included in the draw and assigned to a court in the usual way.
- The appointment of a club Patron was discussed and deemed not to be necessary at this time.
- Club mallets will be divided into 2 sections i.e. those suitable for sale and those to be used by new players.
- The lost property box and the clothing pool located in the clubhouse often have items in them – don't forget to check them.

Grounds and Garden Sub-committee



Have you wondered where the black hose has gone?? The grounds group didn't want to attract the birds to the lawns, so it is in the shed.

Regular fertilizing, chemical spraying, rolling and shallow scarifying is being carried out to encourage growth of the Couche and to address the weed problem. The watering system has been automatically set to water 3 times a week and a sensor has been installed which will pause the system if it is raining.

Further levelling is needed to a section of the eastern side of court 2. This will require gradual adding of sand to this area over time.

A group are attending to the chemical storage area to ensure regulation requirements are met.

The scarifier has been serviced and the Aerator inspected with the advice that it is beyond economical repair.

SoFun News

The next **Monthly Mingle** will be held on Sunday afternoon 22 February. Keep an eye on the notice board for more details.

GC Pennants competition with Coffs Coast Region

The first of the division 1 penants competition was held against Sawtell with 2 matches being played with Sawtell taking out the 1st match and Port Macquarie the 2nd match. Two very close and exciting matches was played between Tony Croft and Peter Waters with each match going to 3 games with Peter wining the 1st match and Tony the 2nd. Steve was victorious in both his matches and Stewart and Pam put up a good fight but were unsuccessful in both of their matches. The match against Coutts Crossing was close with Coutts Crossing winning the first round and Port Macquarie winning the second round. Sue was successful in wining all her matches.

The overall winner of the pennants competition was Coutts Crossing with Port Macquarie coming second. All the players thanked Sawtell club for hosting the competition.

The Division 2 matches will take place in March and April against Sawtell, Woolgoolga, Coutts Crossing and Port Macquarie.

Association Croquet Coaching Session & News

A Sawtell member, Gary O'Dell, ran an excellent coaching session on Wednesday 4 February. He covered aspects of tactics, dividing it into 3 parts: openings: setting up the court with pioneer and pivot balls before attempting to run hoop 1; leaves. He also touched on using bisques in handicap play and playing a cannon. The course was well structured and we came away with much to think about.

The handicap singles competition has started with 8 players competing and the handicap doubles with 4 pairs entered will start in February.

The Kelsall Shield AC competition against Uralla will be played on Wednesday April 1 at Port Macquarie.

MNCCC Games

A notice has been placed on the notice board for players to put their name down to participate in the GC MNCCC games coming up. A good opportunity for new players to meet and play against other clubs.

Sunday 22 – MNCCC GC against Taree at Port Macquarie

Friday 27 – MNCCC GC against Forster at Forster (Merv Clarke Leaf)

Sunday 29 – MNCCC GC against Gloucester at Taree (PMQ to host)

Meetings with local MP and Mayor

Recently the committee and coordinators of subcommittees held meetings with Rob Dwyer, our State Member of Parliament, and Adam Roberts, Mayor of Port Macquarie Hastings Council. These meetings were held in the clubhouse overlooking the lawns that were being played on, and the river – a picturesque setting. It was the first time either of these gentlemen had visited the croquet club.

The purpose of the meetings was to make connections with our local State Member and Mayor; to showcase PCC; to share current and future needs of our club and to seek any possible assistance.

Both meetings fostered a positive mutual awareness and understanding. The committees sensed the willingness of both state and local governments to assist the club where possible, especially in grant writing. Rob Dwyer, family and some staff members plan to come to our next Monthly Mingle on 22 February at 3:00pm. This will give opportunity to all members who attend to connect with our State Member.

President Jill



Happy Birthday to members celebrating in February and for those feeling like this fellow, get well soon



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 2026

Wednesdays and Saturdays - AC handicap doubles

Sunday 8 and 15 - GC Division 1 Pennants at Sawtell

Sunday 22 – Monthly Mingle 3:00pm

Monday-Tuesday 23-24 - GC Novice Doubles Round Robin

March 2026

Wednesday and Saturdays - AC Division 3 and 4 singles championships

Thursday 5, 12, 26 – GC Division 2 Pennants at Sawtell

Monday 9 – General Meeting 9:00am in the Clubhouse

Sunday 22 – MNCCC GC against Taree at Port Macquarie

Friday 27 – MNCCC GC against Forster at Forster (Merv Clarke Leaf)

Sunday 29 – MNCCC GC against Gloucester at Taree (PMQ to host)

Monday-Tuesday 30-31- GC Division 3 singles championships

April 2026 –

Wednesday 1 – AC Kelsall Shield against Urunga to be played at Port Macquarie

Wednesdays and Saturdays - AC Division 1 and 2 Singles championships

Wednesday TBA - AC Kensal Shield at PMQ

Thursday 2, 9, 16 - GC Division 2 Pennants at Sawtell

TBA – GC Division 2 singles championships

Happy hooping Pam



Our next Monthly Mingle

Is:

Sunday February 22

Croquet from 3-5pm followed by a mingle and a munch 🍕

\$5 a sizzle and soft drink, paid on the day

Book online

BYO alcohol and nibbles if desired

Tea and coffee supplied



Daylight saving months only