

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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March 2026 Newsletter

Please note the following official email addresses for PMCC

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A general meeting was held on Monday 9 March with 20 members attending and 11 apologies. President Jill welcomed members and outlined the achievements of the club since the last general meeting.

A very comprehensive discussion was held regarding the need to emphasise the importance of inclusiveness in all club activities both social and competitive, and the wish to improve attendances at social events organised. The aim of all sessions of play is to enjoy the game and company of other members. Be aware of the different standards of players and give advice respectfully only when asked for help.

The meeting closed at 9:30 with some members feeling that the meeting was too short and that they were not given the opportunity to raise their issues or concerns.

A few snippets from the committee meeting held on 9 March 2026. The complete minutes are on the notice board.

- Members are requested to contact a committee member if they notice something that needs attention
- Report on Mayor's visit
 - Club responsible for fair wear and tear maintenance according to existing licence
 - Council responsible for maintaining the structural integrity of the building,
 - Council willing to arrange for a Facilities Officer to look at guttering and see if it is affecting the structural integrity of building
 - Notify council in writing of future issues that arise with clubhouse
 - Renewal of licence September 2026, willing to review property rates, may be eligible to apply for a rates waiver – meeting to be organised. Include a request for Council to provide a structural inspection of the club building.
 - Alternative locations can be explored through the Recreation and Open Space Action Plan (ROSAP) reviewed every 2 years. Jill will investigate this opportunity.
- A grant application has been submitted to Pycon P/L for painting and replacement of guttering at the club house.

- The grants sub-committee requested to look at the NSW Government Community Partnership Grant criteria to determine if an application can be made for the purchase of a new roller.
- Bridget and Stewart will present a 15 minute rules and etiquette explanation prior to all GC sessions.
- Court 3 will be set aside for coaching new players on Mondays from 9:00am
- Photos of State and Australian players will be prominently displayed in the clubhouse to honour them.



CONGRATULATIONS to Stewart on obtaining his golf croquet referees accreditation being congratulated by examining referee Trevor with mentor Bridget looking on.

If any member is interested in obtaining coaching or refereeing accreditation contact the games captain or check out this link

<https://www.croquetnsw.org.au/coaches-referees/>

Grounds – With the cooler mornings there is often dew on the courts and the grounds sub-committee have been advised that it is best to remove this dew so that a fungus does not contaminate the lawn. It has been suggested that each morning before the hoops are set, two players drag the black pipe over the courts to remove the dew. It is not heavy work and would not take long to do and if this bit of effort helps the lawns then let's do it. Eric requested that members practice on lawn 2 in preference to lawn 1 so that the patches around the hoops can mend. Eric and Nathan were invited to expand on the grounds maintenance program. From April grounds maintenance will be carried out on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00pm



Julie, Lyn, Chris, Christine, Murray & Sue

The Novice Round Robin Doubles was played on Tuesday 24 February, and we had three teams entered. This was a good day and some intense play all round. I wish to thank Tony Croft for scoring and timekeeping and Donna Sinclair for catering. I would also like to thank Pam for being the enthusiastic spectator. I am however a bit disappointed that we could only get three teams and one supporter out of over thirty eligible players. I hope next year is better. The winners on the day were Murray McColl and Chris Ward, well done.



Stewart in his capacity as referee explained the finer points of a fault to the players who gained valuable experience on the day.

Our 2026 GC Carnival from 20 to 22 October is almost full we have 23 out of 24 positions filled already. I will be looking for some helpers when the time comes to assist with running the carnival.

Stewart Golf Captain

Willing and Able participants and support workers visit twice a month to enjoy a game on court 3. Lyn Easton is coordinating volunteers to help out for 1 hour from 11:00am on the following days Wednesday 25 March, Thursday 2 April and Friday 24 April. Contact Lyn or write your name on the sheet on the notice board if you are able to help.

Members Insurance Cover

Part of our fees to Croquet New South Wales (CNSW) covers our members for insurance. The following is an extract from the summary found on the web site below.

WHO IS INSURED? All registered members, temporary/trialling members, officials, accredited coaches, executives, board members, committee members and voluntary workers

WHAT IS COVERED? 1) Personal Accident 2) Public Liability

1) PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Scope of Cover Coverage applies whilst members are involved in sanctioned Croquet Australia and State/Territory activities. These activities include organised club competitions, coaching clinics, official events, training, trialling, official fundraising and social activities and travel to and from these activities. This section provides cover for members aged 2-101 years of age.

a) Death & Permanent Injuries - A lump sum benefit is payable in the event of death or a Permanent Disability.

b) Non-Medicare Medical Expenses. - This covers insured persons for NON-MEDICARE medical expenses. The policy is for reimbursement only. The most common "Non-Medicare" expenses include: • Private Hospital Bed & Theatre Fees • Ambulance • Physiotherapy • Dental • Chiropractic • Osteopathy

Medical expenses that are covered by Medicare (i.e. not covered by this sports injury policy) include: • Doctor's Fees • Anaesthetist's Fees • Surgeon's Fees • X-rays

c) Loss of Income -This benefit provides cover for insured persons who work a minimum of 5 hours over the 8 week period immediately prior to the Injury in Full Time or Permanent Part time employment.

2) PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE Scope of Cover - This policy provides protection for insured members that are held liable for a negligent act that results in property damage or bodily injury anywhere in the World.

Limit of Liability - The cover provided is up to a maximum of \$20,000,000. Excess

<https://vinsurancegroup.com/croquet/what-is-covered/>

SoFun News

Luck Number

The 100 number draw has been completed with Kay Craig winning \$50, Sue Dietrich \$30 and Stewart Sinclair \$20. Lucky numbers will now revert back to 50 numbers.

February Monthly Mingle



Local MP Rob Dwyer and his wife and two of his staff joined us for a very enjoyable afternoon of golf croquet followed by a sausage sizzle on Sunday February 22. A fun afternoon giving members the opportunity to meet other members for a chat and a friendly game of golf croquet.

Seniors Week and Garden Party



The Croquet club held a Garden party afternoon tea to coincide with Seniors Week and to celebrate and say thank you to the hard workers of the garden project and lawn refurbishment. Approx. 25 people attended embracing the Live Your Life in Colour, theme. Delicious hot and cold treats were on offer and everyone enjoyed a couple of hours of socializing despite the unpredictable weather.

Lucky chair winner was Lyn Easton. It was lovely to see some of our new members in attendance who were warmly welcomed by our regular members. Thank you to everyone that came along to celebrate the garden and lawns and support the event.

The next **Monthly Mingle**

As daylight saving is ending our final monthly croquet mingle is on Easter Sunday April 5 starting at the new time of 2-4pm followed by a sausage sizzle. Cost \$5 for sizzle and a soft drink. Tea and coffee provided. (BYO Alcohol if desired). Come along and wear your best "Easter Bonnet/hat" for a bit of fun and maybe a prize

Best wishes to members celebrating a birthday in March and to those not feeling well we hope to see you back at croquet very soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2026

Wednesday and Saturdays - AC Division 3 and 4 singles championships

Sunday 22 – MNCCC GC against Taree at Port Macquarie

Wednesday 25 – Willing and Able 11am

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

Thursday 2 and 9 – GC Division 2 Pennants at Sawtell

Thursday 2 – Willing and Able 11am

Sunday 5 – Easter Mingle

Wednesdays and Saturdays - AC Division 1 and 2 Singles championships

Friday 24 – Willing and Able 11am

TBA – GC Division 2 singles championships

Happy hooping Pam