

Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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June 2026 Newsletter

Please note the following official email addresses for PMCC

President Jill – president@portmacquarietroquet.com.au

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Treasurer Graeme – treasurer@portmacquarietroquet.com.au

A few snippets from -

The Special General Meeting on Monday 25 May

- 19 members attended and there were 11 apologies
- A motion was put to the meeting to ratify the fees for the 2026-2027 financial year as recommended by the committee – there being no changes to the fees from the 2025-2026 year the motion was carried.
- Treasurer Graeme spoke to questions raised regarding anticipated increase in costs and funds for repairs – his response was that our income has more than covered the costs and that the Council are responsible for structural repairs to the clubhouse.

The General Meeting following the Special General Meeting

- The committee to investigate whether the Council is responsible for the building insurance
- Concerns were raised in relation to the Licence Agreement with Council. Our current 5 year licence is due to expire on 8 September 2026 and we need to advise Council by 8 June if we intend to extend the licence. Despite numerous attempts to meet with Council to discuss the Licence Agreement those present stressed the need to act promptly and urgently to address this situation
- Eric D reported that the 3 faulty sprinklers had been repaired
- A meeting of 3 of our members with News of the Area and 2 Way FM has resulted in ongoing media coverage for our club
- Items put forward by members were discussed and put forward to the committee for consideration.
 - Inclusiveness of all members - support and encouragement for all
 - As in all sports we play to the rules of the game – with some rules sessions held on Monday at 10:50am
 - GC Rule Books are available at \$7 each

- The committee to discuss the setting the hoops wider for club play
- Small groups to consider playing on court 2 (once it dries out) to give court 1 a rest to allow the grass to recover.
- The committee to discuss the prospect of starting GC games from the SE corner to allow less foot traffic on court 2 along the back line.
- SoFun group endeavour to organise activities for all members
- The Willing and Able Group continue with Lyn and Tim Easton organising
- The Christmas/Awards Presentation activity
- Communicating with members – Facebook and newsletter; ongoing update on the booking system when courts are not available

The committee meeting held on 8 June 2026.

- Response from PMHC acknowledging our intention to renew our licence
- Approval to replace the roller door on the equipment shed
- A delegation from the committee met with a PMHC representative to discuss the responsibilities to the clubhouse building. Tony will continue to liaise with Council.
- Discussion on filling committee and non-committee positions. Nomination forms are available on the table next to the man door.

The complete minutes are on the notice board.

Port Macquarie Croquet Club Inc.
Notice of Annual General Meeting
Monday 13 July 2026 at 10:30am
At The Westport Club River Room
All members are invited to attend

The Westport Club has given an in-kind donation to our club which can be used for room hire and light refreshments. For catering purposes please indicate your intention to attend on the sheet in the clubhouse. Please come along to say thank you to the outgoing committee and meet the new elected committee.

Membership Fees for 2026-2027

are now due and payable before 30 June 2026

Fees \$200 for affiliated members

\$138 for members affiliated through another club

Deposit into account BSB 032-586 Account 249968

Reference - Your name – M'ship

Members not wishing to renew should advise Treasurer Graeme at
Treasurer@portmacquarietroquet.com.au

Association Croquet Report - Bridget Earle (AC captain)



Because of the wet weather there has been little progress in any competitions.

We had a second coaching session from Garry O'Dell on Wednesday 20 May. 9 members were present and he mainly covered croquet strokes and certain aspects of Law 55.

On Saturday 20 June there will be graded block play at Forster for AC players from the 4 MNCCC clubs. A similar ricochet day held recently was very successful.

For the 4th consecutive year Jill Drury has won the Association Croquet Division 4 Championship. In a best of 3 games competition Jill beat Bridget Earle 12 – 7 and 13 – 7.

Congratulations, Jill.



A member who enjoys his coffee has donated a coffee machine for club members to have a pod coffee. To cover the costs of the pods \$1 is to be paid into the old Commonwealth Bank money box. And PS don't forget to clean it after you have used it. Thanks

Raffle donations

Our members have always been very generous with donations of items for raffles run at our two annual carnivals. This year the dates are: Association Croquet: 27 to 31 July and Golf Croquet 20 to 22 October.

Once again the gold box will be put on a table for donations for the raffles for the carnivals – in June and July for the AC carnival and for September and October for the GC carnival.

Suggested items are wine, chocolates, biscuits and nuts.

Thank you for your support.



MNCCC Report for June 2026 - Bridget Earle (PMCC delegate)

The wet weather has delayed some of the GC Inter-Club matches. This year a new format is being trialled for AC and ricochet. Players from the 4 MNCCC clubs are invited to enter for graded block play. The format is to compete in graded blocks of up to 4 players. The time limit is 1h 30min for 14 point handicap games.



The recent ricochet day was very successful with 20 players competing 5 blocks of 4 players competed in round robins. All games had a 1h 30min time limit for a 14 point handicap game.

With so much rain in the area recently we were very lucky to have no more than light drizzle at times.

The Block winners were: Block 1 - Peter Long (Forster); Block 2 - Tony Earle (Port Macquarie); Block 3 - Jill Drury (Port Macquarie); Block 4 - Penny Jude (Forster); Block 5 - Stewart Sinclair (Port Macquarie).

The MNCCC AGM and July General Meeting will be held at Taree at 10:00am on Saturday 11 July.

Thank you Robyn Clarke for being a delegate for the last 3 years.

COURT ETIQUETTE

If we all take that little bit of extra care to ensure that our court etiquette is maintained, we will continue to have enjoyable croquet games.

- Be prompt to start your game, arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to the scheduled time

- If play has started, walk around the boundary to reach your allocated lawn, toilet or clubhouse, not across a lawn in play
- When playing on a double-banked court, try and be aware of the other game and how you may affect their play.
- If both games need the same hoop, first game through the hoop should, mark their balls and then the other game plays down as soon as they run their hoop, and then allow the first game to play away from the hoop.
- Always carry your ball markers when playing.
- If your ball leaves the court, retrieve it as soon as possible, after first checking that you're not walking across the line of another player about to strike their ball.

To June babies



Get well wishes also to those members who are not feeling well, we miss you at croquet so hope you are back soon.

If you know of a member who is unwell can you please advise our Welfare Officer Judith on 0417 135 115 so that she can send a card from us.

Thanks to members who send in contributions for the newsletter and to Julie for proof reading this newsletter.

See the flyer from the SoFun group advertising the *Winter Solstice Croquet Hits and Sips*

Happy hooping Pam

Winter Solstice Croquet Hits and Sips



As daylight fades to its shortest tune

Come chase the sun this June afternoon

A gentle tap a daring hit, a sip of wine in between each bit.

Sunday June 21st from 1pm (book online)

Bring your tipples and nibbles

Come for the fun, the hits and quips

The taps and chats and plenty of sips



Lucky door prize and raffle