

# Port Macquarie Croquet Club

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## September 2026 Newsletter

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Snippets from the September Committee meeting, minutes are on the notice board for your perusal

- Quotes have been accepted for repairs to the verandah window; exterior painting of the clubhouse and gutter replacement
- The License Agreement with PMHC is nearly ready for signing
- A building and grounds maintenance plan is being developed
- Further discussions are to be held regarding the format of the Christmas celebration and awards presentation
- SoFun will trial the sale of merchandise e.g. caps, bags, markers, scorers and iron-on labels
- Recruitment of a grounds coordinator
- Lawn update
  - Light scarifying to be carried out after the GC carnival
  - Bindi removal is continuing by Chris and Murray
  - Bare patches are being “plugged” with grass
  - Lawn mowing has changed to Thursday afternoons
- Daylight saving times have remained the same for all sessions except Sunday which will be 8:00am start however players can arrive at 8:30 in time for game 2
- New hoop setting template to stagger the rotation of hoop positions
- Players setting up or taking down hoops should refer to the notice board for instructions to minimize the need to move hoops more often
- 5 applications for membership were approved

## Golf Carnival Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 October

### Helpers and Donations required

Once again the organisers will be asking club members for **help during our GC carnival Tuesday 20 to Thursday 22 October**. We need helpers to set up the lawns and seats each morning; catering supplies and workers in the kitchen; marshals; timekeepers/scorers; record keepers. Roster sheets are on the notice board for you to put your name down for any of these tasks. Keep in mind that “many hands make light work”. Donations for raffle prizes can be left in the box. Talk to Pam, Stewart or Tony C if you have any questions. Wednesday is “mufti” day and players and volunteers are encouraged to add to the colour and atmosphere of the carnival.

It is a great opportunity for members to get involved, meet players from other clubs and watch some games, we have 24 players coming from 12 different clubs within NSW.

## SoFun News

- ❖ Spring is in the air and on Saturday 26 September we are holding a Spring Fling (see flyer at the end of this newsletter for details).
- ❖ Sunday mingles are on again every fourth Sunday of the month with the first one on October 25 (again see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for details)
- ❖ We are going to source some merchandise for members to purchase with proceeds going to the club. This may include items like caps, bags, markers, scorers and iron on labels – watch out for them
- ❖ Discussions are taking place with the committee on the format for the Christmas celebration and club awards presentation.

### Lost Property and Clothing Giveaway

The lost property box is getting full – please check to see if any of the items belong to you. Some members have donated clothing that they no longer require, you are welcome to take anything that you may be able to use.+



Expressions of interest are sought for a Grounds Coordinator to lead a team of volunteers in maintaining our lawns.

Contact Steve or Tony for further information

### Grounds Coordinator Responsibilities

To oversee the upkeep and maintenance of the croquet courts by:–

1. Coordinating regular working bees
2. Overseeing the regular moving of hoops, marking of lines and rolling of courts
3. Liaising and managing all operations of the mowing contractor
4. Utilising and coordinating the use of volunteers ensuring they are appropriately qualified in the use of club plant and equipment and observe safe working practices
5. Ensuring that the equipment storage areas is a clean and safe environment, plant and equipment is regularly serviced and all chemicals securely stored
6. Communicate and liaise with the committee in relation to:
  - Seeking approval for expenditure required for upkeep and regular maintenance of the courts and surrounds.
  - Matters of safe working practices for volunteers, use of chemicals policy, and any other matters or policies relevant to the upkeep and maintenance of the grounds.
  - Ensuring regular updates with activity and conditions of the courts.
  - If necessary, to submit a monthly report to the committee. Information from the report may be used in the newsletter or on face book.



Happy birthday wishes to members celebrating a birthday in September and October (there are a few of us)

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 not well and needs cheering up please contact our welfare office Judith on 0417 135 115



## Medical Forms

Members should consider submitting a Medical Records form to the club. The forms are in a folder on the desk and can be completed and placed in a sealed envelope and placed in the box in alphabetical order. Envelopes are in the back of the box, write your name and the date submitted



and the name and telephone number of a contact person. If there is an incident at the courts it will save the other members anguish in knowing who to contact for assistance. If it is necessary to call an ambulance the sealed envelope will be given to the ambulance attendants. While it is not compulsory to submit a Medical Record it is recommended. To those members who have already submitted a form now is a good time to review and update it if necessary. Don't forget if there is an incident at the club you are required to fill in an Incident Report Form, these are located in a folder on the desk.

Players enjoying a chat before play on Tuesday. The new format of 2 games of play a quick cuppa and a chat followed by another game seems to be a success. The cuppa and third game is optional.



Welcome to new members – Sandie Carpenter, Glenys Howard and Julie Witchard

Happy hooping

Pam



The weather's warming UP! 

## Spring Fling

Saturday September 26, from Midday

Come and enjoy a \$5 ham and cheese croissant, cuppa, chat and  
an afternoon of croquet



**Wear your favourite spring shirt and hat**

**Lucky door prize**

**Cans of soft drink available for \$2 each**

**BYO other beverages/nibbles if desired**

**Book on line**



# The Mingle is back!



SoFun invites members to our monthly mingle on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month.

Kick off our first mingle Sunday October 25

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

\$5 a sizzle paid on the day

Book online

BYO alcohol and nibbles if desired

Tea and coffee supplied

Cans of soft drink \$2 each



Daylight saving months only