



# Kingaroy Golf Club News

21 January 2026

## Know your Management Committee



Committee member **Sharon Lofthouse** brings to the committee and the club a wealth of knowledge and experience in policy development and administration.

During 2025, Sharon assisted the Ladies Sub-Committee by developing the Active Women and Girls program. She was also instrumental in the design and implementation of our new website, and she set up, and continues to maintain, the Kingaroy Golf Club Document Register.

### **From Sharon**

*"Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve the Club on the Management Committee. I am a relative newcomer to golf, so looking forward to continuing to learn more about the sport this year and hopefully reducing my sizeable handicap.*

*I am currently retired from paid work, but actively involved with raising 8 grandkids. John & I also enjoy travelling, live music and camping.*

*During my career, I worked predominantly in formal training and organisational learning with TAFE Qld and Qld Health. I've held multiple senior management roles, managing teams of up to 80 staff across the Darling Downs region. I have a strong background in governance, policy development and implementation, as well as in designing, implementing and managing online systems."*

In her role as **Membership Liaison Officer**, Sharon will ensure our members are well-informed, and she will work with the Management Committee to implement

feedback and resolve any concerns in the best possible way.

Should you wish to bring a matter to the attention of Sharon and the committee, please email the club at [kingaroygolfclub@bigpond.com.au](mailto:kingaroygolfclub@bigpond.com.au) or place any signed suggestions in the suggestion box provided in the clubhouse. Sharon will manage any formal complaints in a fair, confidential and policy-compliant manner.

## Kingaroy Golf Club Membership

Welcome to our new members for 2026: Dan Cobby, Mitch Gray, Emma Marshall, Ben Riley, Josh Cull, Shae Cull, Mathew Manz, Jason Killick, Ben Moore, Alan Barry, Jay Hilsley, Steven Paddison, Darren Harvey, Jared Cruickshank, Fono Lomalu, Gayle Bennett, Russell Cobbo, Ken Sherwell, Jordan Gossow, Nisha Ho, Wade Thistlethwaite, and Jenna Nunn, along with returning members Rob Turner, David Walford, Philip Schafferius, Scott Henschen and Geoff Edwards. A warm welcome also to our new junior members, Aaron Cullen, Max Stead, Cruz Landman, Jack Weier, Flynn Edwards and Joe Carney.

### **Please note:**

Cut off date for payment of 2026 Membership Subscriptions is 31 January, after which date social green fees will apply to unfinancial members, and handicap services will no longer be available. Any queries on your membership, please contact Club Treasurer Dennis Franklin on 0417627520.

## New Membership Category

The Management Committee is delighted to announce that juniors can now elect to pay an upfront fee to cover the cost of the year's green fees. Should your junior play at least once every week, you may find this is an attractive and cost-effective membership option. The aim is to encourage our growing junior cohort to play golf as often as possible.



## Junior News



A Kingaroy Junior Golf **Information Session** and **Sign-on** will be held on **Saturday 24 January at 8am** in the clubhouse. Junior Golf resumes at 8am on 31 January. Registration for the junior program is essential, and our Term 1 program can be found by searching **MyGolf**. Our juniors are supported by PGA Professional Ari Sanjar, who provides monthly lessons, totally funded by SBG Golf. Ari will be here to coach on 1 February.

### Become a National Program Deliverer

Kingaroy Junior Golf would like to thank its Community Instructors (now called **National Program Deliverers**). Our junior program could not manage without their encouragement, knowledge and support.

The Management Committee has decided to fully fund the training of some additional coaches, and your assistance could make a world of difference to the young golfers. Coaches don't need to be scratch golfers to help – rather they need a love of the game and an interest in introducing others to golf. Please contact Greg Nord or Jane Franklin if you feel you could help.

**Thank you to Allyson Sanewski** who has agreed to take the role of our **Club Safeguarding Officer (CSO)**. The club is currently working through the **Level Up** Program to ensure compliance with new Queensland Child Safe Standards. At the January Meeting, we adopted a number of GA Policies: the *Improper Use of Drugs and Medication*, the *Competition Manipulation and Sport Gambling* and the *Complaints, Disputes and Discipline* policies, to be added to the *Safeguarding Children and Young People* and the *Member Protection Policy* which have already been adopted by Kingaroy Golf Club, and are in place on the club website.

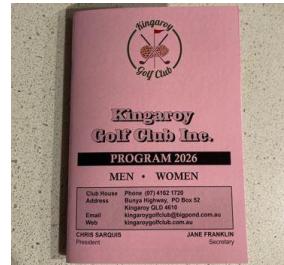
### Leave of Absence

Members, please be aware that the management committee is able to make special arrangements for a member seeking leave of absence from the club for a medical or other significant reason. Application is to be made at the time or prior to the event or situation.

## Insurance and Motorised Golf Carts

Private carts are not insured under the club's existing insurance policy. The Committee is currently investigating insurance in relation to both privately and club-owned motorised golf carts, and information will be provided to you as soon as it is available.

## Kingaroy Golf Club Fixture Book



If you have not received your Fixture Book yet, these are available from the clubhouse. 2026 will be a busy golfing year, and we have a number of new sponsored days to look forward to. Thankyou to our club captains Geoff and Allyson for scheduling the year's golf, and to Nichols Printing for formatting the book and having it ready for Opening Day. Our golf events are also on the website for your convenience.

**Date Change:** 15 February - Wondai Women's Open Day, not the Kumbia Women's Open Day. Apologies from the club secretary for this error.

### Opening Day



Thank you to our Club **Patron Bill Paterson** who opened the Kingaroy Golfing Year with the first drive of the season.

**Opening Day** was a very enjoyable day with close to 80 players in the field. Huge thanks to **John Dalton** and **South Burnett Tractor Parts** for their very generous sponsorship of the day. The course was amazing and the scores were very high despite the heat and humidity.

### Competition Play

Here is a reminder of competition expectations from the Players Committee.

- 7am is the earliest competition start time.
- Print cards and pay for your game prior to play.
- No "gimmies" allowed (unless in match play).
- No preferred lie on the golf course.
- Register your intent to play on the timesheets when possible.

