

# Golf club notches 80th milestone

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MURWILLUMBAH Golf Club will celebrate its 80th birthday with a dinner-dance tonight and a period-costume themed round of golf tomorrow.

Men and women golfers from all over the district are trawling through their parents' and grandparents' wardrobes and searching local op shops seeking out sporting apparel from the Roaring '20s.

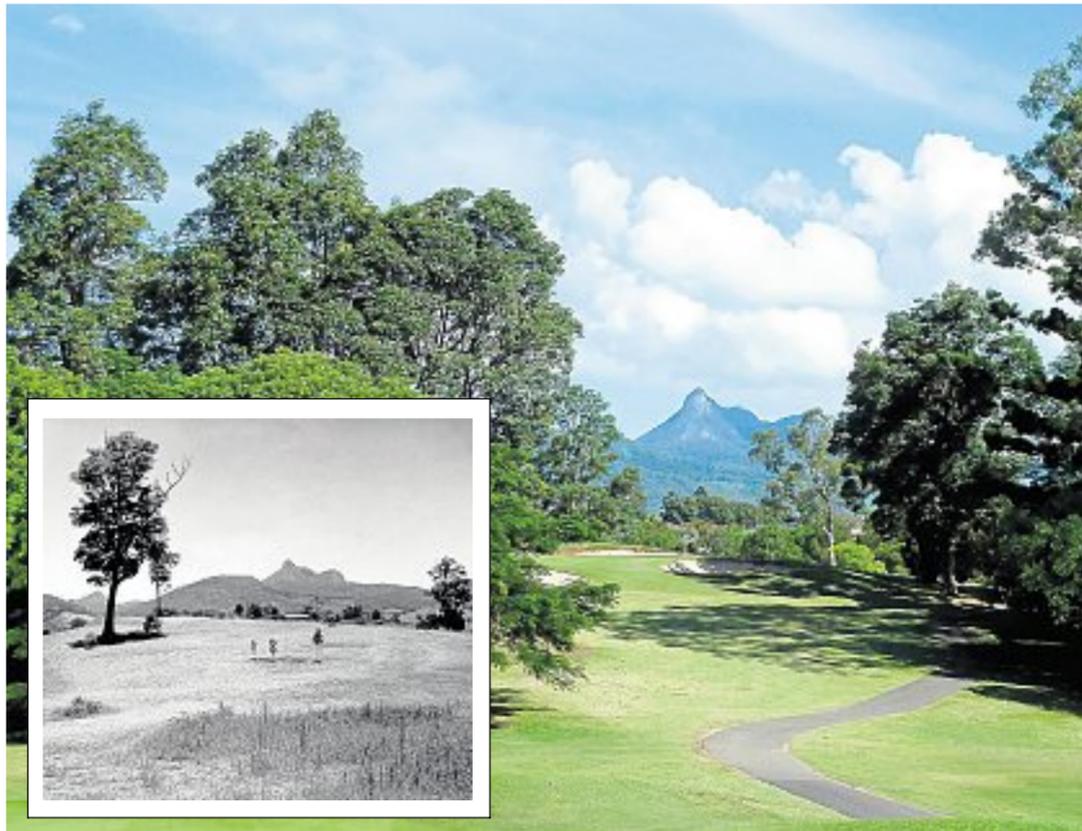
For the gentlemen tomorrow, plus-fours will be the order of the day, as will knitted polo shirts and blazers. The array of blazers should be a real hoot with old footy and yachting blazers being hauled out of moth-balls.

The women will be donning baggy trousers and long-sleeved shirts and no doubt finding a suitable cap to complete their outfits.

Murwillumbah Golf Club's golfing operations manager Joe Chilcott said members



**WATCH THE COWS:** Golfers prepare to tee-off on the old Dunbible course.



**NOW AND THEN:** Before and after shots of the ninth fairway at Murwillumbah Golf Club. In the old shot, the course has been cleared of heavy vegetation in preparation for the building of the tee, fairway and green. The three saplings (centre) in the before photo are now the large trees just to the left of the fairway.

of all ages were looking forward to the celebrations.

"Obviously we don't have any members who played a round of golf when the club was formed in 1931, but we do have a few folk coming who have been members of the club for over 50 years," Mr Chilcott said.

Two of those revered members are husband and wife, Maureen and Tom Brown, who have been chasing little white balls around the lush fairways and greens at Murwillumbah for 51 and 50 years respectively.

Another highlight of the dinner-dance will

## HISTORY

**August 1931:** Murwillumbah Golf Club formed with annual green-fees of one pound. Six-hole course inside Murwillumbah Showground.

**June 1932:** Another more challenging nine-hole course built at Dunbible, situated between Murwillumbah and Stokers Siding. The greens had to be fenced to keep off grazing cattle.

**1947:** Another move, this time to the Tweed River Jockey Club racecourse at Tygalgah where a nine-hole course was built inside the track.

**1957:** MGC finds a home. Purchased two adjacent properties along Byangum Rd, Murwillumbah, from J.R. and M Campbell. The cost was 7500 pounds.

be the launch of a book and DVD outlining the history of the Murwillumbah Golf Club.

The book, *With Pick and Putter*, was a work of love by Barry Bright and his fellow MGC

history committee members, while the DVD was put together by long-time member, Ray Kent.

The book and DVD can be purchased at the club for just \$20.

## 'Different' awards for businesses

WHILE opening the 2011 Creek to Creek Business Chamber Awards, radio personality and MC Ron Hailes joked mayoral candidate David Power's promotional bus almost ran him down.

To close the awards on Thursday night, winners beamed while standing shoulder-to-shoulder for a group photo.

From start to finish the awards celebrating southern Gold Coast business success were a treat for all concerned.

President Darren Mackintosh said the chamber chose to recognise local business at the Currumbin RSL in such a way because "we're different down here".

"We don't have the large scale industry of the north, we're a bit less pretentious and a bit more affectionate," Mr Mackintosh said.

"All our local businesses should be congratulated for still being here - it's very tough to get up every day to make your business a success."

● RSL CEO Anne Stovin announced Jake Nolan as the Under 25 Business Achiever;

● Melissa Adcock from Tursa Employment and Training awarded Fifth Ave Florists the Business Achievement Award: five or less employees;

● Red Heeler Business Essentials saw BIS Cosgrove Accountants win Business Achievement Award: 6 to 30 employees;

● Vilotti Photography sponsored Elanora State High School's 30 plus employees award win;

● The Inology small business award went to Second Nature Asia Pacific;

● The Palm Beach Youth Music Venture won the Tugun Bendigo Community Bank sponsored non profit-community organisation award;

● Simply Smiles' awarded the product-service innovation award to Healthy Inspirations;

● And the Special Achievement Award: business or individual was awarded by The Pines Shopping Centre to Pilates Elements.

PBYMV founding president Ian Grace said he was "proud of our kids". I love you all, love what you do, and you deserve our heartfelt thanks," Mr Grace said as his eyes moistened.

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- Darren Mackintosh

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**BUSINESS'S BEST:** 2011's Creek to Creek Chamber of Commerce award winners.  
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