

It's been a very busy and eventful few weeks here at the club, with plenty happening across all areas.

The Notice of General Meeting was held on Sunday, 5 July 2026 regarding the proposed amalgamation with Kempsey Macleay RSL Club. A total of 494 members attended, with a majority voting in favour of the proposal. Kempsey Macleay RSL Club Ltd, held their general meeting the same afternoon, also voting in favour of the Amalgamation. The next steps will involve formalising the agreement, gaining regulatory approval and legally merging assets, contracts and memberships, a process that will take place over the coming months. This is a very exciting time for both Clubs and the Macleay Community. We thank those Members that attended.

Coast and Clover

Kitchen renovations are now complete, with new equipment delivered and ready for installation. New caterers will begin service from Friday, 10 July 2026.

The Bistro has been renamed Coast and Clover ~ Coastal Kitchen and will launch an updated menu featuring classics, steaks, seafood, pizzas and more. Social Alley Diner will also introduce a refreshed menu with new options. We welcome the Coast and Clover team.

Thank you to all senior and junior staff who stepped up over the past 12+ weeks to keep a café offering running 7 days a week with barista service. We also welcome back Janine and Belinda, and wish the junior staff and Julie all the best in their new employment.



Club Grants ~ Supporting local groups

Congratulations to local recipients of this month's Club Grants, supporting important community programs across the Macleay.

South West Rocks Cricket Club received funding for running costs, uniforms, and presentations.

Marine Rescue was supported to help volunteers continue vital marine safety work.

Arakoon Playgroup received \$10,000 to support early learning programs for vulnerable families.

Kempsey PCYC received \$3,000 for its "Fit for Life" youth fitness program.



Membership renewals are now due. Renewals can be completed online via the Club's official webpage or in person at Reception. Sporting memberships have increased slightly for the new period, ranging between \$10 and \$50 per annum depending on category. Club memberships and storage fees remain unchanged. Full pricing details are available on the Club's website.

Members who renew online will go into the draw to win \$200 worth of membership points. Drawn 31st July 2026.

Golf Cart Shed

On a more difficult note, many of you will be aware of the severe fire that occurred in our No. 2 cart shed on Monday 29 June, which sadly resulted in the loss of all contents. Our thoughts are with those members who lost their belongings, and we share in the disappointment and distress this has caused. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the local Fire and Rescue team for their swift and professional response, as well as to the Police for securing the site overnight, and to the Ambulance officers and staff who provided assistance. In support of affected members, \$100 gift vouchers will be provided to help with the replacement of golf equipment. In addition, Matt in the Pro Shop will be reaching out to suppliers in the coming days in the hope of securing some favourable arrangements to assist those impacted. Thank you to all members for your ongoing support, patience, and community spirit during this busy and challenging time for the club.



The Golf Course is in excellent condition, with tournament preparations progressing well and greens in strong shape. With no further rain, conditions are expected to continue improving in the coming weeks. Members are reminded to follow signage, repair pitch marks, and fill divots.

Preparations are underway for the upcoming Pro-Am, with thanks extended to Premium Sponsors Dave Tyler Electrical, Smokey Ridge Roofing and Plumbing, NRMA, Coastal Fire Protection, and Schweppes. Expressions of interest are welcome for future sponsorship opportunities.

The club will also host the NSW Open Regional Qualifier on 6–7 August. Registrations are now open via the Pro Shop or on 02 6566 6252.

A Pro-Am raffle will run with tickets available at the clubhouse on Saturdays (11th, 18th, 25th July and 1st August), with Matt selling around the club.

July specials include:

- Spend \$30+ in the Pro Shop to win a VIP NSW Open Qualifier spot at the Party Hole
- Members' rates for visitors playing social golf with members
- 20% off when replacing 10+ grips

Congratulations to member David Eldridge, who won the "Bluey" course draw and received \$150 Pro Shop credit.

Thank you to Darryl and Cole for joining our volunteer program at South West Rocks Country Club. They have been helping with maintenance around the bowling greens, and we appreciate their volunteer work.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist with work on the Golf Course and Bowling Greens, including: Stick collection, Garden maintenance, Concreting, Painting, Recovering ditches.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please register by emailing Peter Tyler at peter@rockscountryclub.com.au



Bowls

This month's lawn bowls action has been highlighted by the BPL Cup held at our club, where the South West Rocks team of Jae Marskell, Braydon Croft, and Lachlan Cooper combined strongly with a Wauchope side to take out the title. They now progress to contest the regional qualifiers. Another qualifying day is scheduled for 25 July.

Our State Pennant squads are continuing their preparations with in-house trials and skill drills as they build toward upcoming competitions.

The Club Triples competitions are also reaching their business end, with the men's semi-finals set: Team Laverty vs Team Atterton and Team Woods vs Team Hollis. In the ladies, Team Howett await the winner of Team Barnett and Team Cohen in the final.

We extend our best wishes to all players representing the club in the upcoming Pennant State Final playoffs. Our Division 7 Open side will be travelling to Tamworth in the coming weeks, while we are proud to be hosting the Division 4 Men's State Finals here at the club on 4–5 August.

These achievements reflect the strength and depth of our bowling community, and we look forward to a strong finish to the season.



Employee's of the Month

Congratulations to Belinda Green and Lilly Rushworth on being awarded Employees of the Month.

This recognition is well deserved for two team members who consistently give 100%, bring great enthusiasm, and are highly valued by the team.

Thank you both for your hard work, dedication, and ongoing contribution—we hope you enjoy your vouchers.

