

FISHING



Ferdi Van de Wetering with a nice sized Mulloway

Welcome to Twin Town Fishing Club. Do you like fishing? Do you like socialising? Well, we have a Club that would suit you.

The aim is to provide a social forum where people interested in recreational fishing, but not necessarily Anglers, can meet and exchange their ideas and knowledge of fishing.

We have a comp every month so anytime is a good time to come along, socialise and see what has been caught for the weekend. Everyone is welcome.

We are still looking for a President and a Secretary. Please think about the positions.

We had a successful 2023 and Garry Hawthorne has taken out the yearly trophy by just 5 points. Runner-up was Mark Small and in third place was Steve Lovegrove.

The Out of Comp Comp starts again on 1 January 2024. Our first weigh-in will be on 21 January 2024.

Keep fishing, tight lines for all. Enquiries to Ferdi on 0414 812 907.

Dutchy



Ferdi Van De Wetering presents Garry Hawthorne with the Perpetual Trophy for 2024

RSL SUB-BRANCH

The \$20 annual fee for membership renewals will be waived for 2024. Please contact the Sub-Branch to ensure your contact details are up to date. Office closure: the Sub-Branch office is closed until Monday 8 January 2024. For urgent assistance during this period, contact: 134 RSL (134 775) (8.30am-4.30pm, Monday-Friday); Open Arms (formerly VVCS) 24-hour helpline 1800 011 046; Wounded Heroes Crisis ONLY number 1300 532 112; Wounded Heroes General Enquiry 1300 853080. RSL Sub-Branch office hours are Monday to Friday 9am-12pm Qld. Phone 07 5536 1164 or email admin@thc-rsl.org.au

Belinda McIntosh, Office Manager

SENIORS

Happy New Year! We will be on holidays until our first meeting of the year on Monday 19 February 2024. The meeting will be held in the Visions Room at 10am NSW. Selling at the meeting will be a trip on 26 February, travelling to the Brisbane Cat and lunch at the Breakfast Creek Hotel; cost is \$65. The Seniors Social Club wish to thank the Board Directors and staff of Twin Towns for all the support and help they have given our Club throughout 2023, it is appreciated. Phone calls Tuesday to Friday 10am-4pm NSW; Membership Officer Dorothy Colman 0434 278 397; Welfare Marie Holmes 0417 602 368 and Tour & Social Organiser Dorothy 075590 9301.

GOLF

Happy New Year! I hope this year brings health and happiness to you all and the ability to play to your handicap or better. Hopefully, Christmas has gone well for everyone and Santa did the right thing by you. You'll be pleased to know that new set of golf clubs can be used any time at Club Banora Golf Club and the competition season starts the week commencing 8 January 2024. Veteran's play on Mondays (mornings), Ladies on Tuesdays and Thursdays (mornings), Men on Wednesdays and Saturdays (all day), Mixed (Men and Ladies) on Sundays (afternoon) and the Social Club play Sunday mornings. We welcome all players with AGU handicaps to these days and if you haven't got a handicap, we are happy to advise how to gain one and become a member of Club Banora Golf Club. See you out there.

Brent McLennan (Pres)

MENS BOWLS

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas and got plenty of presents. Mens Bowls will be returning after their Christmas break on Saturday 6 January. Many thanks to the sponsors, green keepers and Twin Towns for their support in 2023. See you all back on the Greens in January.

Rosco

GARDEN

Happy New Year to our Garden Club members. We hope you are thinking about your new year's resolutions in the gardening world. Enjoy the peace to be found in your garden; spot a new weed and pull it up; compost it; apply mulch to cut down on watering; dunk a dried-out pot till it's soaked to the soil surface; always wear gloves; utilise your knee pads too; plant a native flowering tree like grevillea to attract birds to your garden; more water for indoor plants; and number ten, use your fertiliser weakly weekly. First meeting for 2024 will be Tuesday 6 February at 9.45am NSW then the Tuesday 5 March. Members, please introduce a friend to the Club as it's amazing to hear people say they have never heard of us. Enquiries to President Maria 0448 531 055 or email mariaharry111@gmail.com

RUNNERS & WALKERS

December was a hot one but we survived, mainly incorporating shade where possible and lots of drink stops. The GC50 event was a big fund-raising effort and thank you to those who volunteered. We raised over \$1,600 which we pass on to various charities during the year. Happy 2024 to our members and families. We wish you a positive year with successful goal achievements. Our next event is Friday 26 January when we will host our usual Australia Day Picnic near Seascapes and present our annual awards. Bring swimmers, a chair, sunscreen and a hat. We're starting a bit later this year at 11.30am Qld/12.30pm NSW. Tired of walking or running on your own? Want to join like-minded people? Then why not come join us for a run or walk. We cover distances of 5km to 15km and work on increasing fitness and mental wellbeing. New members are always welcome to come check us out for up to three times before joining. It's a great Club to make friends and enjoy a coffee after our meets. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5.30am Qld/6.30am NSW at Greenmount (opposite the Pink Hotel) and Sunday 6am Qld/7am NSW at various venues. Enquiries to Tracy Mo 0414 590 940.

BRIDGE

The Club members enjoyed their Christmas lunch superbly arranged by Marjorie and Teresa with lots of little extras to make a wonderful day. To those members who have been in hospital or otherwise not been well, we wish you all a speedy recovery in time to enjoy the Xmas season. The Bridge Club will be closed, returning on Monday 8 January 2024. To all the Committee members who have given their time and energy to keep the Club running, which at times has been under trying circumstances, we extend our heartfelt thanks. We also thank our loyal members who continue to support the Club. Bridge is played on a Monday and Friday, commencing at 12.15pm NSW in the Club Banora Tennis Clubhouse. Please be seated 15 minutes prior to start to allow the Director of the day to determine the movement for play. For partners on the day, contact John on 0433 972 940. Happy Bridging.

Valerie



Bridge Club's Christmas party at Club Banora

DIGGERS SWIMMING

At our Christmas lunch, it was wonderful to catch up with people we used to see every Sunday at our swimming races when we had a pool. Even Bert and Sue Deegenars made a brief visit following Bert's recent quadruple bypass. A thank you to all who donated prizes for our raffle, a tradition dating back many years. I hope by now you have all paid the much-reduced fee of \$5 to remain in our swimming club for another year. Without it, you will not be eligible to vote at our AGM or attend our highly subsidised lunches or compete for us in AIF swim meets. As usual, the AGM will be held late March; date still to be set. Several committee members are standing down and must be replaced in order for our Club to continue. Please let Toni or Brent know if you are willing to stand. It is going to be very cheap for us to compete at the National Titles this year as they are being held at Southport. Entries in by 25 February.



Minnie and Toni won their respective age championships at the recent Zone Carnival

Bubbles

LADIES BOWLS

2024 New Year's greetings! A reminder that ladies bowls restarts on Tuesday 23 January, to all of us who have acclimatised to summer by now. Our next committee meeting is set down for Friday 19 January, time TBA. Some Australia Day fun will be arranged then. Our Patron's and Presentation Day held on 12 December was well-attended. Patron Marie spoke of the changes to the Club since she joined in 1984 and told of her fond memories playing with one of our newer members' mother. Her small gifts, as usual, were appreciated by all, especially the homemade lime butter.

Christmas came early for the Ladies Bowls in December when we received a cheque for \$2,770 from long term sponsor, McGrath Real Estate Coolangatta/Tweed Heads. The donation will be put to good use in 2024, funding events and functions, reduced mat fees and special bowls days for our members. We extend our sincere thanks to McGrath and hope our very successful relationship continues into the future. If you are considering buying or selling a home, we highly recommend you contact Jason and Yasmin Monk at McGrath Coolangatta/Tweed Heads.

Veronica



Thanks to McGrath Coolangatta/Tweed Heads for their fantastic donation



2023 Championship and Competition winners with Marie

SNOOKER

On Saturday 9 December, Club Banora finished 2023 with our last tournament and presentation dinner for the year. 24 players competed including 6 juniors on a great day of snooker with Grant Schirmer beating David Ross in the final in a very close match. After completion, our presentation dinner was held in the function room at Club Banora. Almost 60 people attended. Special mention to Brian Brown and his wife Marilyn for giving up their time and Brian's kind words about how our snooker club contributes to the overall success of Club Banora. Speeches by Bryne Smith, John Hudson and Dave Jones also showed just how special our snooker club is. Our A, B and C grade championships also wrapped up in December

with winners: A grade scratch - Paul Norris; B grade scratch - Tim Ashcroft; C grade scratch - Jay Clancy. A grade handicap - Jimmy Thomson; B grade handicap - Cooper Thomson; C grade handicap - Luke Bofinger. Late January will see our 2024 calendar finalised with a bigger and better year ahead. Until then, happy cueing!



MC Bryne Smith with Jimmy Thompson and Brian Brown

SOCIAL GOLF

Trusting everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year. I would like to send a special thank you to Clint Dunn for once again hosting our Christmas party at his place. A fantastic day was had by all. Everyone commented on the amazing hospitality provided by Clint. Coming up in the new year, we have a Monthly Medal on 7 January and our annual Foursomes' Championship on 14 January, which will be sponsored by Chris Harding. On 21 January, it will be a 2-man Ambrose event and the first instalment of the Wazza/Woody Cup. Thank you to all committee members and members in general for the past year. I look forward to working and playing with all of you in the coming year. Hit 'em long and straight!

Cheers, Will



Social Golf Christmas party - Frank Watego, Shane Vanderlight, Fred Caspers and Wayne Woodford



Social Golf Christmas party - Richard Downes and Leigh Bradley