



# Remembering some of our departed Members



7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> holes looking west



Jeff joined the Maleny Golf Club in early 2018. He was elected Vice President in November 2018; and then President 2019 till 2023. Jeff passed away 4 December 2024



Barry Retschlag and John Oxenham about to locate the position for our 13<sup>th</sup> green (2013)



John enjoying his hole-in-one on the 14th hole – 5 April 2016

Max Whitten and Jenny Oxenham on the seat Jenny donated to honour the memory of John who passed away on **4 April 2017**.





John Oxenham, with *helping* hand from John Cundill *helping* Rob Bailo, mixing zeolite during preparation of the nursery green (February 2014). One 'oxen' power!



Vice President Rod Richards, the **late Tony Atkinson (committee member)** and Max Whitten. Rod and Tony (both engineers) about to represent the Golf Club in the August 2006 **Variety Bash** starting in Cairns and finishing at the Birdville races.

**[The Variety Bash is not a race or a rally. It's an adventure with mates driving 30 year old plus cars through regional parts of Australia]**



Rex Redding of Obi Lane was an honorary member of the Golf Club. Rex passed away May 2023. Rex maintained a lot of our early machinery. Here are just two of the recreations made by Rex in his backyard when he wasn't helping the Golf Club.

- A Benz 3-Wheeler built by Rex cruising along Obi Lane (left).
- Henry Ford's first car – a 1896 Quadricycle. There is a short YouTube showing Rex firing up the Quadricycle. <https://youtu.be/dgZ9e-0Aq10>

Rex maintained our first mower, the work horse used on the driving range and converting pasture to fairways as the course was being built. He did major repair work on other gear such as the Fiat Tractor and our ball collecting gear for the driving range.

Photo: Nov 2011





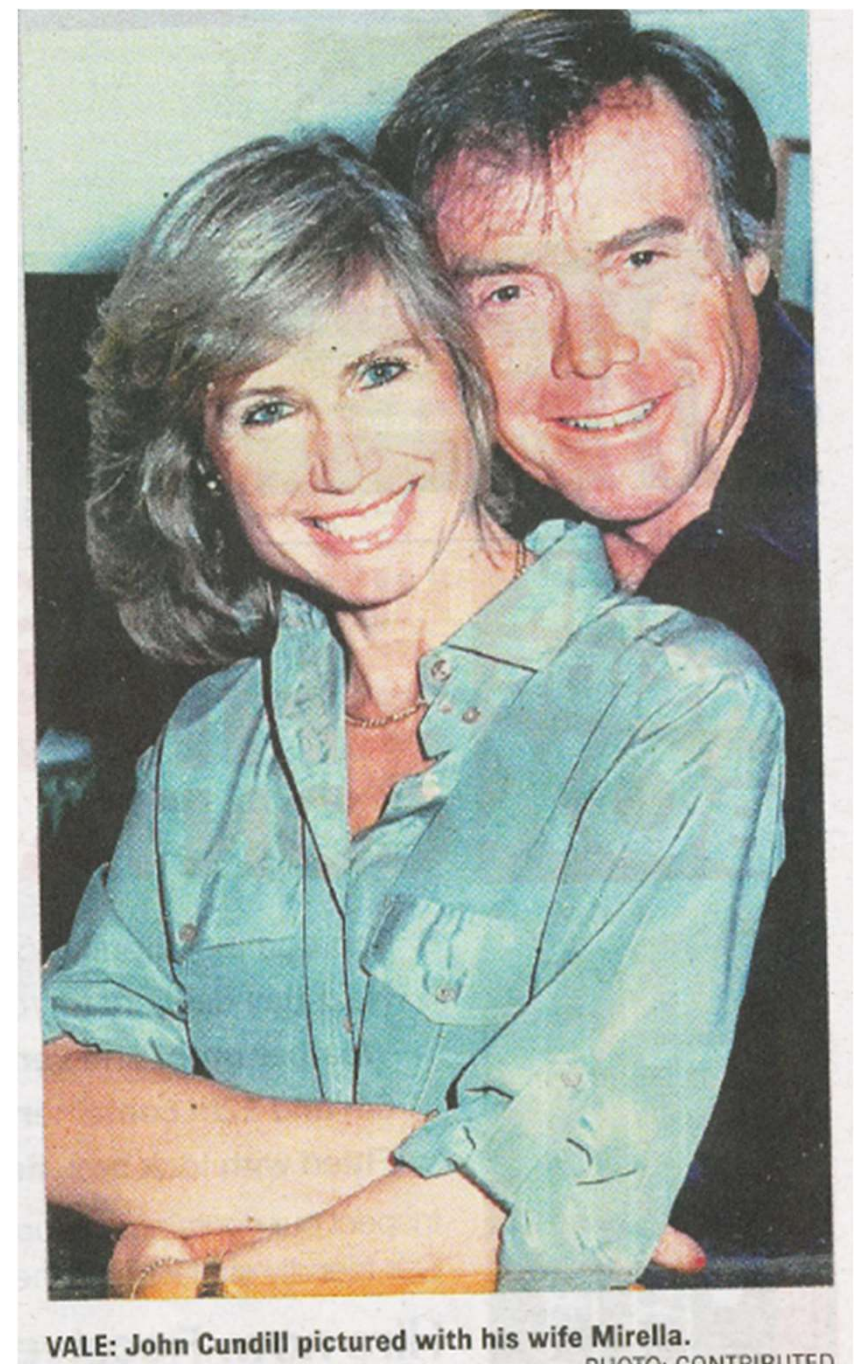
John Hutson, another honorary golf club member from Obi Lane. The Cushman was off to the tip as scrap metal – literally. John decided he'd rescue and restore it as a Covid project for his own use. Shameless Super Mick then persuaded John to 'sell' it back to the Club. And it continues to be one of our reliable workhorses. John, a superb engineer, was of tremendous help to the Club in diagnosing machinery problems and fixing them. John passed away



John Cundill, a longtime committee member, crafted many articles/letters to nail opponents to the golf course – often under other aliases.

John was a highly distinguished scriptwriter, playwright, journalist and author, particularly in South Africa before coming to Australia.

John passed away in February 2016



VALE: John Cundill pictured with his wife Mirella.  
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Stan Toleman, a master electrician, electrified the Maintenance Shed and was an invaluable volunteer in many other ways. Stan passed away on 31 December 2020.



## Golf nomination for MDSRC "Volunteer of the Year 2013"

■ Joe Walters –

*"In 2012, Joe got  
Maleny Golf  
Club playing  
golf"*



Joe Walters, always larger than life, championed the social development of the Golf Club while members were waiting for our own course to be built.

Joe spent his last few years helping the Maleny Bowls Club as golf was beyond his declining health.

Joe passed away in April 2024

Trevor Fairley helping Richard Clayton lay pavers rescued from the old Mary Cairncross pavilion. Two pro tradies on the job.





## THE "MOTLEY'S": Turfing couch greens for 6 hole competitions (2013)

John O, Neil Cronk, David Coffey, Doug Handcock, Ralph Ding, ROD WALDRON, Mike Cumner, Denis Hickey, Toni Bishop and Trevor Fairley

*John Oxenham died 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017; and Trevor Fairly passed away on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024*



Gail was a foundation member of the Golf Club. She was President of the Friends of Pattemore House, Secretary of the Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club, and active with many other Maleny groups.

Gail produced the MDSRC newsletter weekly for nearly 15 years, and was always willing to give the Golf Club a wrap in the newsletter.

Gail passed away in September 2023



Gail Denver and Alan Heading, in 2011, clearing scrub where the Maintenance Shed now exists. Alan was tops at eliminating the abundant weedy shrubs. Alan passed away in February 2012, never to see the course he worked so hard to create.



Dr Geoff Behnchen  
(standing) organised  
much of the plantings  
around the golf course.

(Photo with David  
Edmonds along the 13<sup>th</sup>  
fairway July 2014)



Geoff watering in the kikuyu  
while the 12<sup>th</sup> tees are in  
preparation. (Photo June 2015)

Geoff passed away 23 Dec 2022.



### **Management Committee (November 2019)**

**Back row:** Keith Shortus, Rob Bailo, Jillian Jones, Ben Haycroft, Beth Glover

**Front row:** Robin Hay, Max Whitten, Jeff Kruse, Neil Stenhouse, Roly Nieper

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New Maintenance Facility for Maleny Golf Club. For the first time our equipment came under cover and protected from the elements.

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**Keith passed away in November 2022.**



Denis Brown and Keith Shotus on cart washing duty.



Garry Mayer and David Killeen happy at installing the “Point of Sale” system 2016



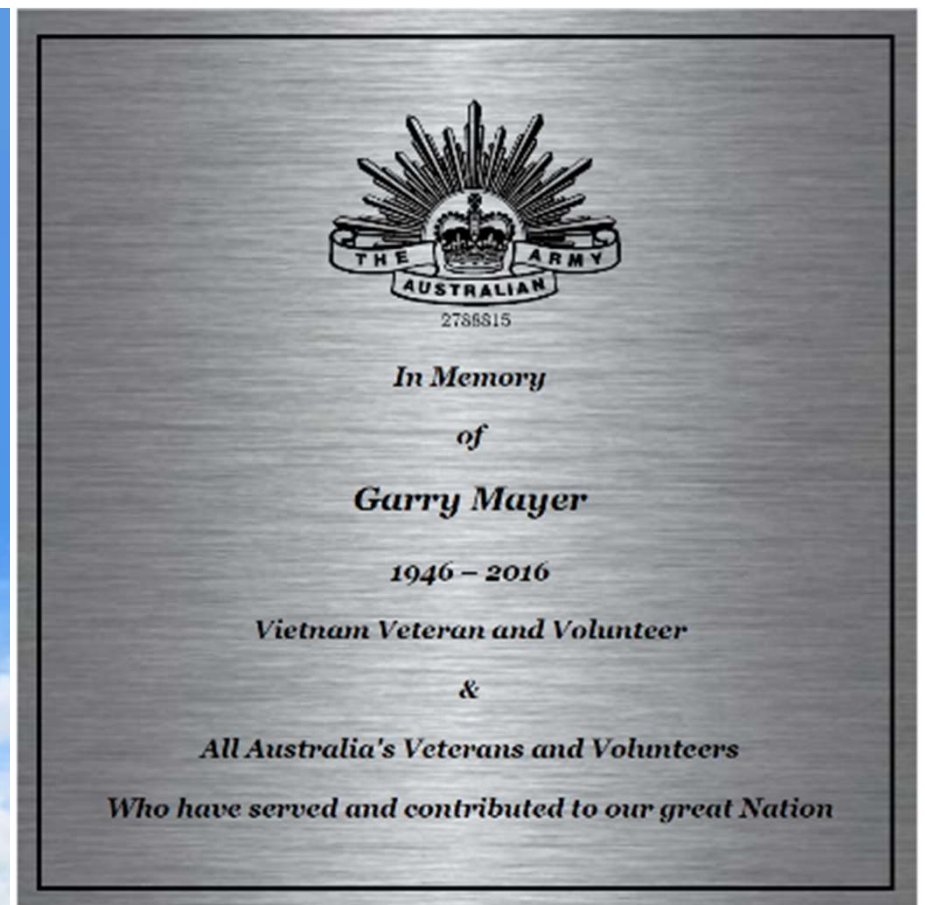
Penny Edwards, Bob Hall and Garry Mayer busy as usual in Penny’s Toro Twister which Mick thought he owned!



Bob Hall, David Killeen, Sel Hopley (surveyor) and Garry putting in the final peg for our lease boundaries.



Garry, Jenny Oxenham and colleagues as waiters at the Lion’s welcoming dinner



The flagpole, flags, memorial rock and plaque were donated by Jan Maguire to honour the memory of her husband, Garry Mayer, a Vietnam veteran; and to honour all veterans and volunteers who have served our nation.

Gary died in 2016.

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## Terry scores his dream ace



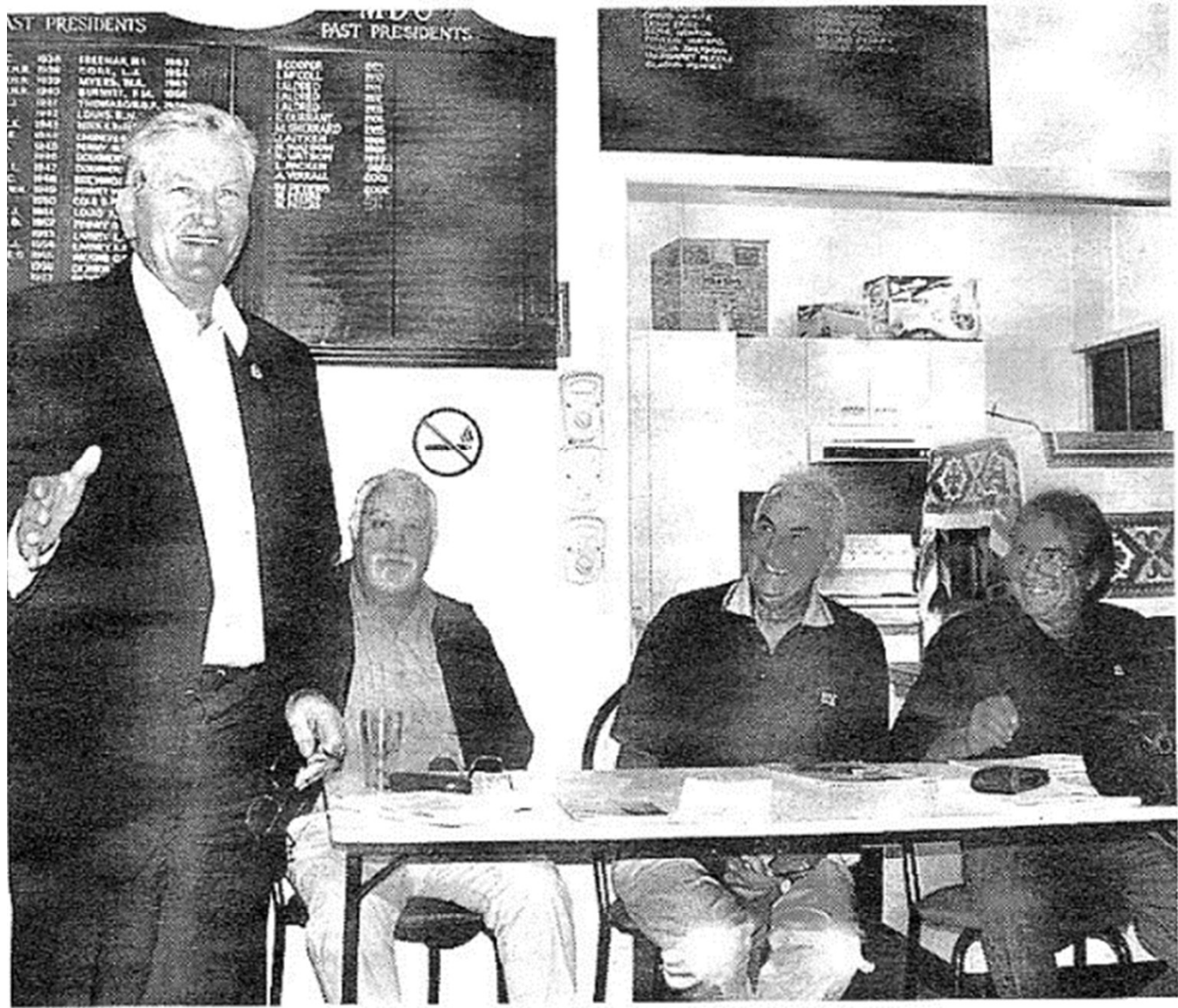
■ **TERRY** Lee, a long-time Maleny resident and retired electrician, achieved his golfing dream of a hole in one while playing in the veterans competition at Woodford Golf Club last Thursday on the tricky 17th hole.

Terry has been a member of Maleny Golf Club for the past nine years and attributes his success to being able to practice at Maleny's driving range.

He also thanked Alan Heading for his coaching tips and advice. Congratulations, Terry.

Terry Lee practises for his second hole-in-one on Maleny's driving range.

Our hole-in-one trophy is named after Terry



Mayor Don Aldous with Rod Thamm, Max Whitten and Peter Webster at the Maleny Golf Club AGM.

# Mayor puts the Maleny Golf Club back on course at AGM

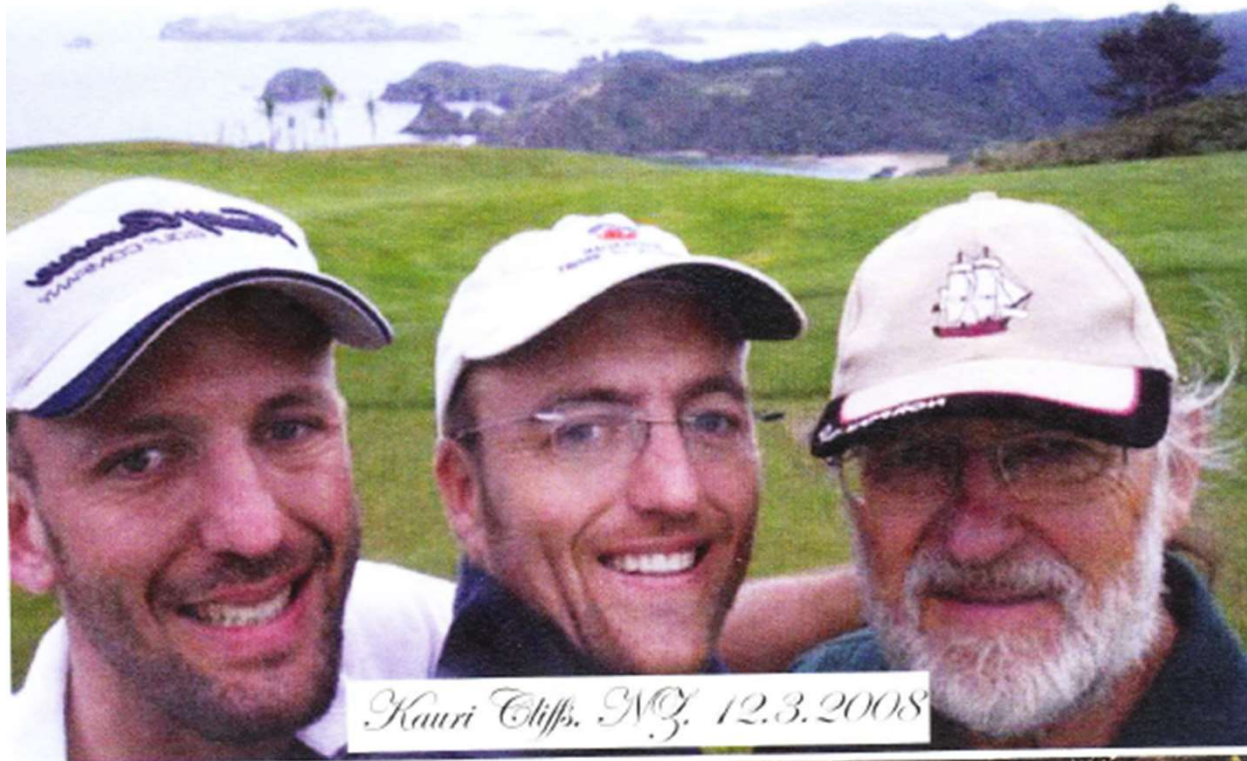
Then Secretary Peter Webster reporting at the 2006 AGM. He passed away in 2012.

Mayor Don Aldous, a great ally of the Club, passed away in February 2024

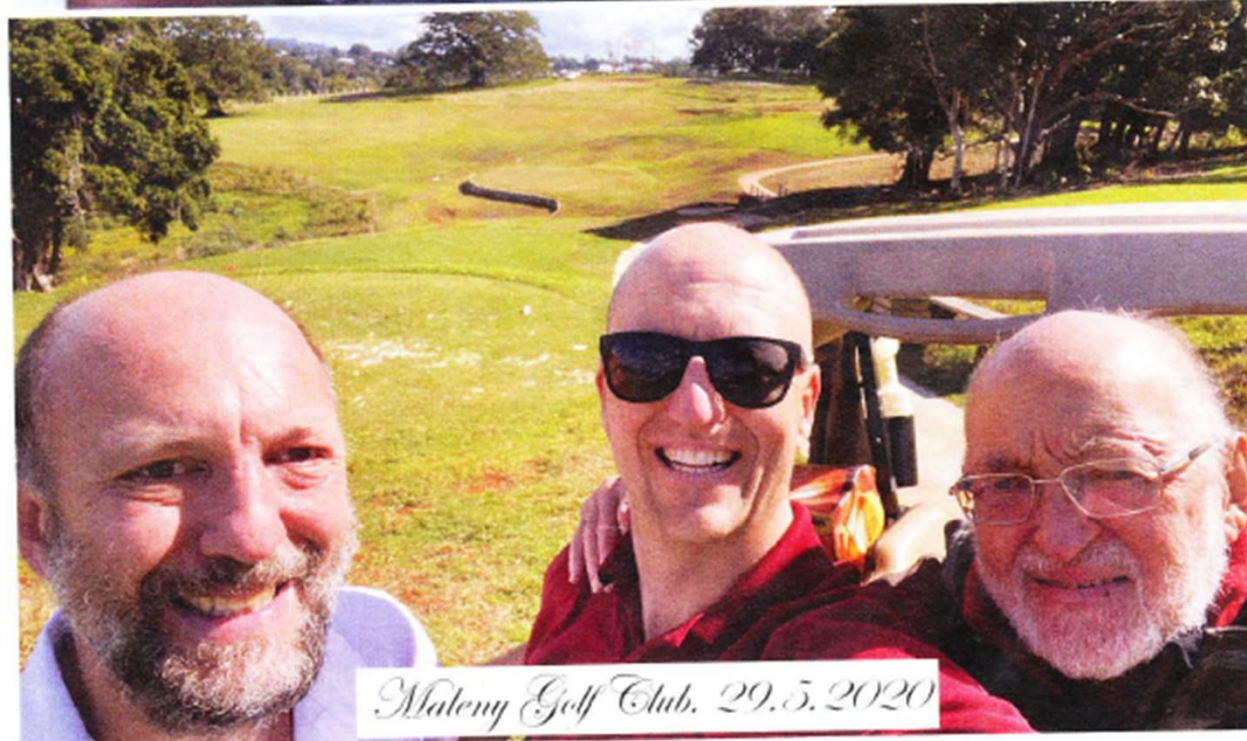


unknown, Peter Webster and Carlos da Cunha at a working bee in October 2009.

Peter passed away in 2012 and Carlos in March 2024.



Scott Alexander and lads, Shane and Mark, golfing in NZ and finally at Maleny.



Scott Alexander, a New Zealander, horticulturist, created the gardens around the clubhouse. A bequest from Scott provided much of the funding to build the 19<sup>th</sup> green.

Scott died in June 2020



Rob Bailo and Tom Kennedy constructing the revetted bunker on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole (2019). We wish Tom was playing on Wednesday but we do wish him well over the Obi Creek at Erowal. Tom was an enthusiastic supporter of the Memorial Competition.



May They Rest In Peace