

Pro Shop report 2025

Firstly, a massive congratulations to Lloyd Herron on completing the PGA Associate Program and becoming a full member of the PGA. Not only are you a credit to my business and our club but you will make a fantastic PGA member in your own right over the years to come. Whilst Lloyd is remaining with us for the time being no doubt when the time is right, he will move on and follow his own career path.

2025 once again threw up its challenges with wet months making us busy. This year we managed just over 51000 rounds of golf at an average of over 140 players per day. This number represents a massive increase over the last 5 years which has resulted in operational changes in the shop. Once upon a time Cec Montgomery and myself along with our good wives managed the shop including the cart fleet; however, now we have myself and Lloyd, Jo basically full time doing the books, Lawso, Phil, Stevo (who has left us), Barn and Graeme Murphy. Basically, when a comp is on, we try and have two people in the shop to offer the best possible service. To all of my team a huge thank you. Jo and I are very grateful for your efforts.

Something we do in the shop is employ local kids to look after the carts in the afternoon. We have 11 kids in total on the books with two kids per day washing them and putting them away. Over the last few years, I have employed over 20 local kids with many of them gaining trade apprenticeships. Two of the boys have gained greenkeeping apprenticeships here at the club. Currently I have 4 young girls on the staff which is great to see as well. Employing these juniors is something we are quite proud of, and I thank the juniors for their efforts as well.

To our hardworking staff at the club, a job well done to all. We have a wonderful club which I feel privileged to be a part of. To Will and our grounds staff, the course is getting better and better, so well done on your efforts. Same goes to our Bar, Kitchen and office staff.

As is the nature of the club there are so many volunteers. To our Board and respective committees thank you for a job well done in a busy and difficult year. To the outgoing Board members thank you and we look forward to working with the incoming Board members.

Whilst there are too many people to thank individually, I would like to personally thank a few people for their help. To Rob Russell, Phil Lyons, Brian Rowe and David Wilson in the office and Nic Hall who I have worked very closely with. Cheers guys and as a Club we are very lucky to have you doing what you are doing. Phil is moving on as Captain and all I can say is thank you for doing a great job in trying circumstances. Many people don't realise the issues Phil has had to deal with and whilst many would have chucked the

towel in, Phil handled it very well. Cheers mate and I look forward to continuing our work on relevant committees.

Of a morning, we have Peta and Warwick Merchant, Geoff Collins, Barney Curran, Brad Sharpe, Vince O Connor, John Burling, Matty Vout and most recently Linda Thompson helping us to get the day ready. You guys are all awesome and save us plenty of time in the morning for which we are grateful. Garry Hoare also needs a mention. He has been helping me for many years with all things motorized. Gaz you are a legend and I thank you.

Finally, I would like to say thanks to all our members for their support. Again, it is a privilege to represent you as your club professional, and I look forward to 2026.

Greg Collins - Club Professional