

Port Macquarie Game Fishing Club Newsletter



"Home of the Golden Lure"
Issue #8 – February 2026
Your monthly dose of angling updates.



Welcome members to the February edition!

The 42nd Golden Lure went off with a bang! 🎣

With 54 boats and over 200 anglers, it was five huge days of non-stop action on the water.

Five days straight of fishing, and while the weather gods weren't exactly on our side, spirits stayed high and the fishing delivered.

Despite the conditions, we still had an absolute cracker of a tournament. Huge thanks to everyone who took part and made it another unforgettable Golden Lure.

See you next year.

Hi everyone,

Hope everyone has had a great start to the year. From a club point of view, we certainly have. Our Golden Lure produced some fantastic results, and it was great to see so many members there supporting the event.

We're looking forward to the month ahead. The fish are still around, the Spanish are starting to show up, and it's shaping up to be a great year.

The Coffs Coast Game Fishing Club will be hosting their Hot Current Tournament, and we hope to see plenty of Port Macquarie anglers heading up to represent our club.

Enjoy these red-hot months of fishing, and I look forward to seeing it all when I get back from work.
Cheers!

Club President
Matthew Hobbs

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 5th - Sunday 8th February
Coffs Harbour - Hot Current Tournament

Friday 6th February
Social BBQ
Club House @6pm

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th February
Major Point Score Weekend + Northern Zone
7am - 5pm

Thursday 12th - Sunday 15th February
Port Stephens - Billfish Shootout

Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd February
NSWGFA Interclub State Championships

Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd February
Major Points Weekend



GOLDEN LURE MOMENTS



Champion Boat Overall T&R
Bear (PMGFC) – 103,781 points



Inshore T&R




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GOLDEN LURE MOMENTS



 Inshore T&R

 **2** UWishn (LMGFC)
95,000 points

 **3** Wasted Seaman
(PMGFC) – 80,155
points



GOLDEN LURE MOMENTS



Offshore T&R

1 Rare Breed (PMGFC)

33,000 points

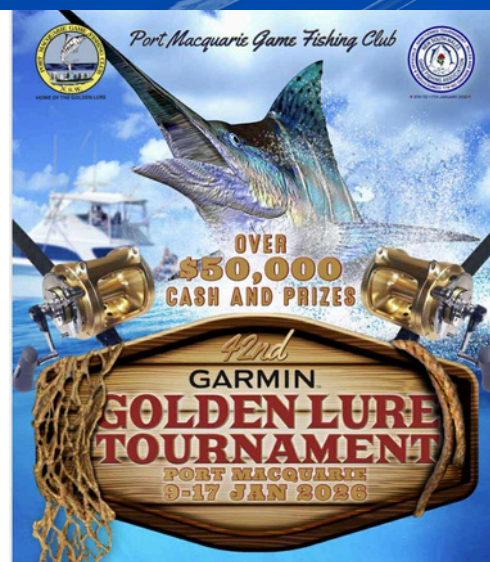
2 Quality Time
(GLGFC) 30,000 points

3 Care Factor Zero
(PMGFC) 24,000 point



TOURNAMENT 2026 RESULTS

- 1st Billfish Tagged: Patrick Lawler – Cruel Intentions
- Last Billfish Tagged: Imogen Dingeldei – Care Factor Zero
- Best Dressed Boat: Care Factor Zero
- Furthest Boat by Sea: Tantrum (Sydney)
- Furthest Boat by Road: OnStrike Hervey Bay, QLD
- Early Bird Entry: Seaborn



Champion Captures

- Junior Female: Abby Fairlie – No Excuse (NPSGFC) 80.3kg Black Marlin (10kg line) – 14,830.61 points
- Junior Male: Jack Cunneen – Dorado 11 (PMGFC) 130.9kg Blue Marlin (15kg line) – 17,134.81 points
- Female: Madison Fairlie – No Excuse (NPSGFC) 201kg Mako Shark (24kg line)
- Male: Murray Howard – No Excuse (NPSGFC) 101.3kg Blue Marlin (24kg line) – 3,871.76 points
- Heaviest Shark (over 200kg): No Excuse (NPSGFC) 201kg Mako on (24kg line)
- Heaviest Tuna: Rampage (BBGFC) 43.2kg Yellowfin Tuna (37kg line)
- Heaviest Other Game Fish: Still Play'n Up (JBGFC) 20.3kg Cobia (10kg line)
- Most Meritorious Capture: Dorado 11 (PMGFC) 130.9kg Blue Marlin on (15kg line)

T&R Angler Awards

- Champion Small Fry Female: Ruby Dyson – Tiny Time (PMGFC) – 12 points
- Champion Small Fry Male: Judd Morgan – Da Mistress (PMGFC) – 3,750 points
- Runner-up: Lachlan Burton – Time Out (PMGFC) – 39 points
- Champion Junior Female: Indi Garvey – Makajiki (PMGFC) – 12,513 points
- Runner-up: April Dyson – Tinny Time (PMGFC) – 12 points
- Champion Junior Male: Riley McLeod – OnStrike (HBGFC)
- Runner-up: Jack Cunneen – Dorado 11 (PMGFC) – 17,000 points
- Champion Female: Mandy Lamond – Rare Breed (PMGFC) – 33,000 points
- Runner-up: Imogen Dingeldei – Care Factor Zero (PMGFC) – 24,000 points
- Champion Male: Troy Boese – Bear (PMGFC) – 103,781 points
- Runner-up: Dylan Wilson – Uwishn (LMGFC) – 95,000 points
- Most Tagged OGF: Riley Baker – Wasted Seaman (PMGFC) – 5 Mahi Mahi
- Most Tagged Marlin: Troy Boese – Bear (PMGFC) – 8 Marlin
- Special Junior Award: Billy Baird
- Special Small Fry Award: Noah Fairlie

Congratulations to all winners and competitors — another outstanding Golden Lure Tournament.

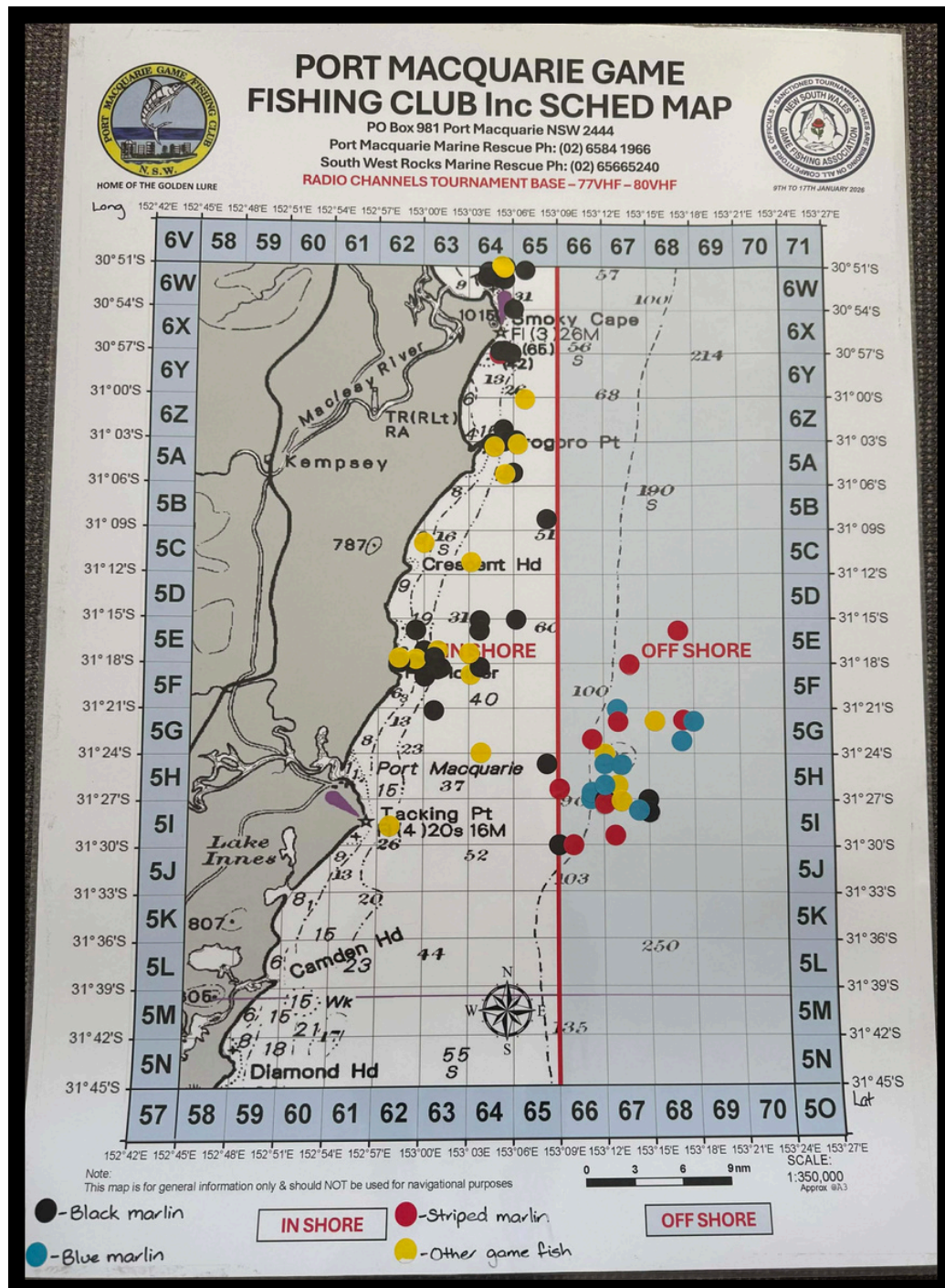


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54 boats and over 200 anglers, five huge days of non-stop action on the water.

Catch highlights

- 83 Black Marlin
- 14 Striped Marlin
- 11 Blue Marlin
- 1 Sailfish
- 1 Shortbill Spearfish
- 1 Tiger Shark
- 7 Hammerhead Sharks
- 7 Whalers
- 8 Yellowfin Tuna
- 6 Striped Tuna
- 19 Mahi Mahi
- 2 Cobia



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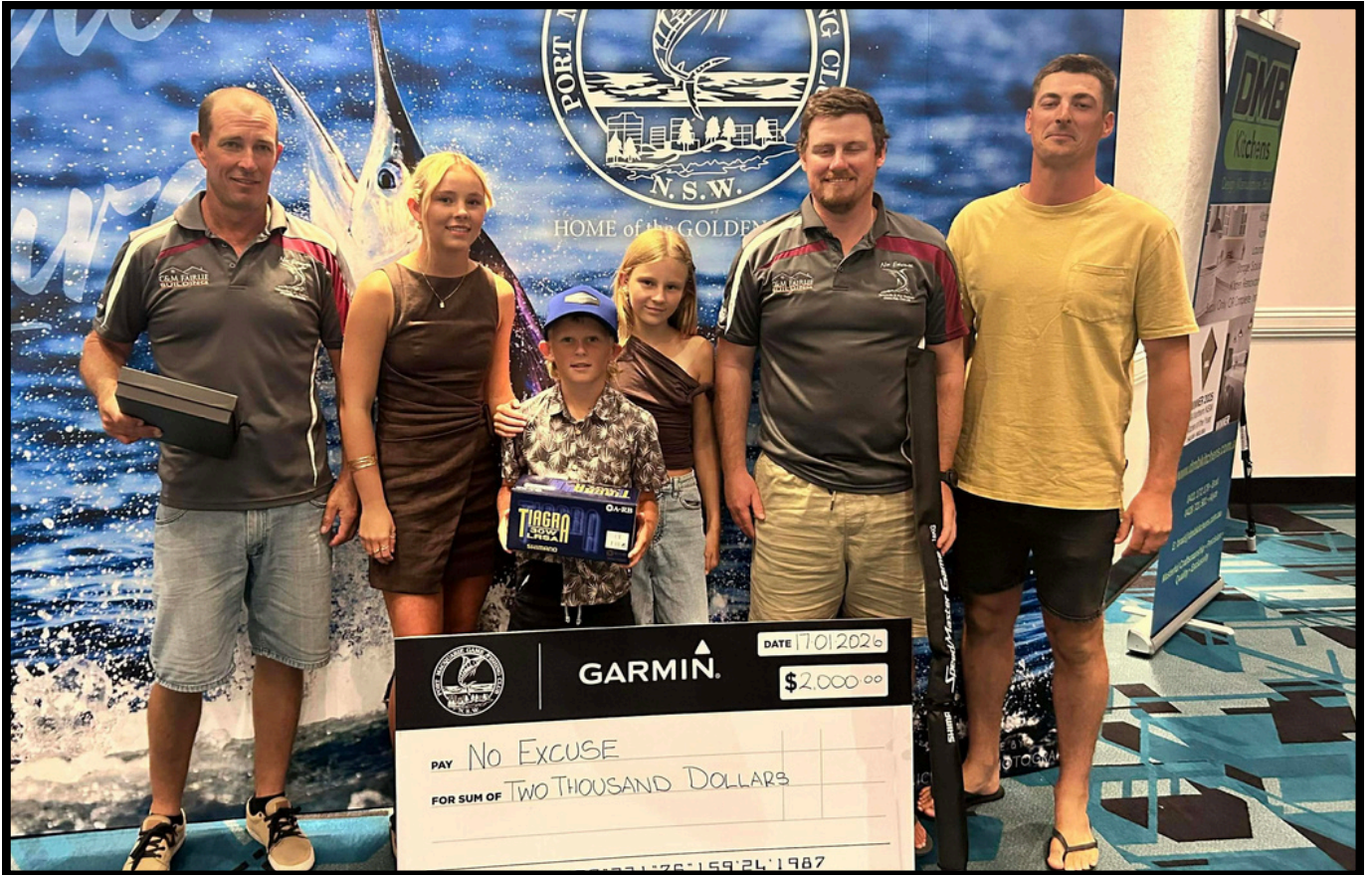
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HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Junior Fishers,

On behalf of the selection panel and everyone involved with the Garmin Billfish Shootout, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you who applied for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout Junior Team.

We were genuinely impressed by the number of applications and, more importantly, by the passion, commitment, and sportsmanship shown by all of you. The standard was extremely high, which made the selection process very tough. Please understand that missing out this year is in no way a reflection of your ability or enthusiasm for fishing.

You should all be proud of putting your hand up and having a go — that alone shows maturity, confidence, and a real love for the sport.

After careful consideration, we would like to congratulate the following successful applicants who have been selected for the 2026 Garmin Billfish Shootout Junior Team:

- Sean Leeman - Newcastle & Port Stephens GFC
- Jack Cunneen - Port Macquarie GFC
- Brae Geelan - Port Hacking GFC
- Flynn Vernon - Sydney GFC
- Kai Delaney - Canberra GFC
- Jye McDonough - Shellharbour GFC

To those selected, congratulations — this is a fantastic achievement and a well-earned opportunity. We look forward to seeing you represent the junior anglers with pride, respect, and good sportsmanship on and off the water.

To those who were not selected this time, we strongly encourage you to keep fishing, keep learning, and apply again in the future. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and opportunities like this will come again.

We will be in contact with the selected Juniors closer to the Tournament date.

Thank you once again to all applicants. The future of fishing is in very good hands.

Tight lines and all the best,
Troy Radford

President NPSGFC



*Jack Cunneen one of
our own!!!*

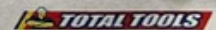
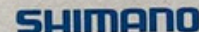
2026 Garmin Billfish
Shoot Out
Junior Team.

PMGFC is so proud of
you and we all wish
you luck.

**GARMIN
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JUNIOR TEAM**

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|  SEAN LEEMAN N&PSGFC |  JYE MCDONOUGH SHGFC |  KAI DELANEY CGFC |
|  BRAE GEELAN PHGFC |  JACK CUNNEEN PMGFC |  FLYNN VERNON SGFC |

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CLUB FISHING CALENDAR JULY 2025 TO JUNE 2026

| July 2025 | | | January 2026 | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Wednesday 2nd | General Meeting | 6:30pm | Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 5th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday 6th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | General Meeting | | 6:30pm |
| Saturday 12th | Social BBQ | 12:00pm | 2026 GOLDEN LURE | | |
| Fri 18th - Sun 20th | NSWGFA AGM & Interclub Preso | | Sponsors Evening | | TBC |
| Saturday 19th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Briefing Night | | 6:00pm |
| Sunday 20th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Day 1 - Fishing | | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| August 2025 | | | Day 2 - Fishing | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 2nd | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Skipper & Crew Night | | 6:00pm |
| Sunday 3rd | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Ladies & Junior's Day | | 8:00am - 4:00pm |
| Wednesday 6th | General Meeting | 6:30pm | Kids Onshore Day | | 9:00am - 12:00pm |
| Saturday 9th | Club Presentation | 2:00pm | Day 3 - Fishing | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 16th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Day 4 - Fishing | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday 17th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Presentation | | 11:30am |
| September 2025 | | | Major Points | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Wednesday 3rd | General Meeting | 6:30pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 6th | Northern Zone | 7:00am - 4:00pm | February 2026 | | |
| Sunday 7th | Northern Zone | 7:00am - 4:00pm | General Meeting | | 6:30pm |
| Friday 12th | Season Opener Challenge BBQ | 6:00pm | Hot Current Tournament - Coffs | | |
| Saturday 13th | Season Opener Challenge MP | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Social BBQ | | 6:00pm |
| Sunday 14th | Season Opener Challenge MP | 7:00am - 2:00pm | Major Points Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 27th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Major Points Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday 28th | Major Points | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Billfish Shootout - Port Stephens | | |
| October 2025 | | | NSWGFA Interclub State Championships | | |
| Wednesday 1st | General Meeting | 6:30pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 4th | Northern Zone | 7:00am - 4:00pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday 5th | Northern Zone | 7:00am - 4:00pm | March 2026 | | |
| Friday 10th | Social BBQ | 6:00pm | General Meeting | | 6:30pm |
| Saturday 11th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday 12th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Saturday 25th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | In House Comp BBQ | | 6:00pm |
| Sunday 26th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | In House Comp MP | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| November 2025 | | | In House Comp MP | | 7:00am - 2:00pm |
| Saturday 1st | Major Points Northern Zone | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Sunday 2nd | Major Points Northern Zone | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Wednesday 5th | General Meeting | 6:30pm | April 2026 | | |
| Saturday 8th - Sunday 9th | Northern Zone Overnight | 7:00am - 5:00pm | General Meeting | | 6:30pm |
| Friday 14th | Social BBQ | 6:00pm | Northern Zone Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| Saturday 15th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Zone | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| Sunday 16th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | In House Comp BBQ | | 6:00pm |
| December 2025 | | | In House Comp MP | | 7:00am - 5:00pm |
| Wednesday 3rd | General Meeting | 6:30pm | In House Comp MP | | 7:00am - 2:00pm |
| Saturday 6th | Christmas Party | 12:00pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| Saturday 6th | Northern Zone | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Major Points | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| Sunday 7th | Northern Zone | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Annual General Meeting | | 6:00pm |
| Saturday 13th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | May 2026 | | |
| Sunday 14th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| Saturday 27th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| Sunday 28th | Major Points | 7:00am - 5:00pm | General Meeting | | 6:30pm |
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| | | | Major Points | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
| | | | Social BBQ | | 12:00pm |
| | | | Major Points | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
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| | | | June 2026 | | |
| | | | General Meeting | | 6:30pm |
| | | | Major Points Northern Zone | | 7:00am - 4:00pm |
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| | | | Sunday 23rd | | |

PLEASE NOTE: DAYS MAY BE ADDED OR MOVED AT THE DESCRETION OF THE PMGF CCOMMITTEE

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Wanting to become a member of PMGFC?

Complete the membership Form, email @ admin@pmgfc.com.au

That's a wrap for this month from the PMGFC Newsletter Team!! 🎣

Thanks to everyone who contributed, shared their stories, photos, and results. It's been another great month for the club, both on and off the water.

We appreciate all the support from our members and look forward to bringing you more updates, highlights, and news in the months ahead.

Tight lines and safe fishing!



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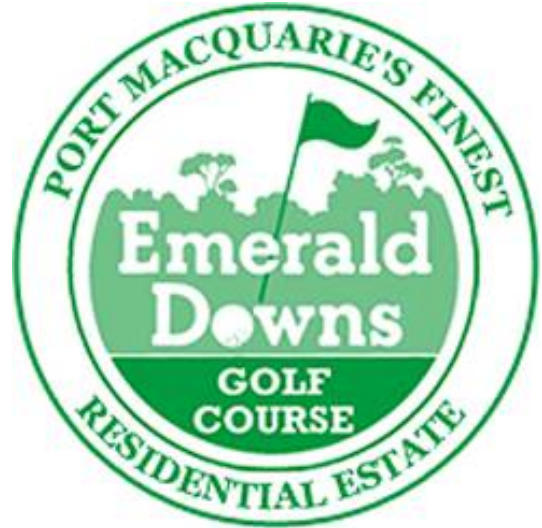


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