



Richard Owen - BA (Journ), Dip Inv Rel (AIRA)

After a career in business journalism, public relations, marketing and investor relations, Richard retired in 2014, However, he was subsequently engaged in June 2015 as inaugural manager of golf shop operations for the newly opened 9-hole Maleny Golf Club which he joined as a financial member in 2004.

Richard was responsible for building up a roster of volunteers to staff the golf operation and establishing the retail and sales business from a standing start. Journalistic and communications skills were fundamental for promotion of the club in the absence of an advertising budget.

Richard resigned from the role in December 2017 but has continued to work in the club's interests as a member of the Marketing Sub-committee, providing professional advice and support to promote the club, raise its public profile and enhance its brand awareness.

- Born and raised in Toowoomba, graduating from the University of Southern Queensland (then the DDIAE) with a BA (Journalism) in 1986.
- A communications professional with more than 30 years' experience in business journalism, marketing and sales while working as an investor relations consultant and in the newspaper publishing, materials manufacturing and the retail music and electronics sectors.
- Worked as a business journalist for 15 years with The Australian and subsequently as Business Editor and Associate Editor of Brisbane's metropolitan daily newspaper, The Courier-Mail until 2006.
- Headed the Financial and Investor Relations team at leading Queensland marketing communications firm Three Plus for more than four years - providing high level communications advice to many private and publicly-listed companies across a range of sectors, including financial services, ICT, resources and energy with a special focus on coal and gas.
- Joined ASX-listed Brisbane-based energy company WestSide Corporation Ltd in 2010 as Investor and Community Relations Manager – responsible to the CEO for market, shareholder, government and community communications until the company was taken over in 2014.