

Rob Bailo

Nomination for Committee Member 2021/22

Background

- I've lived in Maleny for 35 years and spent most of my working life as a self-employed French Polisher specialising in English and Australian antique furniture restoration including furniture for Parliament House and the Governor's mansion.

Golf

- I got bitten by the golfing bug as a teenager and was a member of Beerwah Golf Club for 25 years up until the opening of our first 9 holes in 2015. I attended the very first meetings in 1999 with a small group of Malenyites wishing to build a golf course here on the range. In 2004 I joined the Maleny Golf Club Committee and along with other members worked through many hurdles over the next 10 years before commencing course construction in 2014. I remained on the committee until 2017 and was the club's first Green's Director.

Golf Course Construction

- From 2014 until opening on the 30th June 2015 I assisted our Superintendent Mick McCombe in building all the 9 holes including shaping, drainage, irrigation and planting all greens.
- In 2017 I was again involved in construction of holes 4, 5 and 6 and rejoined the Management Committee in 2019.
- As revetted bunkers are part of the course design I managed to source material for the construction of the bunkers and built the first revetment in 2016. To date we now have 12 completed with 7 older bunkers to be rebuilt as revetted bunkers.
- On receiving the Federal Govt \$200,000 grant we commenced construction of the final 6 holes in 2019 and again I was involved in green's drainage and irrigation.
- During this period I built rock walls on the 1st tee, the rock wall before the bridge and the wall to the left of the green.
- I was responsible for the design and construction of both course bridges, tee signage and refuse bins.
- Also over the last 7 years I've been a regular in the mowing and renovation of greens.

During this time I've been very fortunate to have had many volunteers to assist me with work on the course. These members giving up so much of their time either working on course, in the clubhouse or as Committee Members are the heroes of our club. As the current Green's Director and now a life member I want to thank them all for their invaluable efforts.

We've come a long way over the last 7 years but there remains much more work to do in the continued improvement of our great golf course and for that I'm as keen as ever.

Cheers,
Rob