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McLeod Country Golf Club

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END OF AN ERA FOR LOCAL GOLF CLUB

McLeod Country Golf Club reached the end of an era when, last month, the club's longest-standing President in its 41 year history, finished her final term.

Deborah Marsland, who lives on the 14th fairway at McLeod Country Golf Club, was Vice President in 2003 when the President resigned and she automatically stepped up. She then stood for two more terms, reaching the maximum of two 2-year terms as stated by the club's Articles of Association.

As President, Ms Marsland's duties were facilitation and liaison with the club's members and staff to ensure that the needs of the club and members were met within budget.

"I am proud to have been able to bring McLeod Country Golf Club from a business that made a loss into one that made a profit, whilst at the same time improving the course and the facilities we offer," she said.

"I am particularly proud of the friendly atmosphere and camaraderie that exists at McLeod. Many golfers visiting from other clubs always comment on this."

Ms Marsland will continue to be part of the club's marketing committee and she says that playing at McLeod will still be a big part of her life.

"My personal goal for my golf is to drop my handicap from 14 to 10 by the end of the year."

As the owner of a successful Chapel Hill based business specialising in the sale of golfing apparel for women, Ms Marsland plans to focus on possibly franchising into other states this year.

McLeod Country Golf Club is very special as it remains, to this day, the first and only golf club fully administered by women in Australia and quite likely the Southern Hemisphere.

Today both women and men make up the 1000 + membership, enjoying the strong camaraderie and fellowship as well as a challenging game of golf on the 18 hole course.

The club's founding members were initially told that a women's' golf club in Brisbane would not be a viable proposition, but she was eager to establish a mixed club run by women so that they could be sure of having a fair share of the course.

They started to look around for a suitable tract of land at a cheap price to start a new club, and they even ventured as far as Samford to look at land, but prices were far too expensive at \$1000 per acre.

The ladies then heard that Centenary Estates were wanting to develop a golf course and had set aside an area of approximately 125 acres. It was freehold and available at no cost to any group that would undertake to develop a golf course within three years. After raising much needed funds and support, on 20th September 1968 the agreement was signed between Centenary Estates and McLeod Country Golf Club.

McLeod hosts several prestigious events each year from Pro-Ams to two day corporate events. The club fields pennants teams in both male and female competitions, with beginner and junior groups strongly supported with special clinics scheduled weekly to cater for all levels of ability.

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