



Information in support of nomination of

Mr. Anthony (Tony) Sernack

for Life Membership of New South Wales Golf Club

The Board of the New South Wales Golf Club is honoured to place on record its unanimous support for the nomination of Mr Tony Sernack for Life Membership, recognising more than five decades of exceptional service, leadership, and dedication to the Club.

Tony joined the New South Wales Golf Club on 1 February 1971 at the age of 20. Since that time, he has been admired as an intelligent and approachable character who has consistently acted in the best interests of the Club. Whether as a competitor, an organiser of events, or a committed Board member, Tony's contribution has been both significant and enduring.

He served with distinction on the Board for ten years as a Director, including as Chairman of Greens (1995–2003), Policy & Procedures Committee (1997–2003), and as Director of the New South Wales Golf Club Foundation from 2013 to the present, holding the role of Chairman since 2016. He introduced the principle of strategic planning to the Club, ensuring long-term objectives were enshrined in the Constitution and reviewed regularly. This foresight positioned the New South Wales Golf Club as a leader in governance across the Australian golf industry. As Greens Chair, Tony oversaw course enhancements including rivetted bunkers, practice facility upgrades, new pathways, green and fairway improvements, and the establishment of the fire management regime following the 1999 bushfire. Under his stewardship, the Club achieved its highest national and international rankings to date.

Tony's initiatives have become traditions that enrich the culture of the New South Wales Golf Club, including the Masters Breakfast, the MacKenzie Trophy six-club competition, and the Greens Chair vs Superintendent's Team event, fostering connection between greens staff and the Board. He also project-managed the 75th anniversary publication *Golf at La Perouse*, securing the first accurate record of the Club's course history, and has generously contributed his photographic skills for decades to official Club publications and archives.

As Chairman of the Foundation, Tony has shaped its role as integral to the Club's strategic objectives. Under his leadership, the Foundation has raised over \$2.5 million, delivering major improvements such as the Foundation Room, the new locker rooms, the southern balcony, and upgraded practice facilities. It has also advanced junior development, pennant success, and publications such as *Golf on Gamay*, recognising the heritage of the La Perouse land.

The Board believes that Mr Tony Sernack exemplifies the highest standards of service, leadership, and commitment to the New South Wales Golf Club. His contribution has been outstanding in every respect, governance, culture, facilities, history, and philanthropy, and his legacy will benefit Members for generations. In recognition of his extraordinary service over more than fifty years, the Board is proud to endorse the nomination of Mr Tony Sernack for Life Membership of the New South Wales Golf Club.