

# TATHRA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

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Having experienced the devastating Tathra bushfires in March 2018, in which 69 homes were lost in the space of a few hours, one of the most striking things I've observed this week as the horror of the latest bush fire crisis sweeps the country, is the amount of residual grief people are still carrying with them after that initial incident. The fear and dread remains ingrained in the psyche of so many. They're literally traumatised... and perhaps always will be. They're forever changed people.

Make no mistake, people's lives will be changed after this - whether their home is still standing or not. *There are some resources on the Red Cross Website to help people of all ages with their recovery.* <https://www.redcross.org.au/emergency-resources...>

During the aftermath of 2018, we had the support of all Clubs from the Far South Coast and Tablelands Golf Association, from Mollymook to Mallacoota and west to Cooma. We know what they are going through, even though we may never comprehend the enormity of it all. It is our turn to return that support in whatever way we can. Our hearts are breaking for their communities.

This time around Tathra has been spared from this onslaught, and we pray that we continue to stay safe. The economy is a different story however. Visitors told to flee, for some from up north, the only way was through Tathra, queues like we have never seen before, all leaving for safety. Caravan Parks and Holiday Apartments left empty in what is our peak season. It will be a long time before we can recover.

Predicted dangerous weather saw the cancellation of the George Bass. A major blow to the Club financially. We had been Trading quite well for the first 4 months of the year, but once again we will need to rely even more on the support of our Members.

The Board also felt a great need to support our staff. As in 2018 when Tathra was shut down completely, the staff have been paid according to the published roster. In looking after our staff, we know that we will have their on-going support and loyalty.

*The Club ... we all .... need to return to some sort of normality.*

The upcoming Sea Breeze is looking pretty full and we are hopeful to have maximum participation over the 4 days of golf, one of the highlights of our golfing year.

The Club is "Open for Business" as usual. We would love to be able to catch up with everyone for a chat and a nice cold beer, or whatever is your preference.

*It would be remiss not to acknowledge and thank the volunteers.  
Exhausted, they still carry on.*