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To the Members of Hawks Nest Golf Club,

After 11 incredibly rewarding years at Hawks Nest Golf Club, I want to share with you that I'll be finishing up my role on the 30th of June 2025. I've recently accepted an exciting new opportunity as Golf Manager at Pacific Golf Club in Brisbane, Queensland.

This decision has not come lightly. Hawks Nest Golf Club has been an incredibly important part of both my life and my family's for more than a decade. It's where I've grown professionally, built lifelong friendships, and found a true sense of community. But as many of you know, Emily and I have always been passionate about creating the best life possible for our two boys. This move represents an opportunity for both personal and professional growth, and a chance for our boys to access new sporting and educational opportunities as they continue to grow.

Reflecting on the past 11 years, I feel incredibly proud of what I've been able to contribute to this club and community. From the moment I joined, I set out to make a difference. Not just in golf, but in the overall experience of anyone who walked through the doors of HNGC. I've had the honour of coaching over 6,000 golfers across all ages and skill levels, and it's been a privilege to help so many people fall in love with the game—or find new confidence within it.

Some of the highlights that stand out for me include launching and growing the Pro Am from the ground up, transforming it into a truly memorable event that's put HNGC on the map. The Ladies Classic, our Weeks of Golf, and all the other competitions and special events we've hosted over the years are moments I'll never forget. Seeing the course come alive with fun, laughter, and great golf has been one of the greatest joys of this job.

Through it all, I've always aimed to provide a warm, welcoming atmosphere in the pro shop. Whether it was helping someone find the right gear, booking a round, fixing a club, or simply having a chat—I've done my best to make sure every member and visitor felt seen, supported, and part of something special here.

I would be lost without the outstanding team beside me. Running a pro shop isn't always easy, but it's been made so much easier thanks to the fantastic people I've had the privilege to work alongside. Thank you to Beau McDonald, Glen Haynes, Jim Rutter, Paul Jackson, Lucas Delavere, and Harry Leggatt for your hard work and commitment.

A special mention must go to Ben Mills and his outstanding course team. Over the past 10 years, the course has continued to improve year after year—and that's not just my opinion, it's something we hear regularly from visiting players. Ben's leadership and guidance of his team is second to none. He sets a high standard, and his crew follows with dedication, consistency, and genuine pride in their work. They work harder than anyone behind the scenes to deliver the best product possible for you, the members. We are incredibly lucky to enjoy the quality of course we do. Boy, do we have it good at Hawks Nest!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the incredible people I've had the chance to work alongside—the HNGC staff, committee members, volunteers, and most importantly, you, the members. Your support, enthusiasm, and trust have meant the world to me.

I also want to give a special mention to my wife Emily, who many of you know has poured her heart into this club—starting the pro shop business with me all those years ago and, more recently, through her work in the clubhouse, events, marketing and community engagement. Together, we've loved being part of the Hawks Nest Golf Club family, and we'll always carry these memories with us.

While I'm moving on, I want to assure you that I'm committed to ensuring a smooth and positive transition. I'll continue to work closely with the Board and management to help set the club up for ongoing success.

Lastly, a quick housekeeping note—for the next few months, if you have any pro shop vouchers, please make sure to come and see me to use them. Just a reminder: your club account is separate from pro shop vouchers, and your club account will remain unaffected. If you're unsure, feel free to pop in and I'll happily help clear anything up.

Thank you again—for the laughs, the lessons, and the lifelong connections. Hawks Nest will always hold a special place in my heart, and I'm grateful to have been a small part of its story.

I look forward to speaking with you all over the next couple of months. I'll also be joining the Board this Sunday at the Members' Information Session at 9am here at the golf club—if you'd like to attend and ask any questions, I'd love to see you there.



With sincere appreciation,
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