

# Dynamo powers fund drive

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**W**HEN it comes to raising money for Motor Neurone Disease research, Amber Werchon has hit a hole in one.

The real estate dynamo said she was overwhelmed by the support the Coast business community sent her way when she floated the idea of holding a golf day to raise funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Queensland.

Amber has been involved in philanthropy often, but this issue is one very close to her heart.

Amber's uncle, Ian, was diagnosed with the disease 18 months ago.

She said the news has left her family heartsick and the more she learned about the muscle wasting disease which afflicted her uncle, the more she wanted to help.

She became an ambassador for the association and has charged herself with spreading awareness of the disease as well as raising money for the organisation.

Yesterday was just another step towards that goal when Amber was

joined by about 128 business identities in teeing off at Club Pelican golf club for the inaugural Amber Werchon Property charity golf day.

"Watching my uncle suffer has been heartbreaking for myself and my family and there is no real hope or cure for anyone suffering from MND," Amber said.

"The more I learnt, the more it became my passion and I wanted to do what I could.

"I didn't know what it was at first but since my uncle's diagnosis I have been talking about it to more people, and it is amazing how many people know someone who has it. I wanted to do what I could."

A shotgun start began the Ambrose competition, which was so popular Amber filled the event to capacity and had a waiting list.

After the good-natured competition the golfers spilled back into the clubhouse for a charity auction.

"I am just so surprised and grateful for the support," Amber said.

The money raised will go towards patient care and research.



**HELPING HAND:** Amber Werchon was delighted with the response to her inaugural charity golf day at Club Pelican.

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