



## Swinging for charity

GOLF Clubs were swung with force on Friday, July 31, when in excess of 120 business identities from the Sunshine Coast teed off at Club Pelican, all in the name of raising funds for Motor Neurone Disease. The inaugural Amber Werchon Property Charity Golf Day was launched by AWP Director Amber Werchon, as part of her role as Ambassador for MNDAQ (Motor Neurone Disease Association Queensland).

A charity auction which included items donated by Fountainhead Retreat Maleny, Suncorp, Starshots, Pat Burns, Coastline BMW, Marjac, Fit 4 Life, and Rumba Resort, was a real hit, raising in excess of \$4500, and when all the money from the players and other donations is finalised, Amber is anticipating that more than \$11,000 will be raised for MNDAQ.

It was an Ambrose competition, with a shotgun start, and all the golfers spent half a day in the glorious winter sunshine out on the green before heading back to the Clubhouse at 5pm for a light dinner and the Charity Auction.

Amber was delighted with the success and plans to make this an annual event.

"It was a fantastic day, beautiful weather, a world-class location, and everyone got into the spirit of the day, enjoying themselves in the name of charity," said Amber.

The team from ANZ Caloundra were winners on the day.

In her speech Amber thanked the generosity of the sponsors, especially Suncorp, who donated a surprise \$1000 on the night, as well as thanking Club Pelican, her staff (in partic-

ular Rex Larkins who was the driving force behind organising the event), and all the attendees.

A disease close to her heart since her uncle's shock diagnosis last year, Amber has been keen to get involved in fundraising for MNDAQ to create awareness in the community, provide patient support and care, as well as fund much needed ongoing research.

"Before a close family member became diagnosed with MND, I had virtually no knowledge of the disease, and little notion of the horrific physical and emotional journey that lay ahead," said Amber.

"You can't imagine how devastated I was to find that there is no cure."

"Equipped with that bad news, I was determined to try to assist this organisation (MNDAQ) to raise money for patient care and research."



**WINNERS:** Greg Geach and Adam Pearce of ANZ asset finance accept the winner's prize from Rex Larkins of Amber Werchon Property.



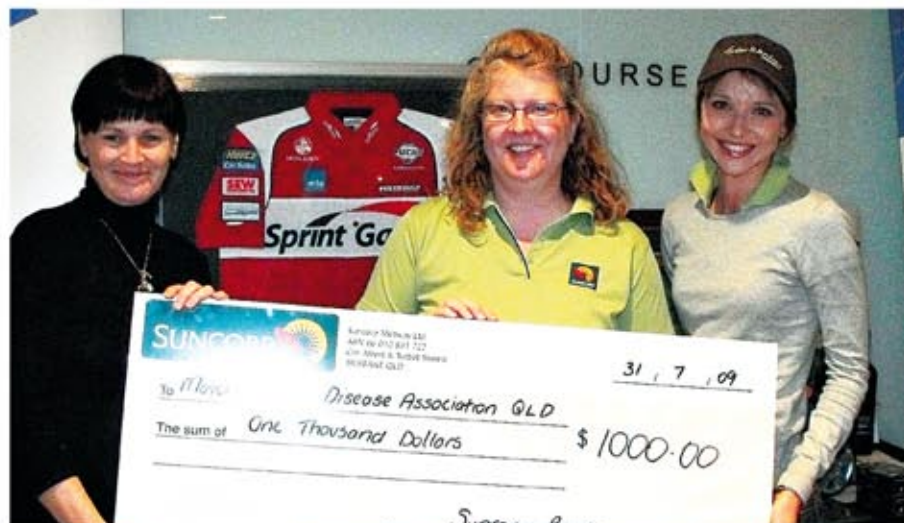
**FINE TEAM:** The Club Pelican Kops do the rounds to issue 'fines' to players to raise funds to fight Motor Neurone Disease.

**TEAMED UP:** The Mars Bars team of Lindsay Amos, left, Viv Lawson, Brett Maunder and Frank McRory.



**THOUSAND REASONS:** Vanessa Mullins of Suncorp presents Gail Healdley of MNDAQ, left, and Amber Werchon, right, with a \$1000 cheque.

**CLUBS AWAY:** Kerrod Walters of Amber Werchon Property Caloundra at the end of the round.



**TOP SHOT:** Graham McHugh, Andrew Stevens and Paul McHugh relive their round on the golf course



**GOOD TO GO:** Mick Rule from Marjac gets nourishment and encouragement from Kirsty Grant of Amber Werchon Property.



**TUCKING IN:** Mitch Sinclair, left, and Marcus Muir of Amber Werchon Property.