

Life Membership of the Whangarei Golf Club is offered to those members who have made a significant contribution to the Club and to the game of golf. Joan Puckey meets this criteria. She has a solid reputation as a highly respected office holder of golf in Northland and also at National level. She is currently President of Whangarei Golf Club, a position she has held for the past 5 (?) years . A great ambassador for the Club.

For the past 30 years Joan has committed herself to golf administration at so many levels. Joan represented the Whangarei Golf Club as Secretary Treasurer of the Northland District Ladies Golf Association and subsequently as NZGLU councillor for Northland.

In May 19~~60~~⁹ Joan became deputy chairman of the NZGLU and chairman in 1992. She was chairman for five years and in that time worked with the Hillary Commission to reposition the NZGLU and took the first steps to establish a Board to oversee women's golf instead of a council of women.

In 1997, after 10 years on the council and three years as chairman, Joan was made a Life Member of Womens Golf NZ. Prior to that Northland Ladies Golf had also honoured her with Life membership.

In 1994 Joan was also elected a trustee of Sport Northland, serving that organization in many capacities for ten years.

As well as her extensive commitments to the administration of golf in Northland and at New Zealand level, Joan was also heavily involved with Whangarei Golf Club's administration. With the advent of the Board of Management, replacing the general committee, Joan became the first woman on the first board and later the first woman chairman. When Womens Golf New Zealand first floated the idea of Nine Hole Golf Joan enthusiastically took on the concept and was instrumental in bringing this new arm of golf to Whangarei Golf club.

Somewhere amongst all of this Joan did actually find time to play golf. She was the Club's Silver Champion in 1982 but laments that knee and shoulder problems have made the elusive game just a little bit more difficult in recent years. Joan is also one of the Club's principal fund raisers. We look to Grants to fund a number of the Club's activities and for many years Joan has canvassed all possible avenues to make sure we lodge as many grant applications as possible.