



# Assef Bowl

Friday 19th August 2017

**The Assef Bowl is an annual golf competition between Taree, Wingham & Forster/Tucurry Lady Golfers, and has been running for over 60 years.**

Fred Assef came to Australia from Lebanon with his father in 1923 when he was 17 to start a better life for the family, consisting of 6 boys and 1 girl.

In 1940 Fred married Albertine Ashka and settled in Taree. They started a ladies and menswear business in Manning Street, before moving to Victoria Street across from Yarads in 1941. This business ran until the 1960's when they decided to open a gourmet deli, which unfortunately did not take in Taree and closed down. They both moved to Tamworth before retiring.

Fred and Albertine were unable to have children of their own, but were a vital part of the local Lebanese community. Fred was an active member of the Lions Club. Although they have both passed on, they would be thrilled to know that the competition continues to be run and enjoyed today by local lady golfing clubs.

The 2017 Assef Bowl was played over three rounds at each club, with round three at Club Taree on Friday 18th August. Each club played well, with Wingham winning with a final total of 896, Forster/Tucurry on 867 and Taree on 861. The bowl will be hotly contested again next year.