

**Mr Brett James**

*General Manager*

Moving to the Gold Coast at the age of 4, Brett attended Aquinas Catholic College graduating in 1991, following on to further his education studying a bachelor of business through a Golf Professional trainee.

Working in hospitality from the age of 12 Brett has a wealth of knowledge within the Club industry. Starting his career at Sanctuary Cove international Golf Club, Brett began working in Golf, before in his early 20's moving into the role as Golf Director with over 50 employees. After 15 years with the Club, he moved on to Emerald Lakes Golf Club as Operations Manager growing it to become the busiest golf course in Queensland.

With his love for golf, Brett became a Golf Professional in 2000 whilst owning a business importing Golf parts to the Gold Coast. Whilst travelling the globe in his early years, Brett played professional Golf whilst living in Britain, Japan, America and New Zealand.

Leaving Emerald Lakes Golf Club in 2009, Brett ventured to Christchurch, New Zealand to assist in the development of Pegasus Town, a vibrant and thriving community with a championship golf and sports club, dining facilities and a strong directory list of businesses.

After three years and the completion of the development, Brett moved back to the Gold Coast with his wife and two young children and became the General Manager of Southport Yacht Club. Brett has now been with SYC for almost three years developing new innovations including a world first Waterscape Pontoon Bar, Gymnasium and Children's Playground just to name a few. With the wealth of Club and hospitality knowledge, Brett is a great asset to SYC developing a strong membership base of over 3,000 members.

Brett is very much a people's person, who love interacting with the members on a daily basis, Brett is also extremely approachable and respects the values for each and every one of the SYC members. Another one of Brett's proudest accomplishments whilst being at SYC is the implementation of a strong management and staff team.

When not at work, Brett enjoys spending time with his family, playing a round of golf or two and setting out on his boat for some fishing, as he tells us he is a great fisherman!