

Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting of NSWVGA Inc
WEDNESDAY 7th December 2022 Kogarah Golf Club commencing
at 9.30am

Meeting Opened at 9.30am am by Acting President Les Knox.
Minute silence in remembrance of deceased Veterans during the year.

Attendees: (Clr) John Dixon, (Clr) James Shadlow,
Penny Hudson Group 27, Rob Trembath Group27,
(CLR) John Daley, (CLR) Dick van Buuren, (CLR) Stuart Dossetor, (CLR)
Peter Guy, (CLR) LES Knox,
Col Darley Group 2, Barbara Foy Woollooware, Norm McInnes Macarthur,
Charlie Swyer Shoalhaven Heads Group 2, Richard Farrant Life Member
Illawarra, (CLR) Lance Fredericks, Richard Doyle Life Member, Kevin
Connell Cabramatta, Chris Collins Treasurer Cabramatta, (CLR) Aileen
Williams

Apologies: Les Mann Life Member, Len Payne Life Member, (CLR) Peter
Taylor,(CLR) Gerry Cox
Motion to receive apologies moved (Clr) Dick van Buuren seconded (Clr)
Lance Fredericks - carried

Obituaries:
Vale Ian Vidler President NSWVGA, Vice President AVGU
Garry Mason Councilor NSWVGA Group 23 secretary
Albert Appleby - Macarthur
Colin Brown - Illawarra

Minutes of NSWVGA Inc 46th AGM of Wednesday 8th December 2021
as previously circulated were adopted on motion of Clr John Dixon
seconded Clr John Daley - carried

Notice of Motion

Life Membership of NSWVGA be granted to Mr. Ian Vidler – presented to
Executive Council meeting on the 10th August 2022 and to be adopted at
the A.G.M on 7th December, 2022 and back dated to the 10th August
2022. This was moved on motion by Clr Peter Guy
Seconded by Clr Dick van Buuren motion - carried

Correspondence for AGM:

Group 22 Secretary Manuel Pro requesting information about the monies
held by NSWVGA

Penny Hudson Group 27 requesting that NSWVGA reintroduce Zones.

Annual Reports:

President Report:

Moved by Clr. John Daley seconded Clr. John Dixon that the report of Acting President Les Knox be taken as report read. – Carried.

Acting President's Report to the 47 Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Veteran Golfer's Association Inc. 2022.

It is with pleasure I present this report to members of NSWVGA on the Association's activities in 2022 although I do it with a great deal of sadness as it was only because of the passing of President Ian Vidler that I find myself in this position.

Vale Ian Vidler – President New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association.

Terrible news was received during this year when we learnt of the passing of inspirational President Ian Vidler. NSWVGA passed the following condolence motion.

On behalf of all veteran golfers in New South Wales and throughout Australia the Executive of NSWVGA express their deepest sympathy and condolences to Lyn and family at the passing of Ian. Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow. He was a big part of so many people's lives. A larger-than-life man. We are honoured to have known and worked with Ian and will cherish the wonderful memories of times we had together. Forever remembered, forever missed

It was also sad to hear of the passing of former Councillor Garry Mason who had been a hardworking and dedicated member of the Executive Council prior to 2022.

Program of events.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Vice President John Daley and the many hours he spends in preparing NSWVGA programs. The 2023 program is now on the website.

To finalise such a program, it requires the cooperation of many, including Tournament Directors and Club Management. On behalf of all members of NSWVGA, our sincere thanks for your time, effort and organizational skills.

Conduct of events.

NSWVGA is a gender neutral organization for both men and women aged 55 and over. When conducting tournaments under the auspices of the NSWVGA, Tournament Directors must be aware of requirements for the Conduct of NSWVGA Weeks of Golf and adhere to those requirements. **Those requirements are set out in Policy 2 which can be viewed on the NSWVGA public website: www.nswvga.com.au.**

Should Tournament Directors have any doubts on their responsibilities and requirements please contact Program Director, Vice President, and John Daley.

Weeks of Golf.

Sincere thanks must go to Tournament Organizers for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. It is through your efforts that our Association operates so successfully.

It has again been an especially difficult year for Tournament Directors with many courses being severely impacted by adverse weather and flooding rains. In a number of cases Weeks of Golf had to be cancelled due to either floods or damage caused to courses.

In some cases, months of work had been put into organizing events, only having to cancel or postpone them at the last moment. Devastating for Organizers and players alike.

Surely, we are due for a break from wet weather and hangover from Covid-19 in 2023 allowing all Weeks of Golf to proceed as scheduled permitting members to participate in a spirit of keen competition and good fellowship with a strong emphasis on social interchange.

Finances.

NSWVGA is indeed fortunate to have such a dedicated and competent Treasurer in Dick van Buuren. The time and effort Dick has put into his work can be seen by detailed reports submitted to meetings that form part of minutes on our website.

With Dick in charge of finances the Association is in good hands. Congratulations Dick on what you have achieved in your short time as Treasurer.

Sponsors

To all the sponsors who support NSWVGA golfing activities at all levels, sincere thanks for your support, on behalf of our members, who benefit from your generosity.

Executive Council

Covid-19 has had a lasting effect on how we meet as most meetings are now conducted via ZOOM. It is still proposed in 2023 to hold one face to face meeting mid-year and the AGM will remain a face-to-face meeting.

I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all Councillors for their efforts and dedication during the past 12 months. You have displayed a huge degree of dedication, cooperation and support to achieve the aims of the Association. At all times you have acted in the best interest of members, ensuring that they enjoy the benefits of membership.

Special thanks goes to Lance Fredericks and Gerry Cox who will not be seeking re-election on the Executive Council. It has been a pleasure working with you both and I wish you both well.

With the passing of Ian Vidler and two members of the current Executive Council not seeking re-election we will see a number of new faces on the Council in 2023. Good luck to all who have nominated for positions on the Executive Council.

New Membership Register.

Councillor Peter Guy has put many hours of work in assisting with the development of a new Membership Register which hopefully will be finalised by the end of this year.

There have been a number of problems identified with the current site and it is hoped that when the new site is fully operational those issues will no longer exist.

There have been some suggestions that more accurate records could be achieved by allowing Clubs, rather than Group Secretaries, to enter and update membership details. Peter Guy has indicated that there will be no problem with each club/group nominating whoever they want to do their updates - if the duties are shared between more than one person, we will add a separate login for each.

Constitution Update.

As a result of discussions that have taken place over the past couple of months it has become clear that a number of areas in the current Constitution, including voting rights and who can nominate for Executive Council need to be clarified.

Peter Guy, assisted by Lance Fredericks, is preparing draft amendments to the Constitution for discussion by the incoming Executive Council. When that draft has been finalised, the draft will be circulated and a Special General Meeting will be called to discuss the proposed amendments and adopted if approved.

Amalgamation of Lady's and Men's Veteran Associations.

Amalgamation talks took place during the year between NSWVGA and the Veteran Women's Golf Association of NSW. Unfortunately, the Lady's Association felt that the two Associations operations were too far apart for amalgamation to take place, therefore any further talks have been put on hold. The NSWVGA are still keen for the two Associations to amalgamate. Although there will be some issues to overcome, I believe that amalgamation in time will occur as it would benefit both Associations.

Grass Roots Scheme.

The Grass Roots voucher system was introduced in recognition of all veteran golfers who are members of NSWVGA providing vouchers for members to play for in club competitions.

The Executive Council decided to end this program which has been in operation for 5 years and has seen over \$50,000 distributed to members clubs.

The \$2.00 levy per player, playing in Weeks of Golf to be abolished.

This levy had been in place for many years but it was decided to abolish the payment which had been questioned by a number of Tournament Directors. It is my understanding the levy was initially introduced as many players, e.g., Lady's and Interstate players, did not have to be members of NSWVGA to play in tournaments but now as ALL players must be a member of NSWVGA to play in Weeks of Golf it was considered the levy was no longer warranted.

NSWVGA Championship Events.

A reminder that NSWVGA conduct 7 championship events throughout each year.

- NSWVGA Stroke Play Championships,
- NSWVGA Ladies Championships,
- NSWVGA Mixed Sand Green 4BBB Championships,
- NSWVGA Mens Sand Green 4BBB Championships,
- NSWVGA 4BBB Mixed Championships,
- NSWVGA Sand Green Championships,
- NSWVGA Match Play Championships.

These Championship events are sponsored by NSWVGA totalling in excess of \$10,000.

Sincere thanks must go to the Tournament Directors who conduct these events on our behalf.

For further information on these events please see the 2023 program which is listed on our website.

NSWVGA Medal and 4BBB

Unfortunately, this event could not be played in 2020/1 due to Covid-19 and this year it had to be again cancelled due to lack of entries.

The incoming Executive Council will make a decision after the AGM in December on the future of this event but at this stage its future must be in considerable doubt.

Irrespective of whether the medal finals are played, medals and vouchers will still be available to both male and female players who win their Group Player of the Year events.

CONCLUSION.

Sincere condolences to those who have lost loved ones during the year and our best wishes go to those who have not enjoyed the best of health for a full and speedy recovery.

In conclusion, on behalf of my wife and myself, I wish you and your respective families a very happy and safe festive season. Hopefully 2023 brings some enjoyable rounds of golf, but above all good health and friendship with fellow veteran golfers.

Les Knox

Acting President NSWVGA.

Motion to adopt the Acting President Annual Report Clr Peter Guy
seconded Clr Dick van Buuren – carried

Life Member Richard Doyle voiced his concerns with the NSWVGA Grass roots program been discontinued. President Les advised Richard that the incoming Committee could relook at it.

TREASURERS REPORT TO NSWVGA's AGM 7th December 2022

The audited financial report for the year October 2021 to September 2022 was emailed to Councilors and Group Secretaries by NSWVGA's secretary on 18th October.

The email included a statement that, if there were questions of the report that they be submitted to our Secretary 5 days prior to our AGM.

To date only one question received:

On 21 Oct 2022, at 1:20 pm, Manuel Pro <bathurstgolfvets@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi everyone,

The following is the 2022 financial report for NSW vets. You will notice that in 2021 they made a profit of over \$11,000.00 and in 2022 they made a profit of over \$19,000.00. They have over \$80,000 in bank accounts.

My question is why do they need so much money and what are they going to do with it?

Cheers,

Manuel

I believe that my Report, as follows addresses Manuel's Question.

I hereby present the Financial Audited Report for NSWVGA's financial year October 2021 to September 2022. I took on this position in August 2021 and in my first full year as treasurer I have been able to undertake a complete review of our operations.

The Financial performance of an organisation can be measured by the year's Surplus/Deficit together with a comparison of its Income and Expenses to the previous year. However, we have not had a "normal" year for some 3 years because of Covid and wet weather.

This year's results show a financial surplus of \$19,125 compared to \$11,242 for 2020/21 and a loss of \$2,894 in 2019/20.

This year's \$19,125 surplus, like the previous two years results are completely misleading!

Our Income, in three years of Covid and wet weather have remained stable however there was a dramatic reduction in our expenses and as a consequence an increase in our Bank Balance.

This year:

- Five of the six Council meetings were conducted by Zoom instead of face to face.
- Some 15 Weeks of Golf/Championships were cancelled. Therefore prizemoney, trophies and Council's Representatives travel expenses were not incurred.
- Membership fees to AVGU were not required as they were inactive.
- We changed the way programs, like Grassroots and Week of Golf cancellation grants were paid, resulting in a saving in unclaimed amounts.

That is some \$38,900 worth of expenses were avoided this year.

Had we incurred those costs, we would have seen a loss this year, of approximately \$20,000.

I believe the same could be said for the previous two years. This would have seriously eroded our Bank Balance.

Obviously, we can't sustain losses!

We have taken several initiatives to contain future costs, such as increasing the number of Council Zoom meetings, reducing travelling expenses and the cancellation of the Grassroots Scheme.

At a cost to us, we also removed the very unpopular WOG \$2.00 player levy, as women participating at WOG are now required to be members of NSWVGA.

At a recent Council meeting I presented a budget for a "normal" Covid free year for 2022/23 and it included the initiative implemented and this resulted in a projected small loss.

Management of our finances must be closely monitored.

I move the adoption of my Treasures Report.

Dick van Buuren
Treasurer NSWVGA

Motion to adopt the Treasurer's Report Clr Dick van Buuren seconded Clr John Dixon – carried

**NSW Veteran Golfers Association
Incorporated**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

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**NSW Veteran Golfers Association Incorporated
Accountants Report
For the year ended 30 September 2022**

I report that the accompanying Financial Reports of the NSW Veteran Golfers Association Incorporated for the period 1 October 2021 to 30 September 2022 have been prepared from the books and records supplied by the NSW Veteran Golfers Association Incorporated. From the work done, it appears that the income and expenditure statement and balance sheet from the client's financial information reflects the financial position of the NSW Veteran Golfers Association Incorporated as at 30 September 2022.



John Stuart, ALGA
John Stuart and Associates
20 October 2022

NSW Veteran Golf Association Incorporated
Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 30 September 2022

Income	Note	2022	2021
Affiliation Fees		79,520.00	78,045.00
WOG Player Rego Fees		8,518.00	6,722.00
Interest		275.98	332.15
Sponsorship	1	1,800.00	5,300.00
Unidentified Deposits		10.00	30.00
Book Sales		100.00	5,770.00
Total Income		\$ 90,223.98	\$ 96,199.15
Expenses			
Administration Fees	2	2,595.50	2,964.71
Affiliation fees		-	2,500.00
Audit Fees		330.00	350.00
Donations	3	500.00	6,010.00
Insurances		10,941.98	10,572.25
Postage Print & Stat		721.33	871.96
Sponsorship	4	6,240.00	11,105.00
Vouchers	5	13,780.00	11,830.00
Trav Exes Meetings		3,178.35	6,633.07
Trophies, Shields & Pres Folders		2,274.20	1,051.50
Website		7,095.00	5,500.00
Grassroots	6	7,550.00	10,450.00
Grants	7	5,100.00	2,700.00
Tournament Expenses		7,641.60	9,718.90
Honorariums	8	2,700.00	2,700.00
Meeting Lunches & Taxis		450.23	-
Total Expenses		71,098.19	84,957.39
Surplus(deficit) for the year from activities		19,125.79	11,241.76

Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2022

Equity		
Balance 30 September 2021	59,016.50	17,774.74
Balance investment account, The Greater	-	30,000.00
Surplus(deficit) for the year	19,125.79	11,241.76
Members Equity	78,142.29	59,016.50
Represented by		
Balance 30 September 2022 CBA 062-234 28002400	58,628.13	59,706.35
Balance 30 September 2022 Bendigo 633-000 187503008	16,154.41	
Less unrepresented cheques:		
Aileen Williams		(12.25)
Stu Dossetor		(677.60)
Payments in Advance Week of Golf vouchers	3,469.75	
Affiliation fees paid in advance	(110.00)	
Total cash & investments	\$ 78,142.29	\$ 59,016.50

NSW Veteran Golf Association Incorporated
Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 September 2022

Income

Sponsorship Note 1

NSW Golf	1,000.00
Watson Caravan	800.00
	1,800.00

Expenses

Admin Costs Note 2

Web site	420.00
Dept of FT	48.00
Inbound Web Solution	165.00
M1 Club Web Site	660.00
Ex Gratia Payment	695.00
PC Repairs & Software	279.00
Sundries	98.50
Flowers	230.00
	2,595.50

Donations Note 3

Motor Neurone Disease Foundation	500.00
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Sponsorship Note 4

S/Greens Mens Chamionship Nyngan	600.00
Nelson Bay match Play	2,060.00
Mxd S/Greens Grenfell	1,100.00
Wagga 4BBB Championships	1,380.00
Narromine Mens 4BBB S/Greens	1,100.00
	6,240.00

Voucher Note 5

Presentation Prizes for Winners of Weeks of Golf Competitions	13,780.00
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Grassroot Note 6

Prizes for Member level Competitions	7,550.00
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Grants Note 7

Cancellation of WOG various Club	5,100.00
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Honorariums Note 8

Ian Vidler President	1,100.00
Aileen Williams Secretary	600.00
John Daley Program Co-Ordinator	500.00
Dick van Buuren Treasurer	500.00
	2,700.00

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Appointment of Returning Officers:

Dick Farrant and Lance Fredericks were appointed as Returning Officers.

Acting President Les Knox declares all positions vacant & calls for nominations received.

President: Les Knox declared elected as President NSWVGA 2023 - Unopposed.

Vice- President's (2):

John Daley declared elected as Vice President NSWVGA 2023 -Unopposed.

John Dixon declared elected as Vice President NSWVGA 2023 - Unopposed.

Secretary: Aileen Williams declared elected as Secretary NSWVGA 2023 – Unopposed.

Treasurer: Dick Van Buuren declared elected as Treasurer NSWVGA 2023 – Unopposed.

Nine (9) nominations were received from the following for seven (7) Councilors on the NSWVGA Executive Council:

- Peter Taylor (Group 14 Northern Rivers)
- James Shadlow (Group 15 New England)
- Peter Guy (Group 4 Sydney Vets)
- Stu Dossetor (Group 2 Mid-South Coast)
- Col Darley (Group 2 Mid-South Coast)
- Charlie Swyer (Group 2 Mid-South Coast)
- Steve Mitchell (Group 6 Brisbane Waters)
- Robert Trembath (Group 27 Western Riverina) and
- Penny Hudson (Group 27 Western Riverina)

Steve Mitchell (Group 6 Brisbane Waters) withdrew his nomination.

A secret ballot was conducted and the following Councilors were elected:

- Peter Guy Group 4,
- Charlie Swyer Group 2
- Stuart Dossetor Group 2,
- James Shadlow Group 15,
- Robert Trembath Group 27
- Peter Taylor Group 14,
- Penny Hudson Group 27

Moved Clr Peter Guy Seconded Clr John Dixon that the ballot papers be destroyed. Carried.

Appointment of Auditor

Clr Dick van BUUREN advised the meeting that John Stuart has stated that he is not a registered auditor however he has had 47 Years finance and accounting experience working for councils in NSW and NT as well as Aboriginal Corporations in the NT. For the past 22 years he has run his own contract accounting firm specializing in completion of financial statements. He holds an Associate Diploma In Local Administration (ALGA) which was the course that qualified a person as a Town/ Shire Clerk, when they still had such a thing.

Moved on motion from Clr Dick van Buuren to appoint John Stuart as Auditor for 2023 seconded by Clr Penny Hudson – carried

General Business

Life member Dick Farrant made comment on NSWVGA's financial results in the last two years.

Group Reports

NRVGA Annual Report – 2022

As we began to live with Covid, mother nature dealt us a blow that has never been seen in a lifetime. Our deepest sympathy goes to all Veteran Golfers, families and their Clubs, displaced by horrific floods experienced in February – March this year, a lot of those that had flood insurance are still frustratingly dealing with Insurance Companies and those that didn't are left picking up the pieces. And as this is being written, Mother Nature is impacting the same way on the Lachlan River and the Central West. Our Association is strong with

Group 14 having 18 Affiliated Clubs with over 2100 Veteran members. Our regional area stretches from Coolangatta Tweed Heads in the North to Grafton in the South; Woodenbong in the West to Yamba in the East and 14 other Clubs in between. Each Club holds a dedicated Veterans' Open Day, with the date being set at our AGM each November. Veterans travel to each and enjoy the Golf (Single Stableford Medley), Lunch and the Camaraderie. Our Program was severely disrupted this year with many Open Days having to be cancelled due to wet weather and waterlogged courses rendering them unplayable. The Executive did their very best to reschedule all washed out days but unfortunately some rescheduled events had to be cancelled. To this end, some Clubs have not held an Open Day for 3 years due firstly to Covid and then the wet weather. In total, we had set down, or rescheduled 24 Veteran Open Days, only to have 10 games playable this year. A special thanks go to the Secretary and Treasurers of those Clubs that had to postpone or cancel Open Days and for seamlessly completing entries and refunding fees to Clubs and your own members. Despite the above scenario, NRVGA was able to hold the Inaugural Masters Championship, which, although being scheduled for June, was eventually played in mid-October. To be eligible to play, certain criteria must be met. Players must be 70yrs or over as at 1st June, in the participating year, and must have played in a minimum of 3 NRVGA Veteran Open Days in the preceding 12 months. The concept is very exciting with an overall Champion coming from 3 Age Categories (80 and over, 75-79yrs and 70-74yrs) and played on 9-hole courses on the Northern Rivers, Coraki, Kyogle and Woodburn Evans Head on a yearly rotation basis. The Event was played at Kyogle this year. - Coraki next year. Congratulations to Rick Wagner from Lismore who is the Overall Masters Champion and 75-79yrs Age Champion. John Robinson Snr from Woodburn Evans Head won the 80yrs and Over Age Category. The 70-74 Age Champion was Grant Tait from Coraki www.nrvga.com Veronique Morgan and John Carlton from Maclean were our 4BBB Champions played at Mullumbimby this year. Again, qualifying criteria must be met with both players having to be affiliated members of NRVGA and from the same Club and also having to play 3 Veteran Open Days. This Event is played on five 18Hole Courses on a yearly rotation basis. Our Individual Champions, with the Events being played at Ocean Shores this year (Ballina, Casino and Byron Bay being the other 18Hole Courses on a yearly rotation), are as follows. Frank Knudson from Ballina is our 2022 Stroke Champion Dinny Mandalis from Ocean Shores is Nett Champion 2022 Simeon Tinsley from Mullumbimby is our Stableford Winner 2022 Secretary, Ray Kent, kept a digital record of all players who played at the various Veteran Open Days that were held. Points were awarded on a 15 down to one-point basis for the first 15 place-getters in each field. A further 3 points were given to all participating Veterans on the day. The Accumulated Points were tallied at the end of our Year's Open Day Program and a Winner and Runner-Up received a Medal and Voucher. The Medals represent Points awarded for Participation, Ability and Consistency. Our Medal Winners for 2022 were Rick Wagner from Lismore and Runner-Up, Peter Lake from Mullumbimby. At our recent AGM, John Lowe from Lismore was returned unopposed as President. Ray Kent from Murwillumbah was returned unopposed as Secretary / Treasurer. There were new faces elected to our Executive this year 2023 – Grant Evans from Coolangatta Tweed Heads was elected as Vice President North and Rod Ellis from Maclean was elected as Vice President South. Our two Councilors to NSWVGA, John Daley from Grafton and Peter Taylor from Mullumbimby, were officially endorsed as nominations for Vice President and Councilor

positions on the NSWVGA Executive Council 2023. They are both worthy candidates. Our Affiliated Clubs would like to thank NSWVGA for the financial support given to Group 14 over the past five years with the Grass Roots level Scheme. Approximately \$6,500.00 has been forwarded to the Northern Rivers Clubs over this period. The \$25.00 Vouchers to NRVGA Clubs based on every 50 Veteran Members (or part thereof) have been played for and awarded to their Veteran Members in varying ways. Some Clubs held a special "Sponsor Day" and these Vouchers were included. Some gave the Vouchers as extra prizes in their weekly competitions, while others did Card Draws for non-winning players. Our Association is in a very strong position with Membership and Funds. We have a very good Executive Committee which, with support from the 18 Affiliated Veteran Clubs conduct a Golfing Program which meets our "Commitment of providing an organisation for the promotion of Veteran Golf in the Northern Rivers area of NSW for the enjoyment and camaraderie of its Members". NRVGA wish NSWVGA and all affiliated Members the very best for the Festive Season and the Golfing Season in 2023. Stay healthy and active and enjoy your Golf. Ray Kent ... Secretary, and John Lowe ... President NRVGA Group 14 21 November 2022

Date of next A.G.M. Thursday 7th December 2023 at Kogarah Golf Club commencing 9.00am.

With no further business President declared the 47th A.G.M. of NSWVGA Inc meeting closed at 10.16am.

The Venue was not available so for the Thursday so the venue was book for Wednesday 6th December 2023