

AGENDA OF THE 48TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NSWVGA INC

WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 2023 KOGARAH GOLF CLUB COMMENCING AT 9.00am

Meeting opened: 9.03

Attendees: Pres Les Knox, Vic Pres John Daley, Vice Pres John Dixon, Clr Dick van Buuren, Clr Robert Trembath, Clr Jim Shadlow, Clr Penny Hudson, delegate group 6 Steve Mitchell, Life Member Richard Farrant, Randwick Golf Club, Geoff Cook Randwick Golf Club Ian Martin, Life Member Bob Coulson, Clr Stu Dossetor, Clr Peter Taylor, Clr Peter Guy, Clr Aileen Williams

Apologies: Kevin Oconnell, Life member Les Mann, Catherine Pautsch, Clr Charlie Swyer, Group 3 Secretaries Steve Wicks, Kevin Connell, Life Member Richard Doyle

Moved Stu Dossetor Seconded Peter Taylor - carried

Obituaries: Brian Barnes Dubbo

Brian Graham Southern Highlands

Minutes of NSWVGA Inc 47 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 7th December 2022, as previously circulated were adopted on motion

Moved Richard Farrant Seconded Dick van Buuren That they are a true and accurate record of the minutes.

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Notice of Motion to amend NSWVGA Constitution:

Please see letter sent out to all group secretaries 24.10.23

The amended constitution to be adopted

Moved on motion John Dixon Seconded Stu Dossetor - carried

Clr John Daley commented on the policy 2, Weeks of golf regarding NSWVGA been gender neutral. President stated that this is covered in the new constitution under item 1.9

President Les thanked the constitution committee for their commitment and the incredible amount of work involved in completing the revised constitution.

Correspondence for AGM

24.10.23 Email sent out to all group secretaries - NSVGA Constitution - Delegate quotasText for email to be sent to all Groups and DACs (also copied to Councillors) – signed by President, but sent out by Secretary

Subject: NSWVGA Constitution – Delegate quotas

Text:

From Les Knox, President NSWVGA

Following the rejection of the proposed new constitution at the Special General Meeting on 7 Jun 23, a sub-committee was set up to propose a way forward.

This sub-committee put out a request for comments or suggestions and many responses were received. These have all been reviewed, and on most of the clauses there is a clear majority opinion on the way forward.

There one clause on which there is no clear majority opinion: What quotas should be allowed for the nomination of Delegates to a General Meeting.

Note: Delegates are the representatives who are allowed to vote at a General Meeting.

In order to resolve this clause, we are asking the Groups and Directly Affiliated Clubs to tell us their preferred alternative.

The current constitution says:

for each Group (including Directly Affiliated Clubs):-

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| (i) | with financial members less than 150 | - | no Delegate |
| (ii) | with financial members from 150 to 1000 | - | one (1) Delegate |
| (iii) | with financial members in excess of 1000 | - | two (2) Delegates |

For the revised constitution, the following alternatives have been proposed:

Alternative (A):

- each Group may nominate 1 Delegate
- each Directly Affiliated Club may nominate 1 Delegate

Alternative (B):

- each Group may nominate 1 Delegate

Alternative (C):

- each Group may nominate 1 Delegate

- the combined Directly Affiliated Clubs may nominate 1 Delegate

Alternative (D):

- each Group or Directly Affiliated Club with 1000 or less financial members may nominate 1 Delegate
- each Group or Directly Affiliated Club with more than 1000 financial members may nominate 2 Delegates

Please could you consider these alternatives and let us know which alternative you would prefer by Fri 3 Nov 2023.

Thank you

Les Knox
President NSWVGA

19.10.23 Email received from GROUP 27 Proxy vote Dick van Buuren

23.10.23 Email received from Group 25 Delegate Robert Trembath

23.10.23 Email received from Group 28 Delegate Penny Hudson

25.10.23 Email received from Kevin Connell Proxy Vote Charlie Swyer

25.10.23 Treasurer Report

25.10.23 Auditors Report

25.10.23 Reply email received from Cle Penny Hudson disappointment on the document sent out to all group secretaries

25.10.23 Email received from Kevin Connell delegate Clr Charlie Swyer

30.10.23 Email received from Group 20- delegate Les Knox

30.10.23 Email received from Group 20 response on Revised constitution Alternative C be included

30.10.23 Email received from Group 2 Alternative B

3.11.23 Nomination received for Council Penny Hudson

4.11.23 Email received from Group 9 Alternative B

4.11.23 Email received from group 6 Proxy vote Steve Mitchell

7.11.23 Nomination for Vice President John Dixon

14.11.23 Nomination received for council Charlie Swyer

14.11.23 Nomination for Secretary Aileen Williams

21.11.23 Nomination received for council Steve Mitchell

21.11.23 Nomination for President John Daley

21.11.23 Nomination for council Peter Taylor

22.11.23 Nomination received for council Robert Trembath

25.11.23 Group 20 report

26.11.23 Nomination received for council Jim Shadlow

28.11.23 Nomination received for council Catherine Pautsch

29.11.23 Nomination received for council Peter Guy

29.11.23 Proxy vote received for Peter Guy SVGA

Annual Reports:

President report be taken as read

Moved John Dixon Seconded Robert Trembath – carried

Matters Arising: No matters arising

Moved to adopt the President report Peter Taylor Seconded Stuard Dossetor - carried Seconded

Treasurer Report, As previously circulated

Dick van Buuren moved the adoption of the treasurer report and audited financial statements

Seconded Robert Trembath - carried

Election of Executive Council

Pres Les Knox offered his services as the Returning officer

Acting President Les Knox declares all positions vacant and called for nominations received.

President: John Daley elected as President NSWVGA 2024

Vice President's (2)

John Dixon declared elected as Vice President NSWVGA 2024 unopposed.

As there was no other nomination for received for Vice President a call for the position was called for from the floor. Clr John Dixon nominated Clr Robert Trembath for the position of Vice President Seconded Peter Taylor

Robert Trembath declared elected as Vice President NSWVGA 2024

Secretary: Aileen Williams declared as Secretary NSWVGA 2024

Treasurer: No nomination received at this stage. President Les stated that he would take a nomination from the floor. None was received. Clr Jim Shadlow informed the committee that he had been liaising with Gary King and he might possibly take on the role. Gary is a full member of the vets at Inverell, but he does reside in Queensland. Gary is very efficient and has vast and extensive qualifications and would fit easily into the role. Clr Jim Shadlow will keep the committee informed.

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

- Peter Taylor (Group 14) Northern Rivers)
- James Shadlow (Group 15 New England)
- Peter Guy (Sydney Vets)
- Charlie Swyer (Group 2 Mid- South Coast)
- Steve Mitchell (Group 6 Brisbane Water)
- Penny Hudson (Group 27 Western Riverina)
- Catherine Pautsch (Directly Affiliated Clubs)
- Gale Sheils (Group 20 Western Sydney) this nomination was later withdrawn
- Robert Trembath (Group 27 Western Riverina) As Robert Trembath was elected as Vice President this then left 7 nominations for councillors. The remaining nominations were then declared elected as NSWVGA Councillors were then elected unopposed.

As we do not have a treasurer at this stage, we can't appoint an Auditor. We will need to address this at our first meeting of the new executive council early next year.

Next years AGM will be held Wednesday 4th December 2024 commencing 9.00am

Moved on motion Clr Peter Taylor Seconded Clr Steve Mitchell carried

Meeting Closed at 9.21am

President's Report to the 48 Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Veteran Golfer's Association Inc.

I am pleased to present this report to members of NSWVGA on the Association's activities in 2023.

Membership of NSWVGA remains strong with 16,654 members, especially when compared with membership of approximately 15,900 in 2022 and 15,600 in 2021.

Whilst membership is strong it has been noted that participation rates at some weeks of golf have fallen off. NSWVGA is continually looking at ways to increase numbers at tournaments through programming, advertising etc., but it is difficult in these times where cost of living, travelling and accommodation are so high.

I have been involved with NSWVGA for the last 13 years. Firstly, attending meetings of NSWVGA as an observer, then as a Councillor before becoming Vice President and then President. Secondly, as President of Western Sydney Region Veteran Golf Association (Group 20), a position I still hold.

I have nothing but praise for the dedicated men and women who are involved with management, organizing and running the Association and Weeks of Golf. I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to Councillors, Group Secretaries, Tournament Directors and Members of NSWVGA for their efforts during the past 12 months.

Even the best run organizations can always be improved and I would like my following observations to be noted:

- The Executive Council should never lose sight of the fact that they are elected by the members to represent the members.
- When implementing policies, it should be a priority to work and consult with Groups, Tournament Directors and Members rather than use the 'big stick' approach. Surely our aim is to get more veteran men and women playing golf rather than putting road blocks in their way.
- Motions discussed and passed at meetings must be accepted by all Councillors involved, even if the motion is opposed by some Councillors. There have been occasions when motions have been passed, after extensive debate, only to be again raised at following meetings.
- Unless all Councillors accept majority decisions, the Committee becomes divided and that can only lead to a dysfunctional Committee.

Reviews undertaken by Executive Council

During 2023 the Executive Council have worked extremely hard to update:

- The NSWVGA Constitution,
- The New Members Register and

- NSWVGA Policies.

Robust discussions have taken place with different views expressed, especially with suggested amendments to the Constitution. This at times has caused tension amongst Committee Members.

NSWVGA Constitution.

Prior to the 2022 AGM no objections had been raised by current or past Councillors, Group Secretaries or Members on the wording of the Constitution.

It became clear to me when reading the Constitution prior to the 2022 AGM that there were many grey areas that needed clarifying.

A Constitution Sub-Committee of Peter Guy, Richard Farrant and Lance Frederick was formed and they were tasked to prepare:

A Constitution that is definitive, not ambiguous and can be referred to when seeking clarification on a matter in question.

Firstly, can I congratulate the Constitution Sub-Committee, on the work they have carried out on behalf of the Association. They have spent countless hours in researching legal requirements, preparation of documents, consulting with Councillors, Group Secretaries and Members on proposed amendments to the Constitution.

After amendments to the Constitution were rejected in June, Councillors and Group Secretaries were again asked to make submissions on proposed changes to the Constitution. ALL submissions were considered by the Constitution Sub-Committee and it was agreed that the only real bone of contention was voting, therefore Groups were further consulted on what alternative was preferred.

After all further submissions were received the Constitution Sub-Committee prepared a further amended NSWVGA Constitution for consideration at the 2023 AGM.

Some Councillors have voiced disappointment that the revamped Constitution was not again circulated, seeking further comment. Had this occurred it would only have further delayed any vote to amend the Constitution. Further, what is the role of the Constitution Sub-Committee, surely it is to look at all submissions and comments and then submit an amended Constitution to the AGM.

I would urge delegates to vote for the Special Resolution to amend the NSWVGA Constitution. Please take the following into consideration:

- Everyone must understand that it is *impossible* to include every suggestion from every party because there are a number of places where there are conflicts.
- Where there were conflicts, attempts were made to find a consensus position that reflects the preference of the majority.
- This is *the* opportunity to give NSWVGA a clear and solid foundation for the future. It cleans up the many problems in the current constitution that are non-contentious.

- Delegates do not have to agree with everything - if they vote this in, there will be no confusion about the process to make changes in the future.

New Members Register.

Councillor Peter Guy has put many hours of work into the development of a new Membership Register which is now fully operational.

Like any new program there have been some teething problems, but as they have been identified, action has been taken to address those issues.

It is still a 'work in progress' and if you have any issues, please bring them to the notice of Peter Guy who will try and address your concerns.

It is important that Barry Maloney be recognized and thanked for his management of the old Members Register that was closed on 30 September, 2023. In December 2016 the Executive Council agreed to the appointment of a Commercial Company to take over the management of NSWVGA Membership Register. InterComp Computing System owned by Barry Mahoney was appointed. Barry then developed and implemented a simple database system to absorb the then existing system. The system developed was in accord with the then Council requirements. Barry maintained the system over the past 8 years. He was always responsive to our needs and his support has been greatly appreciated. Barry was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the NSWVGA Executive Council.

Finances.

NSWVGA is indeed fortunate to have had 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.

Congratulations Dick on what you have achieved in your time as Treasurer. You have set in place all necessary spreadsheets and processes as a basis for future Treasurers to follow.

Dick, thanks for all your support and friendship and I wish you good health and golf for 2024 and beyond.

Program of events.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Vice President John Daley and his trainee Councillor Charlie Swyer for the preparation of NSWVGA programs. The 2024 program is now on the website.

To finalise such programs, it requires the cooperation of many, including Tournament Directors and Club Management.

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Recognition of assistance given by members not on Executive Council.

I would like to make special mention of all NSWVGA members who have assisted Councillors throughout the year including:

- Gerry Cox who has managed news items on the NSWVGA website,
- Lance Fredericks who manages NSWVGA Insurance Policies and has been part of the Constitution Sub-Committee.
- Richard Farrant for his contributions on the Constitution and 2027 AVGU National Championship Sub-Committees.
- David Flatt who is always willing to represent NSWVGA at Weeks of Golf when Councillors are not available.

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

Amalgamation talks with the Veteran Women's Golf Association of NSW have stalled but I would urge the incoming Committee to continue talking to the VWGA to see if obstacles preventing amalgamation can be overcome. I believe that amalgamation in time will occur as it would benefit both Associations.

2027 AVGU National Championship.

In 2027 the AVGU National Championships will be held in NSW.

After seeking expressions of interest from all Groups the NSWVGA awarded the hosting rights to Illawarra Veteran Golfers Association who have indicated that courses to be used will be Port Kembla, Wollongong and The Links Shell Cove Golf Courses.

CONCLUSION.

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

In conclusion, I wish the new Committee well. On behalf of my wife and myself, I wish you and your respective families a very happy and safe festive season. Hopefully 2024 brings some enjoyable rounds of golf, but above all good health and friendship with fellow veteran golfers.

Les Knox
President NSWVGA.

TREASURERS REPORT TO NSWVGA's AGM 6th December 2023

I hereby present the Financial Audited Report for NSWVGA's financial year October 2022 to September 2023.

We are in a sound financial position.

This year's results show a financial surplus of \$13,106 compared to \$19,125 for 2021/22 and \$11,242 in 2020/21.

Income for 2023 was down by \$2,658 explained by:

- Increase in affiliation fees of \$3,749 and
- A decrease of \$6,460 WOG fees following our cancellation of the \$2 levy.

Expenses increased by \$16,011 after excluding the Grassroots Scheme and Grants which were not repeated in 2023. The increases are reflected in these areas:

- Admin Fees \$1,549 Mtce agreement for MR
- AVGU Fees \$2,500 Fee reintroduced
- Championship Sponsorship \$2,200 Extra number of Events
- Vouchers \$2,200 Extra number of WoG
- Travel Exes to Meetings \$3,758 One extra face to face meeting

Our Bank Balances have also improved from \$78,142 at 30 September 2022 to \$91,248 as at 30 September 2023.

Councillors must be vigilant in ensuring that reconciled bank statements and detailed financial reports are presented to every Executive meeting.

As I said in last year's annual presentation, Councillors must take an active interest in the Financials and be aware that history has shown that decisions made without proper consideration of the financial impact can have drastic consequences.

Dick van Buuren
Treasurer NSWVGA

from Groups:

Group 20 Western Sydney Region Veteran Golfers Association

2023 Annual Report to NSWVGA

Les Knox (President)

WSRVGA comprises eight clubs, being Dunheved, Glenmore Heritage Valley, Leonay, Penrith, Richmond, Springwood, Stonecutters Ridge, and Wallacia.

At the November 2023 AGM, the following members were elected unopposed as the Executive for 2024.

President: Les Knox (Leonay) **Secretary/Treasurer:** Judy Jordan (Richmond)

Vice Presidents: Noel Byles (Richmond), Kim Stockbridge (Stonecutters Ridge) and Noel Hoppe (Wallacia).

John Lovatt, who did not seek re-election, was thanked for his long service to the Association.

It is the aim of WSRVGA to encourage golf to be played in a spirit of keen competition and good fellowship with a strong emphasis on social interchange. To achieve those aims inter-club events are conducted with 'shotgun starts' to enable players to mix both prior to and after games.

WSRVGA conduct 8 interclub events during the year with each member club hosting an event. Scores recorded in these events decide the Players (male and female) and Club of the Year.

Players of the Year

Winners of WSRVGA Player of the Year and also winners of the NSWVGA Medal and vouchers were:

Ladies.

Winner Rita Gounder (Richmond G.C.) 117 points

Runner up **Lynette Luttringer** (Richmond G.C.) 109 points

Men.

Winner Michael Harrison (Richmond G.C.) 118 points

Runner up	John Brown (Penrith G.C.)	110 points
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Club of the Year

Glenmore Heritage Valley 1152 points

Richmond ran a close second on 1149 points.

Membership of WSRVGA

Membership remains strong with 580 members compared to 577 in 2022.

Through the Richmond Club, WSRVGA held an open day sponsored by SMEG for all WSRVGA Veteran Golfers in January, 2023, with a view of creating increased interest in veteran golf. This event was very successful, attracting a near capacity field, achieving everything it set out to do. It will become an annual event rotating amongst the member clubs. In 2024 the event will be held at Penrith Golf Club in January, 2024, sponsored by WSRVGA.

Sponsorship

The Association is indebted to the generous sponsorship provided by The Richmond Club, who have been long term major sponsors of the Association.

Les Knox

President WSRVGA