

MINUTES OF THE 50 TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NSWVGA INC

WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER, 2025 Quest Apartments Mascot Sydney
COMMENCING AT 9.00am

Address of Quest Apartments 108 - 114 Robey Street, Mascot NSW 2020

Meeting opened: 9.00am

Attendees: Life Member Richard Farrant, Life Member Bob Coulson, Life Member Richard Doyle, John Knox (Kiama Vets), John Dixon Vice President, Stuart Dossetor, Penny Hudson NSWVGA Clr, Ashley Bullock (Group 29 Western Districts Group Secretary), Catherine Pautsch NSWVGA Clr, Rob Orchard (Ballina Vets), Jim Shadlow NSWVGA Clr, John Daley President of NSWVGA, Peter Taylor NSWVGA Clr, Peter Gron Charlestown Vets, Gary King NSWVGA Clr, Peter Guy NSWVGA Clr, Aileen Williams NSWVGA Clr.

Apologies: Clr Charlie Swyer, Clr Robert Trembath, Life Member Les Mann and Life Member Len Payne, Life Member Paul Horton, Kevin Connell Cabramatta Vets, Les Knox Western Sydney Vets.

Moved on motion President John Daley Seconded Clr Peter Guy - carried

Obituaries: Marilyn Williams Leongatha Vets, Alex Podres Leeton Vets, Peter Gunn Port Macquarie Vets, Bruce Lumbley Coffs Harbour Vets, Allan Hawkins Nelson Bay Vets and Geoff Smith former Group Secretary Trangie Vets. John Mannell Grafton Vets, Stuart Potter (Jamberoo Vets) and Ian Bloodworth (Kiama Vets)

President John Daley asked the meeting attendees to please stand for a minute silence for all members that we lost throughout the year.

John Daley welcomed the life members along with the new nominees for council. He then introduced the nominees to the meeting

Minutes of NSWVGA Inc 49th Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 4th December 2024

Matters Arising: Nil

Moved on motion to adopt the previous NSWVGA Annual General Meeting Wednesday 4th December 2024 as a true and accurate recorded Vice President John Dixon Seconded Clr Gary King - carried

Notice of Motion to amend NSWVGA Constitution:

1 Change all references from AVGU to AVGA in the NSWVGA Constitution.

Moved on motion to remove AVGU from NSWVGA constitution and be replaced with AVGA in the NSWVGA constitution

President John Daley Seconded Clr Peter Guy - carried

Addition to the Constitution of the New South Wales Veterans Golfers Association Inc.

2 Please see letter sent out to all group secretaries 9 /11/25

It is proposed to add to Section 4 an additional clause to reintroduce Zones to the Constitution. There will be seven (7) zones reintroduced

Notice is hereby given to the membership of the NSWVGA for this addition to be tabled at the 2025 AGM.

Proposed John A Daley Councillor Group 14

Seconded Aileen Williams Councillor Group 7

This motion lost was lost.

Background

Firstly, we need to look at the structure of Veterans golf in NSW.

Looking from the bottom up , we have the members who play at club level. There are a number of Veteran clubs geographically located that form a Group. This group is administered by a Group Secretary and in some instances the Group Secretary is part of Management team that includes President, Treasurer and Committee.

This is where the first problem arises. The next part of the structure is the Executive Council . There are 31 Groups that are reporting to the EC and this is too congested. There needs to be another layer re installed, that of Zones, as was the case some years back so as there can be a more personal contact with Councillors and the processes that are in place can be more closely monitored between Group and EC.

This would be a simple case of one councillor looking after on average three Groups and keeping in contact by visits at the Group and Club level in their local area and by phone in remote areas if that is the case. There were seven Zones (7) in NSW. These should be reintroduced. This would need an amendment to the Constitution in December at the AGM.

John Daley

Correspondence for AGM In:

28.11.25 Email received from Clr Charlie Swyer withdrawing his nomination for Executive Council 2026

Nominations received

28.11.25 Email Charlie Swyer notify that due to ill health has as decided to withdraw his nomination

26.11.25 Nomination received for Gary King

26.11.25 Resume received for Ashley Bullock
25.11.25 Nomination John Daley (Copy)
25.11.25 Nomination received for Robert Trembath
24.11.25 Resume received from John Knox
24.11.25 Resume Peter Gron
24.11.25 Nomination received for Penny Hudson
23.11.25 Nomination received for Peter Guy
22.11.25 Resume received for Robert Orchard
19.11.25 Nomination for Peter Gron
16.11.25 Nomination Catherine Pautsch
16.11.25 Nomination received for Ashley Bullock
16.11.25 Nomination form received from John Knox
15.11.25 Nomination received for Aileen Williams
15.11.25 Nomination received for Charlie Swyer
15.11.25 Nomination received for Secretary- Aileen Williams
15.11.25 Nomination received for Councillor-Charlie Swyer
29.10.25 Nomination form received for Councillor and Vice President Peter Taylor
24.10.25 Nomination received for Councillor Jim Shadlow
24.10.25 Nomination received for James Shadlow
5.10.25 Nomination received for Robert Orchard
Accept on motion of Clr Peter Taylor to adopt the correspondence Seconded Clr Jim Shadlow
- carried

Election of Executive Council:

President John Daley declared all positions vacant and called for nominations received.

President John Daley

Vice Presidents (2) Robert Trembath and Peter Taylor

Treasurer Gary King

Secretary Aileen Williams

8 nominations were received for the 7 councillor positions.

President Report:

President's Report for the 50th Annual General Meeting of New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

It is with pleasure I present this report on the activities of the NSWVGA during 2025.

This past year has seen many ups and downs due to the weather that has affected the east coast of NSW. This year NSWVGA conducted 51 weeks of golf.

Unfortunately, we lost 8 weeks due to wet weather, but we were able to complete all championship events. Congratulations to those who were successful in those Championships.

This year the AVGA Championships were held in Darwin . There were healthy numbers who travelled from NSW to compete, and I am pleased to say that Sharon Carberry was crowned the Ladies champion for 2025, a crown she will defend on the Gold Coast in 2026.

The Executive.

My thanks to the Vice Presidents John Dixon and Rob Trembath for their help and support this year. Their experience has been paramount in their different roles on the sub committees throughout the year.

To Aileen Williams for her continued efforts in her role as Secretary and the commitment to attending weeks of golf and representing the Executive at these events.

This year we encountered problems in the Program Co ordinators role which is not an easy role to fulfill. Steve Mitchell unfortunately stepped down but fortunately Penny Hudson took on the role as a fill in until the end of this year, a job she has carried out in outstanding fashion. Many thanks Penny for a job well done.

Who would want to be a Treasurer in any organisation. NSWVGA has been very fortunate to have the services of Gary King. Gary has done an outstanding job in a very difficult role, not only with the spreadsheets he provides but his efforts on sub committees throughout the year.

Our website has continued to evolve with the guidance and efforts of Peter Guy and

Catherine Pautsch. Peter has concentrated on the Members Register and Catherine the Public Website. In the next months the members register will undergo upgrades to bring it in line with the changes brought about by changes implemented by Golf Australia with Golf ID's. There will be more on this as it evolves.

Peter Taylor has done an excellent job this year in liaison with Tournament Directors ensuring each week of golf has their mini shields and gift card sleeves delivered in a timely manner. Peter has also setup and monitored the roster program for representatives at weeks of golf each year. Thanks Peter.

In 2027 NSWVGA will hold the AVGA Championships in Illawarra. We are fortunate enough to have a very pro-active committee overseeing this event. NSWVGA are the Licensee for this event and need a liaison between that committee and NSWVGA. Charlie Swyer has filled this role along with his role in collecting statistics on weeks of golf attendance. Thank you, Charlie, for your efforts.

Jim Shadlow has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to Veterans golf. He is a great sounding board for information and direction. Jim has taken on the role of producing the Newsletter that evolves after each Executive Council meeting and is distributed to all veteran golf clubs. Once again Jim thanks for your efforts.

In the background we have had support from Gerry Cox who continues to post news and results on our website. Thanks Gerry.

To all the Executive my thanks for your efforts this year. The next twelve months will see changes that we need to meet to continue providing support for our veteran golfers. This year will see , for the first time that I can remember, a ballot to decide who will come on board as a councillor and this will also bring in new ideas as well as introduce some youth to the board.

Grass Roots Scheme

Have the changes worked? The response from Groups who have clubs that have fallen on hard times has been slow. There have ,however, been applications from three groups for support and the sub committee has seen fit to provide monetary assistance to different Vets clubs in these Groups.

The Grass Roots Scheme has been promoted at every Week of Golf and Group

meetings. We will continue this approach over the coming year.

Weeks of Golf

It was one of the aims of this Executive that we would be represented at all weeks of golf to assist with membership and if needed support for the running of the event. I am pleased to report that a councillor has been present at all weeks and in some cases up to five have been present. This will be even more important with new councillors joining the Executive. These new councillors will need to be guided by the more experienced councillors on their duties at such events,

The Future

NSWVGA is regarded as the best organised Veterans Association in Australia. No other state provides the access to veterans events on such a large and constant scale for their members and Interstate visitors.

We need to keep improving in this area and need to look at what we are providing to the veteran golfer who does not or cannot attend weeks of golf. When you look at the percentage of our membership who attend weeks of golf or play in championships it

is only a small percentage of our overall membership. We must ask ourselves what else can we offer that can be played at Club and Group level.

There has been suggestion put forward to involve players at club and group level and then move on to intergroups and then a final. The game suggested is a team's four person stableford event. This has merit and meets the criteria of club and group involvement.

Also, this year I have been able to travel around the state and talk to many veteran golfers at club level. The club veteran in almost all clubs is the backbone of working bees, providing many manhours to clubs especially in country areas that is invaluable to their respective golf clubs.

These are the people we need to look after and ensure they are supported by us the Executive. We need to know and understand their problems and above all we need to be visible in our own and adjacent Group areas.

I will put forward a suggestion that we, as the Executive, conduct forums that include Group and Club secretaries. By doing this we can determine what the

secretaries require of the Executive and what the Executive require of Groups and Clubs.

Along the same lines is a motion at this AGM to reintroduce Zones. This will be voted on and if successful will add to the support of our members.

Expressions of Interest

In 2027 there are two championship events that require new homes namely NSWVGA Grass fourball Championships and the Sand Green Stroke and fourball championships.

Expressions of Interest have been sent to all groups, and two replies have been received for the Grass Championships but as yet nothing for the sand greens. We will pursue the sand greens by direct contact with various clubs throughout the state.

On behalf of the NSWVGA Executive I wish you all an enjoyable Christmas/ New Year season.

Stay safe and travel carefully

John Daley

President

NSWVGA

November 2025.

Moved on motion John Daley to adopt the President report Seconded Catherine Pautsch-carried

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer's Report NSWVGA Annual General Meeting 3 December 2025

I present the Financial Audited Report for NSWVGA's Financial Year October 2024 to September 2025.

The Association remains in a sound Financial Position.

This year's results show a financial surplus of \$714.11, compared to previous years of \$2,691.91 for 2023/24; \$13,106 for 2022/23 and \$19,125 for 2021/22.

2024 Year recorded an overall increase in "Headline Income" YOY of approximately \$1,100.

However, after adjusting for Journal Entries (more on Journal Entries below), using the same double entry system as previous Treasurers over the years, Income actually decreased by \$835 (rounded)

Items of note are:

- Affiliation fees Year on Year (YOY) are up by \$1,012. The increased affiliation fees are reflected in Groups 3 and 12. Whilst there were other minimal increases in a few other Groups the increase in Groups 3 and 12 were offset by a slight decrease across the balance of the groups including Week of Golf sign-ups. Please note the non-remittance of members fees by Group 17 was rectified in October with \$245 in affiliation fees being deposited.
- As mentioned, Week of Golf Signups are down \$190 YOY.
- A slight reduction in Interest income of \$584 reflects lower interest rates prevailing through the year.
- Sponsorship Income is down YOY reflecting loss of Watsons Caravans Sponsorship.

“Headline” FY Expenditure has increased by approximately \$3077 Year on Year (YOY). Again, this is distorted to several Journal entries, refer separate commentary on Journal entries below. After Adjusting for Journal entries YOY Expenditure increased by \$1,263 (rounded). This is due to:

- The main source of increase was a net \$6,000 in sponsorship. This increase included the provision of \$10,000 in seed capital to the AVGA National Championships Committee to be held in the Illawarra region in 2027, offsetting reduction in sponsorships of Championship events are a combination of cancelled 4BBB Championships at Tura Beach in July due to a lack of entries and the changed timing of the Match Play Championships, previously held in May now being held this week in Shoalhaven Heads.
- Rep fees for attendance at Weeks of Golf reduced by \$1,000 YOY due to reduced rate being paid to NSWVGA Reps.
- “Grass Roots” sponsorships returned this year, albeit in an alternative format, due to both timing issues and a disappointingly modest number of applications the total payments made reduced by \$4,600 YOY. Note Grass Roots grants but as yet unpaid totalled \$2,250, these are listed in Note 8 attached to Audit Report.
- The other main increase in expenses for this year was the payment of Honorariums which were not paid the previous years as there was no motion at the 2023 AGM providing for payment.

Journal Entries – given relative size of Journal Entries under both Income and Expenditure, I have summarised notes from Audited Report.

Note 2 (Relates to Income) – Refund of Overpaid Rep Fees John Daley and Catherine Pautsch \$50 each, totalling \$100; Refund of double payment of Affiliation Fees by Sydney Vets, this occurred during changeover of Sydney Vets Treasurer \$3,005.

Note 9 – Also relates to refund of Overpaid affiliation fees by Sydney Vets.

Despite the combination of reduced income and increased Expenditure the NSWVGA remains in a sound financial position with closing at Bank funds totalling \$94,654 including Term Deposit funds held. This is a slight increase from closing Bank Balances as of 30 September 2024 of \$93,940

I remain of the view my role as custodian of NSWVGA members funds, my focus has been and will continue to be trying to deliver value to all members of the NSWVGA as well as to try to explore ways to ensure continual renewal of the member base in seeking to attract potential Veteran Golf members in the 55 to 65 age brackets. It has been my observation that this age group is proportionally underrepresented at Weeks of Golf I have attended over the past few years.

I regret that to date I have not been as an effective advocate for the return of funds as I would like. Nonetheless, I will continue to advocate for an appropriate balance of the application of members

funds between the signature Week of Golf Events and Championships on the one hand being enjoyed by travelling golfers, and some financial return of funds to members with a more local focus.

I believe that as an Executive Council we have not effectively promoted the latent value in NSWVGA membership in the form of various Insurance policies taken out on behalf of all Veteran Golf Clubs in NSW. During the past twelve months President John Daly and I have sought clarification that we are not effectively duplicating Insurance cover extended to all Australian Golfers with a Golfd. In addition to our own enquiries the AVGA has also gained similar advice that separate Insurance Cover is appropriate. Many NSWVGA members would be ignorant of the Insurance cover benefits provided on their behalf.

Finally thank you to all members of the Executive Council for their continued assistance and in providing historical context for many aspects of the NSWVGA organisation and focus. In particular though I would like to thank the outgoing Vice President John Dixon for his unfailing efforts in timely confirmation of payments as well as consistently balanced feedback and counsel on many matters pertaining to the NSWVGA. I am sure I speak for others in saying he will be sorely missed.



Audit Report 2025.pdf

Clr Gary King apologized for his report not been circulated prior to the meeting due to the final audit report not been ready in time so he produced some copies of his report to the meeting and summarized the report to the meeting.

Moved on motion to adopt the treasurer report

Gary King Seconded John Dixon- carried

President John Daley advised all nominees that nominated for council are aware that when you nominated for council that you are aware of what your responsibilities will be prior to the election taking place. That you all agree to fulfill the office to the best of your ability which may include assisting relevant board portfolios attending weeks of golf as a representative, group activities such as meetings and open days and any other activities to enhance NSWVGA golf.

Election of Executive Council

All positions are declared vacant:

Ask for returning officer – Life Member Richard Farrant

Ask for 2 scrutineers- Life Member Richard Doyle and Clr Aileen Williams

President John Daley

Vice President x2 Robert Trembath and Peter Taylor

Treasurer: Gary King

Secretary: Aileen Williams

Nine nominations were received for the 7 councillor's positions

Bullock Ashley

Gron Peter

Guy Peter

Hudson Penny

Knox John

Orchard Robert

Pautsch Catherine

Shadlow Jim

Swyer Charlie- Due to ill health Charlie Swyer (Group2) has had to withdraw his nomination for Executive Council 2026

Due to the number of positions available and the nominee received a vote had to take place. This resulted in a tie so Peter Gron withdrew his nomination. The following councillors were elected for the 2026 NSWVGA Council.

Bullock Ashley

Guy Peter

Hudson Penny

Knox John

Orchard Robert

Pautsch Catherine

Shadlow Jim

Moved on motion that all ballot papers be destroyed.

Richard Farrant Seconded Stu Dossetor

Any other matters concerning the AGM.

1. Payments of Honorarium's

A. President \$1000

B. Secretary \$600

C. Treasurer \$500.

D. Program Co Ordinator \$500

The honorariums to continue for 2026, all were in favour - carried

2. Clr Gary King moved on motion to adopt Bruce Henderson from Henderson and McColl & Co as the Auditor for 2026 Seconded Clr Catherine Pautsch- carried

General Business:

1. Checking on the registration of our Constitution which was changed in December 2023 Clr Peter Guy is assured the meeting that the NSWVGA Constitution is registered with the department of fair trading.
2. Gary King registered the NSWVGA name with the tax office. As we are a not for profit, we do not need to do a tax return.

Date of next AGM will be Wednesday 2nd December, 2026. Commencing at 9.00am face to face.

President John Daley and Clr Penny Hudson put forward a submission to present Life Membership to Vice President John Dixon in recognition of his commitment and significant contribution to veteran golf in New South Wales.

Clr Penny Hudson addressed the meeting with the achievements that John has achieved during his time on the council. John Dixon has been on the council since 2013 and he has also held a number of different positions on the Dubbo Golf Club .President John Dixon thanked the meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.57am

Action Points

1. Peter Guy to check that the NSWVGA constitution is registered with the fair department of fair trading.
2. Clr Aileen Williams to complete the Annual Summary of the Financial affairs for the association. A12-Tier 2 form

Group Reports:

President's Report to the AGM of the Illawarra VGA November 2025

It is with much pleasure that I present this report covering the activities of this Association over the previous twelve months.

Again, the weather has interrupted Group and Club activities with all seven Clubs experiencing the need to reschedule their programs because of excessive rain, particularly in the middle of the year. Group-wise it was necessary to alter the Trevor Bell Shield Memorial no less than four times and I thank the golf operations managers at all seven clubs for their efficiency in this matter. Many Individual playing days for all golfers were lost completely and clubs suffered financially because of reduced cash flow. Thankfully the latter part of the year has allowed clubs to revert to their initial annual program.

The annual feature is indeed the Trevor Bell Memorial Shield which was completed on October 20th. The event was established in 2010 and this year was won for the first time by Links Shell Cove, finishing in front of runner up Wollongong by 18 points. Congratulations to all clubs for your continued commitment to this team event. The IVGA continues to financially assist the clubs by making available \$2,550 to defray costs to the clubs involved.

All clubs are still continuing their open day events for affiliated veteran golfers on a monthly basis and our two NSWVGA Weeks of Golf have reflected the hard work put in by Jeff Lynch (Seaside Valley) and Steve Wicks (Illawarra).

The Illawarra WOG in February 2025 attracted 129 veteran golfers from 52 clubs and was played in ideal conditions. The Seaside Valley tournament at Kiama and Jamberoo played the previous November also had 129 starters from 42 clubs. Because of these numbers, both events attracted \$400 sponsorship from the NSWVGA.

For 2025, Jamberoo has withdrawn from the annual event after many years of involvement, and this November will see the first running of the initial 3-day Kiama Seaside Tournament. A full field of 120 has entered and one of the features will be a special hole-in-one prize at the 16th on the final day. Any player, male or female, who plays the perfect shot will win an EZ-GO golf cart worth \$15,000.

The NSWVGA has altered its approach as to the distribution of financial aid to needy veteran clubs by reviewing their Grass Roots Policy document applicable as from 2025 onwards. Early this year at a committee meeting this Group did not make application for any financial assistance for 2025 under this scheme.

Affiliated membership numbers within Group 3 Illawarra remain strong. As at the end of the NSWVGA financial year, Sep 30th, membership stood at 1855, an average of 265 per Club. This compares very favourably with the other two large Groups in NSW namely Group 14 Northern Rivers (2198 members, club average 122) and Group 2 Shoalhaven (1469 members, club average 147). These three Groups provide approximately 33% of the total state affiliation.

I must thank Steve Wicks for his dedication to his dual roles of Secretary/Treasurer of the Group, and Tournament Director of the Illawarra WOG. I hope nobody takes for granted the amount of time and effort spent by Steve on these matters and the very positive outcomes that eventuate. Thanks also to Larry How in his role of Vice – President filling in for me when I am unavailable, and I should also thank Jeff Lynch for his work with the Seaside Tournament. During 2025 Jeff took up the position of President of Kiama Golf Club and as a result will be standing down as Tournament Director at the end of this year.

Finally, may you all experience a happy family festive season and we all look forward to a 2026 which enables positive outcomes in all aspects of veteran golf in the Illawarra.

Richard Farrant OAM

President

Illawarra Veteran Golfers Association.

October 29th 2025.