



**Western Sydney Region  
Veteran Golfers Association**  
**Sponsored by: The Richmond Club  
NSWVGA  
St John's Bowling Club**

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Leonay Golf Club.**

The meeting was opened by President Les at 2.25pm

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Russell Cruickshank left the meeting as he will no longer be the delegate for Penrith.

Appreciation was expressed for everything he has done for Penrith and WSRVGA and noted that he will still be responsible for the website.

Moved by Les Knox and seconded by Noel Byles and agreed by all that the same attendees present can be transferred over, except Russell Cruickshank, and the same apologies as listed.

**2. Obituary.** Keith Wakefield from Leonay

**3. Adoption of Council Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

Moved by Noel Byles seconded Noel Hoppe and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting were a true and accurate record.

**4. Matters arising from Council Minutes 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

There be no matters arising from the minutes, moved by Mark Mostyn and seconded by Noel Hoppe and agreed by all that the Minutes be adopted.

**5. Correspondence.**

Correspondence File has been emailed to all.

Judy Jordan: Executive Meeting NSWVGA Report by Pres John Daly, concern with smaller fields and Tournament Directors not available for some Weeks of Golf.

Martin Berg recently attended AVGU Championship at Riverlands (SA), very well run and large number of competitors.

Judy Jordan had been contacted by Hawkesbury Council re sponsorship. Confirmed that had already been paid.

Information re Moree Veterans Week of Golf (not sanctioned by NSWVGA) and next AVGU Championship in Darwin has been received and will be sent to all delegates.

**6. Finances.**

Financial Summary of accounts for October-November has been emailed to all, plus a Yearly Report was made available.

Moved by Noel Byles and seconded by Bruce Baker and agreed by all that the Finance Reports be adopted.

**7. Report from Interclub games.**

• **Wallacia 27<sup>th</sup> September (Noel Hoppe)**

124 players teed off in misty weather, only 3 failed to attend. Play was finished about 12.30, the weather held off and everyone completed their round.

There were problems with presentations. The clubhouse system was pairing players seemingly at random, an unasked helper in the Pro Shop decided to keep cards there rather than send them upstairs as was intended and planned for. The program I (Noel H) had written and tested for months decided it didn't want to co-operate. Extremely disappointing.

42 lunches were cooked, some of these were ordered after play

- **Stonecutters 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Kim Stockbridge)**

Registration ran smoothly, all players in carts.

Some holes were shortened and bunkers were out where being resanded. The play moved quickly.

Lunches were provided with entry fee, went well.

Presentations went well although there was some haste in tabulation of winning club on the day.

Consequently, having to reallocate some money.

Some hiccups with a few cards which was disappointing. Results were closed off before some cards were received.

Full field, only 2 no shows.

Terry Smith (Penrith) asked reason for all players to be in carts.

Kim Stockbridge replied, to speed up play.

Leonay were handed the award as the winning team. Later it was calculated that Dunheved were the winning team. It is a stressful time getting the result out as it must be done manually.

Following discussion led by Les, a motion was proposed by Paul, seconded by Bruce and agreed by all that the *Executive strongly recommends, without creating a precedent, that WSRVGA covers the cost of \$200 for the winning team of Dunheved.*

Mark Mostyn said it has happened before at Springwood.

Judy Jordan to transfer \$200 to Dunheved.

Les Knox: Clubs run their own tournaments but as a recommendation to all host clubs, that only a provisional winning team be announced. Trophies can be awarded at the next Council Meeting or Interclub game.

Reminder from Mark Mostyn that host clubs have the option of having or not having a presentation.

- Kim Stockbridge: **Club and Player of the Year** have been announced.

Club: Glenmore

Male Player of Year: Paul Fairbrother (Dunheved)

Female Player of Year: Lynette Luttringer (Richmond)

Les Knox: Congratulations and thanks to Kim Stockbridge for all the work for these calculations.

Paul Fairbrother: Entries for first game in 2025 at Dunheved will be available soon.

- **WS Vets Open Springwood 2025 (Mark Mostyn)**

Nominations have been open since 1<sup>st</sup>.October. Currently 79 entries.

Fully aware that Penrith has a 2-day ladies event on the Thursday/Friday

So far only 10 nominations for ladies division.

Mark Mostyn suggested that the value of the sponsorship be revisited closer to the date especially if there are less than 100 players.

Only the morning time sheet may need to be used. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January is closing date.

## **8. Membership**

Judy Jordan had circulated summary of membership over last 5 years. While there has been a small drop in numbers overall, pleasing to note that more ladies are playing.

Membership for 2025 needs to be sent in asap as must to be uploaded to NSWVGA database before the end of the year.

## **9. General Business:**

**Springwood – Mark Mostyn:** New President at Springwood Peter Filmer and new Vice President Dermott Cullen. Both are members of WSRVGA so hoping for more support for Vets from them.

**Penrith:** New delegates replacing Russell Cruikshank, Terry Smith and Bryan Francis. Also Richard Doyle and Col Barton who were not present. Les Knox offered to meet with the new delegates at any time if needed.

**Glenmore – Bill Morris:** Club House is completely closed at this stage. Not sure how this will affect running Interclub game.

**Stonecutters – Kim Stockbridge:** from 20<sup>th</sup> January course will be closed for the week. (5 days) NSW Amateur Championship being held in conjunction with Lynwood.

**Richmond - Noel Byles:** Chris Sharpe will not stand as Club Captain for 2025 so there will be a new delegate.

Change of date necessary for Heritage Cup due to a double booking. Now on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

PGA Seniors Australian Championship held recently at Richmond, very successful.

18<sup>th</sup> hole was shortened to par 3 and was dedicated 'Party Hole'. Bar takings doubled.

Will be held at Richmond for the next 2 years.

**The meeting closed at 3.30pm with Les wishing everyone all the very best for the Festive Season.**

**Next Meeting: [Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025](#)**

**Les Knox President WSRVGA**

**Judy Jordan Secretary/Treasurer**