



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

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on
Wednesday 8th April 2026 at Leonay Golf Club.**

The meeting was opened by President Les Knox at 2.00pm.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendance:

DUNHEVED: Paul Fairbrother, Wayne Beesley & Peter Watson

GLENMORE: Noel Guillaume, Peter Aroney

LEONAY: Robert Chruszcz

PENRITH: Richard Doyle

RICHMOND: Noel Byles

SPRINGWOOD: Mark Mostyn

STONECUTTERS: Kim Stockbridge

WALLACIA: Noel Hoppe

PRESIDENT: Les Knox (Chair)

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Judy Jordan

(13 present)

Apologies: Bruce Baker (Leonay), Julie Berg & Gary Posadas (Penrith), Jeff Donley (Springwood) and Marin Berg (Wallacia)

Moved by Bob Chruszcz and seconded by Noel Hoppe and agreed by all that the apologies be accepted.

2. Obituary.

Paul Willbow (Dunheved) and Chris Evans (Richmond)

3. Adoption of Council Minutes 4th February 2026.

Moved by Paul Fairbrother and seconded Noel Guillaume and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Previous Meeting were a true and accurate record.

4. Matters arising from Council Minutes 4th February 2026

Sponsorship from St Johns Bowling Club: Noel Hoppe has sent a new invoice to St Johns Bowling Club

Player of the Year 2025: Steve Loader was presented with his Player of the Year shirt at Stonecutters.

Discussion on use of new Golf ID numbers. Some clubs issuing 'club number' as well, using first 5 digits as in Golf Link number.

Moved by Paul Fairbrother and seconded by Noel Hoppe and agreed by all that the Minutes be adopted.

5. Correspondence.

Correspondence File has been emailed to all.

Outcomes from the Group Secretaries Forum were mentioned in NSWVGA Newsletter 22, also a more detailed version received. One of the suggestions was that councillors attend vets clubs. Peter Guy represents Western Sydney. Judy to invite him to a future meeting of WSRVGA

6. Finances.

Financial Report has been emailed to all.

An offer was made by Go Daddy for a 5year contract meaning a saving of over \$600. This was accepted and Peter Aroney was reimbursed for the payment.

The interest from the Term Deposit, \$1418.89, was deposited into the Operating Account.

\$33,774.37 was reinvested for 12months at 3.80%.

Moved by Noel Guillaume and seconded by Noel Hoppe and agreed by all that the Finance report be accepted.

7. Interclub Events.

Glenmore: 18th February 2026 (Peter Aroney)

138 attended on the day. Stonecutters only had a small team so many reserves were used. The weather was good and 74 golfers had lunch. This was a pleasing number. The raffle returned a net profit of \$500 so it was worth putting in the effort to get the prizes. Les said there was some concern over beer prices at \$12. Response, restaurant prices. It was mentioned that \$20 was excessive for private carts. Decision of Pro Shop.

Stonecutters: Monday 16th March (Kim Stockbridge)

It was the first time that the course had been operating without any restrictions. The lunch options were well received. Despite a card reader malfunctioning, it was a successful day. Les: Stonecutters policy of one trophy per person meant that a Leonay player who had the best score in his division but received second place prize in 2BBB. This was a lesser prize than for winning his grade. Les suggested that if only one trophy per person is the policy, then there should be a lesser trophy for winning the grade. Eg 2B is \$60 and \$40 and Individual grades be \$40. Richard Doyle commented that this has always been the policy at NSWVGA.

Dunheved: Tuesday 19th May (Paul Fairbrother)

The invitations and information have already gone out. The course looks good, hopefully the weather will be ok. The road should be finished in 2 weeks!

8. NSWVGA: (Judy Jordan)

Covered in previous items

9. Bylaws and Constitution (Les Knox)

In response to an invitation for all to look at the Bylaws and Constitution, an extensive submission was received from Mark Mostyn. This mainly concerned reducing the size of the document. The Executive met to look at Mark's suggestions but also to see what updates or changes should be made. Definitions can be changed in the Bylaws, but changes in the Constitution will eventually have to go to the AGM.

Les and Noel H are in the process of finalizing some of the amendments.

Some of the changes that were discussed are:

1. Class of lady members.

Ladies pay \$2 to play in WS Vets games. Previously ladies who were members of VWGA NSW (Veteran Women Golfers' Association of NSW) could still play in NSWVGA games. NSWVGA recently changed their policy.

All participants at a tournament held under the guidance of NSWVGA must be 55 years of age or over at the commencement of the tournament and must be a financial member of NSWVGA.

Our recommendation will be that men (age 55) and ladies (age 50) will all pay \$7.

Discussion followed as to why the VWGA were not interested in amalgamation.

All reference to gender has been removed from NSWVGA Constitution.

2. 1st Vice President.

Bylaws say there should be a 1st Vice President. Paul Fairbrother now elected.

3. Shirts.

Player of the Year gets a shirt embroidered with P of Y etc. There was discussion of the value of this. They already receive a medal from NSWVGA, \$100 from WSRVGA and \$50 from NSWVGA. Recommendation is that we discontinue issuing these shirts.

4. Cards.

These only show membership of WSRVGA not NSWVGA. Entries to NSWVGA events can be confirmed on the Members Register. The Executive couldn't see the value in keeping them.

10. General Business

Springwood: (Mark Mostyn)

Thank you to the clubs who donated vouchers for the recent Hospital Auxiliary Charity Day. \$28,643 was raised. Unfortunately, they had to bring in extra carts costing \$150 each per day.

The charge for the Springwood Interclub game in July will be \$25.

Les: When clubs originally joined the Association, they agreed to abide by the Rules of the Association which said that fees were set by the delegates. This probably needs to be put on the agenda, so there is some consistency across clubs.

Wallacia: (Noel Hoppe)

The club will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April while asbestos is removed.

Noel Byles: (Richmond)

Chris Evans had given him many records, some of which were unfortunately damaged by a flood. But he does still have the signed letters from clubs and acknowledging what they signed for.

Question over where they should be stored.

11. Next Meeting: **Wednesday 17th June 2026**

The meeting closed at 3.15pm

Les Knox President WSRVGA

Judy Jordan Secretary/Treasurer WSRVGA