



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

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on
Wednesday 18th June 2025 at Leonay Golf Club.**

The meeting was opened by President Les at 2.00pm

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendance:

DUNHEVED: Wayne Beesley
GLENMORE: Peter Aroney
LEONAY: Bruce Baker
PENRITH: Terry Smith & Bryan Francis
RICHMOND: Noel Byles
SPRINGWOOD: Mark Mostyn & Jeff Donley
STONECUTTERS: Kim Stockbridge
WALLACIA: Noel Hoppe & Martin Berg
PRESIDENT: Les Knox (Chair)
SECRETARY/TREASURER: Judy Jordan
(13 present)

Apologies:

Peter Watson & Paul Fairbrother (Dunheved), Noel Guillaume (Glenmore), Robert Chruszcz (Leonay), Col Barton (Penrith), Gary Willett (Richmond)
Moved by Bruce Baker and seconded by Noel Byles and agreed by all that the apologies be accepted.

2. Obituary.

Nil.

3. Adoption of Council Minutes 2nd April 2025.

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

4. Matters arising from Council Minutes 2nd April 2025.

Les thanked Paul for taking the minutes following the last meeting.

Noel B had raised the option of advertising on the website. Peter Aroney informed the meeting that there had been about 170 visits to the site in June. We would need many more to make it viable. He will monitor the usage over the next few months.

Moved by Noel H and seconded by Mark and agreed by all that the Minutes be adopted.

5. Correspondence.

Correspondence File has been emailed to all.

Les: Email from Ron DeVries (Glenmore) had made suggestion that clubs pay competition fees by EFT. The situation is that not all clubs have this facility, and 3 clubs paid at Leonay by cash.

Judy: Email from NSWVGA outlining changes to Grassroots Programme. It doesn't really affect WSRVGA.

NSWVGA Newsletter: Grassroots information repeated, and Members Register information.

Fox Hills: Email received from Mark Thompson saying that several members were keen to play in our weekly competitions. He was invited to attend Council Meeting but due to lack of support from their members, Mark was forced to withdraw.

Les: Spoke of many changes that seem to be happening within NSWVGA having read the Executive Minutes from April. Sandgreen Championships held at Walcha as a stand-alone event. Previously held in conjunction with Golf NSW.

They are reviewing Insurance Policies, again. Vacancies for Councillors for next year.

Kim asked about Insurance Policies. Les's response was that they basically cover Executives going to events under the control of NSWVGA, people involved with Golf NSW and WSRVGA organisers when participating in NSW events.

6. Finances.

Financial report has been emailed to all.

Judy: April we have received 1c interest, May 0c. Bank has changed the Tiered Interest Rate for NFP Business Account. Last year we received less than \$1.00 in interest.

An application for CLUBGrant for \$3000 has been sent to Richmond Club. Acknowledgement has been received.

7. Interclub Events.

Penrith Tuesday 15th April. Terry Smith

The day was difficult to run as there wasn't any help from the club, and it was the first time running such an event. Much has been learnt for next time.

The scores were an issue but eventually all prizes were given out.

Glenmore Wednesday 7th May. Peter Aroney

Field of 142 players, the weather was good and timing seemed to be acceptable.

Ron De V did a wonderful job with scores etc but unfortunately has resigned from the committee.

The club does not have any sort of automatic scoring so results were a bit slow, but all were available by that evening.

Enough people stayed, had lunch and we were able to make \$536 profit from the raffle.

Leonay Tuesday 15th April Bruce Baker

Frosty start to the day and 141 starters was a good outcome.

75 meals were pre sold and others ordered from the menu.

25 hire carts were used. 25 ladies was a good number.

Raffle gross was \$610, fantastic effort.

Game took 5hrs 15 mins which is a bit slow. Hold up on the 9th hole.

Unfortunately processing of cards was very slow. Turned out that most cards were rejected by the reader. New printer?

Results now available online and prizes handed out at meeting.

Very happy with the day.

Les: Thanked all those who run these competitions. It is not easy, and it is not unusual to have 20+ changes to the entries

Wallacia Friday 18th July Noel Hoppe

Entry forms handed out at the meeting.

Only 120 entries in the past so can't really justify a third place.

Parking could be a problem so please advise your players to carpool if possible.

There isn't a kitchen, but meals will be available.

Terry: Feedback from his members that they don't want to play because the courses are too hard.

Les's response was that they should be set up for Vets.

8. Membership:

Judy gave figures of combined membership at end of May for this and previous years.

May 2025 473 members (may be more in the next 4 months)

Sept 2024 520

Sept 2023 580

Sept 2022 577

Jeff suggested membership is dropping because of demographics and/or cost of living.

Other reasons given- Interclub games take too long, players don't understand Ready Golf, shot gun start – if one is slow, all are slow.

Mark suggested later start for June/July/August.

This would make the day longer and clubs unwilling to give over more time that could be used by Social players.

Judy: Reminder that members who join from 1st July will be current for NSWVGA and WSRVGA membership until December 2026.

9. Golf Connect:

Judy: NSWVGA looking at how to manage the members register as now search by GL number, first 5 numbers which relate to home club.

Les: We will have to look at our bylaws regarding the home club of a member.

Mark M: Below are copies of emails with information that Mark was referring to at the meeting.

- Confirmation from Brett of Simple golf confirming telephone discussion today Wednesday 18th June approx 1.00pm.
- Spoke to Mark regarding rumours SimpleGolf will not be supporting GA's move to the new GA Connect handicapping solution, re-assured this is definately not the case and there will be 3 x licensed providers in Miclub, Thyme Software (Golf Magic), and ourselves being SwiftPOS (SimpleGolf), plus the 2 x tournament only suppliers Golf Genius and GolfBox.

In relation to what I was talking about on Wednesday at the Council Meeting.

As everyone is aware 6 of the WSRVGA clubs operate under Simple golf, to help out with the day's results of WSRVGA events, in particular the TEAM event, I put a request through to Simple Golf in June 2024, for an addition to the days results report. Finally they have come back with the details below adding a further equation to the drop down menu, ie, Club. This would then give the host club of the day, all details showing the top 4 players from each club. After some gentle persuasion it looks like it shall be added to the next lot of inclusions in the next release to users. Hopefully by August 2025.

A number of emails back and forth with Simple Golf but I think this is suffice for those interested.

Any questions please give me a yell.

Thanks Mark.

10. General Business

No general Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th August 2025

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Les Knox President WSRVGA

Judy Jordan Secretary/Treasurer WSRVGA