

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

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on

Wednesday 6th August 2025 at Leonay Golf Club.

The meeting was opened by President Les at 2.00pm. He welcomed Noel Guillaume from Glenmore.

1. Welcome and Apologies

Attendance:

DUNHEVED: Paul Fairbrother, Wayne Beesley & Peter Watson

GLENMORE: Noel Guillaume

LEONAY: Bruce Baker & Robert Chruszcz

PENRITH: Bryan Francis

RICHMOND: Noel Byles & Gary Willett

SPRINGWOOD: Mark Mostyn

STONECUTTERS: Kim Stockbridge WALLACIA: Noel Hoppe & Martin Berg

PRESIDENT: Les Knox (Chair)

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Judy Jordan

(15 present)

Apologies:

Peter Aroney (Glenmore), Terry Smith & Col Barton (Penrith) and Jeff Donley (Springwood) Moved by Peter Watson and seconded by Gary Willett and agreed by all that the apologies be accepted.

2. Obituary.

Nil.

3. Adoption of Council Minutes 18th June 2025.

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

4. Matters arising from Council Minutes 18th June 2025.

#6 Judy: Application has been successful but as yet, money has not been received.

Noel H to follow up on application to St Johns Bowling Club.

#9 Mark: Has received assurance from Simple Golf that they will be able to get top 4 scores from each club to work out winning club in Interclub event. 6 clubs using Simple Golf.

Les: Golf Connect is an Agenda Item.

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

5. Correspondence.

Correspondence File has been emailed to all.

Judy: Majority of correspondence referred to membership and need for accuracy with entries for NSWVGA data base.

Les: Nothing of relevance to WSV in NSWVGA minutes as mainly concerned with Grassroots funding.

6. Finances.

Financial report has been emailed to all.

Judy: Small number of new members and payment for Interclub games and NSWVGA membership.

Moved by Noel B and seconded by Noel H and agreed by all that the Finance report be accepted.

7. Interclub Events.

Report: Wallacia Friday 18th July. (Noel H)

Noel's report has been circulated to all members.

133 players teed off in chilly conditions. Unfortunately, one player from Dunheved was hit by a ball and unable to continue. Only 30 meals ordered and a few extra bought after play.

Noel apologies for the difficulties in getting the correct results out to members.

He thanked those clubs who paid by Direct Transfer.

Paul asked if details of the incident involving the Dunheved player had been passed on to officials at Wallacia. Noel assured him they had.

Stonecutters Monday 11th August (Kim)

Draw handed out and electronic one will be sent.

The draw has been limited to 132 starters (66 carts).

Only 1 group on par 3s to speedup play.

Course is quite wet so carts will be restricted to the concrete paths.

Registration at 7am, shotgun start at 8am.

At registration, players to choose their meal, will be given a token.

Playing the green course, which is easier, but play could be slower because of the carts being restricted to paths.

Decision was made by the General Manager to reduce the field due to number of carts and speed of play. Bunkers on 12th are under construction, so there is a temporary green.

Richmond Tuesday 23rd September (Noel B)

Entry forms were distributed. Noel concerned that number of meals being ordered is down and may be affected because Presentations are no longer held.

New chef at Richmond, from Springwood.

Also new Superintendent at Richmond, previously at Leonay and Riverside Oaks. Departing Superintendent had been there for 25 years. Time for a change.

8. Golf Connect: (Springwood Interclub 24th October) Mark

Mark expressed concern about the date for Springwood Interclub game (Friday 24th October).

Calcutta and Pro Am to be held on preceding days and Club Championship begin the day after.

Superintendent thought there would not be time for preparation of the course for the Vets event.

Also several club personnel would be on leave and concern that Golf Connect would be up and running by then.

Mark would like the event moved to November 5th.

Noel B: This would not be suitable because of clash with PGA Legends event at Richmond that week.

Paul: Dunheved Vets play on Wednesday.

Les asked Mark to seek an alternate date from the Springwood C C.

Discussion followed concerning the changes to Golf Connect particularly for the clubs using Simple Golf.

Difficulty in contacting Simple Golf and getting any response.

Time needed to transfer information to Golf Connect

Golf Link numbers –players would retain their current G/L number even if they move clubs.

New players will be given a Golf ID which will not change.

Les: We will need to look at the Constitution and Bylaws to see how they are affected.

Judy to send out playing dates for next year's Interclub.

10. General Business

Glenmore: Noel Guillaume

Noel asked why some clubs cannot pay by direct credit.

Glenmore have a Vets Account in 2 names, Noel and Peter

Leonay: Bruce. All finances go through the Office. Difficult to have a subaccount within an account.

Dunheved: Paul uses his own account. If people can't play, they must find another replacement or lose their money.

Les: Constitution says if player pulls out 24 hours before, and course is open, they lose their money.

Penrith: Bryan. If money goes to Seven Hills, there would be great difficulty getting it back.

Wallacia: Noel H. Martin and Noel have opened a Vets Account in their joint names. All money goes through this.

Judy:

September is the end of WSV Financial Year and so would appreciate it if any membership collected then be held over to October. If membership is needed for a Week of Golf that can be accommodated. Information about Membership for 2026 will be sent out soon.

Les:

An email has been received through the website from a charity supporting wounded Veterans. Unsure if it is genuine, so no response necessary.

Very close results in Player of the Year, both men and women. But Glenmore streaking ahead in the Club of the Year.

Springwood: Mark

Mark had been hoping to attend a Simple Golf Webinar, but details were not sent in time. Important dates:

27th August activation process begins

28th September Golf Link shuts down and goes offline. Create a report of all Handicaps in play at that time.

2nd October, everything should be in operation by then.

Monthly Medals will be affected.

All golfers will need to download the Golf Connect App.

Toolkits and pacts to assist are coming!

Next Meeting: Wednesday 1st October

The meeting closed at 3.10pm

Les Knox President WSRVGA

Judy Jordan Secretary/Treasurer WSRVGA