



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

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 17th June 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: Peter Aroney

LEONAY: Bruce Baker

PENRITH: Julie Berg

RICHMOND: Ken Powell

SPRINGWOOD: Mark Mostyn

STONECUTTERS:

WALLACIA: Noel Hoppe & Marin Berg

PRESIDENT: Les Knox (Chair)

SECRETARY/TREASURER: Judy Jordan
(12 present)

Apologies:

Noel Guillaume, Robert Chruszcz, Gary Posadas, Jeff Donley & Kim Stockbridge

Moved by Noel Hoppe and seconded by Bruce Baker and agreed by all that the apologies be accepted.

Les welcomed Ken Powell, delegate from Richmond.

2. Obituary.

Steve Loader (Stonecutters)

3. Adoption of Council Minutes 8th April 2026.

Moved by Paul Fairbrother and 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 8th April 2026

Les: Mention had been made last meeting of use of New Golf ID numbers.

Judy: Asked delegates to check whether new members have been issued with new number (beginning in 8) or have previously had a GL number from another club.

NSWVGA register still unable to manage new Golf ID numbers or change name of clubs.

Previous Golf Link numbers identified the club by the first 5 numbers.

Les: Still no outcome or understanding of zones or councillor visit's as suggested by NSWVGA Executive. Will wait for further information.

Moved by Mark Mostyn and seconded by Peter Watson and agreed by all that the Minutes be adopted.

5. Correspondence.

Correspondence File has been emailed to all.

6. Finances.

Financial Report has been emailed to all.

Judy: Sponsorship from St Johns Bowling Club has been received.

Ken Powell asked the reason for the Term Deposit.

Judy: Much of this money came from running the State Stroke Championships. Only income is \$2 per member annually. The Association relies on sponsorship. Term Deposit would be needed if sponsorship were unavailable.

Les: For several years the association sponsored an Open Day at the beginning of the year. (\$2000). It was unsuccessful in encouraging other clubs (eg Lynwood, Fox Hills) to join the Association, so discontinued.

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

7. Interclub Events.

Dunheved: Tuesday 19th May (Paul Fairbrother)

Paul spoke to the report which had been sent to all delegates before the meeting.

Other learnings were – a better way to issue the cards. By handing the cards to one team member meant that absent players weren't noted so gaps in the field couldn't be adjusted. Stonecutters issued them by hole, meaning players needed to know which hole they were beginning on.

Springwood will give all cards to one rep from each club.

Leonay have four tables, 2 clubs per table. Cards only given to the golfer at the table.

The other issue was ensuring cards were filled out properly.

This can only be overcome by close checking when cards are scanned. Several clubs insist that the player either scans the card themselves or remain at the scanner while a local member enters the details.

Richmond: Tuesday 23 June:

Judy: The draw has been done, with thanks to Peter Aroney for his assistance.

2 clubs didn't send their team on the electronic Entry Form.

Richmond doesn't have a caterer so sausages on a roll with salad etc. will be available. \$5 and ordered at Registration.

Springwood: Wednesday 22nd July (Mark Mostyn)

Mark handed out hard copies and electronic ones have been sent.

Green fees will be \$25 and 3 suggestions from the Chef for lunch.

Only 3 carts are available for each club.

Everyone will be playing from the purple tees.

8. 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.

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 or Special General Meeting.

Major changes include:

1. Class of lady members.

There will only be one class of membership, male and female will all pay \$7.

The VWGA is a separate from the NSWVGA.

All reference to gender has been removed from NSWVGA Constitution.

2. Vice Presidents.

The Executive has been changed back to The President and 3 Vice Presidents.

3. Shirts.

Player of the Year shirts will be discontinued.

4. Query over Life Member voting.

Thank you to Mark and Noel Hoppe for their input.

Motion from Les that any changes needed will be made at the next meeting with a Special General Meeting to be held prior to General Meeting.

Moved by Peter, seconded by Martin Berg and agreed by all that the motion be passed.

Motion and recommended changes will be forwarded in the Notice of Special General Meeting.

9. Membership: Judy

A reminder that members joining between July and September will be current until December 2027.

10. General Business

Leonay: Bruce Baker

Bruce asked why our Financial Year doesn't line up with the Registration date.

Les: Audit is done after 30th September for the AGM in late November.

Springwood: Martin

The purple tees can be used by men and women. All games at Springwood are Medley events.

In all events, except medals, players can nominate which course they play, handicap adjusted accordingly.

9-hole golf is on the rise in Australia. In 12 months to May 2026, 734,756 9-hole-rounds were played. Information taken from an article from Golf Australia.

Many expressed the view they would prefer to play 18 holes and thought players wouldn't nominate for Interclub if only playing 9-holes.

11. Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th August 2026

The meeting closed at 3.00pm

Les Knox President WSRVGA
Secretary/Treasurer WSRVGA

Judy Jordan