



# Veteran Women Golfers' Association of NSW Inc.

Affiliated with the Veteran Ladies' Golf association (England) ABN 24 579 113 181

## Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Association held at: Bass Suite, Level 2, 99 York Street, Sydney on: Friday, November 16, 2012 at 10.00 am.

### 1. Chairperson

The President, Mrs Beverley Everett (The Lakes), declared the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting open and welcomed those in attendance. (**Attachment 1**) She asked for mobile phones to be turned off and informed **all** that the meeting was being recorded. She also welcome Mr Ray Travers, Special Counsel for Pigott Stinson, as well as those who had travelled long distances. Copies of the draft constitution were made available for perusal.

Proxies were then handed out to those delegates who did not already have one – directed ones first then non directed ones to the remaining delegates and observers until all proxies were distributed. The President instructed those to whom proxies had been given to cross out her name and put their names on as she had permission from the proxy giver to do so.

(As Delegates are only permitted to have 1 proxy, the extras were distributed to those without one).

Ms Lyn Walker (Bonnie Doon) clarified that each Delegate could have 2 votes – their own plus a proxy as per 5.3 of the Constitution.

Blue cards for Delegates, red cards for Proxy holders and white cards for Observers without proxies were handed out and the President explained how to use the cards when voting.

The President reaffirmed the voting entitlements of the Delegates, Observers and Proxy holders present. It was confirmed by a show of cards that 38 Delegates (blue cards), 45 Proxy holders (red cards) were in attendance.

### 2. Notice of meeting

The President reported that all Delegates had been notified by the Secretary by post (dated 24/10/12) of the notice convening the 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM), setting out the date, time, location and agenda. The notice of the meeting was taken as read.

Moved Mrs Alison Poulton (Warringah)

Seconded Mrs Beryl Dunn (Cabramatta)

### 3. Present (**Attachment 1**)

38 Delegates (including 3 Committee members), 6 non Delegate Committee members and 9 Observers for a total of 53.

### Apologies (**Attachment 2**)

The Secretary, Miss Jenni Brown read out the list of Apologies.

The President asked if there were any more from the floor. Pacific Dunes was mentioned.

### 4. Correspondence

Nil

### 5. Proxies (**Attachment 3**)

Noted with or without direction. There was a total of 45 Proxies.

**6. Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting**

The President stated that all Delegates had received a copy of the Minutes of the 2011 AGM by post and these were taken as read.

It was moved by Mrs Lesley Brown (St Michael's) and seconded by Mrs Gwen Sills (Richmond) that the Minutes of the AGM held on Friday, November 18, 2011 be accepted as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Carried

**Business Arising**

Nil

**7. Annual Reports**

(a) President's Report (**Attachment 4**)

Moved by Mrs Beverley Everett that her Report be accepted

Seconded by Mrs Norma Armitage (Nelson Bay)

Carried

(b) Secretary's Report (**Attachment 5**)

Moved by Miss Jenni Brown that her Report be accepted

Seconded by Mrs Susie Leyshon (Wakehurst)

Carried

(c) Tournament Report (**Attachment 6**)

Read out by Mrs Ann Lowbridge as Miss Jo McLaughlin was not well.

Moved by Mrs Ann Lowbridge (Beresfield) that this Report be accepted.

Seconded by Mrs Eileen Donohoe (Bonnie Doon)

Carried

(d) Membership Report (**Attachment 7**)

Moved by Mrs Virginnia Hewitt (Woollooware) that her Report be accepted.

Seconded by Mrs Norma Armitage (Nelson Bay)

Carried

(e) Treasurer's Report – the Financial Statements were sent to delegates prior to this meeting.

The Treasurer discussed the Balance Sheet for the year 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011 to 30 June 2012 and announced that any Questions relating to this will be taken later in the meeting.

It was noted that the money paid to the Auditor last year was well spent, having done it herself this year.

The MYOB programme has now been put on the new computers and everything is working well and all reports looking much more professional.

A profit of \$2165.86 was noted.

Ms Nancye Cullen (Camden Lakeside) moved her Report be accepted

Seconded by Mrs Fay McManus (Bexley).

Carried.

**8. Election of Office Bearers and Committee**

As the position of President was being contested, Mrs Everett called for volunteers from the floor for the positions of Returning Officer and Scrutineers. Mrs Cheryl Ward (North Ryde) Returning Officer, Mrs Norma Armitage (Nelson Bay) and Mrs Joan Dunn (The Coast) as Scrutineers, agreed to act in these capacities and were approved by the meeting. Mrs Everett stood down and Mrs Ward took the chair for the election.

The Returning Officer then read out the nominations for President and asked both nominees to speak to the meeting providing information on their background and ideas for future developments with the VWGA.

Nominations for President:

<b>Ms Nancye Cullen</b>	Camden Lakeside	Proposed: Ms Lyn Walker (Bonnie Doon)
		Seconded: Mrs Virginnia Hewitt (Woolooware)
<b>Mrs Beverley Everett</b>	The Lakes	Proposed: Mrs Angela Lee (Commercial Albury)
		Seconded: Mrs Ann Grenda (Commercial Albury)

***The election was conducted by secret ballot***

Mrs Lyn Walker clarified that if you took a directed proxy it should then go directly to the Scrutineers. Blue voting slips were handed out to the Delegates, then pink ones to the proxy holders. People were asked to fill them out then they were to be counted. During this process there was much confusion as to the counting of the proxies. The Solicitor then decided it would be better if the directionless proxies were read out and the people who had these proxies were to collect another voting form and the previous pink ones discarded. Then the votes were tallied and it was announced by the Returning Officer that Mrs Beverley Everett was the new President. Ms Nancye Cullen congratulated her. Mrs Everett returned to the chair and thanked the Returning Officer and the Scrutineers.

The President read out the names of the current nominations received for Office Bearers and Committee

<b>Vice Presidents:</b>	Miss Jo McLaughlin	New South Wales
	Ms Lyn Walker	Bonnie Doon
<b>Secretary:</b>	Miss Jenni Brown	Long Reef
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Ms Nancye Cullen	Camden Lakeside
<b>General Committee: (up to 9)</b>	Mrs Patricia Ellis	Bondi
	Mrs Virginnia Hewitt	Woolooware
	Mrs Ann Lowbridge	Beresfield Ladies
	Mrs Geraldine Steele	Palm Beach

They were all elected unopposed.

The President called for nominations from the floor to fill the remaining vacancies on the General committee but there were none. She then congratulated the incoming Committee and asked each person to stand as she announced the names of the Office Bearers and Committee members for 2013.

9. Mr Ray Travers, from Pigott Stinson and acting on behalf of the VWGA, was asked to speak on the Constitution Draft
  - There was a need to review the Rules – some stay and some go.
  - He thanked Ms Lyn Walker for her contribution as she had spent many hours not only on the constitution committee helping to draft the new constitution but also proof reading the Solicitor's draft.
  - Generally speaking it is just a general update to bring the VWGA in line with current needs, however there are a couple of areas where more substantial changes are proposed. These are:
    - ❖ Currently the term of President is 5 years. The proposed change is to a 4 year term
    - ❖ Currently the Chairperson has a casting vote. The proposed change is for no casting vote.
    - ❖ Rules for affiliation – we needed to clarify the process.

He then asked for questions from the floor.

Ms Averil Waters (Randwick) asked about the current Rules and the Model Rules where a

regulation pro-forma applies if our Rules do not deal with something. The Solicitor replied that this was the case.

As there were no more questions at this time, the Solicitor suggested any other queries be put in writing and sent to the Secretary.

#### **10. Treasurer**

The Treasurer, Ms Nancye Cullen, noted that the financial report was mailed to all Delegates in a recent mail out and asked if there were any questions or comments from the floor.

Mrs Marilyn Pacitti (Randwick) was concerned about the profit being down on 2011. She was concerned that tournaments were run at a loss and that this problem should be addressed. The Treasurer replied that this was true but that there was often money collected for events after June 30 which was not shown on this report which balanced out the costs.

Mrs Fay McManus (Bexley) noted the 2011 profit of \$227,000 and suggested that some of this money should now be spent on reducing costs to members.

A question was put relating to the decreased cost of insurance from \$7000 down to \$3000. The Treasurer replied that Ms Lyn Walker had spent some time on the internet searching for a better deal, as we were having trouble getting coverage for older Committee members. She found a company covering this niche market of volunteer workers and was able to negotiate a very good deal with very similar coverage to our previous insurer for a greatly reduced price.

Mrs Marilyn Pacitti (Randwick) was concerned that the office attendance costs seemed to be increasing. She also brought up a point of concern for her when Randwick was balloted out of the Camden Lakeside tournament when she thought that she had her entry in on time.

Mrs Fay Butcher (Carnarvon) suggested halving the joining fee as way of giving some of the money back to members. Some discussion ensued on this matter but it was decided not to do this.

The Treasurer noted that our lease is up in February 2013 and it may be necessary to find new premises.

The Treasurer requested that any other queries should be emailed to the VWGA for discussion.

- 11.** A Motion that the VWGA fees remain the same (Joining Fees - \$12 Metropolitan, \$7 Country and \$13 Annual Subscriptions) was proposed by Mrs Doreen Reilly (Botany), Seconded by Mrs Angela Lee (Commercial Albury). Carried.

The President noted that if anyone wanted to change the fees structure it would have to be put in writing for the next AGM and would, therefore, not be put into action until 2015.

- 12.** Ms Lyn Walker spoke on changing our insurer to Local Community Insurance Services, with public liability coverage of \$20 million, association and officials \$2 million, personal accident for volunteer workers with death benefits of \$50,000 etc. The cost for 2013 will be \$24 up on 2012.  
Ms Waker proposed that the policy be renewed, seconded by Ms Nancye Cullen.  
Approved by the meeting.

**13. General Business**

Mrs Alison Poulton (Warringah) wanted clarification on their in house veteran's competitions where she stated that no veteran was eligible to win a prize unless they were VWGA members.

The President responded that this problem could be solved by having a conditions of play document stating this. She also noted, for the benefit of other clubs in a similar situation, especially if they have veteran' open days at their club, that when they are sending out invitations it be made clear in the conditions of play that they require VWGA membership for entry (or to be eligible for prizes on the day). However, it should be noted that they are not VWGA sponsored events.

Mrs Marilyn Pacitti (Randwick) and Mrs Sandra Kercher (Bayview) were both concerned at the high frequency of VWGA tournaments. Many clubs are having veteran open days and with the number of pennant matches and club events it seems that there are too many Metropolitan Tournaments on during the year and maybe that is why the numbers were lower at these events this year.

Mrs Angela Lee (Commercial Albury) noted that at her club they put all of the VWGA Country events in their fixture book to remind people of their timing. She also noted that the duties and obligations of a VWGA Delegate are set out in the VWGA fixture book.

The President noted that all Delegates get a free fixture book every year and extra copies were available for \$2 each.

Mrs Fay McManus (Bexley) noted that, if we subsidised people going to country Tournaments, it may be a good way to spend some of the money we have in consolidated revenue. She suggested that maybe we could subsidise a bus to travel to each country tournament.

Some discussion ensued with no real resolution to the problem.

Mrs Cheryl Ward (North Ryde) thanked the President and the Committee for the good work they have done.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting at 12.50pm and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

The next AGM will be held on Friday November 15 2013 at a venue to be announced.

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Beverley Everett - President

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Date



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**ATTENDANCE ATTACHMENT 1**

	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Del</b>		<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Del</b>
1	Asquith	Jan Ferguson	Y	28	Manly	Gail Fitzhardinge	Y
2	Balgowlah	Lesley Paradine	Y	29	Nelson Bay	Norma Armitage	N
3	Bankstown	Dorothy Gain	Y	30	North Ryde	Marlene Peters	Y
4	Barnwell Park	Laurene Priest	Y	31	North Ryde	Cheryl Ward	N
5	Bayview	Sandra Kercher	Y	32	Northbridge	Trish Sweeney	Y
6	Beresfield	Ann Lowbridge	N	33	NSW	Jo McLaughlin	N
7	Bexley	Fay McManus	Y	34	Palm Beach	Gina Pearce	Y
8	Bondi	Pat Ellis	Y	35	Palm Beach	Geraldine Steele	N
9	Bonnie Doon	Eileen Donohoe	Y	36	Pennant Hills	Joy Bull	N
10	Bonnie Doon	Lyn Walker	N	37	Pennant Hills	Adrienne Gorme	Y
11	Cabramatta	Beryl Dunn	Y	38	Penrith	Helen Kennett	Y
12	Camden Lakeside	Nancye Cullen	Y	39	Randwick	Marilyn Pacitti	Y
13	Cammeray	June Bennett	Y	40	Randwick	Averil Waters	N
14	Carnarvon	Faye Butcher	Y	41	Richmond	Gwen Sills	Y
15	Commercial Albury	Angela Lee	Y	42	Royal Sydney	Lisa Ballhausen	Y
16	Concord	Judy Uther	Y	43	St Michael's	Leslie Brown	Y
17	Concord	Kathy Every-Burns	New	44	Tallwoods	Gaye Granger	N
18	Fairfield	Leslie Middling	Y	45	Tallwoods	Maggie Godsmark	N
19	Fairfield	Pat Sorlie	N	46	The Coast	Joan Dunn	Y
20	Fox Hills	Ann Griffith	Y	47	The Lakes	Beverley Everett	N
21	Gordon	R O Bowden	N	48	Wakehurst	Suzie Leyshon	Y
22	Lane Cove	Margaret Collins	Y	49	Warringah	Ali Poulter	Y
23	Lane Cove	Dulcie Leedow	N	50	Windsor	Pam Cooke	Y
24	Liverpool	Jill Shiels	Y	51	Woollahra	Lynn Simpson	Y
25	Long Reef	Jenni Brown	Y	52	Woolooware	Jill Roach	Y
26	Lynwood	Brenda Williamson	Y	53	Woolooware	Virginnia Hewitt	N
27	Maitland	Clare Fleming	Y	54			



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**APOLOGIES**

**Attachment 2**

	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>		<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>
1	Ballina	Elva Colledge	30	Mudgee	Jan Rohr
2	Belmont	Trish Barsley	31	Muirfield	Aileen Johnson
3	Beresfield	Helen Rowett	32	Nelson Bay	Anne Peterson
4	Blackheath	Virginia Hurst	33	Oatlands	Jo Davidson
5	Bombala	Vera Jones	34	Ocean Shores	Ruth Dupen
6	Bowral	Carole Turpie	35	Pacific Dunes	Linda Overend
7	Camden	Melinda Ross	36	Pambula Merimbula	Anne Lavender
8	Coffs Harbour	Elaine Bowers	37	Port Kembla	Kay Pollock
9	Cootamundra	Judy Finkle	38	Port Macquarie	Shannon Miller
10	Cromer	Viv Ashton	39	Queanbeyan	Jacqueline Elliott
11	Cronulla	Rhonda Carroll	40	Ryde Parramatta	Margaret King
12	Denman	Nellie Holz	41	Royal Canberra	Maree Hourigan
13	Duntryleague	Dianne Smith	42	Shelley Beach	Val Gibney
14	Elanora	Pam Randall	43	St Georges Basin	Jan Wong
15	Everglades	Janice Binstead	44	Strathfield	Gwen Field
16	Forster/ Tuncurry	Jan Lynch	45	Sugar Valley	Gwen Grey
17	Gerringong	Val Cuthbertson	46	Sussex Inlet	Pam Forbes
18	Glenmore Heritage	Sarah Dean	47	Tamworth	Tori McCulloch
19	Goulburn	Helen McAleer	48	The Grange	Robyn Rayment
20	Henty	June Bahr	49	Tuross Head	Ruth Walsh
21	Howlong	Di Tyrell-Miller	50	Vincentia	Daphne Bailey
22	Inverell	Cynthia Squires	51	Wagga City	Julienne O'Keeffe
23	Kogarah	June Davey	52	Wagga Wagga Country	Joan Fairfield - Smith
24	Kurri Kurri	Liz Gruber	53	Walcha	Sheila Faulkner
25	Leonay	Violet Roffe	54	Werris Creek	Beverley Sawtell
26	Lithgow	Ann Doohan	55	Wyong	Vicki Atkins
27	Massey Park	Bev Ashton	56	Yowani	Barbara Silinis
28	Moore Park	Kath Day	57		
29	Moree	Liz Gough	58		



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**PROXIES - Attachment 3**

	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROXY FOR</b>	<b>Proxie's Club</b>	<b>Direction given</b>
1	Aberdeen	Cathleen Goodsell	Margaret Collins	Lane Cove	yes / no
2	Avalon	Wilma Laurich	Lesley Paradine	Balgowlah	yes / no
3	Avondale	Jan Cameron	Jenni Brown	Long Reef	yes / no
4	Ballina	Elva Colledge	Pat Sorlie	Fairfield	yes / <del>no</del> BE
5	Boorowa	Ada Cummings	Gwen Sills	Richmond	yes / <del>no</del> BE
6	Campbelltown	Yvonne Lavers	Robyn McKinni	Campbelltown	yes / no
7	Catalina	Margaret Noller	Trish Sweeney	Northbridge	yes / <del>no</del> BE
8	Chatswood	Pat Oliver	Jan Ferguson	Asquith	yes / no
9	Crookwell	Marion Jordan	Eileen Donohoe	Bonnie Doon	yes / no
10	Deniliquin	Pam Jarratt	Ann Griffith	Fox Hills	yes / <del>no</del> BE
11	Denman	Nellie Holz	Doreen Reilly	Botany	yes / <del>no</del> BE
12	Dunheved	Diane P Bowen	Fay McManus	Bexley	yes / <del>no</del> BE
13	Fairbairn	Jan Kirk	Leslie Middling	Fairfield	yes / <del>no</del> BE
14	Forster/ Tuncurry	Janice L Lynch	Margaret Godsmark	Tallwoods	yes / no
15	Glenmore Heritage	Sarah Dean	Marilyn Pacitti	Randwick	yes / no
16	Gordon	Anne Amos	Robyn Bowden	Gordon	yes / no
17	Gosford	Beverley Adams	Fay Butcher	Carnarvon	yes / <del>no</del> BE
18	Goulburn	Helen J McAleer	Marlene Peters	North Ryde	yes / <del>no</del> BE
19	Harden Country Club	Patricia A Walker	Lynn Simpson	Woollahra	yes / no
20	Harrington Waters	Wendy Brooker	Gaye Granger	Tallwoods	yes / no
21	Hawks Nest	Patricia Marr	Cheryl Ward	North Ryde	yes / no
22	Howlong	Dianne Tyrell- Miller	Lena Rippon	Bonnie Doon	yes / <del>no</del> BE



	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PROXY FOR</b>	<b>Proxie's Club</b>	<b>Direction given</b>
23	Kareela	Gayle Roeder	Lyn Walker	Bonnie Doon	yes / no
24	Kiama	Gaye R Tapp	Nancye Cullen	Camden Lakeside	yes / no
25	Kogarah	June Davey	Jill Roach	Woolooware	yes / no
26	Leeton Soldiers	Deidre R Ross	Ali Poulter	Warringah	yes / <del>no</del> BE
27	Maclean	Lindsey A Myles	Joan Dunn	The Coast	yes / no
28	Marrickville	Denise M Sebbens	Clare Fleming	Maitland	yes / <del>no</del> BE
29	Massey Park	Beverley Ashton	Adrienne Gorme	Pennant Hills	yes / no
30	Mudgee	Jan Rohr	Averil Waters	Randwick	yes / no
31	NSW	Sonia Young	Dulcie Leedow	Lane Cove	yes / no
32	Nelson Bay	Anne Merrick Peterson	Norma Armitage	Nelson Bay	yes / no
33	Oberon Ladies	Robyn Slattery	Helen Kennett	Penrith	yes / <del>no</del> BE
34	Ocean Shores	Ruth Dupen	Kathy Every Burns	Concord	yes / <del>no</del> BE
35	Pacific Dunes	Linda J Overland	Virginnia Hewitt	Woolooware	yes / no
36	Parramatta	Anne Borg	Joy Bull	Pennant Hills	yes / <del>no</del> BE
37	RAE	Maree Christie	Beverley Everett	The Lakes	yes / <del>no</del> BE
38	Muree	Kathy E Scully	Geraldine Steele	Palm Beach	yes / no
39	Rosnay	Elaine Dawson	Lesley Brown	St Michael's	yes / no
40	St Georges Basin CC	Janice E Wong	Jo McLaughlin	NSW	yes / no
41	Singleton	Wendy Peters	Ann Lowbridge	Beresfield	yes / no
42	Thurgoona	Pauline Harris	Angela Lee	Com. Albury	yes / no
43	Tumut	Maureen K Jenkins	Laurene Priest	Barnwell Park	yes / <del>no</del> BE
44	Wagga City	Julienne O'Keeffe	Dorothy Gain	Bankstown	yes / <del>no</del> BE
45	Yowani	Barbara Silinis	Pat Ellis	Bondi	yes / no
	This vote not counted as it was mislaid at the time of the meeting Belconnen	Esma Kennedy	Marlene Peters		yes / <del>no</del> BE



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**Observers Attachment 3a**

	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Proxy from</b>
1	Concord	Kathy Every-Burns	Ruth Dupen Ocean Shores
2	Fairfield	Pat Sorlie	Elva College Ballina
3	Gordon	Robyn O Bowden	Anne Amos Gordon
4	Lane Cove	Dulcie Leedow	Sonia Young NSW
5	Nelson Bay	Norma Armitage	A M Peterson Nelson Bay
6	North Ryde	Cheryl Ward	Pat Marr Hawks Nest
7	Pennant Hills	Joy Bull	Ann Borg Parramatta
8	Randwick	Averil Waters	Jan Rohr Mudgee
9	Tallwoods	Maggie Godsmark	Janice Lynch Foster/ Tuncurry
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## 2012 - President's Report - Attachment 4

Good morning ladies! It is lovely to see you all here.

This has been another extremely busy year for the VWGA and also for me personally.

During my past two years as President, with the assistance of my Committee, I feel that I have been able to achieve the goals that I set out in my nomination speech in November 2010. These goals were as follows:

### **Vetsflash**

This is now sent out quarterly to all Delegates and is an informative newsletter on all our current happenings and tournaments. It keeps the members up-to-date with what is going on within the Association.

### **A Regional Country Delegate to join the Committee**

Although we did not get a Country Delegate, a country member from Beresfield, Ann Lowbridge, joined us in March 2011. The great benefit of having country representation has given the members in her district an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the City. Ann travels widely and is able to pass on any news of the Association and answer questions.

### **Renew Affiliation with Interstate Veteran Women Golfers Associations**

This process is now underway and Pat Ellis, our Archivist, has taken on the responsibility of furthering this goal and is achieving encouraging results. We are the parent body in Australia and the Senior and/or Veteran bodies in States other than New South Wales are affiliated with us. Queensland is back in the fold already and reciprocal rights apply to their members and to ours.

### **VWGA website**

We have now registered our domain name. Hopefully the website will be operational early next year. This is going to make administration so much easier. It will contain most of the information presently in our Fixture Book, such as our yearly programme, entry forms, past results, future tournaments and general information. The domain name will be published in our next Vetsflash.

### **Constitution**

After nearly two years' of hard work by my diligent Constitution Sub-Committee (Lyn Walker, Pat Ellis, Ann Lowbridge and Bev Everett), the draft constitution is now back from our solicitor and after final approval by the committee, will then be sent to all delegates. Early next year we anticipate being in a position to call a Special General Meeting to ratify this document. We will look forward to receiving the input of all Delegates.

### **Committee**

Despite some of our Committee members undergoing operations and others with sickness, holidays and grandchildren-minding, we have managed to run the Association proficiently.

I wish to thank all the Committee for their generous commitment to this voluntary work during the year. In spite of being so very under manned, we do need four more on committee to bring us up to Par! I hope that we will have a formidable team to continue the initiatives that I have outlined in this report.

One Office Bearer who deserves recognition is our Secretary, Jenni Brown. Last year Jenni mentioned to you that she had progressed from "Learner" to her "P Plates" with regard to her job. She is now quite proudly exhibiting on her computer her "100 km" Provisional Plates and next year I am sure Jenni will be fully qualified.

## **Finance**

The M.Y.O.B. accounting system which was introduced back in 2010 by the previous Treasurer (Ivy Cheong) has been fine-tuned in a very professional manner by our present Treasurer, Nancye Cullen. Nancye is to be congratulated for this effort. As you would have seen from the Financial Report, our finances are in good shape in spite of extra expenditure incurred from time to time.

## **Membership**

The VWGA membership remains reasonably steady despite financial hardships being experienced by many clubs. Our current membership details will be given to you by our Membership Registrar in her Report. Virginnia Hewitt who took on this role must be commended for the diligent manner in which she handles this position.

## **Office Equipment**

I am very pleased to announce that our computers and software have finally been updated at a cost well below the figure that was originally anticipated. My thanks to Lyn Walker, a Vice President and Public Officer, who took on the onerous task of organising the installation and successful operation of the new equipment. Some of us, including myself, are novices in relation to this new technology but we are learning more through our day to day usage. I trust that we can make the most cost effective and efficient use of all the new technology.

While on the subject of new technology, I am delighted to see so many of our Delegates keeping in touch with the Association by email. I would like to see this increased next year in as much as we could send bulk mail to you electronically, thus getting it to you faster and saving on postage which is indeed a very large part of our annual budget.

We do not wish to worry our delegates who are not on the internet. Your mail, courtesy of Australia Post, will still be delivered to you.

## **Metropolitan and Country Tournaments**

After consultation with my Tournament Committee (Jenni Brown, Jo McLaughlin, Ann Lowbridge and Bev Everett) it has been agreed to reintroduce four Country Two Day Tournaments per year. This will come into effect in 2013 and 2014. In 2013 there will be tournaments at Wellington in March, Yowini (A.C.T.) in May, Port Kembla in August and Maitland in October. In 2014 the following Country Clubs will be hosting our two day tournaments: Armidale, Coolamatong, West Wyalong and Cobar.

This is a very positive initiative as it not only brings commercial value into these towns but gives the country veteran ladies the opportunity to meet their rural sisters and also city representatives.

The matter of four two-day country tournaments per year will go before the committee again for 2015 onwards. I sincerely trust that I can persuade a majority to vote for the four tournaments each year to be continued; also that these events are spread out over the whole of New South Wales as they have since their inception in 1997. I wish to thank the Tournament Committee for their assistance in helping to achieve these goals.

In the past two years I have overseen the introduction of new venues for our Metropolitan events. In 2011 we successfully negotiated Moore Park for our Foursomes Championships and in 2012 Mona Vale for our Metropolitan Championships. Both have proven very successful. In 2013 Marrickville and The Coast will come on board. The change in venues was the result of repeated requests by members for different courses to play.

At the present time the VWGA Country Championships do not include a Foursomes event. I would like to open up our Metropolitan Foursomes to country veteran members, thus calling the event the VWGA of NSW Open Foursomes Championships. If this is not feasible, I would then suggest that the VWGA introduce Country Foursomes Championships to be added to the list of important country events. It is well known that there are many good golfers in the country and, keeping this in mind, I do hope the Committee will view this initiative with a positive outcome.

### **The above initiatives have certainly moved us out of our time warp!!!**

During this year we have organised 10 Metropolitan tournaments. Unfortunately, Dunheved was cancelled due to inclement weather and Concord, regrettably, had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. Our final event for the year is being played at Palm Beach on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Once again we have had an excellent response.

This year Waratah, Ballina and Narromine each hosted a VWGA Two Day Tournament. It gave me great pleasure to attend and play in all three tournaments, to meet new Members and catch up with Delegates. Hearty congratulations to the three Delegates and their respective committees and helpers for the very successful organization of these events. Hopefully next year we will again have meetings of delegates plus any other interested veterans who wish to attend the meeting where they may discuss any issues of interest relating to their area.

Vice President and Tournament Sub Committee member, Jo McLaughlin, will expand on all the tournaments in her report.

Special thanks to Ann Lowbridge for taking on the enormous task of handling the Mabel Mackenzie Brooch and Country Championship results and sending out all the lapel badges and major trophies for these events. Also, special thanks to Jo McLaughlin who despite a knee replacement last January, managed to take on the responsibility of the Challenge Brooch results and awarding the winners. Due to her knee operation and recent heart problems, unfortunately Jo will not be returning to the golfing scene until sometime next year.

Thank you also to Geraldine Steele, for so generously giving her time to assist with the mail, banking, assisting the Treasurer and Membership Registrar whenever possible. We couldn't do without you, Geraldine.

### **Delegates**

Once again, thank you to all the Delegates and members who supported our tournaments both in the Metropolitan area and in the Country during the year. Special congratulations go to all the major winners of the VWGA Country and Metropolitan Championships, Mabel Mackenzie and Challenge Brooches on their well-deserved success.

Regarding our Delegates, they do a truly wonderful job. We appreciate very much the interest taken in keeping members informed of our activities and ensuring they come to play in our tournaments. While on the subject of Delegates, we should like to congratulate in particular, Ada Cummings from Boorowa who is not only entering her 33<sup>rd</sup> year in this position she is the only Delegate her club has ever had. Is this a record ladies? Please let us know if anyone else has served for a very long time in the onerous job of Delegate to the VWGA.

### **Hole in One Recipients.**

From November 1, 2011, to date we have given Hole in One Badges to **237** very skilful recipients (including one to me at Warren in September this year). The numbers of these very clever individuals seem to be increasing each year.

### **80 and 90 Year Badges**

Our 80 Year Commemorative Badges were presented to **220** Ladies from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2011 to date. Nearly all of the ladies continue to play their weekly competition golf and their names appear regularly in the winning lists.

Not to be outdone **16** Ninety Year Commemorative Badges were presented to the following ladies, a goodly number of whom still play regular golf. They are Muriel Wills (Cronulla), Vivian Knight (Moruya), Vera Gardner (Kyogle), Doreen Walsh (Cumberland), Rita Hobbs (Palm Beach), Jean Park (Iluka) Patricia Rodgers and Dora Thornett (both from Wakehurst), Mary Thistleton (Bathurst), Marie Fairhall (Long Reef), Eunice Bishop (Cowra), Valerie Geary (Port Macquarie), Patricia Ayres (Lane Cove), Joyce Goodwin (Glen Innes), Joan Welsh (Maitland) and Ursula Mills (Murwillumbah).

It just goes to prove that golf is very beneficial for our health and longevity as is evident by the above recipients.

Special congratulations go to Jean Rendell (Glen Innes) who turned 100 years old this year. Unfortunately I was unable to attend her special birthday luncheon so we sent her a Commemorative Spoon which we had especially engraved for her. At this celebration also, an 90 year badge was presented to Joyce Goodwin as well as an 80 year badge to Therese Correy. Congratulations to Glen Innes on this fine achievement of three very special awards being presented on the same day to these wonderful veterans.

Here, I must thank Pat Ellis for her contribution in writing such intuitive letters to the many recipients of these awards.

### **Bereavements**

Our thoughts are with those members who have suffered sadness this year. The death of Pauline Hall, the Delegate for Tully Park Earlybirds, was a sad occasion, not only for the Association but for her Club. I do hope that those members who have not been well will soon return to golf.

### **In Conclusion**

It is my wish to maintain the status quo of the VWGA as is. It has come to my attention that there have been rumours about this Association amalgamating with the Men's Vets. I would like to take this opportunity to dispel such rumours as, during my Presidency over the last two years, there has been no such discussion about amalgamation at Committee level or at any other meetings.

For the future years, the VWGA must continue to uphold its traditions, etiquette and sportsmanship of the game of golf and to assist in the advancement of the game for all women over the age of fifty years, as stated in our old and new constitutions.

We must continue to go forward with new ideas and new technology, also to use the varied skills of our committee women and to work as a true team. During my time in the Chair, I have always endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors and to go forward with the VWGA into the future.

I ask for your support in allowing me to continue on as your President in 2013.

Once again, I thank everyone for their interest in attending this Annual General Meeting today and, finally, I should like to wish you all the very best of health and successful golfing for the ensuing year.

Thank you

*Beverley Everett*

President

16<sup>th</sup> November, 2012



## Secretary's Report – Attachment 5

Good morning ladies,

As your secretary, may I say I have enjoyed speaking with a number of Delegates – both country and metropolitan – throughout the year, and being able to assist you where possible.

The year seems to have flown by with many jobs still to be done better. It has been a very slow process to get used to the various parts of my job – especially at one day a week- and I am still getting the hang of it, almost two years down the track. I hope I am making progress, although at times it does not seem so. With the help of other committee members the job is becoming clearer so I ask your indulgence for another year and if I have not sorted it out by then I will gladly hand it over to another volunteer.

I am most thankful for the purchase and installation of the new computers this year as it has been an excellent time saver.

One small thing that would make life a little easier is when you are sending in entry forms, could you please print clearly – that way I have a better chance of spelling your names correctly, and remember to put your email address on clearly.

We hope to have our webpage operational early in the New Year. This will make accessing the tournament draws much easier. It has taken a little longer than expected but the wheels are currently in motion. If anyone has any ideas for the content you would like to see included, please email us at the office.

The constitution sub- committee has worked very hard to bring our constitution into line with current trends and to that end I would like to congratulate them on their efforts – especially Lyn Walker, who has spent many hours proof reading it to make sure the solicitor has made the changes that were requested, and Beverley Everett for her many hours spent on the changes.

That is all from me ladies.

*Jenni Brown*

Secretary VWGA NSW

November 16, 2012



## Tournament Report - Attachment 6

Good morning ladies,

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Tournament Committee to present to you the 2012 Report.

Our programme didn't begin very well – Dunheved, the first event for the year, was cancelled because of bad weather and then Concord in May was called off due to lack of entries. I am pleased to report the remaining events were all well supported and played in excellent conditions

### **Metropolitan Tournaments**

We had a total of 886 entries from the 9 Metropolitan Tournaments played to date, which averages out to 89 entries per event. Not too disappointing, considering investments are down and the present price of petrol!!

We tried something new this year –we ran a tournament at Bankstown in conjunction with the Men's Vets Championships. The event was originally going to be City-v- Country Ladies Challenge Day but due to the lack of country entries we had to change the event to a 2BBB Stableford which attracted 105 players. Our thanks go to all who supported this day at Bankstown. Entries totalled 105 including 10 from two country clubs Moss Vale and The Grange.

The Metropolitan Championship for 2012 was played at Mona Vale and won by Joyce Williamson from Concord with a gross score of 86. The Metropolitan Foursomes Championship was played at Moore Park and the winners were Rhonda Magner and Margaret Bain-Smith from Concord with a gross score of 84 on a play off from Liz McKinnon and Sue Fyfe from Elanora.

Metropolitan Tournaments were also played at Long Reef, Chatswood, Randwick, Camden Lakeside, North Ryde, Cabramatta and Penrith.

### **Country Tournaments**

This year the VWGA sponsored 3 country two day tournaments. The number of entries at each event far exceeded our expectations.

At Waratah there were 160 Entries from 8 Metropolitan and 14 Country Clubs. Ballina had 157 Entries from 4 Metropolitan and 18 Country Clubs and Narromine totalled 110 from 7 Metropolitan and 26 Country Clubs.

Our thanks must go to the hard working delegates, their committees and helpers. At all of these tournaments the Veteran Men gave their services willingly, and, if they weren't starting the field, were out on the golf course for many hours spotting for all the players.

At Narromine the wonderful men cooked the barbeque whilst the ladies social committee prepared all the salads and sweets for the presentation dinner.

As is customary at these country tournaments, morning tea consisting of delicious homemade goodies is provided for all the players on arrival. The country ladies certainly know how to provide a good spread.

Congratulations go to all those who entered our competitions and extra congratulations to the winners.

We wish you all good luck in your VWGA games next year. We know you will enjoy the company of your fellow veterans.

All the best for Christmas and New Year.

Thank you

*Jo McLaughlin*

Vice President/Tournament Committee





## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT -- Attachment 7**

Good morning Madam President, Committee Members, Delegates and Observers.

Welcome to you all.

This is my second membership report and as usual it has been a busy year with all but 7 country clubs rejoining the association. I am still trying to contact these clubs which has been a little difficult but will keep trying. Thank you to all who renewed your memberships for 2012, 2013 subs are due any time from now on. Just a little reminder that all membership renewals should be paid by June 30, as per the constitution and clubs may be deemed to be unaffiliated after that date. We don't want any members disadvantaged so it would help greatly to have all renewals finalised by then and I won't have to remind delegates!

There have been a few instances this year where blue cards for new members haven't arrived for some reason, so please let us know if you haven't received something you are expecting. Blue cards are usually done as soon as the applications come into the office, sometimes they are missed in error. We apologise if we miss them but please let us know, a quick email if possible or a phone call would be good.

We have 16429 financial members, 1656 past members who have died (39), who are or have been ill (30), who have retired from playing golf (398), have resigned or are unfinancial. Many members have transferred to new clubs but continue to belong to the VWGA. We have welcomed 830 new members during the year, this is very pleasing but as you can see we are losing more members than are joining. In comparison in 2011 we had 16940 members with 1227 leaving the association so there has been a decline in numbers. 2013 renewals are starting to come in.

As the end of the year is fast approaching and the only VWGA tournament for 2012 is November 19 at Palm Beach (and registration is closed), new member applications will have a joining date of 1 January 2013 so it will save new members having to pay for 2012!

Just a reminder that fees can be paid by EFT or Direct Debit. Details from the treasurer!

As I mentioned earlier there were 7 country clubs still unfinancial, maybe some of you country delegates may know members from these clubs which are Emmaville, Holbrook, Lockhart, Mendooran, Rankin Springs or Walgett and may know how to contact them.

Best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year and very good golfing in 2013. Please come to our tournaments next year, both in the city and country. They are lots of fun and a great place to meet new golfer friends (and old ones of course) and play different courses.

Look forward to working with you all next year.

Virginnia Hewitt

Membership Registrar

