

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2019 AGM

Good Morning Ladies

Welcome to our 70th Anniversary year AGM

It has been an interesting year. For someone who has been on the VWGA Committee since 2000 it should be an easy task to be President. I can do all the jobs but being the President has been very challenging for me.

However I jumped in to the Role in my usual fashion and bounced right back to reality. It has been very demanding interacting with many different personalities and organisations to maintain and develop our niche in the Veteran Golfing scene in NSW.

My conscientious Committee have been very patient and understanding and I thank all of them for their contribution to our achievements this year.

Our Country Tournaments were very successful at Tura Beach, Young, Woolgoolga and the 70th at Dubbo. All of these Country Delegates and their Lady members worked really hard to make their tournament special for their visitors. The weather was not kind to Dubbo and Woolgoolga but they did their best with very little rain. Kooindah Waters replaced the unfortunate Morisset as the out of Metro Day. However it is good that the Morisset ladies have relocated to other clubs.

Our Metro events at Mona Vale, Monash, Woollooware, North Ryde, Penrith, and Windsor were generally well supported, unfortunately weather intervened at Richmond. Our major events the Individual Championships at Cronulla and the Foursomes at Moore Park were most successful. In 2020 we have added Castle Hill and Roseville and we are not playing at Penrith, Monash and North Ryde. Lakeside and the Coast are back and we are returning to Mona Vale, Richmond, Woollooware, Cronulla, Moore Park and Windsor.

Thank you to all the Delegates and their Club Pro Shop, Green Staff and Caterers for looking after us.

It was very pleasing to welcome our two Life members Pat Ellis and Bev Everett to the Foursomes

We continue to recognise our older lady golfers sending out 260 of the 80 year badges and 21 of the 90 year badges. There were 118 Hole in One badges sent to Delegates.

We sent \$70 Gift cards for winners of the divisions of the Challenge Brooch, Mabel McKenzie & Country Championships and hat clips for the Club Winners. The winners also received brooches to keep for the year.

The Jubilee Sub Committee, Jacky, Virginia and Vanna organised pens and golf balls for all players at Dubbo in October. We also had a 70th Cake which was enjoyed by all.

For Manly, we are preparing special gift bags for the Delegates, Committee and Guests playing at Manly on 24th March 2020. Entry forms will be sent to Delegates shortly

Our Web Site is steadily improving and thanks to Barbara for co-ordinating

Facebook is blossoming and Vanna has done an excellent job posting the Veteran Lady Golfers' many activities and achievements. Please like us on Face book

We have several sponsors on our web page and we encourage you to support them.

However we have now received a very generous donation of approx. \$29,000 from AVGA Golf as a disbursement from the windup of their assets. Terry and Bill Sidwell decided to donate to us as we have been involved in promoting golf for Veteran Women for 70 years as they have been for the past 40+ years. Many Thanks to them. Please support the tours on their Website.

We are welcoming three new Committee Ladies this year, Kerry, Ros and Susie. Jacky is retiring and deserves a big thank you for her Tournament management over the past three years. She will be missed by all of us. She has, however, been co-opted until March for Jubilee event at Manly

Thank you to Virginnia, Jenni, Dorothy, Vanna, Lesley, Jan, Lilian and Geraldine for returning to the Committee again. Barbara has again been co-opted to manage our web site and do special projects for me.

CHALLENGES

Tap into our Delegates network and encourage them and you who are here to participate in our events and bring your lady members with you.

Our Country Clubs have special issues and we pray that the rain comes soon so they can return to their clubs for golf.

Finally I would like to thank all Delegates for their good humour and dedication to our Association for the past 12 months