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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As you may be aware we were unable to hold our 2021 AGM last year because of Covid restrictions. It was rescheduled to Wednesday, 23 February 2022. This date was the first one available with the Audited Financial accounts ready for distribution.

To attract more participants to the meeting we used Zoom for the first time. We hoped that this way we would be giving the country delegate an opportunity to attend. It also meant that Metropolitan delegates who didn't wish to travel into the CBD by public transport could also be at the meeting. My thanks go to Barbara Evennett for all her help. Barbara is a volunteer worker for the VWGA, and we go to her for all our IT issues.

We did get our quorum and more, so that was very satisfying. We believe it is the way of the future and our next AGM, which will be held in November 2022, will also be available on Zoom.

There wasn't anything controversial this year and the meeting ran well. The minutes and reports will be on the web site soon. Welcome to Lucy Minehan (Newcastle) who has joined the committee in 2022.

Thank you for all those who physically attended and then joined us for a drink after.



Mona Vale: Monday 21 February 2022

Mona Vale was our first tournament since Castle Hill in June 2021. The long-range weather forecast was for thunderstorms so when I awoke on Monday morning at 5.30, I was pleased to see that it was dry and clear. The start of the day at Mona Vale was very windy but it dropped and left a quite hot and sunny day.

There were 144 starters. Everybody turned up and the day went very smoothly. With such a large field it wasn't a surprise to see some slow spots but overall, it moved well. Morning tea at half time was very welcome and yummy. I would like to thank the Mona Vale delegate, Melissa Mushin and the Ladies committee for organising the day so well.

The Florence Basket winners were Liz Clarke & Jan Gooding from Mona Vale.

It was a great start to our season, and I hope that we can continue that for the rest of our programme.

The next Metropolitan tournament is at The Coast on Monday 21st March. This is followed quite quickly by a one day out of Sydney tournament at Wollongong. This is a team of four event, two scores to count, on Monday 4th April.



Thank you all for your continuing support of the tournaments. See you soon. *Jacky*

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY



Celebrations at Lane Cove with Monica Cowper celebrating her birthday by playing 9 holes on 2nd December and then lunching with her golfing friends. Pictured is Monica with Margaret Collins the VWGA delegate for 20 Years.



June Moore, an ex-committee member will turn 90 years young on 14th March. June joined the committee from 2013



until 2017. She travelled from Wollongong by train each week to help in office administration. June will be remembered by many country delegates as the Country Championship Coordinator. June was a pleasure to work with. She was methodical, had a wicked sense of humour and always had a twinkle in her eye. June still volunteers on a regular basis with the Justice Advocacy Service, "support(ing) people

with an intellectual disability" who are appearing in Court. In this 2015 committee photo - June is 2nd from left.

WITH SADNESS:

Sadly, Kareela Lady Vets have lost another long-term member. Betty Sheargold passed away on 16th January aged 98. Betty retired from golf in 1993 after 35 years of active membership. She represented the club in pennants and achieved the golfers' dream a hole-in-one. She was proud of her second placing in her division at the Masters Games in Brisbane in 1994. She was much loved by her many friends at Kareela.



Kim Eaves from St Michael's passed away in January. She was a club member for 16 and a Vets member for 10 years. She was diagnosed with MND 4 years ago and continued to go to golf until the end of December when she would go out in a buggy with a couple of clubs for a few holes. She also completed two 5km walks (2020 and 2021) to raise funds for MND. She is remembered as an amazing and inspirational person that the St Michael's ladies will sorely miss. Sadly, Kim was only 61.

Maxine McDowell of both Muree and Beresfield, will be remembered for her impeccable appearance, make-up, matching golf attire (from head to toe) and her cheeky smile. She had many achievements in a long golfing career, including winning a division 2 Country Championship, a Mabel McKenzie Broach and being the Senior Vet at Muree in 2021. Maxine over the years held the positions of President and Secretary at Beresfield. She also won the championship last year at 80 years of age.



Shirl Weber, the Queanbeyan delegate poses a question. **Whether Beryl Morgan is the oldest financial VWGA member (joining in 1988) who still walks each game.** Beryl is an amazing 91-year-old who plays 18 holes of golf twice a week. She drives herself to golf, assembles her battery buggy and walks each time she plays. She is a wonderful player who won a monthly medal in 2021 along with other competitions.

Please submit your challenge to the title (including a photo) to attention Editor,

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