

MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR AGM 2022

AGM WEDNESDAY 23 November 2022

MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR– VIRGINNIA HEWITT

Good Morning Madam President, Committee Members, Delegates and Observers. Welcome to you all especially if you are attending the meeting via Zoom.. It seems funny to be having another AGM this year!

It has been another horrible year for the golfing community and members of the VWGA and we thank you all for your support during this time. The last 2 years with COVID and this year with " flooding rains" At least with Covid we could still play golf even if we couldn't go anywhere except play our home courses.

We are still experiencing a loss of members from the association. It has been heartening with all the weather problems that we still managed to register 603 new members, 188 from the Metropolitan clubs and 415 new country members (up from 539 last year) We have a total of 11950 which is down from last years 12604 financial members but still encouraging in our current climate but lost 1215 members (1331 last year). This does not include members from clubs which have relinquished their affiliation with the association. Along the way we have gathered about 20 members who are "Miscellaneous" members

Clubs who have stepped away from the association due to dwindling numbers or conditions are always welcome back to the association. Clubs who have resigned this year are Rosnay & Wisemans's Ferry (metro), Armidale, Bellingen, Bowraville, Delungra, Gulgong, Harde, Narromine, Peak Hill, Portland, Tottenham (Country) Some mebers from these clubs have moved to other clubs.

The 2023 Membership fees are starting to come in and are due from now, some clubs are already financial for 2023 so we are very happy to accept your fees. It would be a great help if fees could be paid before the end of February. A reminder to all delegates that the annual fees for 2023 are still \$5 per member. The application fee for new members has not changed, ie it is still \$12 for Metropolitan members plus \$5 annual fees (total \$17) and \$7 for Country members plus \$5 annual fees (total \$12) to be paid at time of application. When paying by EFT please include the Club name so we can match up information and the money. Invoices and current members lists have been sent to clubs where the office pays the fees but if you would like an invoice please let me know. Please send the fees in asap, I was chasing up fees into September. Weather played a role but we still need money to run the association. Your assistance is most appreciated

It would help greatly if the Delegates can collect the fees and send them in in one lot rather than bits and pieces. It helps the membership and financial management to keep it all together. The fees must be paid by the 30 March 2023 otherwise the club will be deemed unfinancial. Members are financial until the end of the current calendar year. If members wish to play in any of the tournaments in 2023 they must be financial at the time of the tournament. If any delegate requires a current membership list please let us know and it can be emailed or posted if required, a new list will not be sent automatically. The stickers for 2023 are Light Green. I have stickers today if anyone would like to collect theirs' after

the meeting. Just a reminder we no longer replace blue cards which are lost or damaged but new cards are issued to new or transferring members. The current year sticker is ID that you are a current financial member, attach to the membership card or club fixture book etc.

All new memberships from now are registered as 2023 even if the application form is dated 2022 otherwise the new member should pay fees for 2023 as well 2022.

I would like to thank Jacky Parsons, our President and all the Committee members for helping me throughout the year and look forward to being involved again this year in moving the Association forward..

Best wishes to all members of the Association. Good golfing in 2023 and look forward to seeing you at some or all of the Tournaments in 2023! There are some changes to the usual clubs hosting tournaments so let's see you there.

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