

2022 President's AGM Report

Good morning. Thank you very much for attending either by zoom or in person.

We had high hopes that 2022 would be kinder to us and not throw too many curve balls. But we still had to cancel 1 country tournament and 3 metropolitan events. Nevertheless, we have held 3 country tournaments and 3 metropolitan events, including the Metropolitan Championships. Fingers crossed for the next 3 metropolitan events that will finalise our program for 2022.

Nancye Cullen, our treasurer will update us in our finances from the past year. As usual, Nancye has done a great job in keeping up to date with all things financial. As you must be aware in your personal lives everything is costing more. It is no different for the office of the VWGA. Rising costs are using up our resources at a steady rate. We may have to think about putting the fees up for 2024. This will include the joining fee and the annual subscription.

Our VWGA membership is unfortunately still in decline. There are golf courses being closed permanently and many have been closed temporarily through the horrendous weather NSW has been experiencing. This membership data base is run by Virginia Hewitt who is also the current VWGA Vice President.

Jenni Brown oversees the tournaments programme as well as being the VWGA Secretary. Being the tournament manager is very time consuming. Touching base with clubs that may want to host a tournament is a big part of that. That includes making sure we have a program that attracts and satisfies all the membership. Jenni also does the draw for each metro event and attends the event to deal with the day-to-day problems that may arise.

We do have a full programme for 2023, though, and we are keeping everything crossed for a successful year. Susie Davies helps Jenni by taking and preparing all the minutes for our meetings, including the AGM.

The three additional competitions we play are:

1. Challenge Brooch: A Metropolitan competition handled by Vanna Mutton.
2. Country Championships: A Country competition handled by Susie Davies
3. Mabel Mackenzie Brooch: A Country competition handled by Lucy Minehan.

Thank you to these three ladies for getting these results out with efficiency. These and other results are on the web site.

We were able to get out 6 (six) issues of the Vets News in 2022. We are kept busy by the constant news being sent into us from around NSW. Keep it up. All those hole-in-one photos, news stories about our older members, etc. Please send the information to us and let the rest of the VWGA membership know. Thank you to the editor, Lyn Walker.

The VWGA website is the source of all our information and is constantly being updated. The tournament programme, entry forms and more are just a click away, thanks to Barbara Evennett, our IT guru.

Our Facebook page now has 380 followers. Vanna Mutton oversees this and does a great job. She gets great delight in seeing the numbers grow. So please join us.

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I do hope that any of our VWGA members who are on the sick list are able to get back onto the golf course soon.

Our thoughts are with any of our VWGA members who have suffered the passing of family members and friends.

We have given out 89 Hole in One Badges. Well done. I am still waiting for that achievement.

We have issued 233, 80 and 19, 90-year-old badges and 1 special voucher to Muriel Wills from Cronulla G/C for her 100th birthday.

The VWGA have continued to send out Delegate Packs to new Delegates with all sorts of useful information in. This task is handled by Lilian Ong.

To the delegates: please continue to promote the VWGA tournaments in your clubs. Without the tournaments the VWGA would have no reason to exist.

I said this last year, but some things are worth repeating. What we do need is more volunteers on the committee. This doesn't necessarily mean you have to be a committee member. What we need is for ladies to help with general duties in the office, to assist at tournaments, etc. In other words, time. If any of your lady members are newly retired or just have some time to spare, why not give some of those hours as a volunteer for the VWGA. You do not have to be a delegate to be on the committee. Just a willing member of the VWGA.

In saying that we have welcomed Lana Debnam this year to the committee. Lana's home course is Wakehurst. She is now on a learning curve in what is a very busy office.

Lesley Paradine, who is now a volunteer at the VWGA, gives Nancye a hand with the financial paperwork.

In closing I must again acknowledge the committee as a whole and thank them for their work well done and their support.

I wish you all good health and good golfing for 2023.

Jacky Parsons
President