

WEST GIPPSLAND VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC

MINUTES OF THE 40th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

November 28th 2022

Date: Monday 28th November 2022
Venue: Drouin Country Club
Time: Start: 13:30 Closed: 14:20
Chair: Phil Wilkin

Present:

76 members – Phil Wilkin, Bill Estrada, Lionel Mahoney, John Roberts, Tony Penny, John Wilson, Phillip Barling, Peter Rodaughan, Graham Brennan, Ron Parsons, , Anthony Mafodda, Gavan Panozzo, Phil Wilkin, Julie King, John Cahill, Brian Farley, Murray Hogan, James Dimtsas, Chris Kondarios, Vanessa Reid, Ron Seamer, Graeme Steel, Peter Coad, Ron Garbutt, John Kneebone, John Blair, Graeme Higgins, John McFarlane, Robert Edwards, Max Brereton, Noel Brereton, Richard Gould, Luke Van Der Meulen, Craig Gosling, Peter Chapple, Barry Mathieson, Royce Thompson, Garry Lalor, David Rash, Glenn Hastie, Rod Leworthy, Rex Ryan, Mark McNair, Peter Britchford, Ian Charles, Eric Harrison, Ken Barnes, Keith Westwood, Eddy Van Der Pligt, Jock Granger, Michael Vick, Steven Lau, Effie Lau, John Pisa, Peter Corstorphin, Leigh Greening, Andrew Runnalls, Murray Hogan, Glenn Davey, Kevin Way, Peter Smart, David Saint, Graham Moon, Daryl Henderson, Glenn Doolan, Clyde Cumming, Peter Bray, Peter Sutcliffe, Chris McConnell, Fred Deguara, Laurie Snowball, Garry Sullivan, Reg Dixon, Colin Kennard, Peter Wash, George Fatouros.

Apologies: Cliff Jamieson, Jeff Herdman, Earl Lansdown, Greg Donoghue, Kel Jones, Brian Jones, Bill Rogers, Jim Murdoch

1- Welcome by President Phil Wilkin

2- The minutes of the 2021 AGM meeting were posted on our website November 2021 for members to read; this fact was stated to the meeting.

Moved: Glenn Doolan; Seconded: Peter Bray- Carried

Business Arising: The date for the New Committee Election was stated as “New Committee for 2021” It should have said “New Committee for 2022”; Issue raised and note- Peter Bray

3- Financial report- Presented by David Rash on behalf of Cliff Jamieson. (See Treasurer Report)

Moved: Garry Lalor; Seconded: Luke Van Der Meulen– Carried

4- Presentation of reports- Reports by Committee members were presented (Treasurer, President, Captain, Secretary & councillor) were read and are included in the minutes.

- **President**
- **Captain**
- **Secretary**
- **Zone Councillor** (verbal report presented by Leigh Greening)

Proposer: Garry Lalor; Seconder: Luke Van Der Meulen; ALL Reports were accepted by the AGM

5- Election of Office Bearers for 2023

Phil stated that as he was not standing for the presidency there was no need for him to vacate the chair; the meeting proceeded to elect office bearers for 2023. All positions were declared vacant and called for nominations for the positions.

President: Peter Bray was elected as no other nomination was received.
Proposer: Bill Estrada; Seconder: Daryl Henderson- Carried.

Vice-President: Julie King was elected to the position as no other nomination was received.

Proposer: Garry Lalor; Seconder: Effie Lau- Carried.

Captain:

David Rash is re-elected as no other nomination was received.
Proposer: Anthony Mafodda; Seconder: Glenn Doolan- Carried.

Vice-Captain:

Tony Mafodda was re-elected to the position as no other nomination was received.
Proposer: David Rash; Seconder: Jim Dimtsas- Carried.

Treasurer:

Cliff Jamieson is re-elected as no other nominations were received.
Proposer: Peter Bray; Seconder: Phil Wilkin- Carried.

Secretary:

Bill Estrada is re-elected as no other nominations were received.
Proposer: Eddy Van Der Pligt; Seconder: Tony Mafodda- Carried.

Assistant Secretary/ Treasurer: Effie Lau was elected to the position as no other nomination was received.

Proposer: Garry Lalor; Seconder: Graham Higgins- Carried

All position nominations were accepted by nominees; the election of the committee was carried unanimously by members.

New Committee for 2023:

President: Peter Bray
Vice-President: Julie King
Captain: David Rash
Vice-Captain: Tony Mafodda
Treasurer: Cliff Jamieson
Secretary: Bill Estrada
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Effie Lau

*The new committee wishes to thank our **retiring president Phil Wilkin** for all the hard work during the last 3 years.*

6- General Business

Sponsorship

4 Major sponsorships have been agreed for 2023 including:

- 1- **Latrobe Valley Village** has agreed to sponsoring 3 events (Yallourn Moe & Trafalgar) to the value of \$400 each and also to have an aggregate trophy for the 3 events to the value of \$300 (\$200 winner & \$100 R-UP).
- 2- **Latrobe Valley Funeral Services** will sponsor 3 events to the value of \$400 each (**\$1200 total**); thank you to Peter Bray for his great work in obtaining this and **Traralgon GC** sponsorships to the value of \$750 for the 2 events to be hosted by Traralgon GC
- 3- **Drummonds Traralgon** has agreed to sponsor 2 events to the value of \$400 each
- 4- **Traralgon GC** will sponsor the 2 events scheduled for Traralgon

Membership and Competition Fees for 2023

The Membership fee and competition fee will remain as follows:

Membership fee \$15.00 and \$10 for members joining after June 2023.

Competition fee \$25.00 except for the Christmas event which shall be \$30.00 and 100% of the fee will go to the host club of the event.

The issue of some clubs asking for a higher fee was raised and the Secretary will negotiate with clubs and endeavour to maintain the prices as low as possible.

As no changes to the present cost the proposal was not voted by the members.

2023 Schedule- will have a winter break as per the 2022 scheduled as this is viewed as a positive move. West Gippsland players have attended events in the South Gippsland District during the winter break.

The pocket calendar has not been ordered as this saves \$320 and its value is questionable as all the information is available on our website.

The cost of cart hire by some clubs is seen by some VETS as excessively high but it's outside the control of the WGVGA Committee. The Secretary to discuss with clubs to see if a better deal can be arranged for our members.

Meeting closed at 14:20 hrs

President's Report 2022

This past year has been a great success compared to the previous few years with COVID restrictions. Whilst COVID is still with us and quite a concern, at least we have been able to get on with our games at our member courses and with good attendances. Our revised programme with a winter break has meant fewer cancellations due to weather despite above average rainfall.

Utilising shotgun starts has meant that more players remain for presentation than has happened in the past. Unfortunately, that those who don't like an early start, particularly when travelling for more than hour beforehand, have chosen to miss a number of events. It also means long queues for meals that would otherwise be spread over a longer period and the score processing cannot be started until the field have completed the event. Club delegates have been asked for member feedback on starting times. Let's hope we get some positive suggestions. I should mention that Australian Veterans start all their events at midday. On a personal note, I am due for a hip replacement in the new year and will be out of golf for some months. So, I'm vacating the president's chair.

Thank you to all the committee for their support, particularly our captain David Rash who has done an excellent job in managing the competitions and our secretary Bill Estrada who continues to organise our entire operation. We could not continue to have such smoothly run events without all the committee and club delegates.

I wish all our members the very best for the future and hope to continue playing with you all.

With thanks,
Phil Wilkin

Treasurer's Report 2022

WEST GIPPSLAND VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION Treasures Report 2022	
Balance 21/11/2021	\$4410.00
Income	
Membership Fees	\$3045.00
LV Funeral	\$1200.00
RPS	\$400.00
Expenditure	
Vouchers	\$1477.00
Golf Balls	\$ 772.00
Affiliation Fees	\$ 460.00
Balance 21//11/2022	\$6346.00

Cliff Jamieson
Bill Estrada
David Rash
Phil Wilkin

Bill Estrada 12/11/2022
David Rash 29/11/22

Note: This report was signed by Committee members for presentation to the AGM by David Rash on behalf of Cliff Jamieson

It is again a pleasure to report the West Gippsland financial position for 2022 **is \$6,346.00**

Cliff Jamieson, Treasurer 2022

Captain's Report 2022

Events that have been conducted so far:-

January	Mirboo North	102 players	4BBB Stableford
	Yallourn	100 players	Individual Stableford
February	Morwell	99 players	Individual Stableford
	Warragul	64 players	West v South - Individual Stableford
March	Berwick-Montuna	78 players	Individual Stableford
April	Yallourn	38 players	Eastern Zone - Individual Stableford
	Garfield	82 players	Individual Stableford
May	Trafalgar	92 players	Individual Stableford
Winter Break (No Golf) - June, July & August			
September	Traralgon	72 players	Annual WGVGA Championship
October	Moe	84 players	Individual Stableford
	Warragul	69 players	Individual Stableford
November	Maffra	32 players	West v East - Individual Stableford
	Drouin	79 players	Individual Stableford

After the winter break, we have been extremely lucky with co-operation of member clubs to defer events due to the wet weather:-

Traralgon - back 2 weeks

Warragul - back 1 week

Drouin - back 1 week

Deep Creek – possibly 2 weeks

Members please liaise with your club delegates to ensure that you have:-

Register to play in the events and

that your GLN is correct.

This will assist the home club in printing the cards and expediate the field to commence playing as early as possible.

I would like to thank you the members for travelling to participate in these events. The numbers are encouraging for the committee.

I would also like to thank the Club Delegates for collating and forwarding players names so that the cards are ready to go at registration making it a lot easier for starters at the event club.

And lastly to my fellow volunteer committee members, for which without, the association would not happen.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with queries, issues/solutions and/or suggestions as to improving the veteran's golf experience for everyone.

Good golfing to you all.

David Rash

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Secretary's Report 2022

The running of the scheduled events during 2022 has proceeding as per schedule with the exception of the Traralgon event in September and the Drouin & Deep Creek events due to heavy rains affecting course condition.

The implementation of the winter break has served our district well as 2022 has been a very wet year and many of the winter events would have been affected by course unavailability during winter.

Some of our players attended SOUTH GIPPSLAND EVENTS during winter and they were very happy to have some of our players as numbers are generally low for winter events.

Going forward I see the continuation of the winter break and the ability of our players to attend South Gippsland events during the break.

A lot of work has been done to retain and attract sponsorship to help maintain prices down. Currently we have 4 sponsors committed to continue their sponsorship for the 2023 year:

- Latrobe Valley Village
- Latrobe Valley Funeral Services
- Drummond Golf Traralgon
- Traralgon Golf Club

Some golf clubs have expressed the need to revise the cost per event for 2023 as \$25 is low due to inflationary effects on the cost of food.

The POCKET CALENDAR will not be produced for the 2023 year as we need to save money and all information is available on our website; we encourage all our members to access our website for information.

- The committee has developed the 2023 calendar with a mid-winter break and it's available on our website.
- Our WEBSITE is running well and is regularly updated with all the relevant information. Please use it
- My thanks to all DELEGATES for your help and input. I encourage all member clubs to assist delegates in running their allocated events. The DELEGATE DUTIES are listed on our website for your information.
- **Finally my thanks to our retiring President Phil Wilkin** for all the hard work and support to the committee during the last few years

Bill Estrada, Secretary, West Gippsland Veterans Golfers Association.

Zone Councillor's Report

Leigh Greening has been elected to the Eastern Zone Counsellor position and presented a verbal report at the meeting including the following points:

- West Gippsland representation at State Events is generally low and our members need to encourage other members to attend State Events
- West Gippsland has been allocated a State Event for 2023 and will be run at Warragul in October 2023
- Members need to be aware of the national Vets events as some are terrific events and in 2023 will be held in the Canberra area. Please check the website for information.

Leigh will be our voice to the VVGA Committee and any issues can be discussed or suggestions made to take to the VVGA.