

**NORTHERN RIVERS VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION
AGM ... Friday 27 October 2017**

Venue: Byron Bay Golf Club

Meeting Commenced: 9.30am with John Watt (President) residing

<u>Attendance:</u>	Ballina	David Fraser Rick Ruten Kel Pearce (NSWVGA Councillor)
	Byron Bay	Reg Wallis Greg Hammond
	Casino	Ron Porter John Weaver Jim Dean Steve Shultz
	Club Banora	Wayne Martlew
	Coolangatta Tweed	Dave Wallis Ross Lever Nick Browne Bob Murdoch
	Coraki	Max Fairfull Steve Ormond John Watt
	Grafton	Trevor Townsend Graeme Smith
	Iluka	No Representatives
	Kyogle	Tony McInnes Peter Schipanski
	Lismore	Noel Bell John Lowe
	Macleay	Bob Harvey Jeff Miller Peter Hamilton John Porter
	Mullumbimby	Wayne Rogers Alex Benham
	Murwillumbah	Bob Green Gary Fidler Ray Kent
	Ocean Shores	Michael Cook Bill Nichols Russell Handtside
	Pottsville	John Needham Paul McGavin
	Woodburn Evans Hd	John Frederiksen
	Woodenbong	Peter Taylor
	Yamba	Ted Tuchin

<u>Apologies:</u>	Byron Bay	Brian Lee
	Casino	Bob Betts
	Lismore	Jim Kelly (Patron)
	Woodburn Evans Hd	Warren (Woody) Woodcock
	Woodenbong	Eric Taylor
	Yamba	Greg Starr, John Daley (NSWVGA Councillor)

Minutes of Previous Meeting: (23 June 2017 at Ocean Shores)

These minutes had been circulated prior to AGM and posted on NRVGA Website.

Minutes TAKEN as READ

Business Arising from Minutes: Secretary highlighted the following points:

- The process of using Plastic Vouchers for Prizes at veteran Open Days is still not being adhered to. This is a directive of NSWVGA and must be complied with. It could also affect Amateur Status of recipients.
- Whereabouts of NSWVGA Flag? Flag has gone missing. After some back tracking it was ascertained that it had been delivered to Kyogle for their Vet Open Day. Kyogle will follow up.
- Reminder that there will be an increase in Fees (\$7.50 per player) as from 1 October 2018, due to increase in Fees by NSWVGA to take effect as from 1 October 2018
- Grafton Veterans have now formed an Executive and Committee and will meet requirements of being accepted as 18th Member Club of NRVGA. Trevor Townsend was thanked for all his efforts in ensuring that Grafton Veterans have a presence within the guidelines of NSWVGA

Moved and Seconded ... John Frederiksen (Woodburn Evans Head) and John Lowe(Lismore) that Minutes be accepted

Correspondence: INWARD ...

- Letter from Jim Kelly – resigning from position of Patron ... To be accepted and Letter of Appreciation written to Jim by Secretary
- Nomination Forms for NSWVGA Executive Positions ... To be processed during General Business
- Letter from a Travelling Vet to an Veteran Open Day regarding thought/concerns.
- Reply to above letter ... Both parties accepted explanations and situation resolved – No further action required
- Nominations for NRVGA Executive Positions ... To be addressed at Election of Office Bearers for 2018

OUTWARD ...

- Request to NSWVGA for Veteran Medal
- Usual emails to Secretaries regarding NRVGA, NSWVGA and the running of our Organisation

Moved and Seconded ... Ray Kent and Peter Taylor(Woodenbong) that Inward and Outward Correspondence be accepted

President's Report: Presented by John Watt. Copies were distributed – one to each Club
John spoke to his report. In essence, the report contained ...

- Acknowledgement of workload and governance of position of Secretary / Treasurer by Ray Kent
- Good numbers attending Veteran Open Days. Congratulations to Pottsville for inaugural Veteran Open day
- Expression of Thanks to the five Weeks Of Golf organising committees for the work they do in promoting Northern Rivers as a Tournament destination. Also mentioned the fact that Casino will be having a "Trial" Week Of Golf - 15-19 October 2018
- Thanks to our Councillors for up-to-date reporting of what is going on in NSWVGA
- Congratulations to Casino for running 2016 Championships with John Quirk being a worthy winner
- Welcomed Grafton "in from the Wilderness" back into Northern Rivers
- Special mention and appreciation to the Veteran Members of Lismore who regularly travel in large numbers to the various Vet Open Days
- Wished all delegates and Clubs good golfing in 2018

The President's Report can be viewed in full on the NRVGA Website.

Moved and Seconded ... John Watt and Ted Tuchin (Yamba) President's Report be accepted

Secretary's Report: Presented by Ray Kent. Copies were distributed – one to each Club. Ray spoke to his report. In essence, the report contained ...

- Congratulated the smallest of our Veteran Clubs who attracted very large fields filled with visitors – Pottsville (47/49), Woodenbong (73/80)
- Congratulated Trevor Townsend for the work he has done to ensure that Grafton met the requirements of joining Group 14, NRVGA in 2018
- Conclusion of our Veteran Open Day Program and the announcement of our Veteran medal winners for 2017
 - Paul Giles (66points accrued) FIRST – wins NSWVGA Medal
 - John Lowe (55points accrued) RUNNER-UP – wins NRVGA Medal
- 1434 Veteran Names on Computer Spreadsheet. 2184 games of Veteran Open Day games of Golf played. 264 Veterans who have met "Qualifying Criteria" for playing in the 2017 Championships at Ocean Shores.
- Concerns –
 - Plastic Voucher Gift Cards must be used as prizes

- Needs to be a minimum number of travelling Veteran Visitors attending a Veteran Open Day for Host Club to receive 2 x \$25.00 Vouchers
- Standard and Legibility of Nominations being sent from Clubs to Host Club of a Veteran Open Day
- Use of email and Direct Depositing of monies by all Clubs when corresponding with and within NRVGA
- Website information
- A very big “Thank You” to all Secretaries, and their Committees, of the work they do within their Clubs
- Special mention of the work done over many years by out-going Secretary of Coraki. Life Membership afforded to him by Coraki Veterans
(Also, from the floor, Warren Woodcock was similarly awarded Life Membership of Woodburn Evans Head Veterans)

Business Arising from Secretary’s Report: The following motions were moved and passed ...

- ❖ *That all correspondence with and within NRVGA be now done using email; and that payments to and within NRVGA be executed by Direct Depositing of funds.*

Moved Ray Kent and Jeff Miller (Maclean)

- ❖ *That two (2) \$25.00 Vouchers for Non-Winning, Non-Local Player ONLY be given to hosting Veteran Club if the number of Visiting Veterans is 26 or more. If number of Non-Local Veterans is 25 or less, then ONLY one (1) \$25.00 Voucher will be given.*

Moved Ray Kent and John Lowe Lismore)

Moved and Seconded ... Ray Kent and Max Fairfull (Coraki) that Secretary’s Report be accepted

Councillor’s Report: Presented by Kel Pearce (Vice President and Councillor NSWVGA)
Kel stood and gave a verbal report about what was happening with NSWVGA

- Attendance at Veteran Open Days in NRVGA – great
- The way we run Open Days is excellent
- Congratulated the Five Weeks of Golf conducted in the Northern Rivers. Attendance is excellent.
- Trial Week Of Golf approved Casino 15.19 October 2018
- NSWVGA Policy No.2 - (Discussion Paper) refers to REQUIREMENTS for the CONDUCT of NSWVGA WEEKS OF GOLF and RESPONSIBILITIES of TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS.
 - This will be sent to all Tournament Directors, once adopted, and must be followed.
 - It will state more clearly and in simpler terms
 - Eligibility of Participants
 - Grading during a Week Of Golf
 - Handicapping during a Week Of Golf
 - Awarding of Trophies

- Order of Precedence
- Refunds
- Cancelled Days (Bad Weather)
- Welcomed Grafton into Group 14 and congratulated Trevor Townsend for his work and efforts in getting Grafton Veterans to this point.
- NRVGA is over 2000 members “strong” - remains largest group in NSWVGA
- Spoke about initiatives being undertaken by NSWVGA and the work that John Daley has in front of him as Program Director

Moved and Seconded ... Ray Kent and Wayne Rogers (Mullumbimby) that Councillor's Report be accepted

Election of Officers for 2018: John Watt declared that all positions were now vacant and invited Reg Wallis to take the Chair.

Reg thanked the efforts of the outgoing Committee and called for Nominations for the position of President of the Association for 2018.

Being only one written nomination received (and no nominations from the floor),

- **John Watt (Coraki)** was duly elected (unopposed).

John Watt resumed the Chair and continued with Election of Executive Positions 2018

- **Vice President South – John Lowe (Lismore)** elected unopposed
- **Vice President North – Michael Cook (O/Shores)** elected unopposed
- **Secretary / Treasurer – Ray Kent (Murwillumbah)** elected unopposed

John then spoke about the position of Patron and how Jim Kelly (Lismore) had fulfilled this position over many years. He asked that a Letter of Appreciation be written to Jim Kelly .

John then called for nominations from the floor for the Position of Patron 2018

Max Fairfull (Coraki) nominated Reg Wallis (Byron Bay) for the position.

Reg accepted and was declared ...

- **Patron – Reg Wallis (Byron Bay) and (Life Member NRVGA)**

John then called for nominations from the floor for the Auditor 2018

Jeff Miller (Maclean) nominated Peter Hamilton (Maclean) for the position.

Peter accepted and was declared ...

- **Auditor 2018 – Peter Hamilton (Maclean)**

Peter then gave a brief description of his credentials to act in this position. Peter was thanked for accepting this position

Confirmation of Nominations for NSWVGA Positions: Four nominations had been received.

Peter Taylor (Woodenbong) – Position of Councillor – *endorsed*

John Daley (Yamba) – Position of Councillor – *endorsed*

Kel Pearce (Ballina) – Position of Councillor – *endorsed*

Kel Pearce (Ballina) – Position of Vice President – *endorsed*

These endorsed Nominations will be sent through to Len Payne – Secretary NSWVGA immediately following Meeting

Honorariums Set for Executive for 2018: The motion was put ...

❖ *That Honorariums to the Executive positions of NRVGA remain the same as for 2017.*

- ***President be set at \$200.00***
- ***Vice President North be set at \$200.00***
- ***Vice President South be set at \$200.00***
- ***Secretary/ Treasurer be set at \$500.00***

Moved and Seconded ... Alex Benham (Mullumbimby) and Ted Tuchin (Yamba) that the Honorariums, as stated above, be set and accepted

Golf Program set for 2018: The following dates were set for the 2018 Veteran Open Day Program, the various Weeks of Golf, NRVGA Championships and Meetings

Iluka	Tuesday 13 February 2018
Byron Bay	Monday 26 February 2018
Ballina	Monday 12 March 2018
Woodenbong	Tuesday 27 March 2018
Casino	Tuesday 10 April 2018
Yamba	Monday 30 April 2018
Maclean	Monday 14 May 2018
Murwillumbah	Monday 4 June 2018
Grafton	Monday 18 June 2018
Mullumbimby	Monday 9 July 2018
Ocean Shores	Thursday 26 July 2018
Kyogle	Tuesday 7 August 2018
Club Banora	Monday 13 August 2018
Coraki	Tuesday 28 August 2018
Lismore***	Tuesday 11 September 2018
Pottsville	No Veteran Open Day
Coolangatta Tweed	Thursday 4 October 2018
Woodburn Evans Hd	Tuesday 9 October 2018

Weeks Of Golf	Maclean	16 July – 20 July 2018
	Ballina	23 July – 27 July 2018
	Murwillumbah	30 July – 3 August 2018
	Coolangatta Tweed	6 August – 10 August 2018
	Yamba	13 August – 17 August 2018
	Casino	15 October – 19 October 2018

Half Yearly Meeting	at Ocean Shores	Friday 22 June 2018
AGM	at Byron Bay	Friday 12 October 2018

NRVGA Championships	at Byron Bay	Monday 19 November
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General Business:

Belated Welcome ...

President John Watt apologised for not doing this earlier. He asked new delegates to identify themselves and welcomed them to their first general meeting.

Steve Ormond (Coraki) - Secretary

Gary Fidler (Murwillumbah) – Vice Captain

Graeme Smith (Grafton) - Committee

Rick Rutten (Ballina) – Treasurer

Jeff Miller (Maclean) – Secretary

A warm welcome was extended to these “newbies”

New Registration Procedures ...

Ray Kent, Secretary, outlined the new procedure to Register Veteran players with NRVGA. This is in line with the new NSWVGA Website and the way it has been set up for Group Secretaries to operate.

NRVGA Secretaries are to use the Spreadsheet of Veteran Members as distributed by the Secretary. Please ADD new players to the bottom of your list and deposit \$5.00 per player into NRVGA Bank Account using Direct Deposit. Please send these new registrations as you receive them – do not wait till you get a number of them.

After registering these new members with NSWVGA, the Secretary will send you an updated Spreadsheet of Registered Veteran members for your Club.

Section 8.8 of NRVGA Constitution ...

States – At all Group Open Day Events the President or his delegated representative shall be free of any nomination fee. This shall not apply to President's or approved representative's home club Event ... ratified at AGM on Monday 16 October 2006

Discussion took place and it was noted that as this is in the Constitution, all Veteran Clubs are to follow the stated Guideline.

As an aside to this ... Secretary will place NRVGA Constitution on the NRVGA Website. Delegates are to read and digest this Constitution and, if necessary, revisit it at a later date.

Letters to be written by Secretary ...

To **Jim Kelly (Lismore)** acknowledging the years of dedication to NRVGA in various positions

To **Ted Browning (Coraki)** acknowledging the work he has done for Coraki Veterans and promoting Veteran Golf in Northern Rivers and congratulating him on his Life Membership at Coraki Veterans

To **Warren Woodcock (Woodburn Evans Head)** acknowledging the work he has done for WEH Veterans and promoting Veteran Golf in Northern Rivers and congratulating him on his Life Membership at WEH Veterans

Casino Veterans Week Of Golf ...

Ron Porter (President, Casino Veterans) spoke about Casino's decision to trial a Week Of Golf in 2018. He paid accolades to John Weaver for the amount of work that John has, to date, put into the organisation and lead up to this Event

Visit to Iluka Vets ...

John Watt (President) and John Lowe (Vice President) will visit Iluka Veterans on one of their playing days and talk to their Committee. Discussion will centre around helping Iluka become a more integral member of Group 14.

Secretary's Role in Driving Nominations for veteran Open Days ...

John challenged other Secretaries to go the extra mile to promote their own members to travel and support the NRVGA Veteran Open Day Program. This was also supported by John Frederiksen (Woodburn Evans Head)

Bona Fides of Veteran Players in various Events ...

Veterans are reminded that they are to carry proof of veteran Membership and produce it when asked.

Jeff Miller (Maclean) mentioned situations he observed whilst visiting other Clubs/Groups Events

North and South Group 14 ...

Ross lever talked about the role of North and South Vice Presidents and was there a geographical definition of North and South Group 14.

Discussion followed with reference being made that this had been discussed on many previous meetings.

Our strength in NRVGA remains in our united presence and the hard work that our individual Secretaries do under the umbrella of Northern Rivers' Group Secretary.

With no further General Business, President, John Watt, invited all Delegates to enjoy a few nibbles and a drink, courtesy of NRVGA.

John wished everyone safe travels, good health and a Merry Christmas

Meeting Closed 12.13pm

Ray Kent

Secretary / Treasurer

NRVGA

29 October 2017