

N.R.V.G.A.

Annual General Meeting 27.10.17

President's Report.

As we come to the end of the 2017 Golfing Year, I am thankful that my first year as President of Group 14 has been filled with many more 'ups' than 'downs'. Because of the strong and wise leadership of past Presidents and Secretary/Treasurers our Group has been very strongly established and runs in a smooth and efficient manner. Each club and its executive has contributed greatly to this success.

Our current Secretary/Treasurer, Ray Kent has continued the tradition of good governance and for this we all owe him a round of applause. Ray's knowledge and expertise in computing skills has all group records and member details on hard drive, so if he is way-laid or miss-laid, normality can continue. As well he has the N.R.V.G.A. website up and running, a great means of communication within the Group for all members. Thank you Ray for your dedication, to a job well done, a job you thrive on.

Our Group finances continue to be kept under control and we are living within our means. Details are in the Treasurer's Report.

Weekly playing numbers appear to be holding at most clubs, as well Open Days are well attended and are mostly well organised. Welcome Pottsville to Group 14 and congratulations for organising your first Open Day. I was unable to attend, but from all reports the day was enjoyed by all who did attend, and we are looking forward to next year.

Well done to the five clubs who organised and carried out your Weeks of Golf. Apart from one club, all others had increased numbers and congratulations to all five organising committees. I thank Coolangatta/Tweed for the invitation to their W.O.G. Presentation Dinner, a thoroughly enjoyable evening. There I met with Ian Vidler, President of N.S.W.V.G.A. and was able to discuss a few concerns. Casino Vets have applied for, and have been granted a Week of Golf in 2018. It will be held on 15/19th October and follows on from Tenterfield week.

Our N.S.W delegates have kept us up to date with State wide happenings and I thank both Kel and John for their input and reporting.

Congratulations to Casino Club for their organising and running of the 2016 N.R.V.G.A. Championships. Local John Quirk was a very worthy winner as he has been runner-up on previous occasions. He tells me that he is up to the job again. Thank you Casino.

We look forward to discussion later in the meeting on the Grafton application to join Group 14. For some years now, Grafton has been a lone figure looking for a golfing family. N.S.W.V.G.A. has recommended their amalgamation with us, but it is up to Grafton to convince us the benefits to both sides. With their numbers it will increase Group 14 to 2000

members, by far the biggest group in N.S.W. Numbers are not the deciding factor to the health of a group – the efficiency of Club executives and the inter-club camaraderie that entices golfers to continue to want to play at our clubs. I commend all clubs for their continued good governance.

A special word of appreciation to Lismore Vets Committee and players for the extra strong efforts displayed in attendance to open days - Lismore was represented in numbers at all open days.

I thank you, Club Delegates to our Group meeting for your attendance and wish you and your club, good golfing for 2018.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John Watt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Watt