

# **N.R.V.G.A. Annual General Meeting 12th October 2018**

## **President's Report**

In preparing this report, I look back over the happenings of this year, but also look over the past 20-odd years of my association with N.R.V.G.A. Open Days were divided into age groups, with a maximum handicap of 27, and a few clubs having to run 2-day competitions to accommodate the number of nominated players. I recall having been balloted out at one club because we nominated 6 players. In those days you only had to accept a maximum of 4 players from each club – it didn't appear to be an invitation to others to come and play on your course as it is now

We have, however, moved on and evolved to a well organised and professionally run Group. It has been my pleasure to participate at all but one Open Day this year and am conscious that I haven't had a bad one. All clubs are well organised and the camaraderie is great. Our courses are well looked after and in great playing condition. Thanks to all individual club executives and organisers for a job well done. Although fields have been up on last year, it still amazes me a little as to why more golfers don't travel to enjoy the privilege of playing on the variety of courses that make up Group 14.

The championships are at Byron Bay on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November. There are competitions for all grade golfers, not just the single markers, so talk to your members and encourage them to make this a rousing farewell to the 2018 golf year.

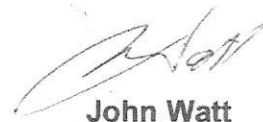
Speaking of encouragement. It has come to my attention that Open Day nomination sheets aren't always displayed on Club Noticeboards and not often announced at weekly presentations. Some clubs have a Vets' newsletter - please publicise these upcoming events. Non participation at Open Days by some clubs has been the one disappointment in my tenure as N.R.V.V.G.A. President.

In the meantime, however, may I congratulate all Presidents and Executives of all clubs for your continued efforts to supply to your members and visitors a weekly enjoyable golfing atmosphere. It is through your efforts that Group 14 now has in excess of 2,000 playing members. Congratulations in particular to Woodenbong, who with about a dozen members is able to keep their club in a good playing condition and run a very successful Open Day. Lismore, under the leadership of Noel Ball retain the Open Day traveller numbers.

Sincere thanks to Secretary/Treasurer Ray for his continuous efforts. Under his leadership, my position as President has been made easy and I know he is appreciated by all clubs. Our NSW Delegates, John and Peter keep us informed and up to date on the happenings at Head Office – thank you. A letter has been written to our previous delegate Kel Pearce thanking him for his years representing us at NSW.

In conclusion, I thank all delegates for the continued support representing your individual clubs; through your participation and efforts we have a great Group.

Enjoy the rest of 2018 and look forward to a joyful 2019. Good Golfing.



**John Watt**