

Secretary and Treasurer's Report ... Half Yearly Meeting ... 11 June 2021

It has been a pleasure working in the role of Secretary / Treasurer for the Association. Travelling around to the various Veteran Open Days renews friendships and enables me to put faces to names I see in print as they come in for Registration.

This year has certainly thrown up a few challengers but we have managed to see it through so far. Your Executive has tried to maintain a normal Vet Open Program and 'Thanks' must go to our Affiliated Clubs and their 'parent bodies' for allowing us to proceed. A reminder to those Clubs still to hold their Vet Open Day, that you must comply with NSW Health restrictions and Covid-Safe Protocols.

So far we have had six Vet Open Days with increased numbers from the same time in 2019. (remember that 2020 was 'Annus Horribilis' for our Vet Open Day Program). Hopefully at the end of 2021 we can look back and say 'Annus Mirabilis'

Our Association continues to grow. At the time of writing this, we have 2136 veteran Members – 166 Ladies are included in this number. All 2136 Veterans have been registered and paid for with NSWVGA.

So far this year, 905 Vets have played in the 6 Vet Open Days. Included in this number are 27 Ladies. Unfortunately, Yamba have not been able to reschedule their postponed Vet Open Day (due to continual rain) and therefore will not be having a Day this year.

Secretaries are encouraged to remind their Veteran Membership of the Qualifying Criteria we have on the NRVGA Championships (4BBB and Individual). **This is a minimum of THREE Veteran Open Days** (Still have 11 programmed days to go). The criteria has already been met by 114 individual Vets.

This year, Vets are able to compete in both the 4BBB Championships (Mullumbimby) and the Individual Championships (Byron Bay), as they are conducted on separate days. There are no qualifying Rounds to be played, as in previous years. Simply nominate when the time comes by means of the Nomination Sheet, so long as both 4BBB Team Members come from the SAME Vet Club.

When planning for your Vet Open Day, please allow Six Weeks for Planning, Sending, Receiving and getting out a Draw to your fellow Clubs.

Please try to avoid Time Starts, as this usually results in less participation at Presentations. Shotgun Starts (providing the numbers can support this) are preferable over Timed Starts. These promote Camaraderie, which is one of our main goals of NRVGA.

The Vouchers you received from me were from NSWVGA. These had total value of \$1300.00 This will be discussed in General Business.

Your Executive decided to again purchase the Zoom Licence by which we can have Meetings on Line. This was very successful in early May. Many items were discussed and you received the Minutes of this Meeting on 12 May. These will be further expanded upon in General Business.

We welcome Peter Taylor back on deck after some medical issues forced him to not re-commit with NSWVGA this year. Peter is now able to reassume this role and your Executive will put forward a motion to 'Ratify Peter Taylor as a Councillor representing NRVGA'.

Over the last month I have been handing out envelopes containing Gift Card Vouchers. These are courtesy of NSWVGA and represents funding being given back to Clubs at the Grass Roots Level, proportionately based on membership – 1 x \$25.00 Voucher for each 50 Members or part thereof. Further discussion will take place in general Business.

Another item that needs time to address is the difference between the NSWVGA and NSWLVGA. Some Clubs are confused with the situation and are 'lost' to explain it when approached by Ladies who wish to play in the Veteran Competitions. This is a general Business item which I have flagged for discussion.

We will be discussing Protocols for Veteran Open Days in General Business. This is in response to some Clubs concern that Nomination Sheets and Protocols are not being followed or need to be discussed. These issues include ... Closing date of Nominations not being followed; Entries being received from Individuals and not coming through the Secretary; Carts not being booked with Host Club but stated on Nomination Form; Some nominations not being Financial Members of NRVGA; Legibility of Nominations (needs to be re-written in Spreadsheet or Print that can be read; Full Name of Individuals – not initials. This can be confusing when names are similar; Presentations taking too long – Vet members leaving before Presentation.

NSWVGA has changed their Financial Year. What does this mean for NRVGA and Individual Clubs? I will enlighten you on this, as I have spoken to David Gunner, Treasurer of NSWVGA.

Speaking of Treasurer ... Our Financial position at the moment is on track. Projected Expenditure between now and the end of year is budgeted for \$6000.00. Income, will trickle in but will be only that received from new Members, Currently our Funds are \$8,095.16 with Projected Surplus estimated around \$1500.00. We also have \$6000.00 in a Fixed Deposit Account

NSWVGA are in the process of updating their Website to make it more user friendly. At the moment their Public Website is www.nswvga.com.au
Their Administrative Website is www.nswvga.net.au but needs a Password for Entry

Our dedicated NRVGA Website is kept up-to-date, and I implore all Secretaries to inform their Members of this informative tool. www.nrvga.com

In Closing, I would like to congratulate all Clubs for keeping their Registration up-to-date, and sending through New Member registrations. All Members have been registered with NSWVGA and, therefore, are affiliated with all Veteran Associations across Australia.

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