

MINUTES ... 2022 NRVGA Half Yearly Meeting

Northern Rivers Veterans Golfers Association

Half Yearly Meeting ... Friday 10 June 2022

Venue ... Ballina Golf Club

Meeting Started ... 8.35am

Chair ... John Lowe (Lismore Vets)

Prior to Commencement of Meeting:

Secretary, Ray Kent, asked Clubs to relate the Hardships, Loss or Damage caused by the severe Weather Events that have occurred since March and have had a direct impact on our NRVGA Golfing Program.

Woodburn Evans Head ... Water inundated Course
Clubhouse flooded to half way up windows on the Second Storey
All Machinery LOST as well as Motorised Carts
Many Members lost Carts and Golfing Equipment
Many Members lost homes and possessions
Woodburn cut off by rising Flood Waters
First Saturday in June was the first game back – but still wet

Coraki ... Clubhouse used as Emergency Operational Centre for the surrounding area
Coraki itself isolated by Flood Waters
Lost one Green
Lot of damage caused by Locals driving over Fairways to avoid flooded roads
Just back playing 6 Holes with Walkers Only.
Other 3 Holes still too wet for play
End of June before Course will be playable with Temporary Green

Mullumbimby ... The first Flood was particularly BAD
Flooded lower areas of Club House
Some Motorised Carts were lost or damaged
Some Members lost Golfing Gear
Course was completely Flooded
First time play will be tomorrow (11June) – Walkers Only
The Rough is “ROUGH”
At this stage our Vet Open Day (11July) is still ON

Ocean Shores ... Used as a Rescue and Operational Centre
Some of the lower holes had one and a half metres of water over them
Some Members lost houses near Course and at Golden Beach
No damage to Machinery Equipment or Clubhouse
Some Cart Paths were damaged – now repaired
Been back on Course playing Par 3 Events as Fairways are still Waterlogged
First 18 Holes played yesterday (9June) in 6 Weeks

Byron Bay ... Mostly all cleaned up now
Carts are back on
Course still wet but playable
Our Rescheduled Vets Open Day to go ahead (27June)

Iluka ... No problems – Just flooded in

Lismore ...	<p>Lismore CBD devastated. Looked like a War Zone Every Business in Keen St decimated. Some have closed altogether Some Members lost Everything Course ... Extremely Wet ... Water over 18th Fairway and Green No damage to Clubhouse or Machinery Shed Lost some Cart Paths on Course 14 Holes were in play on 9 June No Run, Rough HIGH</p>
Club Banora ...	<p>All Good – Playable for Walkers only Carts back on this week</p>
Maclean ...	<p>Low lying Parts of Course were affected by amount of water Mowers are back on Course Carts are ON We are playing a couple of Shortened Holes</p>
Casino ...	<p>No Vet Playing for last 2 months Played 10 Holes Holes 14 and 15 are out of commission Hole 10 is now really sloshy and in a bad way Overall, Casino fared well. The Rough is “rough”</p>
Coolangatta Tweed Heads ...	<p>Based on other Clubs, CTH has been very “Lucky” The West Course affected more than River Course Not much damage to Course structure Course is in good shape</p>
Kyogle ...	<p>One meter of water under Clubhouse Only Two Greens not covered with water No Golf for last two months Course still very wet Carts are ON a Composite Course 4th, 5th and 8th still has silt on Holes</p>
Yamba ...	<p>1st 18 Hole Comp played last week Flood has caused Carts to be OFF</p>
Ballina ...	<p>Minimal disruption</p>
Grafton ...	<p>Has been severely affected Low lying areas still “boggy” No Golf has been played since Flooding Rain Course has a Clay Base and therefore holding water Hopefully play will be able by end of July</p>
Murwillumbah ...	<p>Course flooded three times from rising Rous River Great Volunteer Cleanup saved Greens. Water right up to the base of hill on 1st Hole Composite 9 Hole Course in play after a couple of Weeks Walkers Only 18 Hole Course now Open Rough still high Preferred Lies</p>

Meeting Resumes ...

Attendance ... **Ballina:** John Swan (Pres), Chris Simpson, Sec)
Byron Bay: Doug Trigg (Sec), Paul McCann (Pres)
Casino: Peter Brophy (Pres), Dan Kennedy (Capt), Lawrie Bonner (Sec)
Club Banore: Dave Harrod (Capt), Dave Wallis (Contact)
Coolangatta Tweed Heads: Grant Evans (Pres), Ron Sammons (Capt), Joe Bula (Sec)
Coraki: Steve Ormond (Sec), Grant Tait (Pres), John Watt (C'tee)
Grafton: No Representatives – Apologies Received
Iluka: Jeoff Turner (Sec)
Kyogle: Barry Little (Sec / Treas), Peter Schipanski (Capt)
Lismore: Ian Leake (Pres), Dennis Thompson (Asst Treas)
Maclean: Rod Ellis (Vice Pres), Bob Harvey (Pres)
Mullumbimby: Wayne Rogers (Pres), Neil Farquhar (Sec)
Murwillumbah: Gary Fidler (Capt), John Belshaw (Treas)
Ocean Shores: Noel Keil (Pres), Michael Cook (Vice Pres Nth NRVGA)
Pottsville: John Needham (Pres)
Woodburn Evans Head: Graham Ireland (Pres), Jim Perkins (Capt)
Woodenbong: No Representative – Apology Received
Yamba: Greg Starr (Vice Pres Sth NRVGA),

Councillors NSWVGA: John Daley (Yamba), Peter Taylor (Mullumbimby)

President NRVGA: John Lowe (Lismore and Sec)

Secretary / Treasurer: Ray Kent (Murwillumbah and Sec)

Apologies ... Graeme Smith, Jeff Hackett, Ron Baker ... Grafton
Paul McGavin ... Pottsville
Ross Allwood ... Woodenbong
Clint Young ... Woodburn Evans Head

A minute silence was observed for Veteran Members who have recently passed
Guy Holloway ... Murwillumbah
Mark Biltoft ... Murwillumbah
Peter Evans ... Ballina
Peter Hall ... Casino

Minutes of Previous Meeting ... Minutes – posted on Website – Taken as Read

Business Arising ... Error corrected which showed Jeoff Turner as Secretary of “Grafton”. This should of read ... Secretary Iluka

Reports ... **President John Lowe**

Full Report – see Attached File

Subject Covered – The Floods since March
NRVGA Fixture Program
Thanked Secretaries for trying for Open Days
Membership NRVGA 2022
Moved John Lowe, Seconded John Watt (Coraki)

Secretary Ray Kent

Full Report – see Attached File

Subject Covered - Revised Program for Remainder of 2022
Thanked Secretaries
Tribute to Peter Hamilton (Maclean)
Cost of Veteran Open Days for 2023
Thanked Councillors

Moved Ray Kent, Seconded Peter Taylor

Councillors Report ... John Daley (Vice Pres NSWVGA)

Full Report – see Attached File

Subject Covered - Local Club Support with Floods 2022
State Medal Events
Grass Roots Scheme
Public Website ... www.nswvga.com.au
Registration Website for Group Secretaries

Moved John, Seconded Peter Taylor

General Business: As general Business as per set Agenda had already been dealt with during Reports and Discussion, items were taken from the floor ...

From Lismore: A letter was tabled regarding Prize Money at Iluka Vets Open Day. It was stated that the prizes did not reflect the cost of Entry of \$35.00. From Delegates around the floor it was decided that prizes should be approximately \$300.00 per field, as this would better reflect the cost participants pay each Open day.

Delegates were reminded that the cost of “Open Days”, and possibly, and thoughts on provision of lunches, would be on the Agenda for the AGM in November.

Championship Shirts ... Ray handed out the “new-look” Championship Shirts. These were delayed because of the Floods in Lismore and the fact that the Supplier had severe flood damage to their business.

Next Meeting: AGM ... Friday 18 November 2022 8.30am

No further business, meeting Closed at 10.13am

Delegates were invited to partake in refreshments from the Bar

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