



WIDE BAY DISTRICT VETERAN GOLFER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Isis Golf Club
Date: Friday 13th June, 2025
Time: 9.27 am

PRESENT

WBDVGA: Peter Cocking, Babs Beh, Wendy Mathiesen
QVGU: Paul Bray
Bargara: Don McKewen
Burrum: Kevin Reader, Marilyn Allen
Bundaberg: Bruce Hills, Valmai Mitchell
Coral Cove: Jo Tyrell, Barry Needham
Gin Gin: Scott Cooper
Hervey Bay: Wayne Goodwin
Maryborough: George Fallon,

APOLOGIES:

QVGU: Hugh McLaughlin
Biggenden: Werner Bern
Bundaberg: Peter Hughes
Coral Cove: Glen Hart, Teeny Patterson
Gayndah: Jill Seeley, Lindsay Baker
Maryborough: George Best

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held 14th February, 2025 were distributed via email and accepted as being correct

Moved: Babs Beh Seconded: George Fallon CARRIED

MEMBERS REPORTS

Bargara

Current membership is 340.

Playing numbers on Tuesdays vary between 150 and 180 players.

The introduction of Mi Score has been positively received.

Bargara Open Day was held on 20th May. 140 players in the event which is 45 less than the same event held in 2024. The demographics of our members has changed dramatically in the last 3 to 4 years. Not as many husband and wife combinations as in previous years. The vet's clubs email each member the nomination forms from the other clubs open days as well as place them on the notice boards and mention them at presentation each Tuesday.

Bargmary Trophy was played against Maryborough earlier in the year.

Bungara Shield scheduled to be played against Bundaberg on 17th June and 22nd July.

Match against Hervey Bay is scheduled for 1st July and 14th July.

The construction of concrete pathways for motorised golf carts continues to be funded by the golf club and work done by a team of volunteers. The removal of dead trees is ongoing, and the golf club has recently purchased a "dusting machine" to top dress the greens on a regular basis.

The last 3 to 4 years with regular rainfall has been very beneficial to grass growth on the fairways, surrounds and in the rough. All fairways have automatic pop -up sprinkler irrigation.

The proposed re-development of the buggy sheds, club house, senior living apartments continues to move forward albeit at a slow pace. A member's meeting to approve the next stage is scheduled for late July.

At the meeting it was added that there was a 97% uptake on the Miscore App and it was received well across all members

Don McKewen - Bargara Vets Captain.

Biggenden

No Report

Bundaberg

Our open day was a success with 102 players. I think having it on the Tuesday made the day such a success. The Bundaberg players took a lot of the prizes.

We have just finished our intermatch game with Maryborough with Bundaberg veterans taking the trophy away from Maryborough. we had a great day with the visitors.

On the 17th June Bundaberg veterans go to Bargara for the 1st round of the bungarra trophy let's hope we are lucky this year and can win the trophy.

our course is looking lovely and green with the showers of rain we keep having and the green staff are doing an amazing job.

Julie Wilson (Captain)

Burrum

We at Burrum Vets have had a good start this year with 48 members in spite of the weather.

Our games have been well attended with just a couple of days missed early in the year due to weather and course conditions.

Our members continue to grow with our numbers at 38 for the men, the Ladies are holding their numbers steady at 10 which gives us a total 48.

Our committee now stands at President Marilyn Allen, who takes over from the previous member and John Anderson is now the Treasurer. These two people will complement the other Committee members. Kevin Leader Capt, Carol Bennett Sec. Lyn Geck com.

The Committee continues to do great work which is seen as such by the members who have taken to sponsoring days for their fellow members.

The Committee continues to listen to and act on any suggestions the members put forward.

Our Challenge day with Maryborough in April was a resounding success with 48 players on course, lots of laughter and good vibes were had by all. There wasn't a cranky face to be found. The game was played at Burrum and we are going to Maryborough in July for their turn at hosting. A great way to meet and greet people.

Our next Challenge Day is with Isis in October which is our turn to host another great day.

The Challenge Days were implemented by the captains of these wonderful clubs and as all will attest to it was a brilliant idea. Many thanks to all concerned.

Carol Bennett - Secretary

Coral Cove

As the new Club Captain for Coral Cove Vets, I can report that we are struggling with our course and our numbers.

Our course is presently very challenging to some if not all at times, with the rough extremely so.

When the new year started the numbers were promising – perhaps the summer enticed folks to play but as the months have progressed the numbers have fallen drastically.

While the Men's numbers have remained fairly constant averaging 88-90 per month, the ladies are only on 29 per month. Granted we had 2 weeks where the cyclone played havoc, with torrential rain not a favourable factor on our course at all.

When you take into account there are 75 paid up Vets members, we are seriously lacking in playing members each week.

Tony Cavanagh who has been the pro at our course for the past 3 years, moved on as well as his assistant, Jason Dawes. We were fortunate that we had 2 PGA professionals at our Club, during this time.

Our owners Devcore are in the process of some serious renovations to the club, not only in revamping the club house, which is progressing as I write, but also there is a new Club Manager – Mark Whiting – late of Ballina Golf Course.

We look forward to what the next three months will bring, as our new fees are due out this month, - we received an extra month from Devcore, due to the disruption at the club.

There are a lot of murmurings as to whether members will come or go and that in itself, could very well have a further impact on dwindling vets' numbers.

Jo Tyrrell Club Captain, Coral Cove Vets

Fraser Lakes

No Report

Gayndah

GAYNDAH VETERANS GOLF CLUB REPORT

Membership stands at 20 with approximately 10 attending our weekly games. These consist of two 18 hole games a month, one being a morning game 9.00am start, and the other an afternoon 12.30pm start, alternating with 9 hole games commencing at 2.00pm.

Our course is looking good with regular watering and attention by grounds staff and volunteers.

A point for consideration is the timing of next years Vets carnival so that it doesn't clash with neighbouring districts events. This year we had the Kingaroy Peanut Festival's Golf Week the same week as our Open Carnival which meant considerable reduction in attendance for our

competition. We may also consider changing our start time to enable those travelling more time to attend. We are open to any further suggestions to assist in increasing attendance.

Jill Seeley – Secretary Gayndah Veterans Golf Club

Gin Gin

As we say goodbye to 2024 and start the 2025 session we have 18 members. Over this short period members have been attending as many carnivals as possible. With the good rainfall we have had over the past few months, the members have been assisting the greens director with course maintenance. The greens have been renovated for the new year.

At the time of this report we are in the progress of setting up for our vets carnival. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and new friends during the day.

I look forward to seeing the committee and other representatives again on the 13th Jun.

Regards,

Scott Cooper President

Hervey Bay

Hervey Bay membership has continued to grow with current membership 270+. There have been several requests to join that have been declined because of the QVGU requirements regarding Vet's membership.

Our plans to use buses to travel to regional clubs has had a slight set back. We use RSL buses, and they were subject to flood damage. However new buses will be available from July on and our intention to visit district clubs will be back on the agenda. One of the main obstacles to this is several of these clubs have early tee off times which discourage our members from going.

We established "Equality of Prizes" in January 2025. This means equal prizes for members regardless of gender. Our Ladies now receive the same prizes as men. As a result the Ladies fields in our competitions have seen increase in numbers. This trend has continued with a 50+% increase in the Ladies field.

Our Secretary Babs has been working hard at promoting other clubs' events and as a result we have had good attendance by our members at such events.

Despite the very wet year we have experienced, the Hervey Bay course has continued to improve, and we encourage district players to come and join us for a game. Our Vets' day is Monday and district players can play for the same fee in our competitions as our members.

We look forward to joining you for a game in 2025.

It was added at the meeting that HB was now implementing the new local rule MLR -E5 effective from 1st July, 2025. And there was a 7% increase in the number of views on our website.

Good Golfing,

Wayne Goodwin President HBGVeterans.

Isis

Isis Vets currently has 61 members and each Tuesday we have around 40 players in our vet's competition.

The most recent highlight was the Isis Vets Open Day on Tuesday the 25th of March. We had 80 players, which was down on previous years.

No doubt the tough economic conditions are having an effect on attendances.

As usual we were sponsored by Ross Gray Motor City and we thank them for their continued support. Lunch consisted of cold meats plus our famous wide range of salads, and followed by ice cream and fruit.

I would also like to say a big thank you to our vets committee for all of the hard work they put in.

It was added at the meeting that Isis was impacted with flooding from the rain earlier in the year which has effected the income.

Regards from

Harry Zawacki Isis Vets Captain.

Maryborough

MVG's have participated in twenty events up to end of May, including seven Inter Club matches hosted at MGC - Bargara, Bundaberg and Hervey Bay. MVG's have travelled to Bargara, Hervey Bay, Burrum and Bundaberg.

During reporting period Maryborough Vets events have seen 995 players participating at MGC and just over 100 MVG's attending other Vets Clubs during Inter Club matches. MVGs have supported by attended other Clubs Open Days.

Course was flooded at the end of March, resulting in postponing our 'Open' event till 06th May.

On opening this event as Captain I was assisted by President George Best paying respect by 'tolling club bell' in farewelling recently passed MVG's members Jill Cooper, Glen Christiansen, Neil Plumb and Duncan Ferguson. This before sending out a field of 67 players with visitors from six other Veteran Clubs.

Catering - MGC remains without an ability to appropriately provide catering. MVG's have greatly enjoyed other Clubs lunches and hospitality, and I request and appreciate your understanding of our situation.

During all events with visitors attending only positive feedback on the conditions of course and our Clubs hospitality were spoken of. Our Committee aim that this continues by having Members at all times to show respect to each other and the game.

The MVG's committee are encouraging the use of mobile app in scoring events. Initially I was for the use of cards only for all interclub events but through good communications and especially some investigations and presentations of the App by Frank Burkett I'm converted. We, as a committee will be recommending members paying the additional fee to allow use on all courses as a beneficial outlay.

At time of submission Maryborough Veterans Golf Club has a total of 121 members, 103 male and 18 females.

This Captains Thoughts, Challenges and Expectations.

Weather remains a major catalyst affecting course conditions, and our conduct and competing in matches.

How we 'interact' on and off the course can influence others, Members are encouraged to be aware of this, and to not ever underestimate our ability to doing just that!

In closing this report, I on behalf of all Maryborough Veterans golfers wish all Veteran golfers and their families continuing happiness, health and safety during our Veterans golfing year.

George Fallon – Captain

It was AGREED that all Club reports be accepted

Moved: Don McKewen Seconded: Bruce Hills CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Meeting date: Friday June 13, 2025

Welcome Delegates and Executive to our Mid-year meeting for the year.

Thank you to all of the District Clubs who have made me welcome at their meetings to date. I still have a number of Clubs to visit, and look forward to catching up with each of those Committees very soon. It is reassuring to sit in on District Club meetings and observe the commitment and dedication that Club Executives have for their Club and Members, as well as Veterans' golf in general.

Congratulations to the Clubs who have run their Open Days so far this year, we have heard very good reports about each of the events to date. One of the challenges facing our District, is consideration for future formatting and timing of our District Open Days. As the number of players from non-host Clubs declines, we are endeavouring to understand the reasons for that falling participation and committed to provide options to address the issue.

Peter Cocking

President WBDVGA

It was AGREED that the Presidents Report be accepted

Moved: Peter Cocking Seconded: Scott Cooper CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT

Attached are the accounts for the year-to-date 31st May, 2025. As you can see, we have a total \$ 35,000 invested on a Term Deposits

\$25,000 has been invested @ 4.6% repayable on 13th August, 2025 (\$470)

\$10,000 has been invested @ 4.45% repayable on 23rd August, 2025 (\$165)

This should earn about \$635 in interest for the association.

It is not worthwhile investing any further funds because the interest rate is not much better than we are getting on our working account.

As at the end of May we have \$27,029.79 in our working account. So far, we have received a net total of \$50,920.00 in entry fees (same time last year we had \$53,300)

I will let Wendy go into the nitty gritty of the Spring Carnival.

This year we are reducing the prize payout as follows;

PRIZE PAYOUT 2025				Last Year
LADIES EACH GRADE		MEN EACH GRADE		
Winner	\$ 350.00	Winner	\$ 350.00	\$350
Runner Up	\$ 225.00	Runner Up	\$ 225.00	\$300
Second Runner Up	\$ 150.00	Second Runner Up	\$ 150.00	\$250
Third runner Up	\$ 125.00	Third Runner Up	\$ 125.00	\$200
Fourth Runner Up	\$ 100.00	Fourth Runner Up	\$ 100.00	\$150
Payout over 3 grades	\$2,850	Payout over 3 Grades	\$2,850	\$1,250
TOTAL PAYOUT	\$5,700			\$7,500

I have attached a spreadsheet of the Wide Bay club membership by comparison over the last few years which shows the make-up of each club for the last 3 years.

Even though we lost Innes Park and Craignish the overall number of players stayed steady with a slight increase of 0.43%. The number of women has fallen though, from 30% of total membership to 26%. There could be any number of reasons for this. Is this a trend that needs to be looked at, or, maybe clubs need to find ways to attract more women.

Bucking this trend is the female participation in the Spring Carnival. From the information on Wendy's spreadsheet there are 104 men and 75 women. This equates to a 43% participation rate. It may have something to do with the fact that there are a lot of husband/wife participation – which is good to see,

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FINANCIAL REPORTS 2024 - 2025

LAST YEAR (23/24)	INCOME	THIS YEAR 1/11/2023 TO 31/5/2025		
		RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	NET
\$46.89	Interest Received	\$46.89		\$11.86
\$4,704.00	Affiliation Fees	\$4,704.00		\$ 4,940.00
\$58,273.00	Spring Carnival	\$52,240.00	\$1,320.00	\$ 50,920.00
\$63,023.89		\$56,990.89	\$1,320.00	\$ 55,871.86
	EXPENDITURE			
\$271.73	Postage & Stationery		\$285.15	\$ 285.15
\$60.00	Catering		\$30.00	\$ 30.00
\$1,306.36	Carnival Banners		\$0.00	\$ -
\$4,945.00	Spring Carnival Dinner		\$0.00	\$ -
\$284.40	Website Hosting		\$349.40	\$ 349.40
\$800.00	Honorariums & Gratuities		\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
\$1,550.00	Prize Contributions		\$600.00	\$ 600.00
\$7,620.00	Spring Carnival Prizes		\$0.00	\$ -
\$2,342.00	QVGU Affiliation Fee		\$2,650.00	\$ 2,650.00
\$43,038.00	Spring Carnival Club Fees		\$0.00	\$ -
\$62,217.49			\$4,914.55	\$ 4,914.55
\$806.40	NET INCOME			\$ 50,957.31
\$10,266.18	Opening Cash Book			\$ 11,072.58
\$11,072.58	Closing Cash Book			\$ 62,029.89
\$ 11,072.58	Balance as per Working Account			\$ 27,029.79
	Term Deposits			\$ 25,000.00
	Term Deposits			\$ 10,000.00
				\$ 62,029.79

It was AGREED to accept the Treasurers Report

Moved: Babs Beh Seconded: Wendy Mathiesen

CARRIED

SPRING CARNIVAL CONVENOR REPORT

Comparison between last year and this year:

	June 2024		June 2025	
Spring Carnival Entries	122		115	
Dinner	106		103	
Total Nominations	183		184	
Bargara	174	172	170	164
Bundaberg	169	169	165	160
Coral Cove	143	149	144	140
Hervey Bay	129	131	126	124
Maryborough	131	129	125	124
Funds	\$54,530		\$53,825	

Conclusion: While a little down on last year, numbers are fairly even across time, though we are down about \$800 on last year at this time.

Reminder for Captains doing the draws: If husband and wife (or partners) do not list their partner as a playing partner, please put them in groups of same sex ie. Ladies with ladies. Note that they need to be near partner on the timesheet, as they are traveling together.

Thank you,

Wendy Mathiesen, Convenor

It was AGREED to accept the Spring Carnival Report

Moved: Wendy Mathiesen Seconded: Peter Cocking CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE IN

List attached hereto

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

List Attached hereto

It was AGREED to accept the correspondence as attached hereto

Moved: Babs Beh Seconded: Paul Bray CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Spring Carnival

Most of the matters relating the Spring Carnival have been covered in the Convenor's report.

Coral Cove agreed that any overflow from the Spring Carnival – non carnival players could play on the Tuesday before and be in a separate competition.

Also from Coral Cove there will be Caravan/Motorhome parking restrictions due to club rooms being closed overnight. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this facility must supply their names before arrival.

Carnival Prizes

It was agreed to accept the Carnival Prize Money distribution as set out in the following table and included in the Treasurers Report.

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Spring Carnival Refund Policy

It was agreed to strictly adhere to our refund policy as per the Terms and conditions of entry. It was also emphasised that the clubs remember that any refund that they agree to make would be for the entry fee of \$27.

Term Deposits

Wide Bay has put a total of \$35,000 out on Term Deposit as is set out in the Treasurers Report

Wide Bay Website

It was decided to stay with the existing website structure for the time being. Wayne is going to assess if he can put the Spring Carnival entry form on the website so that players will enter their details directly to self-populate into a spreadsheet. This should save a tremendous amount of time for Wendy although she will still have a lot of checking and monitoring. If we get this up and running, we will have to get a more sophisticated version of Wordpress. The cost of the existing Wordpress is \$10 per month. There are several plans and packages available, and they are presently being revised and updated. Wayne will have a more indicative figure for any upgrades for the next meeting.

It was also decided that the website could have dedicated pages for each club which would contain information which would be club specific. This would be not only useful for club members but also visitors. At this stage all Clubs resolved to leave editing rights with Wayne and Babs. Wendy would be responsible for Spring Carnival matters.

QVGU Meeting Dates

Hugh McLaughlin suggested we go back to have four meetings per year – approximately a week before the AVGU meetings so the district can give an updated report at the AVGU meeting.

It was decided to stay with the three meetings.

Entertainment Quote

Tony Spruce supplied a quote for entertainment at the Spring Carnival Dinner. It was resolved not to engage Tony Spruce for the Spring Carnival.

District Open Days

There has been a noticeable decline in the participation rate of non-host club players amongst the wide bay group Open Days. In an effort to understand the reasons behind this Peter Cocking has visited each club to try and get a better understanding of the situation. Below is a list of issues discussed/raised:

- Open Dates for competitions clash with other clubs' dates.
- Check the district calendar before committing to a date
- Change open date to another day of the week so it does not clash with a club's normal Vets day – Hold the Open on a Thursday and not a Tuesday?
- Starting times too early. Some players may have to travel for 1 – 2 hours to get to the venue.
- Lack of carts.
- Earlier notification of your Open
- Cost of travel and accommodation – billeting?
- Bus travel from clubs – could be arranged
- Make sure members are notified of other clubs Open Days
- Indication of share cart availability in the small clubs – put on the flyer.
- Smaller clubs rely on the funds generated from the event.
- Aging members may not be able to travel great distances.
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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLOOR

Burrum Heads

The members from Burrum Heads indicated that they do not operate under a duly established constitution. Paul Bray offered to send a sample document that could be used to commence the setting up as a club. Peter offered to help them get over the line in this matter.

QVGU

Paul Bray mentioned that the QVGU sponsor small 9 hole clubs to the value of \$100. Clubs must make application by email to the QVGU. This application is available on the website.

MEETING CLOSED: 11.25 am

Next Meeting: Friday 10th October 2025

Isis Golf Club

9.30 am