



WIDE BAY DISTRICT VETERAN GOLFER'S ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Location: Isis Golf Club
Date Friday 13th February, 2026
Time: 9.30 am

PRESENT

WBDVGA: Peter Cocking, Babs Beh, Wendy Mathiesen
QVGU: Hugh McLaughlin, Paul Bray
Bargara: Don McKewen
Biggenden: Werner Bern
Burrum: Marilyn Allen, Kevin Leader
Bundaberg: Bruce Hills
Coral Cove: Jo Tyrell
Gin Gin: Scott Cooper
Hervey Bay: Wayne Goodwin, Sandra Kerley
Isis: Chris Fitzsimmons
Maryborough: George Fallon,

APOLOGIES:

Bundaberg: Valmai Mitchell, Peter Hughes

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held 10th October, 2025 were distributed via email and accepted as being correct

Moved: George Fallon Seconded: Don McKewen CARRIED

MEMBERS REPORTS

Bargara

Tuesday playing numbers for 2025 averaged 175 players and 2026 has started very strongly with over 180 each Tuesday to date.

Current membership stands at 277 members.

Golf course is currently in great shape and minor greens renovations occurred on 9th and 10th February. Additional concrete paths have been constructed by the volunteers with more to be done this year. An additional qualified green's keeper has been employed by the Golf Club.

Round 1 of the Bargmary Trophy played at Maryborough on Tuesday 10th February. Round 2 scheduled for Tuesday 10th March at Bargara.

Mi Score scoring system has been well accepted by the majority of players.

March Classic on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March. 170 nominations to date. Expect a field of 220.

It is anticipated that the planned club house / buggy shed / senior living apartments re-development will commence mid-year.

Don McKewen. Captain

Biggenden

Keeping you up to date with our facility.

Our greens received much needed help from Burrum District Golf Club with volunteers and machinery coming to join with our members to upgrade the greens. Greens have all been cored and sanded. It had its first major test on our Open Day last Sunday.

#3 Green is not performing as it should, and repair work is being undertaken to bring it back up to standard.

The promised rain over the next few days will assist with greening of the course also.

Of course, visitors are always welcome for a social game, call ahead if you are wanting to arrange buggy hire as we now have 2 permanently out for hire.

On Sundays we have started an Ambrose event with our bar and facilities opening at 10.00 am every Sunday. You are welcome to phone ahead and book or simply turn up on the day.

Best Regards

Werner Bern – Secretary Treasurer

Bundaberg

We just had our opening day with 74 players - a few pulled out as the day was very overcast but at least it was cool. President Peter was away as was Vice President Averil plus our patroness Jean was absent. One of our longest serving veterans Cheryl Wright shot the 1st ball of the season down the middle.

The course is looking lovely with all the rain we have had.

Looking forward to a great year of golfing and visiting other clubs.

Julie Wilson (Veterans Captain)

Burrum

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

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

Our members continue to grow with our numbers at 48 for the men, the Ladies are holding their numbers steady at 13 which gives us a total 61.

Sadly we have had lost 4 members age related illness and another has passed away.

Our Committee remains at President Marilyn Allen, John Anderson Treasurer, Kevin Leader Captain, Carol Bennett Secretary, Lyn Geck committee.

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 next Challenge day is with Hervey Bay on the 17th February 2026 and we are looking forward to welcoming them to our Challenge days this year.

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

Well, I am happy to report that Coral Cove Vets has survived for another year.

The AGM resulted in most of the former committee standing again – for the very last time! to enable the Vets to continue.

Glenn Hart as President, Cynthia Ryan as Treasurer, Pauline Charnock as the new Club Captain, Bronwen Dennis and Greg Russ as Committee and I shall remain as Secretary, so this is my last report as outgoing Club Captain.

It is very concerning that members are happy to play vets and participate in events but not willing to put their names forward for positions. There was a call from some to disband, however the majority wanted us to continue.

So far this year we are down on previous year's numbers – with only 53 members to date plus our 5 honorary / lifetime members. Previous years we have managed to get to 70+.

But we persevere, - we have a full calendar of events booked and the course is looking good, although some rain would not go unwelcome. But then again, these comments usually result in a flood for us.

A lot of work has taken place on the course, with some areas of rough now seeing a mower, and we trust this will continue. Trees are down, weeds eradicated and the fairways looking good.

More members for both vets and the club would be the next best wish.

Happy golfing

Jo Tyrrell

Secretary / Club Captain

Fraser Lakes

No Report

Gayndah

No Report

Gin Gin

As we say goodbye to 2025 and start the 2026 session we continue to have 18 members. Over the past 12 months our club has tried to attend as many carnivals as possible. For some reason members didn't travel.

The members continue to assist the course greens director with course maintenance. The maintenance of the greens are well under way.

At the time of our last report we had just finished our carnival. The carinival was a great success with getting more ladies each time.

We are looking forward to seeing old friends and new friends during the year.

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

Scott Cooper

Gin Gin Vets

Hervey Bay

Membership Update

Hervey Bay has commenced the year on a positive note, with approximately 230 of our members already renewing their membership. This strong start is anticipated to improve further over the coming weeks, particularly as the weather conditions become more favourable and more members return to the field. We are confident that our membership numbers will soon return to our regular level of over 300 members.

Course Improvements and Maintenance

Our recently appointed Greenkeeper has been hard at work implementing several course improvements. Notably, significant efforts were made prior to Christmas to enhance the fairways by eradicating weeds and noxious grasses from irrigated areas. As the Bermuda grass gradually replaces these unwanted plants on the fairways, members can look forward to more consistent playing surfaces and improved ball lies.

Beyond turf management, the club is also investing in substantial upgrades to the irrigation control system, including the replacement of pumps and pipework. However, despite a considerable number of players currently on the waiting list, club management has decided not to commit to constructing additional cart sheds at this time.

Online Entry for Spring Carnival

As previously communicated, we will be implementing Online Entry for the upcoming Spring Carnival. While Hervey Bay already offers online entry through its website, the process is more complex for Wide Bay due to the extensive reporting requirements for individual clubs.

Consequently, we have upgraded the Wide Bay website forms to effectively manage these systems and reporting needs.

Inter-Club Challenges and Upcoming Events

The new year also brings exciting developments to our inter-club challenges, with the addition of another club. We extend a warm welcome to Burrum, who will be participating in our first round next week. A group of 29 players from Hervey Bay will travel to Burrum next Tuesday, eager to enjoy a competitive and enjoyable round of golf.

Looking ahead, we are proud to announce that we will be hosting the QVGA State Carnival later this year. Additionally, we have been successful in our bid to host the State Championships in May 2027, an achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of our committee and members.

Wayne Goodwin - President

Isis

The course is looking great with plenty of players. The Vet's are donating a lot of time and care to the course to keep it in a standard for our patrons. The club is quite financially sound.

Harry Zawacki

Isis Vets Captain.

Maryborough

During this reporting period initial aims and goals for the Maryborough Veterans Golfers (MVG's) have continued to be met. Members have enjoyed Vets golf with varied and competitive rounds. Enjoying golf remains a primary goal of this Club.

Maryborough Veterans Golfer's membership is at 113 male and 19 lady members.

Good conditions had maintained and supported course serviceability, availability and as a result numbers attending. Very few days play was lost during 2025 due to weather. The Course has remained playable with excellent management by MGC Committee, the Pro Shop and grounds Staff, as well as members utilising areas of play appropriately.

Nov-Dec 2025 - Our competitions and participation levels are excellent indicators changes implemented in booking games is having little effect to play. Veterans did finish games in a timely fashion and I feel Veterans golfers are up to any challenge and through respectful game play will make little of these incidents.

Our 2026 program consists of 53 programmed events. Maryborough Veteran Golfers continually support others Vet clubs by participation, all leading to the conclusion that 2026 should be an enjoyable and memorable year.

At the commencement of this year's program MVG's will be trialling for stroke events the Mercy Rule. Whether (slow play) as a problem is perceived or real we may all, at some time be affected

by our own diminishing ability. This rule more than anything else may extend our playing years. We will forward its results after trial period, as Captain I hope we adopt and retain.

In closing this report, I on behalf of all our members wish all Clubs, Committee's and Vet golfers and their families the greatest of happiness, health and safety during 2026.

George Fallon

Captain Maryborough Veterans Golf Club

It was AGREED that all Club reports be accepted

Moved: Peter Cocking Seconded: Kevin Leader CARRIED

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Presidents Report

Meeting date: Friday February 13, 2026

Welcome Delegates and Executive to our first meeting of the new 2026 year.

Firstly, it is important to thank our small but extremely hardworking WBVGA Executive for their contributions to a positive golfing year in 2025, throughout the Wide Bay district. Our Secretary/Treasurer, Babs, along with the Spring Carnival Convenor, Wendy, have been the backbone of our Executive and the successes we have enjoyed. Thank you, Ladies, on behalf of the WBVGA delegates.

The 2026 golfing year has commenced positively, with membership within the WBVGA Clubs increasing by over 5% from 2025 numbers. Bargara and Hervey Bay Clubs continue to show consistent growth and only a small decrease in numbers in a couple of Clubs.

We enter 2026 with another Spring Carnival being planned, the event timing has slightly changed to accommodate the Australian Veteran Golfers' Championships, being hosted on the Gold Coast in August. This year we introduce an on-line nomination process, which will hopefully significantly reduce the workload of both the Convenor and the Treasurer in managing nominations. A huge thank you is extended to Wayne Goodwin, from Hervey Bay, who has spent an enormous amount of time and effort to get this process sorted out for us.

As the Wide Bay Veteran Golfers' Clubs finalise their schedules for the year, we hope that small changes to some Open Day formats will result in increased patronage at all events across the district.

Thank you to all Club Committee's and Delegates who give freely of their time to ensure that the objective of providing Veteran golfers with the important social and sporting opportunities that regular golfing activities deliver.

Peter Cocking

President WBDVGA

It was AGREED that the Presidents Report be accepted

Moved: Peter Cocking

Seconded: Wendy Mathiesen

CARRIED

TREASURERS REPORT

Reporting Period: 1 November 2025 – 31 January 2026

Prepared: February 2026

1. Overview

This report summarises the financial activity of the WBDVGA for the three-month period ending 31 January 2026. While the period is relatively short, several key items require noting.

2. Affiliation Fees

- A total of \$5,292.00 in 2025 affiliation fees was received in October 2025.
- As this amount relates to the previous financial year, it has been included in last year's figures.
- This represents a timing difference only.
- Total affiliation fees collected from clubs for 2025 amount to \$7,350.00, of which \$4,900.00 has been remitted to the QVGA.

A detailed breakdown of affiliation fees by club is provided separately.

3. Membership Summary

Overall membership has increased from 1,157 to 1,225 members. A comparison of membership changes across clubs is included in the accompanying membership table.

4. Spring Carnival Preparations

- Development of an online entry form, coordinated by Wayne Goodwin, is well underway.
- Entry fees for participants and club fees are currently under discussion.
- The Presentation Dinner venue has been booked, and the menu confirmed.

5. Term Deposits

Term Deposits will again be arranged this year to invest surplus funds. These investments will mature in August, aligning with the scheduled distribution of funds to member clubs.

6. Summary

The Association remains in a stable financial position, with membership growth and ongoing preparations for major events contributing positively to the year ahead. Further detailed financial statements accompany this report.

Financials to 31st January, 2026

INCOME	THIS YEAR 1/11/2025 TO 31/10/2026		
	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	NET
Interest Received	\$ 7.22		\$ 7.22
Affiliation Fees	\$ 2,126.00	\$ 68.00	\$ 2,058.00
Spring Carnival	\$ -		\$ -
	\$ 2,133.22	\$ 68.00	\$ 2,065.22
EXPENDITURE			
Postage & Stationery		\$ 117.85	\$ 117.85
Catering			\$ -
Spring Carnival Dinner		\$ -	\$ -
Website Hosting			\$ -
Honorariums & Gratuities			\$ -
Prize Contributions to Clubs			\$ -
Spring Carnival Prizes			\$ -
QVGU Affiliation Fee		\$ 4,900.00	\$ 4,900.00
Spring Carnival Club Fees		\$ -	\$ -
		\$ 5,017.85	\$ 5,017.85
NET INCOME			-\$ 2,952.63
Opening Cash Book			\$ 20,094.69
Closing Cash Book			\$ 17,142.06
Balance as per Working Account			\$ 17,142.06

Affiliation Fees

	Male	Female	Total	Fee	Total Collected	%female
Bargara	256	104	360	\$ 6	\$ 2,160	29%
Biggenden	10	3	13	\$ 6	\$ 78	23%
Bundaberg	107	35	142	\$ 6	\$ 852	25%
Burrum	49	11	60	\$ 6	\$ 360	18%
Coral Cove	50	20	70	\$ 6	\$ 420	29%
Fraser Lakes	19	1	20	\$ 6	\$ 120	5%
Gayndah	11	10	21	\$ 6	\$ 126	48%
Gin Gin	17		17	\$ 6	\$ 102	0%
Hervey Bay	237	80	317	\$ 6	\$ 1,902	25%
Isis	53	20	73	\$ 6	\$ 438	27%
Maryborough	113	19	132	\$ 6	\$ 792	14%
	922	303	1225		\$ 7,350	

Membership Comparison

	2025 Membership				2024 Membership			
	Male	Female	Total		Male	Female	Total	
Bargara	256	104	360		223	100	323	37
Biggenden	10	3	13		10	2	12	1
Bundaberg	107	35	142		100	34	134	8
Burrum	49	11	60		42	13	55	5
Coral Cove	50	20	70		59	25	84	-14
Fraser Lakes	19	1	20		27	2	29	-9
Gayndah	11	10	21		11	10	21	0
Gin Gin	17		17		18	0	18	-1
Hervey Bay	237	80	317		213	76	289	28
Isis	53	20	73		50	17	67	6
Maryborough	113	19	132		103	18	121	11
Mundubberah	0	0	0		2	2	4	-4
	922	303	1225		858	299	1157	68

It was AGREED to accept the Treasurers Report

Moved: Babs Beh Seconded: Bruce Hills CARRIED

SPRING CARNIVAL CONVENOR REPORT

No Report – Matters discussed in General Business

CORRESPONDENCE IN

List attached hereto

CORRESPONDENCE OUT

List Attached hereto

It was AGREED to accept the correspondence as attached hereto

Moved: Babs Beh Seconded: George Fallon CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Wide Bay Website

All member clubs were asked to review their information on our website to ensure everything is correct. They should also verify the accuracy of the details listed on their individual pages.

District Open Days

At our previous meeting it was suggested that the smaller clubs review their starting times to allow enough time for competitors to travel to each venue. It was noted that Gayndah has delayed their

shotgun start to 10.00 am. This has been a positive move with at least 22 visitors making the journey for their Open Day next month.

The other suggestion was to hire a vehicle mover of some sort to take buggies from a nearby club for use on the day. Peter C did research this aspect but the cost too prohibitive.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Spring Carnival 2026

The costing of the 2026 Spring Carnival was discussed, and it was agreed that the rates would remain the same as 2025.

Entry Fee per Game	\$30 per game
Carnival Fee	\$50
Presentation Dinner	\$45
WBDVGA Administration Fee – to be deducted from the entry fee	\$3 per game
Closing Date	14 th August, 2026
All local games to be set at the same as carnival players	\$30 per game

Online Entry

Wayne Goodwin has developed a Spring Carnival Online Entry system for the 2026 Spring Carnival. To enable this development the carnival committee approved the purchase JotForm software to enable Wayne to design suitable forms for each of the participating clubs to access and use.

It is anticipated that the Wide Bay Clubs could use the software for their Open Day events in the future.

It was agreed to ratify the purchase of Jotform Software at a cost of \$369.51

Moved: Peter Cocking Seconded: Jo Tyrell CARRIED

Spring Carnival Committee

Resolved that the Spring Carnival committee to remain unchanged as;

Peter Cocking, Babs Beh, Wendy Mathiesen and Wayne Goodwin

Cost of Inter-club games

WB Secretary to write to all WB clubs requesting each club to;

- Confirm cost for visiting Veteran golfers to play in local Veteran competitions
- Provide a copy of the Veteran Club logo (if they have one)

General Discussion

Good discussion amongst delegates regarding the increasing cost of green fees and the impact on playing fees. Also, a disappointing deterioration of relationships between some Veteran Clubs and their main clubs. We will continue to monitor this issue.

QVGU

The members were reminded that the QVGU will sponsor the smaller 9 hole clubs to the value of \$100. All they need to do is make an application which is available on QVGU website.

Prize Contributions

Financial support for prize contributions for the smaller clubs for their Open Days are to remain the same for 2026 as set out below;

CLUB	EVENT	AMOUNT	DATE DUE
Gayndah	Open	\$200	March
Gayndah	4BBB	\$200	March
Biggenden	Open	\$200	May
Gin Gin	Open	\$200	June
Burrum	Open	\$200	July
Isis	WBDVGA 4BBB Championships	\$1,000	August

Honorariums

It was agreed to grant Wayne Goodwin an honorarium of \$500 in recognition of all the time and work involved in the development of the WBDVGA website and Online Spring Carnival systems

Moved: Sandra Kerley Seconded: Wendy Mathiesen CARRIED

It was Agreed to pay the following in honorariums for 2026

Wendy Mathiesen	Convenor for Spring Carnival	\$500
Babs Beh	Secretary/Treasurer	\$500
Wayne Goodwin	Website development and IT	\$500

QVGU Delegates

It was agreed that Peter Cocking and Don McKewen be the WBDVGA delegates to the QVGU for 2026.

Moved: Jo Tyrell Seconded: Kevin Leader Carried

MEETING CLOSED: 11.08 am

Next Meeting: Friday 12th June 2026.

Isis Golf Club

9.30 am