



MELBOURNE DISTRICT VETERAN GOLFERS ASSOCIATION INC.

(Incorporated in Victoria Reg No A0028046L)
ABN 16 632 256 893

Affiliated with the Victorian Veteran Golfers Association Inc

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Financial Year ended 30 June 2025

**The 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at Spring Valley Golf Club
at the conclusion of the day's golf event.**

General Business:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 14th October 2024.
2. To consider and if thought fit to adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June, 2025
3. To elect Officers of the Association & Committee members.
4. To authorise & confirm the nomination & annual fees for 2026.
5. To authorise completion & lodgement of the necessary Statement to be submitted by the Association in accordance with Part 7 of the Act
6. Such matters of which due notice has been given

Special Business:

1. Pursuant to Rule 14d to present Life Membership to Frank Martel

Committee

President: Larry Wilson

Secretary: Cec Bailey

Captain: Don Hackett

Treasurer: Brian Scott

Membership Secretary: John Armstrong

Tony Jones (Vice President)

Tony Adderley (Vice Captain)

Richard Harmer

David Worrell (Merchandise)

Wayne Reddaway

Paul Stewart (Web Content)

Stuart Webb (Assistant Treasurer)

Annual Report

The committee has pleasure in submitting the Annual Report of the Association together with the Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30-6-2025

Presidents Report

Larry Wilson

THE PAST YEAR

- This year we have been fortunate that the weather has been kind to us for a change. Although recently the cold and wind has intruded and the grumbling has increased.
- The annual increase in the green fees for our clubs has continued albeit not as significant as last year.
- The other significant changes to our schedule for next year will be the absence of Cranbourne which we played for the last time in September. It will be missed as it was one of our most popular events. The other change will be the absence of Spring Valley due to major renovations to their greens, bunkers, and irrigation system. We have decided not to seek a replacement for these events at this stage.
- Unfortunately, our low attendance figures have continued. The committee investigated a variety of options to encourage attendance and increase our membership. I am pleased to report that our 2 for 1 deal has been successful with 6 new members flowing from the event at Cranbourne. We will look to extend the 2 for 1 deal at a later time.
- In Oct we are at Eastwood Golf Club for the first time. It is very competitively priced so we are hopeful of a good attendance and favourable course reports. Medway was dropped because of unfavourable reports and Northern GC was bought back onto the schedule with very good feedback.

COMMITTEE FOR 2025/2026

- After many years as our Merchandising Manager, Wayne Reddaway has handed over his sales skills to David Worrell. I would like to thank Wayne for his contribution and the good humour he brought to our events. He was also instrumental in encouraging several female golfers to join, which has been a welcome addition to the Vets.
- Paul Stewart has joined the committee and very quickly updated and significantly improved our website.
- There has also been some reshuffling of the deckchairs:
 - Larry Wilson – President - responsible for operations, and surveys
 - Tony Jones - Vice President
 - Don Hackett - Captain - all match day issues on the day and competition issues including staff rosters.
 - Tony Adderley - Vice Captain
 - Cec Bailey - Secretary - responsible for the compilation of our program of events through visits/negotiations with clubs and secretary to the Committee.
 - Tony Adderley - Assistant Secretary
 - Brian Scott - Treasurer - all legal and accounting requirements
 - Stuart Webb - Assistant Treasurer
 - John Armstrong - Membership - all membership issues including the database, admission of new members and renewals
 - Don Hackett - Webmaster - OneGolf Management and Maintenance incorporating event management booking system and reporting
 - Paul Stewart - Communications, including Website Maintenance/Updates
 - David Worrell - Merchandise Manager - MDVGA merchandise and match prizes

TO THE FUTURE

There are two special events planned for next year.

The Presidents Invitational Challenge between the Hume Veterans and Melbourne Veterans has been run continuously since 2010. In 2026 we are scheduled to play Hume Vets at the Northern Golf Club on 19th Jan. The event comprises 20 teams from each Association playing 4BBB Stableford. We will be asking for nominations in the next month or so. In the past it has been oversubscribed so it is a first come first served booking arrangement.

Over these past months I have met with the Presidents of other Melbourne/Mornington based Veterans Associations. We have agreed to our run our first combined Associations event on 30th Mar at Settlers Run. Four Associations will participate with 40 from Melbourne Vets and 20 each from Eastern, Victoria and Mornington Vets. Melbourne will be the host for this event. If this event is successful, we are looking to run four events each year with each Association hosting one event. Details will be released closer to the event

Our costs have been contained to break even this year and so no increase to our fees is proposed.

My sincere thanks go to the Committee for their support and commitment in ensuring members needs are met and events run smoothly.

My thanks also to you the members for your continued membership and support in 2024/2025 and I look forward to seeing you at future events. And please do not hesitate to put forward your suggestions. They are most welcome.

Wishing all members good golfing for the new season.

Larry Wilson
President

Captain's Report

Don Hackett

The past season has been played in some varied conditions with incredibly chilly mornings and windy weather, none more so than Southern in September where we were greeted with gale force winds, 17 members cancelled on the morning leaving 43 hardy souls to battle the elements, trees were being blown down and the ground staff refusing to work considering the course as being too dangerous. In January at Gardiners Run, where it was very hot, trying conditions forcing one member to retire with heat exhaustion. Still there has been some really great attendances to the season and we have averaged just over 51 players across the 21 events played.

The Northern Golf club was included back into the Syllabus after being dropped off some years back. It was changed to an afternoon event as their management had double booked with a Junior Championship being played there in the early morning. Eastwood Golf Club has also been added to the schedule for the very first time, the course is situated at the foot of the Dandenong's in Kilsyth.

MDVGA continue to have a selection of the Premium sandbelt courses in our current schedule including: Yarra Yarra, Spring Valley and Woodlands Golf Clubs for the benefit of our members.

We have been using the "MiScore" app for some time now and the majority of members and guests have been using it, which does help speed up the finalization process of scores to assist our Match Desk helpers for the results.

Golf Australia changes are being made, the once in a generation change will see us all transition away from the 25 year old Golf Link to a new, modern platform that delivers enhanced services to Australia's 1900 golf clubs and venues, and the more than 450,000 golf members around the country.

For all golfers there are three key changes coming:

- (1) The new official Golf Australia App
- (2) A fresh golfer portal at the new home of golf in Australia -> GOLF.com.au
- (3) Golf Link number becomes Golf ID

Congratulations to all our Major winners for the 2024/2025 season

Malcolm Macpherson Plate

Club Champion 2025	Stuart Webb (Peninsula Kingswood)	Gross - 171
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Len Symons Plate

B Grade Championship 2025	Ian Norman (Lakeside Albert Park)	Gross – 189
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Bill Edgar Memorial

Handicap Bowl 2024	Cec Bailey (Spring Valley)	78 Points
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Woodlands Cup 2025	Barry Thompson (Eastern)	39 Points
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Golfer of the Year 2024	Mike Steventon (Northcote)	75 Points
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Thanks to all the members of the Committee who have assisted me in the match duties to help ensure the events run smoothly. Special thanks to Richard Harmer for assisting with my first year as Captain. Happy Golfing!!

Don Hackett

Captain

Secretary's Report

Cec Bailey

In the words of that famous singer/songwriter Bob Dylan, "the times are a changing" which can be applied to our games this year and going forward.

In years gone by we had anywhere between 80 – 100 members playing each fortnight in a shotgun start at 8.00am sometimes 9.00am. Recently though our numbers have decreased significantly to anywhere between 40 – 60 players and not always a shotgun start.

In these new changing times more and more of our host clubs are not able to offer us a shotgun start due to our lower number of players and the fact that more host club members are playing on a Monday morning. Host clubs are also demanding a tee time start for us to accommodate more of their own members playing on a Monday morning. Also some host clubs are asking us to tee off before 8.00am.

Consequently host club green fees have increased significantly since Covid which impacts our bottom line of numbers playing. As a consequence of this we are trialling a combined Vets Associations game next year at Settlers Run on March 30th when MDVGA(Melbourne), VVGA(Victorian), ESVGA(Eastern) and MPVGA(Mornington Peninsula) come together to try and get 100 players for a shotgun start.

Also this year in October we are playing at Eastwood GC in Kilsyth which are charging a much reduced green fee compared to other clubs of similar standard. Also next year we have reduced the number of games from 21 to 16 to reduce costs to our members and to see if this has any impact on our number of players attending our games.

Highlights for the year included the two games at Cranbourne where we had 62 and 68 players and guests attending before it closes down in February. Also new committee members Paul Stewart, Stuart Webb and Dave Worrell are a welcome addition to the MDVGA committee. Congratulations to Frank Martel who has been nominated for Life Membership after serving many years on Committee and 6 years as Captain.

Wishing you all good golfing and safe travelling in the 2025/2026 season.

Cec Bailey
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Brian Scott

This past year was free of cancellations due to inclement weather, although playing numbers are down. This past year we had a membership incentive game at Cranbourne, where prospective members could play for free. We had 20 golfers play of which 7 joined. The 7 who joined then introduced 5 new members. Some golfers came for the free game with no intention of joining.

Our Subscription income was down, we now have 199 members down from 203 last year however we had 28 new members joining, which is a good sign. Whilst we had budgeted for a slight gain of \$43 the actual result was a loss \$1,185.93 this was largely to the membership incentive game at Cranbourne. Overall, the results for the year are considered acceptable and we are budgeting for a small profit in the coming year & hoping that all games will proceed as planned.

The accounts have been subject to an independent level of oversight pursuant to the undertaking previously given and your Committee have agreed that the Financial Statements as presented give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Association during and at the end of the financial year.

Whilst there have been increases in costs beyond our control the Committee have decided not to increase the annual membership fee. Those who have attained the age of 70 and have completed five years of membership will pay \$35per annum and Ordinary members will pay \$40 per annum and that the nomination fee remains unchanged at \$80.

I would like to thank all the members of Committee who have contributed many hours of time into the running of the Association. My thanks also to the members of the Operations Team who look after the registration process on game days.

I have pleasure in presenting these accounts to the Membership and would propose that the Audited accounts as presented be approved and in accordance with our Constitution that the annual and nomination fees as mentioned be approved.

Brian Scott

Treasurer

In accordance with the Act, we Cec Bailey and Brian Scott being members of the committee of The Melbourne District Veteran Golfers Association Inc certify that "The statements attached to this certificate give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the abovenamed association during and at the end of the financial year ending 30th June 2025". Original signed by Cec Bailey and Brian Scott 25 August 2025.

Independent Accountant's Oversight Report

To: The Melbourne District Veteran Golfers Association Inc

The Association is classified as a tier one entity pursuant to the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and does not require an audit or a review as defined in the auditing standards. However, the Association has requested that I conduct an independent accountant's oversight of the financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025 being a special purpose report prepared on a cash basis.

On this basis, I have conducted an examination of the major items in the receipts and payments statement and balance sheet, tested a sample of transactions to source documents and performed an analytical review of the numbers. I have also checked the requirements of the Act.

In conclusion, nothing has come to my attention that would suggest that the financial report does not present a true and fair view of the cash results of operations for the year ended 30 June 2025 and its balance sheet items.

August 21st 2025 J.Kukkuk CA(SA)

MELBOURNE DISTRICT VETERANS GOLF ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Financial Year ended 30th June 2025

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	Full Year 2023-2024	Full Year 2024-2025
CASH INFLOWS		
ENTRY FEE	\$2,040.00	\$2,240.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$7,305.00	\$6,915.00
MATCH RECEIPTS	\$5,911.00	\$6,209.23
GAME DAY CLUB - RECEIPTS (contra)	\$90,432.01	\$97,468.00
BANK INTEREST	\$1,000.00	\$1,253.43
MERCHANDISE (Net)	\$417.00	\$315.00
TEAMS EVENT	\$250.00	\$0.00
SUNDRY	\$100.00	\$1,000.00
TOTAL CASH INFLOWS	\$107,455.01	\$115,400.66
 CASH OUTFLOWS		
MATCH SUBSIDY	-	\$468.00
TROPHIES (Incl Merchandise)	\$3,144.22	\$4,669.62
GOLF BALLS	\$1,676.00	\$1,971.00
TEAMS EVENT	\$1,250.00	-
TOTAL GAME COSTS	\$6,070.22	\$7,108.62
GAME DAY CLUB - PAYMENTS (contra)	\$90,906.00	\$97,563.00
NAME BADGES	\$337.95	\$498.81
PRINTING & STATIONERY	\$765.19	\$624.29
WEB & COMPUTER RELATED EXP	\$5,293.00	\$3,528.40
COMMITTEE	\$787.65	\$1,500.50
BANK EFTPOS FEES	\$1,342.93	\$1,298.37
VVGA AFFILIATION	\$820.00	\$945.00
VVGA TEAMS EVENT	-	-
ADMINISTRATION	\$836.55	\$996.00
CONSUMER AFFAIRS	\$262.40	\$473.60
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	-	\$1,900.00
GAME PREPAYMENTS	\$100.00	-
ACCOUNTING	\$150.00	\$150.00
TOTAL CASH OUTFLOWS	\$108,071.89	\$116,586.59
NET CASH MOVEMENT	(\$616.88)	(\$1,185.93)

BALANCE SHEET

	2023-2024	2024-2025
CURRENT ASSETS		
CASH AT BANK	\$5,867.90	\$4,681.97
TERM DEPOSIT (12 mths @ 3.7% 24 Jul 2026)	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
TOTAL CASH AT BANK	\$30,867.90	\$29,681.97
CASH ON HAND (FLOAT)	\$35.00	\$35.00
GAME PREPAYMENTS	\$1,000.00	-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$31,902.90	\$29,716.97

MELBOURNE DISTRICT RESULTS 2024 – 2025

Date	Course	Result
Jul 1, 2024	Yarra Yarra (40)	A grade David Harbison(14) 35 B grade Ross Parks (28) 36
Aug 5, 2024	Rosebud (50)	A grade Stephen Costello (11) 37 B grade Conrad Groen (20) 37
Aug 19, 2024	Medway (47)	A grade Ralph Richards(14) 36 B grade Keith Wood head (26) 39
Sept 2, 2024	Southern (43) Handicap Bowl 1	A grade Bruce Maple (21) 36 B grade Ross Parks (30) 39
Sept 16, 2024	Heritage (Henley) (57)	A grade Graham Holmes (9) 43 B grade Max Van Helden (21) 40
Sept 30, 2024	Cranbourne (50)	A grade Peter Hayward (17) 38 B grade Ron Pratt (19) 34
Oct 14, 2024	Spring Valley 4BBB Std (59) and AGM	Cec Bailey (18) & Larry Wilson(24) 45 pts
Oct 28, 2024	Patterson River (57) Handicap Bowl 2	A grade Cec Bailey (18) 44 B grade Ian Norman(19) 44 Handicap Bowl winner 2024; Cec Bailey 78pts
Nov 11, 2024	Rosebud (North course) (23)	Conrad Groen (19) 37 pts
Nov 18, 2024	Riversdale (41)	A grade Mike Williams (13) 38 B grade Harold Wright (22) 34
Dec 9, 2024	Keysborough (teams) 3 best scores per hole	Colin Joell, Jim Holroyd, Phil Burckhardt & 126 points
Jan 20, 2025	District Challenge Match Hume - v – Melbourne	Melbourne 11 Hume 6 Ties 3 at Medway
Feb 5, 2025	Gardiners Run (42)	A grade Bino DaSilva (5) 40 B grade Oscar Diaz(22) 36
Feb 17, 2025	Heritage (St Johns) (47)	A grade Max Van Helden (18) 38 B grade Marg Harbinson (33) 35
Mar 3, 2025	Box Hill (48)	A grade Peter Grace (18) 35 B grade Brian Scott (24) 36
Mar 17, 2025	Settlers Run (42) Teams event ; best 3 scores	No Report
Mar 31, 2025	Rosanna (55) Club Champs 1	A grade Rob Pollard (15) 41 B grade Peter Nikolaides (31) 38 c/b
Apr 14, 2025	Keysborough (54) Club Champs 2	A grade Tony Jones (17) 39 B grade David Heraud (33) 37 c/b Club Champion ; Stuart Webb 85,86 =171
Apr 28, 2025	Southern (48) Gentsomes	No Report
May 16, 2025	Northern (53)	A grade John Fellowes(16) 42 B grade Rod Parry (32) 38 c/b
Jun 4, 2025	Cranbourne Woodlands Cup 2024 ; Barry Thompson(24) 39	A grade Paul Mathews (17) 32 c/b B grade Bill Riddle(22) 38
Jun 17, 2025	Patterson River	A grade Phil Clarke (15) 37 B grade Phil Moorby(36) 34