
Melbourne District Veteran Golfers Association (MDVGA)

Minutes of the 43rd Annual General Meeting

Held at Spring Valley Golf Club, Monday 13 October 2025, commencing at 12:30 p.m.

1. Attendance

The meeting was chaired by **President Larry Wilson**.

Present:

Tony Adderley (Assistant Secretary), Brian Scott (Treasurer), Don Hackett (Captain), John Armstrong (Membership Secretary), Richard Harmer, Tony Jones, Paul Stewart, Stuart Webb, David Worrell, and 17 other members.

Apologies:

Cec Bailey (Secretary), Wayne Reddaway (Committee).

Total members present: 26.

Minutes recorded by: Assistant Secretary, Tony Adderley.

2. Welcome

The President, **Larry Wilson**, opened the meeting at 12:30 p.m., welcoming all present and thanking members for attending despite reduced numbers and wet conditions. He noted apologies and acknowledged the contribution of former Treasurer **Len Symons**, who was in attendance as a Life Member.

He also recognised the members of the current Committee, thanking them for their dedication and contribution throughout the year:

- **Don Hackett**, Captain
- **Brian Scott**, Treasurer
- **Cec Bailey**, Secretary (apology)
- **John Armstrong**, Membership Secretary
- **Tony Adderley**, Assistant Secretary
- **Tony Jones**, Vice President
- **Richard Harmer**, Committee
- **Paul Stewart**, Committee and Website Manager
- **Stuart Webb**, Assistant Treasurer
- **David Worrell**, Merchandise Manager
- **Wayne Reddaway**, Committee (apology)

The President expressed appreciation for the collective efforts of the committee in maintaining the smooth running of the Association.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the **42nd Annual General Meeting held on 14 October 2024** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Richard Harmer **Seconded:** Paul Stewart **Carried.**

4. President's Report

The President summarised his **Annual Report**, which had been circulated to members. Key points included:

- Acknowledgement of the challenge of declining participation numbers, with approximately 21 players at recent events.
- Positive feedback from the trial of a **“two-for-one” recruitment offer**, resulting in around 12 prospective new members, six of whom have joined.
- Ongoing collaboration with other veteran golf associations, including **Victorian Vets, Eastern Vets, Hume, and Mornington**, to strengthen participation and engagement.
- Plans for a **joint inter-association event** in March 2026 at Settlers Run Golf Club, involving approximately 100 players from the four associations.
- Encouragement to continue pursuing high-quality courses while maintaining affordability and member engagement.

The President noted that the first MDVGA event at **Eastwood Golf Club** would take place later in October, and he thanked the Committee for its continued dedication.

Moved: Larry Wilson **Seconded:** Tony Jones **Carried.**

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer **Brian Scott** presented the financial report, noting a **loss of approximately \$1,200** for the year, primarily due to the free-game promotion at Cranbourne. He expressed disappointment that some participants attended only for the free round without intent to join but confirmed the Association remained in a sound financial position.

He advised that **membership fees and event fees remain unchanged**, as follows:

- Annual membership fee: \$40 (\$35 for long service members)
- Joining fee: \$80

He moved that the Treasurer's Report be adopted.

Moved: Brian Scott **Seconded:** Frank Martel **Carried.**

6. Adoption of Annual Report and Financial Statements

It was resolved that the **Annual Report and Financial Statements as presented represent a true and fair view of the Association's position.**

Moved: Tony Jones **Seconded:** Len Symonds **Carried.**

7. Lodgement of Statutory Statement

It was resolved that the **Secretary be authorised to complete and submit the necessary Annual Statement in accordance with Part 7 of the Act.**

Moved: Brian Scott **Seconded:** Frank Martel **Carried.**

8. Election of Office Bearers

The President reported that all current Committee members had agreed to continue in their respective roles for the coming year.

He noted that committee terms are now limited to **four years**, to ensure regular renewal and avoid extended tenures as in earlier years.

The **2025–2026 Committee** will therefore comprise:

Position	Member
President	Larry Wilson
Captain	Don Hackett
Secretary	Cec Bailey
Treasurer	Brian Scott
Membership Secretary	John Armstrong
Assistant Secretary	Tony Adderley
Vice President	Tony Jones
Committee	Richard Harmer, Wayne Reddaway, Paul Stewart, Stuart Webb, David Worrell

Moved: Larry Wilson **Seconded:** Don Hackett **Carried.**

9. Life Membership Award

The President proposed that **Life Membership** be awarded to **Mr. Frank Martel** in recognition of 20 years of membership, 13 years of committee service, and six years as Captain.

Moved: Len Symonds **Seconded:** Larry Wilson **Carried.**

The President presented Frank with his Life Membership Certificate.

Frank expressed his appreciation, remarking that he had enjoyed every moment of his service on the committee and as Captain, and encouraged others to participate in committee roles.

10. General Business

There was no further general business. The President thanked all members for attending and contributing to the success of the Association throughout the year.

11. Closure

There being no further business, the meeting closed at **1:15 p.m.**

Confirmed as a true record:

President: _____ Date: _____
Assistant Secretary: _____ Date: _____
