

MINUTES OF WGI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 27th October, 2025

AT PORT KEMBLA GOLF CLUB

Vice-President, B. Millard opened the meeting at 10.01am.

ATTENDANCE: S. Beazley, L. Scott, V. Diefenbach, K. Vincent, A. McMaster, J. O'Brien, T. Freeman, S. Rayner, D. Clune, A. Wadey, F. James, B. Roddy, J. Hoskins, A. Fisher, J. Nethery, B. Millard, J. Vincent, P. Timms, G. Bird, J. Davey, V. Critcher, D. Johnson, C. Pank, N. Edmonds, D. Swan

APOLOGIES: A. Finlay, I. Delfos, W. Thomson, A. Worth, L. Hay

MINUTES: Monday 28rd October 2024 (Worrigee Links) WGI AGM Minutes were e-mailed to all Club Secretaries and WGI Delegates.

Moved by J. O'Brien and Seconded by A. Van Woerkom that the Minutes be taken as read and accepted as a true record. Passed

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

Nil.

PRESIDENT REPORT:

The President Report by A. Finlay was e-mailed to all Club Secretaries and WGI Delegates and will be attached to the Minutes – Attachment 1. B. Millard asked for any questions or comments, there were none.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report was e-mailed to all Club Secretaries and WGI Delegates and will be attached to the Minutes – Attachment 2. Report presented to the meeting by J. Davey.

Report covers the period from 1st July, 2024 to the 30th June, 2025 and has been audited.

Cash book opening balance was - \$12,666.38

Receipts - \$22,049.69

Expenses - \$22,704.06

Unpresented cheques – None

Closing Balance - \$12,012.01

Question from the floor asking if Green fees were paid at Pennant the courses.

C. Pank confirmed that no green fees are paid for Pennants, but green fees are paid for the WGI events.

Moved Jane Davey that the Treasurer's Report be Accepted, seconded by V. Diefenbach. Passed.

The WGI Secretary, J. Vincent then read out the names of the delegates, and the Delegates List was ratified.

2026 Club Delegate List

No	Club	Name	Phone	Email
1	Calderwood	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	Callala Country	TBC	TBC	TBC
3	Gerringong	Trish Freeman	0408 341 213	gtfreeman@bigpond.com
4	Highlands	Wendy Thomson	0418 483 632	wendy.thompson4@bigpond.com
5	Jamberoo	Judi O'Brien	0402 240 650	judi_obrien@hotmail.com
6	Kiama	Janelle Hoskins	0412 722 835	chooky57@outlook.com
7	Mollymook	Sue Rayner	0412 446 079	sprayner44@gmail.com
8	Nowra	Sue Beazley	0403 723 297	wgnccaptain@gmail.com
9	Port Kembla	Nerida Edmonds	0425 369 400	lesedmonds52@gmail.com
10	Russell Vale	Allyson Fisher	0405 638 978	lcaptain@russellvalegolfclub.com.au afisher77@bigpond.com
11	Shoalhaven Heads	Ingrid Delfos	0450 472 363	imdelfos@yahoo.com
12	St Georges Basin	Judith Alison Nethery	0401 361 337	jnethery@iprimus.com.au
13	Sussex Inlet	Kaye Vincent	0429 917 060	kayevincent170@gmail.com
14	The Grange	Wendy Carlile	0417 256 995	carlilepw@gmail.com
15	The Links Shell Cove	Ailsa Wadey	0422 825 648	ailsa.wadey@gmail.com
16	Vincentia	Lyn Hay	0412 034 595	lyn_hay@live.com
17	Wollongong	Vicki Diefenbach	0432 321 655	ladies@the19th.com.au
18	Worrigee Links	Alison McMaster	0427 675 333	aljmcm@gmail.com

The delegate for Callala for 2026 is to be confirmed by the WGI Committee.

ELECTION OF THE 2025/2026 WGI COMMITTEE: -

All positions were declared vacant.

The names of the members nominated for positions on the WGI Committee, previously submitted were then read out by Jamberoo Delegate: J. O'Brien.

Name	Position	Nominated By	Seconded By
Ann Finlay	President	Jo Vincent	Catherine Pank
Denise Johnson	Vice President (Sth)	Catherine Pank	Robyn Bailey
Bev Millard	Vice President (Nth)	Annette Worth	Janelle Hoskins
Jane Davey	Treasurer	Catherine Pank	Denise Johnson
Catherine Pank	Events Coordinator	Megan Bathgate	Tracy Buckley
Dot Swan	Pennants Coordinator	Michele Champion	Kate Pugh
Jo Vincent	Secretary	Fran James	Bev Millard
Vicki Critcher	Committee	Jo Vincent	Fran James
Fran James	Committee	Jo Vincent	Bev Millard

The nominations were accepted by the candidates.

There were no Notice of Motions.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. 2026 Events & Meetings –

Event Co-ordinator Catherine Pank advised the dates of the WGI Events as per below.

No	Date	Event	Venue
1	Monday 9 th February, 2026	Opening Day	Mollymook GC
2	Mon 17 th August, 2026	Team Challenge – Hartball	Russell Vale GC
3	Mon 12 th , Tue 13 th & Wed 14 th October 2026	3-Day WGI Tournament	St Georges Basin GC
4	Monday 3rd August, 2026	WGI General Meeting	Sussex Inlet GC
5	Monday 2 nd November, 2026	WGI AGM	Gerringong GC

Cath explained that the Opening Day at Mollymook will initially be limited to 2 teams per club to allow the opportunity for all clubs to submit entries. After a set date if any team spaces remain unfilled, they will be opened to all clubs on a 'first come, first served basis'. The Opening day entry form will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Cath advised each year she sends out a document titled "Information for Captains and Secretaries". The document contains information on WGI events and Pennants, and Golf NSW events. The back page of the document contains a table of dates when entries and forms are due. It is a useful document, and all Captains and Secretaries are encouraged to read and use the guide. It will be sent out early next year.

2. 2026 Pennant Season

The 2026 Pennant report was presented by Pennant Coordinator Dot Swan.

Teams for the 2026 Pennant season are:

- Gold 8, Silver 13, Bronze 15 teams.
- Due to numbers the Silver and Bronze competitions will be split.
- 5 Clubs nominated 2 teams each in Bronze.
- All comps will start on the 16th February and finish on the 30th March.
- The Silver and Bronze Final will be held on 13th April (after Easter).
- There will be a trial of playing in 4's in Gold and this will be at Kiama.
- Draws will be emailed in the coming week.

GOLD	SILVER Red	SILVER Blue	BRONZE Green	BRONZE Yellow
Jamberoo	Kiama	Gerringong	Jamberoo	Jamberoo
Kiama	Mollymook	Jamberoo	Kiama	Kiama
Mollymook	Port Kembla	Russell Vale	Mollymook	Mollymook
Port Kembla	St Georges Basin	Shoalhaven Heads	Russell Vale	Russell Vale
Russell Vale	Sussex Inlet	Links Shell Cove	St Georges Basin	St Georges Basin
Shoalhaven Heads	The Grange	Wollongong	Nowra	Shoalhaven Heads
The Grange	Worrige Lks		Sussex Inlet	Vincentia
Wollongong			Wollongong	
8 teams	7 teams	6 teams	8 teams	7 teams
7 rounds	7 rounds	6 rounds	7 rounds	7 rounds
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Sue Rayner from Mollymook GC advised that in lieu of a District Grade Pennant competition this year, Mollymook trialled a Grade competition at their club, with the first round being completed on Sunday. The competition was well supported with a range of handicaps competing. Mollymook will provide a summary at the end of the competition.

Judi Nethery from St Georges Basin noted that at the General meeting it was mentioned that Bronze players could have a caddie. Judi asked if there was going to be a definition of what functions caddies could perform. Dot advised that WGI would put a definition in writing and reminded clubs that they should inform the opposition Captain if a caddie was going to be used.

Discussion

1. Ailsa Wadey from The Links Shell Cove asked how WGI could help share information regarding their monthly Open Day on the last Thursday of the month. Bev Millard advised that you can send the information to her and she will put it on WGI Facebook site and on the WGI website under the Calendar of Events.
2. Judi O'Brien from Jamberoo offered congratulations to the WGI committee regarding the 3-day Tournament at Kiama. Judi noted that the tournament was well supported and very well run. Cath Pank gave a summary of the field size on each day of Tournament and reminded all Clubs to promote the 3-day Tournament and advise their members that they have the option to play in all 3 days. Nerida Edmonds from Port Kembla asked if players were able to request an early tee time to accommodate their work hours. Cath Pank advised that players could ask for an early tee time and WGI will do their very best accommodate the request, whilst aiming to keep divisions together as much as possible.
3. Bev Millard reminder to all clubs to reply to Fran James email request for Open Days and Club Championship dates to help clubs with planning. Once all the dates are received, they will be compiled into a spreadsheet and send to all clubs Secretaries and Delegates.

Vice-President, B. Millard, thanked Port Kembla Golf Club and the Port Kembla Ladies for holding the WGI AGM for 2025. The WGI is always grateful for the effort of clubs to hold our meetings and events.

Vice-President, B. Millard Closed the Meeting at 10:26am

Next AGM will be held on Monday 2nd November, 2026 at Gerringong Golf Club

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Vice-President

B. Millard

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Secretary

J. Vincent

Women's Golf Illawarra

President's Report

Good morning Ladies,

WGI OPENING DAY 2025

The district Opening day was held on Monday 10 February at Jamberoo Golf Club. A field of 120 players (30 teams from 10 clubs) commenced the event, an 18 hole 4 person Las Vegas Ambrose however, due to the inclement weather including lightning the results were based on a nine hole competition. Despite the weather the day was a wonderful success. Our thanks go to our host for the day; the Jamberoo ladies looked after all the players and warmed our hearts with a scrumptious lunch.

Winners	– Mandy Fitzgerald Maureen Butler Lyn Smart Alison Webb	Result: 29.1 net Club: Wollongong
Runners-up	– Marie Smith Barbara Costello Lorraine Southwell Rhonda McKinley	Result: 29.3 net Club: Jamberoo
Third:	- Wendy Carlile Janelle Winbank Di Searle Susan Simpson	Result: 29.7 net Club: The Grange

PENNANTS 2025

2025 did not disappoint, another year when inclement weather impacted on all three grades but fortunately for only one round in each grade.

The final standings were:

Gold Pennant Winners – Wollongong GC
Silver Pennant Winners – Jamberoo GC
Bronze Pennant Winner – Mollymook GC

Many thanks go to all the Golf Clubs and Committees who hosted throughout this Pennants season. Without the cooperation of Clubs and Club Committees our annual pennants season would not be conducted in the efficient and effective manner it is.

The 2026 Pennants information was sent out to all clubs via email on 1 September 2025 by our Pennants Coordinator Dot Swan.

WGI TEAM CHALLENGE

75 players from 10 clubs had nominated to participate in the WGI Teams Challenge for 2025.

The competition was originally scheduled for Monday 18 August at Worrigee Links. Due to bad weather and the course being closed the event was rescheduled for Monday 15 September. Again, the weather impacted on this event. Regrettably the event was cancelled. We have our fingers crossed for our 2026 event.

WGI TOURNAMENT

This year our tournament was held at Kiama Golf Club.

Our winners for 2025 were:

Open Champion 2025:	Sage Laird	St Michaels	143 Gross	
Champion of Champions:	Sage Laird	Links Shell Cove	74 Gross	
WGI Trophy Winner:	Kerrie Savage	Kiama	66 Net	
NSW Women's Medal District Final	Division 1	Sue Beazley	Nowra	72 Net
	Division 2	Kerrie Savage	Kiama	66 Net
	Division 3	Genevieve Bird	Vincentia	69 Net

Congratulations to our winners and I wish our Medal winners all the best in the Women's Medal State Final to be conducted at Stonecutters Ridge GC on Wednesday 10th December 2025.

Thank you to all of the Clubs that participated and a special thank you to the Women's Committee and Staff of Kiama Golf Club for hosting this year's event.

GENERAL MEETING

The General Meeting was held at Link Shell Cove GC on Monday 4th August 2024. Delegates from all Clubs (other than Highlands GC who sent apologies) were represented.

As has been the case at previous general meetings the primary discussion centred around matters raised as part of the review conducted into the 2025 Pennants seasons. There were vigorous discussions regarding GA handicap limits, travel and tee times, delays in play, qualifying requirements for finals, caddies and carts, order of play and the potential to include a Grade competition. Resolutions to a number of these matters were resolved.

All of the issues that were raised will be comprehensively covered by our Pennants Coordinator.

DATES TO REMEMBER for 2026

- WGI Opening Day – Monday 9th February at Mollymook GC
- General Meeting – Monday 3rd August at Sussex Inlet GC
- WGI Teams Challenge Hartball – Monday 17th August at Russell Vale GC
- WGI Tournament – Mon 12th, Tues 13th, Wed 14th October at St Georges Basin GC
- AGM – Monday 2nd November at Gerringong GC

We have a strong women's district here in the Illawarra and this is due to each and every female player that engages in the game of golf in our district. While WGI conducts only four golf events each year participation in these events is always well supported by the women of the district. Thank you, to all the women golfers and supporters who participate in our events.

Many thanks to all of the Clubs and Club Committee members who hosted our events throughout this year. It is without the support and co-operation of the District clubs and work by the committee members and supporters that make these events possible.

I would like to thank all of the WGI committee members for their time and energy. I would especially like to mention our Secretary Jo Vincent who has done an amazing job, a huge thanks also to our Competition Secretary Cath Pank and our Pennants Coordinator Dot Swan for their continued and tireless work.

Wishing everyone all the best for your 2026 golfing year.

(Original signed by)
Ann Finlay
President WGI

Attachment 2 . Treasurer's Report.

Women's Golf Illawarra Inc				
Profit & Loss Statement for the period				
1st July 2024 to 30th June 2025				
Income				
Affiliation Fees	5,266.00			
Juniors	0.00			
Donations	0.00			
Interest	1.49			
Trophy Fees	580.00			
Finals & T'ment	7,927.00			
Hartball	4,000.00			
Opening Day	3,480.00			
Sundry	795.20			
	22,049.69			
Expenses				
Committee Expenses	2,032.56			
Tournament Refunds	120.00			
Bank Fees	0.00			
Pennants	330.00			
Prizes	0.00			
Balls, Trophies, Vouchers	9,328.50			
Catering	210.00			
Green Fees	10,333.00			
Sundry	350.00			
	22,704.06			
Surplus/(Deficit)	(654.37)			
Bank Reconciliation as at	30th June 2025			
Cash Book Opening Balance	12,666.38			
Plus Receipts	22,049.69			
Less Payments	(22,704.06)			
Cash Book Closing Balance	12,012.01			
Balance per Bank Statement	12,012.01			
Less Unpresented Chqs	0.00			
	12,012.01	0.00		