

**The
Victorian Greenkeepers
Association
Incorporated**



103rd Annual Report

&

Balance Sheet

Season 2013 - 2014

**Minutes from the AGM
Held on 13th June 2013
At MCC BC**

Present. D.Appleyard, W.Maynard, L.Govan, A.Shawcross, A.Mathers, S.Harling. P.Grant, J.Ramsden, A.McEachern, M.Carroll

Apologies. N.Scholfield, D.Zitter, A.Elliot

Minutes.

President Dyson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. The minutes from the 2012 AGM were taken as read, moved by A.Mathers, Seconded, P.Grant.

The Annual report was circulated with W.Maynard noting that there was a small typo. Moved A.Shawcross, Seconded, J.Ramsden.

Dyson now stepped down from the chair and handed it over to A.McEachern who called for nominations for the position of President.

A.Shawcross nominated S.Harling. Seconded by W.Maynard. Shane accepted and took the chair.

Shane called for nominations for the position of Vice President.

D.Appleyard nominated A.Shawcross. Seconded by P.Grant. Adam accepted.

Shane called for nominations for the position Secretary.

D.Appleyard nominated W.Maynard, Seconded by A.Shawcross. Warren accepted

Shane called for nominations for the position of Treasurer.

W.Maynard nominated L.Govan, Seconded by A.Shawcross. Lee accepted.

Shane called for nominations for the position of committee.

W.Maynard nominated A.Mathers, Seconded by L.Govan

A.Shawcross nominated P.Grant, Seconded by J.Ramsden

S.Harling nominated Darren Martin, Seconded by D.Appleyard

W.Maynard nominated Nick Scholfield. Seconded by J.Ramsden

D.Appleyard will stay on as immediate past president

General Business Shane Harling thanked Dyson for his time as President and also thanked all involved in the recent seminar as it was a great success and sets a high standard for the future.

Meeting Closed 11.23

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 102nd Annual General Meeting of the members of the Victorian Greenkeepers Association Inc will be held on
Wednesday 11th June 2014,
At MCC Bowling Club,

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 102nd Annual General Meeting, held on **Thursday 13th June 2013**
2. Adoption of the 103rd Annual Report and Balance Sheet
3. Election of Office Bearers for 2014 - 2015
4. Election of Match Committee
5. General Business

103rd ANNUAL REPORT

Gentlemen,

The VGA Committee is pleased to present the Association's 103rd Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the Season 2013 - 2014

Warren Maynard
Hon. Secretary

PRESIDENT

Shane Harling

VICE PRESIDENT

Adam Shawcross

SECRETARY:

Warren Maynard

TREASURER

Lee Govan

COMMITTEE:

Alan Mathers

Dyson Appleyard

Nick Scholfield

Phil Grant

Darren Martin

VGA President's Report

Another season over and a well earned break for many of our greenkeepers after an inconsistent summer weather wise. Cool spring and summer then extreme heat throughout February, with autumn really the pick of the bunch with some fantastic consistent temperatures.

As an Association we are continuing to strive to provide as much information to you the member as we can. Our Facebook Chat Page has proven to be a very successful tool and keeps growing each year. With greenkeepers from Sth Australia and NSW on there as well as many reps, there is always someone to answer a question you may have, be it a problem or just some reassuring advice. Please contact the VGA if you would like to join this page.

This is my first year as President and I couldn't be more pleased with the direction of the VGA as we strive to become the number 1 association for lawn bowls in Australia.

This year saw us travel to Canberra in May for Federation Week, and even though we struggled on the greens, the boys played to their best and gave 100% It was great catching up with old friends and making new ones during the week and I am sure many of our contingent would have brought home some new ideas for their own greens. Federation Week 2017 is here in Victoria and plans are already in motion as to the region we will be holding it. This will be our chance to showcase what Victoria has to offer.

This year's committee have really worked hard in building this Association, be it through acquiring new sponsors, new members or helping to promote natural grass greens.
Thanks

Adam Shawcross and Nick Scholfield have done their job with maintaining our sponsors (Nick is stepping down this year, thanks for your service on the committee and the great work you have done.)

Warren Maynard has been excellent and very efficient as our secretary, keeping a great account of our meetings usually down to the finest detail as well as his work on Federation Week.

Lee Govan has been able to keep our Treasurer's role in tight check.

Dyson Appleyard has kept everyone informed and up to date with emails, newsletters, website and social media as well as his work on Federation Week uniforms

Phil Grant, has taken on the role organising "VGA Turf Tour" and has not let us down, it was great last year and this year promises to be even better.,

Alan Mathers, thanks for bringing us plenty of information and ability to think outside the box and not just as greenkeepers.

I look forward to the return of our Seminar next year and what the season will bring us Remember our role on the committee is voluntary and each of us gives up considerable time try our absolute best to promote natural turf as well as a successful and professional VGA.

Shane Harling

Secretary's Report

I think I have started my secretaries report for the past few years in the same way, it goes something like, "**It's once again been another big year for the VGA**".

Like always our calendar has been jam packed with social and informative events, in saying that, all our events cover both those categories.

We started the year with our annual **Turf Tour** in August. We headed to the Western Sydney and spent 3 days visiting bowling clubs, sports complexes, an amazing golf course and Homebush Stadium; unfortunately we missed out on the Harbour Bridge.

The summer was a weird one this year for greenkeepers. The spring was cool and so was December. Guys on tiff greens had a short window to topdress over the Christmas break but unfortunately the first 2 weeks of Jan were cool and by far not favourable for renovated tiff greens, then we had a record heat wave and dry spell, so it was from one extreme to another.

The VGA Pairs sponsored by **K&B Adams and Colin Campbell Chemicals** were once again held at Princess Park and like always, was a great day and a lot of fun. Over 20 attended and the eventual winners after some great bowls were **Ray Thorne** and **Glenn Harvey**.

From there we moved on the VGA Singles sponsored by **Golf and Bowling Machinery**. The numbers were poor last year and we were hoping for a better turn out on this occasion. The venue was MCC Bowls and we were delighted to have 15 bowlers turn up ready to play with a few spectators. The winner of the day was **Patrick O'Shea** from Bright BC in a tight game that came down to the last bowl of the day. He just got over the line against **Brad Imberger** from Kew Heights.

As we were winding down for the season it was time to travel to Canberra for the **Australian Greenkeepers Federation Week**. This prestigious event is held every 3 years and is the most important event on our calendar. We had a great turn out with 24 Vics attending the event, second only behind NSW.

The week was great, the information shared was extensive and the educational aspect to the week was informative. Amongst all this we played some bowls, with the highlight of our pair's team of Nathan Swincer and Ben Lundberg making the semi finals, and only going down in the semi's by 2 shots. As always it was a great week and I'm already looking forward to 3 years time when we host this event. Plans have already started.

I wish everyone the best for the upcoming year, with the return of the VGA Information Seminar and all the usual suspects once again being held, it promises to be a good year.

Warren Maynard

Committee Meeting Attendance 2013-2014

Shane Harling.	6
Warren Maynard	7
Adam Shawcross	6
Dyson Appleyard	7
Lee Govan	7
Phil Grant	3
Nick Scholfield	3
Alan Mathers	5
Darren Martin	0



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