



PERTH SUBURBAN WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

MINUTES 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT ROYAL PERTH GOLF CLUB MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2025

The Vice President, Margaret Osment, opened the meeting at 10.20 AM and thanked those in attendance.

ATTENDANCE:

Vice President Margaret Osment (in Chair); Treasurer Lyndelle Wilson; Secretary, Jan Graham; Tournament Director, Alison Wakeham; Tournament Director Pat Fitzsimons; Committee Representative, Megan Lewis; Committee Representative Margrette Gilmore.

Life Members:

Shirley Simpson; Joan Nicoli; Marj Malatesta; Megan Lewis; Ruth Strugnell; Jan Graham, Jeanette Bannister.

Match Committee:

Jill Wirth in attendance.

Club Delegates:

Coastals; Collier Pines; Hamersley; Jandalakes; Marangaroo; Point Walter; Redbacks; Rosehill; Sapphires; Scarborough; Seabirds; Surfside (Proxy); The Ladies Cosmopolitan; Wednesday Ladies Whaleback; Whaleback Warriors; Yaringa.

OBSERVERS:

NIL

APOLOGIES: President Genny Conner; Life Member Dolly Williams; Embers; Floreat; Hawkvalley; Links; Marri Park; Peninsula; Quondong; Swan Vale; West Aviat; Whaleback Women's

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2025:

May I begin with my sincere apologies and disappointment in not being here with you today. Thank you to Marg for taking the chair at such short notice.

Good morning everyone and welcome to the League's AGM and morning tea, thank you all for your attendance. Please enjoy your morning as a token of the League's thanks for all you do as delegates. Your attendance at

meetings, keeping your clubs informed and encouraging participation in our events are critical to our success and you are a very important cog in our wheel.

I extend a warm welcome also to all our Life Members. It is always a pleasure to see you all and we thank you for your ongoing contributions and support. I would like to extend well wishes to Dolly Williams our only Life Member unable to attend today.

We had a year with a few challenges but overall I hope you all enjoyed the competitions and Pennant season and we can continue to present enjoyable, competitive tournaments into the future.

As you all know, early this season, we had a rapid reshuffle of the Autumn Cup when at late notice Hamersley couldn't accommodate us. We can confirm that we have secured this event to be held at Hamersley on the 4th of May next year, so mark your diaries and let's aim for a full field.

This year for the first time in many years we had two events adversely affected by wet and wild weather. Day two of our Spring Carnival was cancelled when Hillview closed the course. We have consulted with their management and are hoping to secure credits for those who were registered to play. The 4BBB play off was another terrible wet and windy day of which some competitors battled through but unfortunately some withdrew. Obviously out of our control, but the Management committee will review our policy on this issue should it arise again, at our planning meeting in January.

Our other event which resulted in a disappointing finish was our District Championship at Maylands. Unfortunately, Golf Australia was implementing a massive upgrade of the handicap system on the weekend prior, which rolled over into the Monday of our event. We couldn't achieve a reliable result to award prizes on the day. Very frustrating and disappointing but we tried to rectify this with the presentations being made at our recent end of year lunch.

Your Management and Match committees, have continued to dedicate their time, effort and support in presenting tournaments; the pennant competition; Golf WA representation and updates; trophy presentation and end of season lunch, just to name a few of the jobs undertaken. I thank you all very much for your commitment, in this time poor world we have all become a part of your time and dedication is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Karan Barnes for sourcing our varied and interesting raffle prizes throughout the year.

This year Jan is stepping down from her role as Secretary, leaving a void yet to receive a nomination. We thank Jan for her long term, tireless dedication and support to the League over many years and in various roles. We wish her many more enjoyable years of golf and friendship as you enjoy your retirement. As a small token of thanks we would like to present you with these flowers. I also believe that Jan may have celebrated a birthday with a zero just yesterday, so very best wishes in this special year of celebrations.

In closing I would like to wish everyone of you and your loved ones a very happy, safe and fun filled holiday season and I look forward to seeing you all back out on the course in 2026.

Genny Conner (President)

RECEIVED: **Accepted:** JANDALAKES **Seconded:** COLLIER PINES

PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 54th AGM held on 25 November 2024 were confirmed as correct.

Accepted: SEABIRDS **Seconded:** THE LADIES COSMOPOLITAN

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE INWARDS:

- Letter from Clark Osborne, General Manager, Hamersley Golf Club, confirming that the PSWGL's Autumn Cup can be held at Hamersley on 4 May 2026.
- Letter from Sapphires Ladies Golf Club advising that the club will be resigning from the PSWGL in 2026.
- Letter from Swan Vale Golf Club advising that the club will be resigning from the PSWGL in 2026.
- Letter from Helen Hatton regarding presentation of DLMT badge
- Correspondence organizing the Presentation Luncheon 2025
- Letter from GolfWA advising that the CEO, Gary Thomas, will resign at the end of 2025.
- Letter from Jo Calvo asking for the secretary to send information out on a competition being held at Hartfield Golf Course on 24 November 2025.
- Letter from Brad Eastwick, Hillview Golf Course, acknowledging the League's letter re the cancellation of day two of the Spring Carnival. Brad advised he would speak with management and get back with a response as soon as possible.
- Letter from Quondong regarding the possibility of changing the date of their financial year.
- Letter from Quondong thanking Megan Lewis for her invaluable advice on whether or not the club is incorporated.

CORRESPONDENCE OUTWARDS:

- Letter to Clark Osborne, General Manager, Hamersley Golf Club, asking if he would confirm with the League, in writing, that the Autumn Cup can be held at Hamersley on Monday 4 May 2026.
- Letter to Marj Malatesta thanking her for her longstanding commitment to the PSWGL over many years including her time spent cheering up the ladies during the League's competitions by handing out lollies and chockies to everyone.
- Letter to Sapphires in response to their advice that the Sapphires Ladies Golf Club will be resigning from the League next year.
- Letter to Brad Eastwick, Operations Manager, Hillview Golf Course, regarding the cancellation of Day two of the Spring Carnival and the possibility of all the ladies who registered to play on the day receiving a voucher enabling them to play a game at Hillview on a day of their choosing.
- Letter to Quondong providing detailed information on what is required of clubs wanting to change the date of their financial year.
- Further letter to Quondong providing information on whether or not the club is an incorporated body and requirements for clubs to submit an annual information statement to the Associations Branch of Consumer Protection.
- Letter of thanks to the CEO of GolfWA, Gary Thomas, acknowledging his wonderful commitment to GolfWA over many years and wishing him well on his retirement at the end of 2025.

ACCEPTED: SAPPHIRES

FINANCIAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET:

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR
1 NOVEMBER 2024 THROUGH 31 OCTOBER 2025**

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

Here we are at the end of the 2025 season and I am presenting my first AGM report as Treasurer of Perth Suburban Women's Golf League.

The year seems to have flown by and I have learned a great deal about the League and its workings. I particularly want to thank Ruth Strugnell for a seamless handover of the Treasurer's duties to me. Her allowing me to shadow her last year made the takeover of the position a lot less daunting for me as I learned about the League ways of doing things. I also sincerely want to thank the current committee for answering my many questions, sharing their knowledge and supporting me after my accident while I recuperated during May, June and July this year.

I now have pleasure in presenting the financial report for the 2025 season: -

Opening Balance as at 1 November 2024	31 October 2025	\$ 8,874.87
Income received during 2025		\$ 41,430.09
Expenses during 2025		<u>\$-43,737.59</u>
Resulting in a deficit for 2025 of		\$-2,307.50
Closing Balance as at 31 October 2025		<u>\$ 6,567.37</u>
Made up of		
Cash at Bank as per bank statement		<u>\$6,567.37</u>

I will now give you a breakdown of the League operating income and expenditure for 2025:

General Fee Income	\$
25 Member Clubs Affiliation fees received	250.00
1,079 Associates Affiliation fees received	7,552.00
25 Pennants teams fees received	200.00
	<u>8,002.00</u>

Administration expenses –

New computer for secretary, USB stick, 2 x flowers for retiring committee	-2,409.50
Annual charges for OneGolf \$1,089 and MS 365 \$179	-1,268.00
	-3,677.50

Functions

2024 AGM and Delegates morning tea	-692.50
Presentation Lunch subsidy for associates \$15 x 101 and \$73 for 6 Life Members	-2,612.65
Tea and coffee \$2 x 103, Room Hire \$300, Door prize baskets \$211.65	
	-3,305.15

Tournaments

Tournament Raffle and Lucky Number takings, less expenses	2,214.33
Tournaments entry fees, green fees and lunches	24,127.19
Donation from J Nicoli for Autumn Cup Prize	60.00
Tournament payment for green fees, lunches, room hire	-24,117.00
Vouchers \$4070, Novelties/ balls 478.52, Badges \$652.85 and Trophy engraving \$410	-5,611.37
	-3,326.85

Deficit for 2025

-2,307.50

Raffles and lucky number boards

In total raising \$2,214.33 after expenses, this has significantly helped with the costs of running tournaments. The league has provided raffle prizes for all Tournaments and door prizes for the Presentation Lunch, the AGM morning tea and at general meetings. Karan Barnes holds a float of \$30 which she will pass on to the Management Committee for use next year.

Tournament chocolates and lollies were generously donated by Joan, Marj and Shirley during the 2025 season.

Novelty and Prizes Stock on hand

There is no stock on hand of any novelty prizes. This year we had prizes and novelty stock purchased in 2024 which supplemented the 2025 prizes, but all have now been used. There are 3 dozen golf balls on hand for ball giveaways next season.

Badge stock is as follows: -

95 DLMT badges (20-25 used annually)

104 Pennants badges (usually 25 annually)

45 LGMT badges (usually 10 annually)

Silver, Bronze and Brass 8 of each (1 of each used annually)

This stock of badges should carry us over for about 4 years.

MiTournament Entries and Stripe Fees

There was \$23,316 paid through MiTournament by tournament entrants of which \$718.56 was charged for Stripe fees, resulting in the balance of \$22,597.44 being deposited to the PSWGL bank account by Stripe.

Direct Bank Deposits

\$1,529.75 was deposited directly to the bank account for late or replacement entries and from clubs for 4BBB entry fees. \$60 was deposited as a Donation from Joan Nicoli for Autumn Cup prize.

League funded events

The League has continued to fully fund the Dulcie Liddelow MT, Lucy Green MT and the Champion of Champion events with no extra fees or green fees required to be paid by Clubs for these events.

At the Presentation Lunch the League paid a \$15 subsidy for 101 attending associate members and \$73 for the 6 Life members who attended, as well as \$2 each for 103 tea/coffees.

Documents are available if anyone wants any clarification on the information I have provided in this report. The bank account has been reconciled and a copy of the Bank Statement as at 31 October 2025 is also available. Thank you.

Lyndelle Wilson – Treasurer PSWGL

24/11/25

Accepted: YARINGA **Seconded:** COLLIER

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2025:

Firstly, Pat and I would like to thank all the clubs who assisted us in running our program of events this year. It is a great help to us to have people on the registration table, checking lunch orders, acting as starters, getting the novelties organised etc.

So thank you to all the clubs who did get involved, not only those who hosted a tournament but those from other clubs who offered to help.

Apart from the weather, which Genny mentioned in her report, and the Golf Australia changeover – things that we couldn't control – the year seemed to run quite smoothly.

As I have mentioned previously, some of the courses have limited our playing numbers to 40, and others have put caps on the sizes of the fields we can run, but I think the adjustments we made last year to run the Judy Sinclair and Lucy Greene events on their own separate day have allowed us to deal with those changes.

By doing that, we were able to run the 4BBB play-off and the Champion of Champions event and Dulcie Liddelow event on the courses that allow us to have just 40 players.

The caps on the field created a little concern, particularly at our final event at Maylands. The field of 112 was filled more than two weeks before the cut-off date and though we had a waiting list, a number of people couldn't be accommodated.

We have a good relationship with the people we deal with at the various courses and we will continue to push for bigger fields at our biggest events.

And as Genny said, after a lot of mixed messages from Hamersley, we now have written confirmation that we can hold the Autumn Cup back at that course next year, which will be great.

Our pennants season this year attracted 25 teams and was played across four divisions.

Our thanks to Robyn Heyting, Jill Wirth and Roberta Jones, who booked all the courses, did the draw and recorded the scores, week in and week out.

After our pennants review last year, we were able to provide updated matchplay indexes for every course we played at and took on board a few other suggestions.

The season went very well and, again, thank you to those three ladies.

The League continued to pay the entry fees for the Champion of Champion, Dulcie Liddelow and Lucy Greene events, and they were all very well attended.

In conclusion, we thank everyone for their support this year and wish you and your families a great festive season.

Alison Wakeham and Pat Fitzsimons

Accepted: SCAROROUGH

GOLFWA DELEGATES' REPORT 2025

Your Delegates have reported to you at the three General meetings of the League which were held in March, May and October of this year, but the major items from those reports are summarised for this final report for 2025:

GolfWA

- AGM held 14 April at RPGC**

Under the new services agreement, Golf Australia now employs the GolfWA staff who deliver golf services within WA on behalf of Golf Australia. This enables staff wider and more access to resources and knowledge, which ultimately benefits the delivery of golfing services across WA. The Golf Australia CFO was present at the meeting to explain the new financial structure.

- Emma Elliott** had been elected by her Board colleagues as the Chair of GolfWA for the second year - a great achievement for Emma and for the League, since Emma is a member of the Hamersley Ladies' Golf Club.
- The 100th WA Open** was held this year at the Mandurah Country Club - a very special milestone in the history of our State golfing body.
- Special General meeting held 15 August at Lake Karrinyup GC**

This meeting was held to accept a special resolution regarding the election of Directors and their terms and to enable Board members to remain insitu until the new annual date was set for the AGM in 2026.

- GolfWA shifted to new premises at SportHQ, Floreat** in August and on November 11 a 2nd AGM for the year was held there. A Special Resolution sought acceptance of nomination of Greg Higham for Life Membership of GolfWA and this was accepted unanimously. Amongst other responsibilities, Greg had been a GolfWA Board member for 11 years, six as Chair and Delegate to Golf Australia for 10 years.
- The Australian Golf State Services Agreement** between GolfWA and Golf Australia had been tracking well since its inception in July 2024, with the GolfWA Board and CEO extremely pleased so far, having taken nearly ten years to accept Golf Australia's proposal. The Golf Australia Financial Officer attends GolfWA General Meetings in Perth and is able to answer queries of the clubs when necessary, regarding the financials of GolfWA.
- Retirement of GolfWA CEO, Gary Thomas**
Gary had announced on 24 September that he intended to retire from his position as GolfWA CEO at the end of this year. Emma Elliott, Chair of GolfWA Board spoke about the huge contribution Gary had made to golf in WA and whilst there would be formal functions held at the time of Gary's retirement, she wished to acknowledge him and his achievements at this time.
- GolfConnect** - All our clubs had managed to get across the line to complete all that was required for the final acceptance of the agreement for the use of the new GolfConnect platform. GolfLink was shut down and the new platform was finally ready to accept scores on Friday 10 October.

- **Player's Personal Liability Insurance Policy**

Golf Australia had announced changes to this policy on 19 December 2024, but further changes were notified to all clubs on 11 July 2025 by email. For complete information regarding these changes, please visit the websites of Golf Australia or GolfWA

- **GolfWA competitions 2025**

GolfWA conducts several competitions during the year and provides play-off events at various private club courses. Our public course players compete well in these competitions as evidenced by some of the play-off results again this year, competing against ladies from all golf clubs State-wide.

- **Silver Spoon play-off** – an individual nett competition for club winners and played at Seaview Golf Club on 8 September – a field of 45 ladies from private and public-course clubs from around the State. The play-off was won by a public-course player – **Oh Mueller from Point Walter** who enjoyed this victory with a score of nett 73.
- **Jubilee Fours play-off** – played at Mount Lawley Golf Club on 9 September amongst winners from clubs from all over the State, **Kerry Van Moorsel and Christine Devenish from Marangaroo** came third out of 61 pairs with 38 pts and **Nicolie Collinson and Gail Hackett from Yaringa** came 7th with 34 pts.

We, your Delegates to GolfWA, Margrette Gilmore and Megan Lewis are both happy to continue in our current roles on the PSWGL Management Committee in 2026, where part of our responsibility as Committee Representatives is to represent PSWGL clubs at GolfWA meetings, but also to assist clubs with GolfWA-related matters when necessary.

We wish all Perth Suburban Delegates and their families a safe and happy Christmas period and look forward to another season of interaction with you at meetings or on the course at our League events.

Megan Lewis and Margrette Gilmore

ACCEPTED: Marangaroo

Election of Office Bearers for 2026:

The following nominations had been received by the closing date. As there were no further nominations the nominees for each position were therefore duly elected.

POSITION	ELECTED	CLUB	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Genny Conner	Links	Kerry Cable	Alison Bridgland
Vice President	Margaret Osment	Hawkvalley	Wendy Cooper	Heather Milne
Tournament Director	Alison Wakeham Pat Fitzsimons	Links Ladies Ladies Cosmopolitan	Genny Conner Alison Wakeham	Megan Lewis Genny Conner

Secretary	No nomination			
Treasurer	Lyndelle Wilson	Hamersley	Ruth Strugnell	Genny Conner
Committee Representative	Megan Lewis	Point Walter	Jenni Mokrzycki	Jan Graham
Committee Representative	Margrette Gilmore	Jandalakes	Genny Conner	Jan Graham

MATCH COMMITTEE FOR 2026:

The following ladies will be approached by the Management Committee to be a member of the Match Committee in 2026 -

MATCH COMMITTEE		
NOMINEE	CLUB	PROPOSER
Roberta Jones	Yaringa	Janet Graham
Robyn Heyting	Scarborough	Genny Conner
Jill Wirth	Yaringa	Megan Lewis

NOTIFIED GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Position of Secretary in 2026:**

As no nominations had been received for the position of Secretary in 2026, Marg Osment asked for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

Jan Graham advised the meeting that she had spoken with Michele Giggins from the Sapphires Ladies Golf Club prior to the meeting commencing, to ask if she would be interested in taking on the role. Michele advised that she would be unable to nominate for 2026 but would be interested in working as the League Secretary in 2027. Megan Lewis was delighted to hear of this development and suggested to the meeting that the position of secretary could possibly be managed by other members of the Committee in the meantime, until a replacement could be found for 2026.

- **Competition fee Increase from \$4 to \$5:**

Currently Tournaments are running at a loss. Numbers have been down in some of the events this year – 586 entrants and hence tournament income is down. This year the loss was \$3,327 even after including raffle profits of \$2,214. In order to maintain the level of prizes and because of continuing rising costs for novelties, chocolates and raffle prizes, the committee has agreed to increase the competition fee by \$1 to \$5 per entry for each tournament.

From the current \$4 Entry Fee the League only gets on average \$2.47. The other \$1.53 goes to Stripe as the Stripe charge, which is 3.08% of the total transaction.

We have used all stock on hand of novelty prizes this year so next season's cost will be greater for them. We are in a good position with badge stock but trophy engraving will increase.

- **Resignation of Sapphires Ladies Club from the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League:**

Megan spoke to the meeting regarding the relevance and objects of the League .

Committee and Life member Megan Lewis raised the matter arising from incoming correspondence from the Sapphires Ladies Golf Club, which advised of the club's resignation from the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League. Megan took the opportunity to speak to the meeting about this in the context of the future of the League and its objectives and relevance to women's golf clubs playing golf on public courses (PSWGL member clubs).

The League committee had responded to Sapphires following their resignation advice, and registered disappointment in their decision, drawing attention to some of the advantages of being a member club of the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League, as below.

The League

- conducts a District Championship and nine other tournaments annually for players from member clubs, providing the opportunity for competitive golf and friendship amongst ladies from other league clubs
- provides assistance and advice to clubs as required
- assists with processes and changes to rules, handicapping and insurance
- gives member clubs a direct line and voice at GolfWA general meetings via our two Delegates
- represents over 1100 public course women golfers by two PSWGL Delegates' to GolfWA - individual public course clubs have NO representation at all to GolfWA, if not members of the PSWGL
- membership fees for affiliation with the PSWGL are very affordable at \$10.00 per club and \$7.00 per player annually, enabling club players to enter the events provided by the League and avail themselves of the services mentioned above
- provides play-offs each year for club winners of the Dulcie Liddelow and Lucy Greene Memorial Trophies and the Champion of Champions competition, with no entry, competition or green fees payable by the club or players

- provides personally engraved badges for the Dulcie Liddelow and Lucy Greene Memorial Trophy winners in each club each year
- provides a subsidy to member club attendees at the annual trophy presentation lunch (amount depending on the financial position of the League at the time)

It is understood that Sapphires could revisit their resignation decision at their AGM in December and it is certainly the hope of the League that their decision will be reversed. Our current League Champion is a member of Sapphires and it is hoped that she will have the opportunity to defend her title in 2026 as a Sapphires member.

Megan pointed out to the meeting that the League had been formed in the 1970s by Dulcie Liddelow and Lucy Greene and other ladies at the Rosehill Ladies Golf Club, to give opportunities to women playing in public course clubs, which at that time were not being afforded them by the State Association for women playing in the private clubs. Over the many ensuing years, the League had continued to grow in number of member clubs due to the huge voluntary effort of those who have worked so hard to improve and strengthen the League. The Collier Delegate (Jil Wilson) spoke to the meeting about her mother's involvement with the Rosehill ladies' club at that and the formation of the League, and what it had meant to those ladies so many years ago.

All these years later, it seems that some clubs, possibly due to changes in membership and committee personnel, don't know the background, nor the importance of the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League and what it can offer to clubs. Megan suggested that maybe it was time that League committee members visited clubs again (as had been undertaken by Jeanette Bannister and Jan Graham some years ago, when they were the Tournament Director and President, to explain to club memberships what the League has to offer. Delegates were encouraged to make contact if they would like a League committee member to visit their club to talk to players.

The Swan Vale Golf Club has also tendered its resignation from PSWGL and there are possibly other small clubs which may be considering their League membership options. It is the hope of the PSWGL committee that we retain the strength we have within the GolfWA structure, as there is strength in numbers and at this stage we have that by way of the number of member clubs and players we represent. However, if that strength is diminished, the services and assistance which is currently provided by the League to member clubs, may be jeopardised. We need to retain and build on our League membership to ensure this doesn't eventuate. Delegates were requested to take this information back to their clubs and to encourage discussion about the relevance of the Perth Suburban Women's Golf League and participation in the tournaments provided each year.

GENERAL BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE:

Jan Graham, former Secretary of the League, spoke to the meeting to say how much she had enjoyed her role as Secretary for the past number of years. She had also held the positions of Treasurer; Vice President; President prior to taking on the role of Secretary. She will be sorry to no longer hold a position on the Management Committee but will always be there if her assistance is needed. Jan also thanked the Committee for the beautiful bunch of flowers presented to her prior to the meeting that were to thank her for her contribution to the League over many years.

56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This is usually scheduled to be held on a Monday in late November 2026. **TBC.**

GENERAL MEETING 2026:

The first General Meeting in 2026 will be held at Collier Golf Course in March on a Monday at 10.30 am. **Date to be Advised.**

RAFFLE

Jan Graham was delighted to have won the raffle on the last day of being a member of the Management Committee.

CLOSURE

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 11.45 am.